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February

11 P & C Meeting 7.30pm
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
Banking will be on Fridays outside the library, 8am–9.30am

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My favourite things in life don’t cost any money. It’s really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time.

Steve Jobs

This weeks social skills will be presented by Ms Jaiyeola 4/5 class “To Have A Friend, Be A Friend”. See back page.

School Hats back in stock— Our uniform shop now has a new supply of hats. The uniform shop is open Wednesday 8am-9am or Wednesday afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Parent Information Meeting— Mr John Rafter’s 4R class will be holding their Parent/Teacher meeting Tuesday 10 February at 3.30pm.

All Year Ones Tuesday 10 February at 3.15pm in Mrs Stanley's room.

Mr Fitzgerald's 2F Tuesday 10 February at 3.15pm in their classroom.

Ms Richards/Ms Jackson 3RJ meeting Thursday 12 February 3.15pm.

Mrs Rachel Fletcher 3/4F will be meeting Friday 13 February 8.15am in their classroom.

Ms Jaiyeola 4/5J meeting Thursday 19 February 5pm.

If you are not aware of when your class is meeting please contact your child's teacher.

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Medical Updates— Please hand all Action Plans to the office as soon as possible as we are updating our student’s information for the year. Please make sure these are signed by your doctor. Even short term medication e.g antibiotics need to have a doctor's permission to administer at school. Please ask for a “Request to Administer medication at school” form from the office.

School Assembly—Assembly will be Friday Morning at 9am this year. The leadership presentation assembly will take place on Friday 20 February at 9am in the Hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

School Swimming—Please make sure you have returned your written permission as students are not permitted to swim without permission. Swimming Lessons will begin in Week 3 of this term. Classes will be swimming in their PE lesson time on the day below.

Monday: Year 1T, 1/2C, 3/4F, 3RJ, 4R

Wednesday: Year 1S, 2F, 2/3M, 6C, 5D, 5/6W, 4/5J

Prep students will not swim this term but will swim in Term 4. Please check your child’s swimming attire to ensure that caps, goggles and sun shirts fit snugly as regular adjusting of these items does take time away from the swimming lesson.

P & C meetings for Term1 -Wednesday 11 February, Wednesday 11 March, April meeting to be advised due to school holidays, Wednesday 13 May, Wednesday 10 June. All meetings will be held in the school library and commence at 7.30PM.

Absentee Line— When telephoning the Absentee Line could you please follow our absent student procedure. Please state your name (Parent/carer), contact phone number, your child’s full name, your child's class. The reason for absence and their length of absence if known. Please remember to speak in a clear voice.
**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC UPDATE**

**From the podium:**

Unbelievably busy here administrating things from the end of last year which were overlooked by my replacement plus the necessary work for the beginning of this year. This has meant some delays unfortunately. I have visited each classroom this afternoon to inform the students what is happening and have noted things below for your information. I can’t wait till the admin is done and the music making begins!

Please follow these updates in the newsletter until I have received my new work computer. I will then be able to create email groups and use these as the first point of communication down the track.

**Continuing students in year 6:**

Lessons will begin again in week 4 on Wednesday the 18th of February in the hall until the new room underneath is completed. Band before school will not begin until we have “blown the cobwebs out”. You will be advised by email of the commencement date for band rehearsals.

As outlined in the policy agreement we expect that all who participated in the program last year are participating in 2015, using their own instrument if flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, percussion or bass guitar. If this is not the case for you please advise Mr McIntyre immediately so appropriate organisation and planning for this year can be completed.

**Potential students from years 4 and 5:**

48 “Expressions of Interest” forms have been received and I’ve prepared all the processes to begin suitability testing next week.

With only 30 places available this means lots of those applying will not be offered a spot in the school program. Don’t despair as all is definitely not lost. Students can learn their own wind, brass or percussion instrument outside of school and still participate in the school band but not school lessons. They can begin learning in High School and still make it to UNI as a musician. They may be better suited to an instrument not taught in this program like guitar, keyboards, drum kit, string family or singing. We aim to intake the students with the highest chance of achieving on their instruments that will form a balanced large ensemble for quality music making.

