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# NEWSLETTER

# NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

The School's Vision  
"Learn, Create, Grow"

**Monday**  
**16 March, 2015**

### DIARY DATES

#### March

- 18 School Photos
- 18 Mini Market
- 20 Say No to Bullying Day (Free Dress Day)
- 21 Harmony Day
- 27 Leadership and Project Captains Presentation assembly. 9am in Hall
- 29 Little Farm working Bee 2-5pm

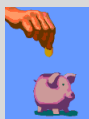
#### April

- 2 Last day of Term 1 finish 3pm
- 3 Good Friday
- 20 School resumes for Term 2

**School Camps 2015**  
**Year 5 Emu Gully Camp**  
**19-21 August 2015**  
**Year 6 Canberra Camp**

### REMINDERS

**Naplan Tests**  
**12,13,14 May**  
**2015**



*From the Principal's Desk.....*

**Purpose is what gives life a meaning.**  
**C.H. Parkhurst**

This weeks social skills will be presented by Mrs Rachel Fletcher's Year 3/4 class "Do the Right Thing". See back page.

Time	Class/Group
8:00 – 8:40 am	Sibling Photos
8:10 am	Staff Photo
9:00 am	2F
9:10 am	2C
9:20 am	2/3M
9:30 am	Prep N
9.45 am	Prep W
10:00 am	Prep/1T
10:15 am	1FW
10.25 am	1G
10.40 am	3RJ
First Break 11.00-11.45	
11.50 pm	3/4F
12.00 pm	4R
12.15 pm	4/5J
12.25 pm	5D
12.40 pm	5/6W
12.50 pm	6C
Second Break 1.15-1.55	

## School photos timetable- Wednesday 18 March

All photos are taken in the hall.  
Only the following classes are swimming before their photos.

Year 2/3 M  
Year 1 FW  
Year 1G

Please note students who are swimming prior, remember to bring a brush/comb and maybe an extra towel for your hair.

**Important to note that sibling photos are scheduled for 8.00-8.40am. Sibling photo order forms are available from the office**  
Please return your photo order form before Wednesday to the office.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**– Please return your appointment form to the class teachers as soon as possible. This is a very important opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year.

### 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.

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

**RUNNERS CLUB/CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING** -This group is open to students born 2003 – 2005 who intend to trial for nomination to the City District Cross Country Trials. To trial for the district they will be required to run the long course race at our school carnival (not the fun run short course) - 3km for those born 2003/4 and 1.5km for those born 2005.

Training starts Wednesday 18 march. Training will be held on **Mondays/ Wednesdays/Fridays from 8:30 – 8:45 am** and students should arrive 10 minutes prior to this time for **warm up (8:20 am)**.

Mr Rainbow plus other interested parents and teachers will be supervising.

#### **NAPLAN Tests**

This years NAPLAN tests will be 12,13,14 May 2015 for Year 3 and 5 Students.

- 12 May—Language conventions and Writing
- 13 May– Reading
- 14 May– Numeracy

**For Year 3, 5 parents, an information brochure which provides general information about the NAPLAN tests will be sent home with your child closer to the date.** If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's participation in NAPLAN this year please make contact with Ms. Cassie Buckley (Deputy Principal)

**City Districts Soccer CONGRATULATIONS.** Well done to both Frankie and Blake in Year 6 who last Friday were chosen for the City District Soccer Teams. They will play at the Metropolitan North trials on 19 & 20 May.

**NFSS Cross Country Friday 24 April.** The annual Interhouse Cross Country is on Friday 24 April. Mr Rainbow and students from Years 1 to 7 will walk the course in their PE lessons before the event.

Prep students will run around the oval. Those students born 2003-2005 who wish to trial for nomination to the District event on 5 May will run a long course race (3km for those born 2003-2004 and 1.5km for those born 2006). All other students will run a short course fun run of about 1km. **If you do not wish your child to participate please contact your child's Teacher.**

For the distance of run to be achieved we need parents/carers to make themselves available to stand and monitor at checkpoints on the course. If you are able to assist, please contact the office. [admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au)

**Payment of Invoices** - A reminder about payment of invoices. The preferred payment is by direct deposit however we do also accept, cash, cheque and credit card payments (Mastercard/Visa). When making a Direct Deposit, it is important to put your **CHILD'S SURNAME** as the reference. We have received a few payments recently that we cannot reconcile because there has been no reference. If you have made a direct deposit this term and haven't included a reference, can you please contact Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 with your receipt details so that we can allocate the payment. Thank you!

