NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

From the Principal’s Desk.....

The only way to have a friend is to be one.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Social Skills
This week’s social skills is “We’re All Great Let’s Celebrate”. This week I presented the social skills message. This fits within our rule of “Be A Learner”. For more information please see back page.

Swim Carnival – Teneriffe were our Winners on the Day. Thank you to all staff who helped create such a great atmosphere of fun and participation at the 2 day carnivals for swimming this year. The events both went off very smoothly and it was a great way to finish the term’s swim program. A special thanks to Kent Rainbow and Greg Walls for preparing the program and pool for the event. Also thanks to Rachel Fletcher for working on the recording for both days.

Year 6/7 Graduation Assembly– Tuesday 9 December 9.30am.
All parents and families of our graduating students are welcome to attend our graduation assembly. This is a very important and significant event in the lives of our students as they ready themselves for high school. A special thank you to all the staff and administration staff for their involvement in organising this years ceremony. Thank you also the Leanne Boschen for coordinating the parent morning tea and Jocelyn Parry for the cake.

Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner - Thursday 11 December 6-8.30 pm.
The venue this year is the ANFE Cucina Italian Restaurant, 10 Wyandra St Newstead. All year 6/7 parents/carers are welcome to attend.

2015 Master Teacher Position-
Congratulations to Kay Bradley who has been appointed the Master Teacher Position for New Farm State School 2015-2017.

P & C Final Meeting and Social Gathering– Wednesday 10 December 7 pm.
Venue: Brunswick Hotel Bistro Area. Please RSVP to Katie Grundy via email kgrundy2@hotmail.com.uk

Final Roll Call—Friday 12 December at 2.45 pm
Our final day of the term is a non formal program day. Our final bell will sound at 2.45pm to assemble and farewell the Year 6/7 students. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this special goodbye. School concludes at 3pm as normal.

Thank you for your wonderful contributions
We would like to thank Lexie Peters and Maureen Liddy for their wonderful contributions in their advisory roles within our school over this year. We wish them well in their roles in new circuit areas of education.

Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015
The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes within five metres of school land will be banned from 1 January 2015. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends.

Final Accounts- Reminder Payments can be made by cash, credit card, cheque or direct debit (preferred method). When making payments by direct debit, your child’s surname and activity should be quoted. If you have any queries, kindly contact the office on 3358 7333 or via email eande156@eq.edu.au.

Our first day of school will be Tuesday 27 January 2015
First bell at 8.45 am to proceed to your classrooms. Please make sure students have plenty of water and food, as the weather is always very warm.

Life Education Van -
Thank you to Jenny O’Neill for organising the sessions with the educators. We’re sure students found sessions informative and educational.
Community Education - 2015
The new brochures are coming! We will send home Term 1 brochures prior to the end of the school term, and you may commence registration for 2015 classes anytime after receiving the brochure. You can also view on our website via Forms and Documents/Documents/CEP Term 1 2015.

Help wanted!
If you are looking for a family-friendly activity for the early days of school holidays, how about distributing CEP brochures. Each box of flyers contains approximately 1200 copies, and requires a time commitment of at least a couple of hours, depending on how many helping hands are involved. Flyers are delivered via letterbox drop in the local community (New Farm, Teneriffe, Newstead, Fortitude Valley). It’s a great way to earn a little pocket money for the holidays! If you can spare some time and energy, please email nfsscommunityed@live.com.au for more details.

Thanks to everyone who participated in CEP classes in 2014! We look forward to seeing you next year.

Calling all 9-12 year olds!
Test audiences wanted for interactive theatre performance this December

Imaginary Theatre is searching for children interested in helping to test our new interactive performance, ‘The Voice in the Walls’.

‘The Voice in the Walls’ is a site-specific, interactive performance which sees audiences take a journey through time and history as they navigate one of Queensland’s great historic buildings, Old Government House. Each audience member will be equipped with a wireless audio pack and a set of headphones, and with the help of two mysterious voices from the past, will be immersed in a thrilling mystery in which they must play an important part. Part theatre, part game, this choose your own adventure work, strictly for 9-12 year olds, will bring history to life.

Like any new interactive artwork, ‘The Voice in the Walls’ needs considerable testing before we create the final version premiering in January 2015. So if your 9-12 year olds can make it to Old Government House in any of the following sessions, they can play a part in the making of this fascinating and groundbreaking performance.

