NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

Monday
2 March, 2015

DIARY DATES
March
5 City Districts Hockey trails
6 City Districts rugby league trials
7 City Districts netball trials
11 P&C Meeting 7.30pm
13 City Districts Soccer trials
13 City Districts Touch Football trials
18 School Photos
20 Say No to Bullying Day (Free Dress Day)
21 Harmony Day
27 Leadership and Project Captains Presentation assembly, 9am in Hall

REMINDERS
STUDENT BANKING
Banking will be on Fridays outside the library.
8am–9.30am

NEW DATE - Friday 27 March Leadership Assembly 9am in Hall
Leadership Presentation Assembly Postponed—Unfortunately we have had to postpone our ceremony for our Leaders and Project Captains to Friday 27 March at 9am in our Hall. Parents are most welcome to attend. Morning Tea will be held for the Year 6 students and their parents from 10.00–10.30 am

Swimming—Class swimming has commenced. A payment of $20 per child has been invoiced to you. Most payments have been received however a few remain outstanding. Your child may have received an invoice this week following up payment. It would be appreciated if payment could be made by Friday, 6 March. Preferred payment is by direct deposit to BSB 064 119, Account 00090283, description “child’s SURNAME and ACTIVITY” if there is room. If you have any queries, please call Elena Anderson, Business Services Manager on 3358 7333. Thank you!

School photos for 2015—Wednesday 18 March.
Information regarding photo day will be sent home with the students in the coming weeks.

Lockdown Drill—We will be holding our Lockdown Drill in the coming weeks. Teachers will review this procedure with the students prior to the drill taking place.

Pick up and drop off in Hawthorne Street—Thank you to all parents/carers for the level of cooperation in using our pick up areas. Please be mindful that the 2 minutes parking areas should not be used between 2.50pm—3.20pm as this obstructs the flow of traffic in and out of the pick up areas. Students must remain behind the fenced areas until the pick up supervisor has called them to the car. Please do not call your children to the car as this is a very unsafe practice for all our students.

Traffic Speed—Please maintain a minimum speed of less than 10 kilometers per hour in the Hawthorne Street pick up areas for the safety of all students leaving our school using the footpaths. Thank you to everyone staggering your arrivals at this time for pick ups it certainly helps the flow of traffic.

Family friendly practice
Kid friendly waiting room/playroom
Central location with parking
LCD TVs above each dental chair
Take home pack after each visit
Gentle, Caring & Affordable

Apple Dental
104 Breakfast Creek Rd, Newstead Phone: (07) 3252 2007 info@applie-dental.com.au www.apple-dental.com.au
In week two, the New Farm State School Project Captains, Ciel, Aaron, Frankie, Justine, Mali and Mr Conde participated in a two day leadership program held at Kelvin Grove State College. The program provided mentors to work with us to develop a project for 2015 here at New Farm. Last year’s project from this leadership program resulted in the Tree Mural which is now proudly displayed at the entrance to the school office. Our mentors were former New Farm State School students, Long, Jesse and Samantha, who are now Student Leaders at their own schools. They worked closely with us to help us identify which areas in our school could be improved. We have developed a couple of ideas that we would love to pursue, such as a Year Book and improving the senior’s eating area. We will be meeting our mentors in the next couple of weeks to decide our direction. We will keep you updated when our final decision is made.

**Uniform Shop from Wednesday 18 March (New Time)-**
From Wednesday 18 March our uniform shop will only be open Wednesday Mornings 8.00am- 9.30am

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC UPDATE WEEK 5**

*From the podium:*

**Continuing students** music making continues this Wednesday in small group half hour lessons. The classroom teachers will have a timetable on Wednesday morning. No band before school yet till we discover appropriate repertoire. You will be advised by email when this will begin.

**Potential students** suitability testing was finalised last week. Thanks for your patience. Correctly assessing the 48 potential students for the 30 places is very time consuming (especially with an extra year level being assessed this year) and the final stages will be completed next Wednesday, with results being privately emailed that afternoon. This will mean that some students who tested ok still can’t fit into the schools available teacher time allocated by the department. We aim to intake the students with the highest chance of achieving on their instruments and form a balanced large ensemble from school loan instrument stock, to enable quality music making.

