Social Skills
This week’s social skill is “Look, Listen, Learn”. I 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 following 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.

Gala day — Friday 24 October. (this is the last Gala Day for the term)
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

Work Experience and Prac Students — Welcome to Carly, Sophie, Rachel and Claire our prac teacher students who are currently with us. Please also be aware we will have 2 or 3 secondary students from Qld Academy of Creative Industries (QACI) doing a voluntary work experience project in our garden on Friday afternoons 2:45 – 3:30pm over this term. Thank you to staff for helping them feel welcome and part of our school community.

Swim and Survival training — I have arranged for Helen from Royal Lifesaving to run this term’s parent workshop on Monday 27 Oct 9 – 10 am. All parents attending, watching or helping in the pool, must complete this workshop. If you know of anyone who wishes to help out please let them know of this training or let me know as I am happy to arrange a training session for them.

2015 Student Leadership Selection— The first round of nominations close this Friday 24 October. Please see your class teacher if you are interested in nominating.

Human Relationship program— The Human Relationship and Sexuality Education program, will be offered to Years 4 to 7. Further details regarding cost and times will be sent to students in the next few weeks.

Chicken Pox— A Parent has informed us of a confirmed case of Chicken Pox. Please contact the office with any concerns.

Year 6/7 Graduation— This year’s Graduation will be held in the morning as it involves the year 6s and 7s. The format will be different this year as the Year 5s will be involved in hosting the morning tea for the graduating classes. Final details closer to the event.

School Fire Drill— As part of our Workplace Health and Safety obligations, we will be holding a Fire Drill on Thursday 23 October.

Play Trial —As you know last term we trialled a different system of play which involved splitting play times for lower and upper school. This week we are trialling a model where all students are playing at the usual play times but in allocated areas. Year levels will play in a designated area at each break and will have opportunities to play in each play area through the week. We will be happy to accept feedback on this model at the end of the week. Staff and students will be asked to provide feedback on this model.
Leaving School Safely

The following procedures for “Leaving School Safely” will be reviewed with students this week. Please support and reinforce these practices when you make arrangements with and for your children.

1. Students should leave the school directly at 3pm if they are walking/riding home from school independently.
2. If students are attending Jabiru they should go to Jabiru directly.
3. If students are meeting their parents in the school grounds then they should go directly to their parents – not go off to play with friends.
4. Students should only be in areas of the school where their parents can see them (line of sight) after 3pm.
5. If students are being picked up from school in the afternoon by car they should:
   a) Wait behind the fence at either the Hawthorne St Entrance or on Heal St
   b) Only leave from behind the fence once their parent reaches the turn-around point at Hawthorne St or in front of the school at Heal St AND when the car is stopped against the curb. Students should never enter a vehicle that is still in the line of traffic as this is extremely dangerous.
   c) Enter the car from the curb side of the vehicle.

Scholastic book club— Students will have received new Bookclub forms this week. We now have Redgum book club as well. You can drop off your order to the Librarian or pay online. Please remember cheques or credit card, no cash is accepted at the school.

G20 Holiday— School will operate as normal leading up to the Public Holiday on Friday 14 November for G20 meetings.

Prep Open Day— 28 October, Students for Prep 2015 will attend Prep from 9-10.30am and meet with the Prep staff. Please contact the Office if needed.

Open Day for Creative Industry Campus— 25 October, Please see website for details www.qaci.eq.edu.au

NFSS Obstathon— Wednesday 5 November. All students are encouraged to participate within their own level of fitness with the circuits of the course on our oval. Student Participation Forms to be returned to your teacher by 31 October.


The Graduation Tree belongs to everyone at New Farm SS. Every student currently at New Farm will eventually place a self decorated metal leaf upon the tree. It is intended to be fully evolved by 2020.

The journey is not complete yet, and there is still the hurdle of raising sufficient funds to complete the project. Our annual Obstathon will assist with much needed funds for this School Art project. We hope that you will sponsor your child generously.

NFSS Swimming Club— Swimming Club has commenced if you are interested in swimming on Monday Evenings. Contact Kara Chudleigh at nfss.swimclub@hotmail.com or call 0408 017 696

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.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS
Great work students, we had 92 Deposits this week. If you do not have a bank account you can open one on the Prep open day 28 Oct from 8.45 am.

Book voucher competition still running, every deposit is another entry. Reminder that the Whale pencil case and pengui keyring no longer available
Karen Ridout (ridout@optusnet.com.au) or 0412 004 644, Teniell Jocumsen and Rachel Kendrick

NFSS UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
Term 4—Wed 8 to 9am Wed 2.30 to 3.30pm
Remember class swimming starts in Term 4, so get your swimming togs and swimming caps from us!

We are looking for volunteers for the afternoon session for about 30 minutes. Even if it’s just once or twice a term.

Regards Annalisa

CALMER CLUB FOR CALM AND HAPPY KIDS
Every Tuesday lunchtime from 1.30 to 1.50 pm
Children will be learning yoga techniques for healthy and supple bodies, and meditation techniques for healthy minds.
With Mrs Alcorn in the hall. All students from Grade 1 to 7 welcome.

2015 Prep morning tea
Wednesday 29th 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. Please contact me if you can help. Jo Keehan 0414 486 767

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE
For all enquiries, email: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au
Go to https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx for brochure and enrolment form.

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 Prep students, and will be held on Thursday 23 October, at second lunch on the second bell.
Cost is $2 for admission and an icy-pole OR $1 for just admission.

Vacancy—School crossing supervisor
A casual position exists for School crossing supervisor at New Farm State School. Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 to 9 am and 3– 3.30pm

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays
Please be aware of the new prices on some items
Please have counter lunch orders in before 9.00am to guarantee your order with your child’s name and class clearly marked or order on line by 8am.

ONLINE ORDERING
To register go to www.flexischools.com.au. Online orders close at 8.00am. It is quick and easy and orders can be done in advance to save that rush in the morning.

WEDNESDAY MENU
The Wednesday menu will be changing at the beginning of term 4. The pizza menu will change. Salad wraps for $3.50 with a choice of chicken, ham or cheese (vegetarian option) and pasta with a vegetarian sauce for $3.50. Corn on the cob will be replaced with a tasty raspberry muffin for $1.50. Drinks, yoghurt and crisps will remain the same.

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
There will be a couple of slight price changes in Term 4. Fried rice, vegetarian fried rice and sausage sizzle will now be $3.50. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will remain the same price.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 24 OCTOBER
Tuckshop - Michelle Gerrard & Lara Ghantous
Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Gillian Penrose & Sue Fuller
Baking - Lara Ghantous, Dimity Williams, Nikki Mortimer, Jocelyn Parry, Kirsten Medland, Natalie Watson, Alison Menzies.
Thank you, Terri-Anne and Jin
Stem Forum

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Kids’ STEM Convention 2014 and a big thank you to Chris (Noah's dad) who guided the children through their fabulous science investigations.

Social Skills

Focus: Being a good listener and a good learner

Looks Like

- Body is still (no fidgeting)
- Eyes on the speaker
- Non verbal acknowledgement

Sounds Like

- Zero noise/silence
- Verbal acknowledgement or repetition
- Asking questions at the right time

Feels Like

- Understanding of the task
- Success in completing the task