Tuesday
27 January, 2015

DIARY DATES

School assembly will be Friday at 9 am this year in the Hall. Parents are most welcome.

January
31 Polling Booth—state election

February
4 Staff Meeting
9 Swimming Years 1-6 Parent information evening
13 City district swimming
16 City district basketball trial
20 Leadership Presentation assembly 9am
24 Chinese New Year Performance
25 Met North Swim trials
26 City district Tennis trials
27 City district AFL trials City district Hockey trials

REMININDERS

STUDENT BANKING
Attention: there will be no student banking this week

New Farm State School
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The School’s Vision
“Learn, Create, Grow”

From the Principal’s Desk….

A goal is a dream with a deadline.
Napoleon Hill

Welcome back to all our students and teachers for 2015. A special welcome to all our new students and their families. Thank you to all our families for bringing along all their booklist supplies. If a new list is required please see the office. We would just remind students and parents of our school rules. These are important so everyone is safe and happy while here at New Farm State School.

Medical Updates—Please make sure any children who have asthma plans or anaphylaxis have all their medical forms up to date. Please see the office if needed.

Before School Procedure

• Students should arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45 am.
• Students should not arrive before 8.30am.
• Students arriving at school prior to 8.30am are required to be booked into Jabiru (before and after school care. Information available at office).
• All students are to be seated under A Block until 8.30am. When the teacher arrives to supervise, students are able to play on the netball court and fake grass or remain seated under A Block. Balls and play equipment should not be used in the school grounds before school.
• All students should remain in the A Block and Netball court area until the bell at 8.45am for students to move to class.
• No students should be in the Year 1 or memorial areas.
• No students should be in the playground outside the Hall before or after school.

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.

Smoking ban extended to 5 metres 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.

School Assembly
Assembly will be Friday Morning at 9am this year. Parents are most welcome.
Hot Weather
Please take care during the hot weather and remember for students and staff– think carefully about the time you plan outdoor activities, seek shaded areas, wear broadbrim hats, sunscreen, sunglasses and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

New Farm Staff for 2015
Principal Carmel McGrath
Deputy Principal Cassie Buckley
Business Services Mgr Elena Anderson
Administration Vivian Chirico
Prep N/O Ek Navarro, Jane O’Hara
Prep W Stephanie Wearne
Prep/1 Julie Turner
1 M/S Wendy Macgregor, Fairley Stanley
1 C Garth Coyle
2 F Ron Fitzgerald
2/3 M Wendy Maslen
3 R/J Sue Richards, Brooke Jackson
3/4 F Rachael Fletcher
4 R John Rafter
4/5 J Frankie Jaiyeola
5 D Philip Davies
5/6 W/O Brett Wilson, Jenny O’Neill
6 C Stephen Conde

Student Leaders
The successful recipients of the Leadership Roles for 2015 are Merthyr House: Henry and Sabella, Binkiniba House: Blake and April Teneriffe House: Natasha and Vaishlin. Congratulations to all students. We will support their efforts in their new roles.

Our Project Captains for Media: Ciel and Aaron, Community & Charity: Frankie and Justine The Arts: Piper and Mali.

Leadership Presentation
At our regular Friday morning assembly on 20 February we will have a presentation ceremony for our Leaders for 2015. Parents and Friends are welcome to come along and be involved in this event for our Year 6 Students.

Vacancy- School Crossing Supervisor
New Farm State School has a supervised school crossing on James Street. Unfortunately our current supervisor is no longer available to supervise this crossing. We would like to thank Don Fernandes for his past service and sunny smiles!
Parents are asked to discuss safe crossing behaviours with their children. The safety of the students at our school is extremely important and we want to have this crossing fully operational again as soon as possible.
Please tell neighbours, friends and family of the positions available. Please help us to help our students.
The School Crossing Supervisor position is for up to 5 days per week on a roster. Two positions are available offering 5 days each per fortnight. Remuneration $27.49 per hour. 1.50 hours per day - must be available for before and after school shifts.
Any interested persons may contact Elena at the school office on 3358 7333 or the Road Safety Office on 3863 9873.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Banking will commence next Friday.

NFSS UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
Term 1 2015
Wed 8 to 9am Wed 2.30 to 3.30pm

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

NFSS P&C & BRISBANE CENTRAL SCOUTS ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER
31st JANUARY 8am-2pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2015 School Year whether you are a returning parent, Prep or new parent we hope it will be a successful fundraising year.

Thanks to the State Election it kicks off immediately on this Saturday 31st.

The P & C has been very busy organising and in conjunction with Brisbane Central Scouts will be holding a Sausage Sizzle (profits to be shared) Bake Stall and Raffle.

P & C profits will be going towards purchasing equipment for our new Creative Arts Centre.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Stall rosters are sorted but we need more parents to bake, please label the ingredients and ensure any plastic containers are named so we can return them.

Please drop off to the school office during Friday or to the stall on Saturday from 8am.

We also need a couple more people to sell raffle tickets and 4 people to assist with clean up from 2pm.

If you can help please contact Katie Grundy on 0452 562 106 or kgundy3@outlook.com

RAFFLE PRIZES

Apple Mini iPad – Kindly donated by Place New Farm
New Farm Confectionery Hamper – Thank you to Jodie Nielson (Year 2 Parent)
Dello Mano Brownie Gift Box – Generously donated by Bien and Deb
Hair salon voucher for Cut, TIGI Treatment and Blow Wave – Thank you to Terri of HEADQUARTERS Hair Specialists.