Students who are joining the program should complete the paperwork attached to the email and return it to the school office asap.

Students who are not joining the program should not 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.

Mr Colin McIntyre, senior instrumental music teacher. Email: cmcin13@eq.edu.au
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.
Banking is going really well with 104 again last week. Keep up the good saving kids! To open a Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank just pop in to a branch with your child’s birth certificate (they do not need to be there) and your photo ID and they will open one on the spot. Then just bring the deposit book to us on a Friday morning and we will set you up for school banking. Or if you can’t get into a branch we can help you. Thanks to all our great volunteers: Teniell, Rachel, Jenny, Wendy and Prue.
Contact - Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

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

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE Term 1 2015
Wed 8.00 to 9.00am Wed 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The school hat order has arrived. From Wednesday 18 March 8am-9.30am only.

Parenting ideas website:
This weeks article is—“Teach your kids to SHRUG”.
It has been attached to the email notification.

Awards presented on Friday 27 February assembly to the following students
Social Skills Awards
Taylah 4/5 J
Conner 5/6W
Martin 4R
Dezina 4R
Desiree 4R
Holly 4R
Byron 4R
Meg 4R
Camille 6C

Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the General Classroom award recipients
Cooper 1FW
Elise 1FW
Ella 2F
Scarlett 2F
Daniel 3RJ
Paige 3RJ
Bella 4R
Felix 4R
Zack 4/5J
Pinnatcha 4/5J
Liadh 5D
Ryan 5D
Lauren 5/6W
BrittanY 5/6W
Mali 6C
Arlo 6C

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
If you have pre-ordered on line and your child is going to be absent from school you will need to cancel the order before 8.00am on the day otherwise it will still go through as an order. With the system we cannot change or cancel orders from the tuckshop.

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 - 6th March
Tuckshop - Grace Magoche & Marie Warren
Counter - Lyn Zollo & Michelle Gerrard
Baking - Mehera Milne, Sarah Millar, Brinn Martin, Sue Fuller, Carla Ranson, Iris Stacey & Susie Levy
Thank you everyone who supports the tuckshop,
Terri-Anne & Jin
Looks Like
- Students having their things with them at school (homework, notes, tuckshop, lunch, hats)
- Students organising their belongings themselves at the right time

Feels Like
- Being organised makes you feel calm and gets the job done!

Character Builders
On Wednesday, 18 February, all grade six students had a chance to participate in an incursion leadership day run by Damon from ‘Character Builders’. The program focused on developing the five core skills of leadership in students;

Presenting, Responsibility, Facilitating and Sharing and Service.

The day was split into three sessions full of interesting and sometimes challenging activities. In the ‘Talking Circle’, we learnt the importance of listening, respecting differences and learning new ways to connect with people. Playing ‘Leadership Games’ in random groups forced us to work with people with whom we were not necessarily familiar. In the afternoon session we went on a ‘Photo Treasure Hunt’ when we had to think laterally and support and encourage each other to work as a group and complete the task. Finally, we all had to get up in front of the class and state what we had learnt about ourselves that day and where we would like to see ourselves at the end of the year in terms of our leadership skills.

While this proved to be a challenging day for the year 6 students, the activities we did allowed us to learn more about our individual strengths and weaknesses as leaders and they brought us together as a stronger, more familiar and more united year level.

On behalf of all year six students, we would like to thank Mrs O’Neill and Mr Conde for organising the incursion.

Frankie and Aaron

393 Bus Route - The change to bus route 393 will commence on Monday 2 March (8:15am & 3:12pm services). The change allows for the bus to travel up to Kelvin Grove State College from Teneriffe Ferry Terminal but NOT from New Farm. It then will leave Kelvin Grove in the afternoon (to Teneriffe Ferry Terminal, NOT to New Farm Ferry Terminal).