NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk….

On behalf of the school staff and the New Farm community we would like to congratulate Dr Carmel McGrath on her recent PhD in Philosophy. A wonderful achievement and showing a great dedication to education—in to encourage us all to be lifelong learners. Ms McGrath will be returning Tuesday 14 October.

Social Skills

This week’s social skills is “My Turn Your Turn”. Thank you to Year 2M students who presented this week’s message. This fits within our rule of “Be Respectful”. For more information please see back page.

2015 Class Allocations

Each year teachers make careful consideration about how to allocate students for the follow year’s classes. Teachers consider ability, gender, friendships, learning needs and more. Parent requests for special consideration are also taken into account. As you can imagine, it is a complex and time consuming task. Therefore it is essential parents make their requests in writing to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au before Friday, 31 October 2014. Specific teacher requests will not be considered as teaching allocations are not finalised until the last weeks of Term 4 after class allocations have been formed.

Undercroft project

As you can see, our Arts Undercroft project has commenced. The site is a restricted area and is considered separate to the school. Under no circumstances are students, parents, teachers or members of the community to enter the site due to safety reasons. Work will continue during this term and we will advise you of progress along the way.

Gala days — Friday 17 and 24 Oct

Cricket and touch football. Students need to be at school by 8.20am as buses will leave at 8.30am. Students will return to school for regular pick up time at 3pm.

Professional development Day—20 October

Teachers will be involved in ongoing training on Monday, 20 October—pupil free day. School will resume as normal on Tuesday, 21 October. The Key Note Speaker will be John Joseph. John has a real passion for neuro education. His focus is on learning, how it happens, how to maximise it, how to inspire it in students and practical strategies to enhance it.

Accounts

Statements will be sent home with your children during the course of the week. Please keep a look out in your child’s bag.
Instrumental music teacher

We are pleased to welcome Ms Cassie Jansma to the New Farm community.

Term 4 Class Swimming

Just a reminder that swimming lessons are starting this week. Please ensure that you have returned your child’s permission form and that your child has all the required items indicated on previous communication.

Classes will be swimming in their PE lesson time. Please check your child’s swimming attire to ensure that caps, goggles and sun shirts fit snuggly as regular adjusting of these items does take time away from the swimming lesson. Your child’s class swimming day is indicated below.

Thursday 1C, PT, PNJ, P/1M, 5D, 4R, 4/5F, 6/7B, 6/7/A
Friday 1S, 3/4W, 3SR, 2M, 3C, 2M, 6F

After School Sport Term 4

A confirmation note will be sent home with your child by the end of this week regarding their Active After-School sport application. Activities commence 20 October – 28 November.

Prep mural

The prep community would like to acknowledge the generosity of one of our prep parents who donated her wonderful artistic talent, time and resources to complete our fantastic play area mural. Thank you Tanya. What a beautiful addition to our environment!

AFL Auskick

Will commence Monday 27 October as Monday 20 October is a student free day. For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 38658700

Student Intentions 2015

Each year we need to predict our class allocations for the following year. We appreciate families letting us know of their intentions for the 2015 school year.

If you do know that your children will not be attending New Farm State School in 2014 could you please let the office know as soon as possible.
**SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS**

**STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS**

School banking resumes Friday 17th October.
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**NFSS UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE**

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Wed 2.30 to 3.30pm

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Regards Annalisa

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With Mrs Alcorn in the hall. All students from Grade 1 to 7 welcome.

**2015 Prep morning tea**

Wednesday 28th October and Friday 21st November. Time 9.30-11.00

Students commencing Prep in 2015 have been invited to a morning tea on our oval. We have asked everyone to bring a packed morning tea. If you have a little one as I do they are more than welcome to join in. Please contact me if you can help. If you know any one else that would be willing to help please pass on my detail.

Jo Keehan 0414 486 767

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My Turn, Your Turn

Focus:
Students need to remember that everyone has something to add to a game or activity. When we hear ideas for others we may not always agree but we can always learn another way or another point of view.

Looks Like
- Students cooperating
- Waiting patiently
- Orderly

Sounds Like
- People agreeing
- Negotiating

Feels Like
- Being listened to
- Content (happy with the outcome)

SWIMMING LESSONS
Did you miss bookings week? I'm now taking bookings over the phone.
Mini swimmer, Beginner swimmer, stroke introduction and mini squad
Small classes tailored to individual needs while learning to swim in a group setting.
10 week term - $145
Please contact Jo on 0414 486 767

Lunchtime Disco!
The Community and Charity Leadership group will be hosting lunchtime dances again this term.
The first disco for Term 4 will be for Year One students, and will be held on Thursday 16 October, at second lunch on the second bell.
Cost is $2 for admission and an icy-pole OR $1 for just admission. There is also a prize for the best dancer, and the person wearing the best dance accessory! So come along, dance your heart out and have FUN!!

Vacancy
School crossing supervisor
WANT SOME EXTRA CASH!!!
A casual position exists for School crossing supervisor at New Farm State School.
Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 to 9 am and 3 to 3.30pm.
Call Elena Anderson on 3358 7333.