$2 each or 3 for $5 – Katie will be pre-selling these Wednesday and Friday morning outside Tuck-shop

THANK YOU TO OUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPONSORS LJ HOOKER AND IGA- BRUNSWICK STREET MARKET

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome to the tuckshop for Term 1, 2015.

We have tuckshop on Wednesday and Fridays and will be starting from the first week. To check out the menus go to our on line ordering site, see below for details.

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.

If you do order over the counter, orders must be in by 9.00am. Please ensure you clearly mark your child’s name and class. To avoid the queues in the morning take advantage of the easy on-line ordering site.

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Welcome back to New Farm State School and a warm welcome to all the new families.

At New Farm State School we aim to create a love of reading and books. My aim is for ALL children to be borrowing every week and enjoying visiting the library.

Borrowing Information
Each class has a weekly library time when they return and borrow books, however students may also return and borrow books on other days, as outlined below, and after school and at second break 1.20 – 1.50pm.
Prep and year 1 students are encouraged to have their own library bag with their name on it to ensure a smooth process of borrowing and returning. Library bags may be purchased from the library for $4 each.
Students in prep and year 1 can borrow 1 book at any one time. Students in years 2 - 6 may borrow 2 books at any one time.
The loan period is 1 week, however students may re-borrow to finish their reading by returning the book/s and having it re-scanned. The loan becomes overdue when it has not been returned within a week and an Overdue Notice will be handed to the child. Should the book not be found and returned within a month, we ask that you pay a $15 fee for each book to recover some of the cost, or you may replace it.
Children who have overdue books are not permitted to borrow until the book/s is returned or the $15 fee is paid.
When children borrow, I would encourage them to choose an age and content appropriate book. If your child desires to borrow something that is not within this policy, I will redirect your child to choose another book.
I encourage you to discuss these policies with your child/ren as well as supporting and being diligent in helping your child/ren to remember to return their library book/s at least weekly. Teaching staff also use the same library books that the children borrow, therefore it is very important that books be returned at least weekly.
“It’s somewhere in the house, we just have to find it!” ring a bell? I totally understand how busy it is getting ready in the mornings and getting off to school. Just send a note or give me a call so that I am aware something is being done about finding the book. Allowances are made and I appreciate a note, email or phone call.

School Home Readers
These books are different to the general library borrowing books. A Home Reader book will have a white HR sticker on the front cover.
The school purchased over $5000 worth of Home Readers for the lower school in 2013/2014. Please ensure your child returns these books back to the classroom and to the correct box so other children can enjoy them too.

Bookclubs
We have 2 bookclubs – Scholastic Bookclub and Red Gum Bookclub. Scholastic brochures will be handed out twice per term, Red Gum brochures once per term. The school receives 20% commission on all purchases which goes directly into purchasing new books and resources for the school. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Ordering Information is on the back page of brochures. Orders can be made online and paid for online or placed in the box in the library and I will place the order. No cash payments accepted and the order will be returned to the child. All purchases are couriered to the school and then distributed to the child.
If you are ordering as a gift, please let me know and I will hold the order in the library and give you a call when it comes in. Scholastic orders arrive approximately 1 week after the orderings has closed. Red Gum orders arrive approximately 2 weeks before the end of term.
Payment can be made by cheque or money order made out to Scholastic Bookclub or Red Gum Bookclub, or by credit card. Please follow the instructions on the order forms. For more order forms, magazines and further information please see me in the library.

Library Opening Times: The Library is open Monday to Thursday from 8.30 – 3.30pm. (Fridays I am at another school).

Have you seen what’s happening in Term 1?
The old favourites for kids are back, including Art with Meredith, Judo, Gymnastics, Mandarin, French and Drama. Exciting new kids’ programs include Beginner Breakdance with Elements Collective, Leaps to Success Chess and Instrumental Music tuition for individuals or small groups (2-3 students).
Off to Paris, Milan, Tokyo? … Italian, French and Japanese language classes for adults are back on the agenda. Explore your crafty side with Sewing Skills (Beginner-Intermediate). Pick up a Ukulele and join your fellow strummers in Ukulele class. Learn to play Mahjong or join the one-day Mahjong mini-tournament if you’re already a player. The Adult Community Choir is led by two highly qualified directors, Katherine and Emily and all are welcome to share the joy of singing! If singing isn’t your thing, fire up your fitness with groovy moves in zumba-style Aerobics with Paola, or build your core strength in Pilates with Nancy. If cooking is your scene, try a 3-week Gluten Free Cooking workshop!
As usual, the Piano/Vocal/Guitar lessons are filling up fast…just a few spots remain. If you cannot get the lesson time you desire this term, perhaps you’d like to be waitlisted for potential openings in a future term.
The vast majority of these programs will run for 8 weeks … most begin in week 2 of the school term! So get your enrolments in quickly to secure your place in your favourite classes. Click on the relevant link to access an electronic version of the Brochure or the Term 1 Syllabus document https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/CEP%20Term%201_2015-SYLLABUS.pdf (which gives just a little more detail about the classes and tutors).

*Book classes online via nfsscommunityed@live.com.au, drop your form into the school office, or SMS/ring 0428 689 065 for more information.