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## NEWSLETTER

# NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

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

Monday  
23 March, 2015

### DIARY DATES

#### March

- 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
- 23 NFSS interhouse Cross Country
- 24 ANZAC Day Assembly

### Payments Due

- Yr 6 Canberra Trip Deposit
- Yr 5 Emu Gully Camp Deposit
- Instrumental programme
- Instrumental Hire
- Prep Resource Scheme

### REMINDERS

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

**STUDENT BANKING**  
Banking will be on Fridays outside the library.  
8am- 9.30am



*From the Principal's Desk.....*  
**It is not enough to take steps which may some day lead to a goal; each step must be itself a goal and a step likewise.**

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

There will be no Social Skills presented by a class this week as we will be having our Leadership Assembly from 9 am in the Hall. See back page.

**School photos timetable rescheduling - Tuesday 24 March**

**All photos are taken in the hall. Students should be at school by 8.45am.**

**Only the following classes are to be photographed.**

**Prep N, Prep W, Prep/1 T, 1G, 2/3M, 3RJ.**

### NFSS interhouse Cross Country (new date) Thursday 23 April

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.

**Health Alert (Whooping Cough)** Please note that we have been advised by a parent that a child has been diagnosed with whooping cough. A copy of the Queensland Health Fact Sheet relating to Whooping Cough is attached for your information. It has also been uploaded to our website [Whooping Cough Queensland Health Fact Sheet](#). There were around 25 families whose email could not be delivered due to incorrect addresses. If you did not receive this email can you please contact the office with your new details. It is important that we can send you urgent and important information from time to time. Thank you for working with the school to ensure your child's wellbeing.

**Electronic version of the newsletter**– In Term 2 we are aiming to have the majority of families receiving the electronic version of our weekly newsletter. This will help us save a huge amount of paper each week. If you are not currently getting the electronic version via email each week and would like to be added to our list, please send your details to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au We will continue to have printed copies at the office if you prefer.

**Request To Administer Medications At School**—Any student who requires emergency medication( Epi Pen), Regular Medication (Ventolin or Antihistamines) or Occasional Medication( Antibiotics or Eye/Ear Drops) is required by Law to complete a Request to Administer Medication form. We are currently updating our data base and will be in contact with students who have existing conditions. This form can be collected from the office. It is also attached to today's email.

**Cyclone Pam Appeal for Vanuatu** -There is a big green bucket in the school office for donations for families in Vanuatu affected by Cyclone Pam. These donations will be shipped to Vanuatu by 'Give to Vanuatu' run by expat families in Australia. Please give what you can to help. Requests for goods include:

- water purification tablets- non-perishable food esp. tinned fish, meat, baked beans etc.
- mosquito nets- insect repellent- clothes, towels etc.- hygiene products- first aid supplies
- tarps and tents- work gloves, gumboot - batteries, torches, solar lights...

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**Kelvin Grove State College enrolments-** Reminder to Year 6 parents who live in the KGSC Catchment Area that they need to complete an EOI for Enrolment in 2016 and this needs to be done by the end of Term 1 if possible. Year 5 Parents are advised that enrolments for 2017 will be accepted from the start of Semester 2 this year. This applies to students in Year 5 both inside and outside the KGSC Catchment Area



### Calling all scientists in our community

We are calling on scientists who can help out by presenting workshops for the students who are selected to be in the STEM conference which will be held on Friday 17 July at UQ, St Lucia campus. If you or someone you know can help out as a workshop presenter, please contact Jenny O'Neill [jonei117@eq.edu.au](mailto:jonei117@eq.edu.au) for a workshop presenter's guide. An explanation of S.T.E.M. is set out below.

### STEM – Inspiration Day UQ St Lucia Campus “Illuminating S.T.E.M.” International Year of Light

The Kids' S.T.E.M. Convention is currently in its ninth year of operation. This initiative, organized and coordinated by a volunteer committee of Education Queensland staff and industry partnerships has evolved and grown over time. Our goal is to provide a high quality three phase learning experience for capable students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

#### Phase 1

Inspiration – a full day conference experience conducted at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus (Friday 17 July 2015). Student delegates will be inspired by a key note address delivered by a prominent figure from the scientific community; led through the steps required to conduct rigorous scientific inquiry and participate in two self-selected 'hands-on' small group workshops.