Suitability and aptitude testing will begin next Wednesday, week 3, and conclude by week 5 all going well. Families will be advised by email of the outcome for their child.

**Bus 393 Update**– Thank you to Tracy Musgrave for her ongoing efforts to secure the reliability of the 393 bus route from New Farm to Kelvin Grove. Feedback is still being sought via Cr Vicki Howard.

**NFSS FETE 2015 ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Here we are again it’s “Fete Year” – as all parents of Year 2 children and up will know this is our schools major fundraiser and we encourage as many parents as possible to get involved.

For new Prep and Year 1 parents who have yet to experience this event each class is expected to organise a stall.

The 2013 Fete made a profit of $93,000 which was a huge boost to the P & C coffers. As some of you are aware along with Judith Hunter (no longer a NFSS parent) and Paul Jones I convened the fete. This year I am going back to work and unfortunately will not have the time to play a major role.

Therefore I am putting it out to the school community to find out who would be interested in getting involved in the role of Convener. One approach I would recommend is to take a leaf out of Holy Spirit’s book and a team of people get together as co-conveners.

I will obviously be around for advice and guidance - I have a manual and plenty of info to pull it all together.

The proposed fete date is SUNDAY 14th JUNE – 2 weeks before end of Term 2. This would give the P & C the opportunity to concentrate on other fundraising events such as Garden Parties and Trivia Night for the remainder of the school year.

Please let me know ASAP if you want to volunteer and get involved in raising even more funds for our wonderful school!

Many Thanks

Katie Grundy P & C Vice President 0452 562 106 Kgrundy3@outlook.com

In the meantime during fete year we ask that as well as volunteering for Class Rep that an additional Parent/Carer takes on the role of Fete Rep - this volunteer will co-ordinate the Class Stall and cascade all information from the Fete Convener(s) to their fellow parent volunteers.

Please let your child’s teacher know if you would like to take on this role.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

Parenting ideas website: This weeks article is—Raising Calm Kids
It has been attached to the email notification.

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.
A great first week back to school banking with 87 students banking last week. Welcome to all our new bankers!
If you are interested in opening an account, come and see us on Friday mornings or pop in to your local Commonwealth Bank branch with your child’s birth certificate and your photo ID, (your child does not need to be there) and one can be opened on the spot.

Contact - Karen Ridoutt
(ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

Resilience Skills for a Happy Life!

Book now for Term 1 groups!
Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and develop resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking. Essential tools to navigate the teen years! Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be! Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

Register and Book online today at confidentkiddensandteens.com.au
Or contact us at info@positivefamilies.com.au for more details.

C&K PADDINGTON COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN
Some vacancies exist for 2015 for children born between 01.08.10 – 31.07.11. Note the age eligibility change now for children entering kindy and prep. Please contact the kindergarten on 33695460 for more information. Parents of three year olds are encouraged to inquire also. We are looking forward to your inquiries.

Vicki Hall
Director, C&K Paddington Community Kindergarten
paddington@candk.asn.au

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE Term 1 2015
Wed 8 to 9am Wed 2.30 to 3.30pm . The school hat order has arrived.

Vacancy 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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
We have tuckshop twice a week on Wednesday and Friday. To see the menu please go to the Flexischools website (see below).

ON LINE ORDERING
To order on line please go to www.flexischools.com.au it is quick and easy to use. We encourage everyone to do this as you can order in advance or for the whole term. Cut off time is 8.00am for both Wednesday and Friday.
If you do order over the counter please have it before 9.00am otherwise we cannot guarantee that we will have all the menu items available. Please clearly mark your child’s name and class and be careful not include foreign coins as the bank does not accept these.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Tuckshop - Michelle Gerrard & Wendy Peard-Castles
Counter - Sue Fuller
Baking - Dimity Williams, Nikki Mortimer, Elisa Gambaro, Jocelyn Parry, Kirsten Medland, Alison Menzies, Natalie Watson & Michelle DeBock
Thank you everyone who supports the tuckshop,
Terri-Anne & Jin

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New Farm Architect
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Studio15b.com.au
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