4:30pm, Tuesday 9 Dec; 4:30pm, Friday 12 Dec; 10:30am, Weds 17 Dec; 10:30am, Thurs 18 Dec; 10:30am, Fri 19 Dec; 2:00pm, Fri 19 Dec 2014 10:30am Mon 5 Jan 2015

Tickets for the test performances are FREE

Duration: 60 - 90 minutes

These test performances are strictly for 9-12 year olds. Adults, children under 8 or over 13 will not be admitted. QUT Gardens Point has a variety of cafe’s, galleries and parklands where adults can wait for the test audiences.

Location: Old Government House, QUT Gardens Point Campus 2 George St, Brisbane CBD

Places are strictly limited, so you will need to book online via eventbrite to reserve tickets for the test performances. Should you book and be unable to attend it is crucial you email us to cancel your booking at info@imaginarytheatre.org

For more information about Imaginary Theatre or to join our mailing list please visit www.imaginarytheatre.org

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End of Year Concert

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Swimming Carnival
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS
We had 67 deposits last week. Please remember to do at least one deposit and no withdrawals per month to earn your bonus interest for the month. As there is no school banking in January please try to get to the bank so you don’t miss out.

Congratulations to the 2 winners of the Mary Ryan’s Book Vouchers. They will be announced at this week’s assembly. Have a great holiday and thank you to our wonderful helpers, Teniell, Rachel, Jenny, Nicola and Wendy.

Karen Riddout (riddout@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
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

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

Cool vacation care at Jabiru
Jabiru is planning some cool holiday programs for December and January, including slip n slide fun, a trip to Dreamworld, a movie excursion to see the Penguins of Madagascar, dry ice experiments, and some great pre-Christmas gift making sessions.

Programs will be going home with children this week, along with a free trial day voucher for people who haven’t tried Jabiru before.

Find out more at www.jabiru.org.au/kids or talk to Miss Chu and her team at Jabiru New Farm.

Swimming INTENSIVES.
Fast track your child’s swimming. Intensives are a proven way of achieving results fast. Children swim Monday - Friday same time, same group for 5 days.
We build on skills learnt the day before achieving amazing result by the end. 5 day swim program is $72.50
Please contact Jo Keehan on 0414 486 767

Brisbane Central Scouts for 2015— Tuesday
17 February 2015, New Farm State School
6.30-8.30 pm
Contact Elizabeth on 0410 053 739 or website www.brisbanecentralscouts@gmail.com

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS
On the last day of school we will be having a sausage sizzle ($3.50) and vegetarian option cooked by some dads and grandad. There will be homebake ($1.00) and limited stocks of crisps ($1.20) and drinks ($2.00) available. Iceblocks will be sold as usual at 11.15am.

If you are ordering over the counter please have your order in by 9.00am. We are receiving quite a few late orders and we can not guarantee your choice.

Please see information below online ordering.

OUTSTANDING MONEY
We have a few people who still owe money to the tuckshop for lunches supplied. Please come in either Wednesday or Friday morning make these payments.

ONLINE ORDERING
We have on-line ordering available for tuckshop. To register go to www.flexischools.com.au. We encourage you to use this website, it is quick and easy and orders can be done in advance to save that rush in the morning. On-line orders close at 8.00am for both Wednesday and Friday.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
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TUCKSHOP ROSTER — 12th December
Tuckshop - Adam, Jim M, Jim P, Behad, Mark and Alan
Baking - Lyn Zollo, Susie Levy, Cath Byrne, Dimity Williams, Mehera Milne & Iris Stacey.
Thank you to everyone who supported the tuckshop over this year. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Terri-Anne & Jin
Focus: Children celebrating individual and group achievements.

Emphasise to students that a person doesn’t always have to depend on others to reward his/her actions.

**Looks Like**

- Students smiling at the achievements of others.
- Students smiling at the achievements of themselves.
- Students being positive towards other students who are trying their hardest.

**Sounds Like**

- Students using positive language to praise your own efforts
- Students using positive language to praise others efforts (“Way to go”, “I did really well”)

**Feels Like**

- Being proud of yourself

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**Canberra 2014**

As our 6/7 students head towards their final days at New Farm State School we have had a chance to reflect on our Canberra 2014 excursion. It was a very busy few days but most enjoyable and educational. The highlights were many but the War Memorial definitely had an impact on our students. Upon leaving the events, we received many compliments on the wonderful behaviour and manners of our students; they were a real credit both to the school and their families.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of this excursion as an opportunity for young Australians to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes the sum of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was included in our original costings.