**P&C funded** - We have purchased 6 iPads for use within the school. They will be housed in the Library and lent out to classrooms for curriculum lessons. The school would like to thank the P&C for generously donating the money which was raised from last year's Trivia Night.

**Harmony Day** and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held during week 8 of this term. In class activities will be conducted during the week concluding with a dress up day and parade on Friday 20 March. **Children are encouraged to wear orange sun safe clothing on Friday the 20 March.** They are also encouraged to **bring a gold coin donation** for our NFSS Community – Charity Leadership group.



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

## STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.

The last two weeks have been new record numbers with 117 both weeks! Well done! Please note which rewards are available when ordering. This term it is the ball or DVD but there are also some old items available so come and see us for those details.

Tina from the Comm Bank will be at assembly Friday 27 March to assist with account opening. Please avoid foreign coins and if possible torn notes.

Many thanks to our volunteers, Teniell, Rachel, Jenny, Wendy, Prue and Natasha.

### Contact

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

## UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

( New time from 18 March)

From Wednesday 18 March

8am-9.30am.

## Mini Market

Market this Wednesday 18 March  
There will be fresh herbs and seedlings  
Home bakes from \$1 everyone welcome.  
If you would like to donate something baked, grown or made please drop them at the market stall after 2.30pm on Wednesday.

## Garden Working Bee

Sunday 29 March 2-5 pm

We're aiming to have a big tidy up to get it looking all super duper and ready for the cooler growing season. It would be great if you could help out any way you can, for any length of time... come and get your hands dirty, share ideas, bring refreshments or just pop by with a friendly smile and some words of encouragement. It promises to be a fun and friendly afternoon for everyone. No gardening experience necessary! Remember, many hands make light work....

## Parenting ideas website:

This weeks article is—"7 ways to be on top of your parenting game ". It has been attached to the email notification.

## Awards presented on Friday 13 March assembly to the following students Social Skills Awards -

Freya 2F  
Frode 4R  
Claire 4R  
Ashley 5/6W

## Assembly Awards

Abbie	Prep W
Charlie	Prep W
Lucy	Prep W
Orlando	Prep N
Bryce	2C
Pepper	2C
Scarlett	2F
Mia	3JR
Thomas	3JR
Kiara	4R
Haru	4R
Joshua	5/6W

## Get your family active and eating well

Local families can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in term 2, 2015. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age. The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology. If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)

## 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](http://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 - 20 March

Tuckshop - Nazia, Gillian Penrose & Wendy Peard-Castles

Counter - Majella Lyons

Baking - Alison Menzies, Susie Levy, Mehera Milne, Jodie Neilson, Michelle Logan, Tracey Eldon & Brinn Martin

Thank you everyone who supports the tuckshop, Terri-Anne & Jin



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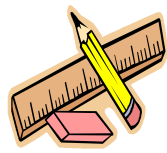


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# Social Skills

## Do The Right Thing

### Focus:

- Keeping our school neat and tidy makes us feel good about our school. If we all help out, we share the pride in our environment.

#### Looks Like

- No rubbish lying around
- Clean environment

#### Sounds Like

- Can I put this in the bin?
- All my rubbish is in the bin.
- No teachers saying/asking Can you pick up that rubbish?

#### Feels Like

- Everyone healthy and happy

**Not too late for soccer!** We still have plenty of spaces in most of our New Farm Soccer Club teams, especially for Preppies, and grades 1-3. It's lots of fun and a great way to make new friends and be part of a team. Training once a week at New Farm Park and games on Saturday mornings.

For more information, contact Helen on 0410541997 or [helen@suitesystems.com.au](mailto:helen@suitesystems.com.au).

## Fete 2015—26 July

**Fete Convenor**    Jody and Graeme Dillon  
Niasha Mukandi

**Stall Convenor**    Rachel Kendrick

The New Farm State School Fete's planning committee are making great progress and wish to thank all parents/carers for volunteering for all essential roles. The finalising of convenors will happen shortly with just a few places still to allocate. Convenors will wish to meet soon to arrange important dates and deadlines leading up to our fete 26 July. Please make sure you have returned your parent details as soon as possible so a class list of contacts can be given to the parent reps. We are still requiring help for the following classes, Prep N, Prep W, 2 F.

If you can help please contact our Principal, Carmel McGrath.

Phone 3358 7333

### BIGFISH LITTLEFISH SWIMMING INTENSIVE

- We are running a 5 day swim program
- Lessons will run from 13 - 17 April 2015
- Lessons will start from 9 am lessons will run for 30 min blocks The program cost is \$72.50
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Jo Keehan    0414 486 767



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