**ANZAC DAY CHILDREN'S PROJECT-** This year we would like to invite our students to make a poster of family history related to service to Australia. The poster should be no bigger than A3 and can include photos, news articles and such artefacts that may be of interest to others and that recognise the service the individual/s have given to our country. The work should be completed and handed in to the office by Thursday 23 April so that it can be put on display for ANZAC Day. If you have any questions you may contact Ms Wendy Maslen 2/3M via email [admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au)

**Leadership Assembly 9am Friday 27 March** Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Morning Tea will be held for the Year 6 students and their parents from 10.00– 10.30 am

### 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

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)

**Payment of Invoices** - A reminder that payments for **Camp Deposits, Instrumental programs, Prep Resource Scheme** are now due. 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!

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

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

A new record for banking!! An amazing 122 last week! THIS FRIDAY WILL BE THE LAST BANKING FOR THE TERM! Kindly donated by the Commonwealth Bank, I have 2 Mary Ryan's Book Vouchers to give away next term! Every deposit between now and the end of term 2 will put your name automatically into the draw to win.

Due to the special assembly this Friday the account opening morning has been delayed until Friday 8 May.

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

### Contact

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

**UNIFORM SHOP** New opening hours  
Wednesday 8am-9.30am.

## 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....

## World Autism Awareness Day

**Thursday 2 April** This is a great time to teach children about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and difference. Make time to share and talk with your class, family, and community about ASD. Increasing tolerance and understanding of children who think and behave different to their peers.

### Parenting ideas website:

This weeks article is—"Raising Sensitive Kids".

It has been attached to the email notification.

## Awards presented on Friday 20 March assembly to the following students Social Skills Awards -

Mandy 4R

Lauren 5/6W

### Assembly Awards

Charlotte	Prep N
Kalden	Prep W
Harper	Prep W
Pippa	1FW
Jaylen	1FW
Jasmin	4R
Bronte	5/6W

## New Farm SS

### Rules

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Safe**

**Be a Learner**

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

This week is our last week for Friday tuckshop but Wednesday tuckshop will be the same for next week.

#### NEW WEDNESDAY MENU FOR TERM 2

Pasta and Pizza are coming back in Term 2 for Wednesday only, we will also be having cheese and salad rolls available. Snacks will remain the same. Please refer to the Flexischools website to see the new Wednesday menu. See below for the Flexischools website address.

#### 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TERM 2 If you are interested in helping out in the tuckshop in term 2, please come see us at the counter on a Wednesday or Friday morning or email us at [nfsstuckshop@hotmail.com](mailto:nfsstuckshop@hotmail.com) for more information.

#### TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 27 March

Tuckshop - Marnie Hollis & Susan Schmidt

Counter - Fiona Caniglia

Baking - Bec Litchfield, Jocelyn Parry, Nancy Cowell, Fiona Caniglia, Skye McKay, Dimity Williams & Michelle DeBrock

Thank you everyone who supports the tuckshop and hope you have a safe and happy Easter.

Terri-Anne & Jin



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## Community Education - Term 2, 2015

The new brochures are coming! We will send home Term 2 brochures prior to the end of this school term, and you may commence registration for 2015 classes anytime after receiving the brochure.

### Help wanted!

If you are looking for a family-friendly activity for the weekend or 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](mailto:nfsscommunityed@live.com.au) for more details. We'd like the flyers delivered between 27 March and 6 April if possible.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Term 1 CEP classes!

We hope to see you back in Term 2

## NFSS School Fete 26 July 2015

Our theme this year is 'celebration of our multicultural community'. We hope to celebrate through the food, the stalls and entertainment on the day.

If you have talent to offer for the entertainment please contact Pip Boyce on email [pipandglen@mac.com](mailto:pipandglen@mac.com).

If you would like to contribute to our international food stall, please contact Rachel Kendrick on email [rachel@intothelime.com.au](mailto:rachel@intothelime.com.au)

In addition to our big events at the Fete, Auction, Best of New Farm, we will also have a Paper Plane Flying competition. If there are any passionate paper plane pilots amongst us, please come help us organise this new event.

You can contact our Fete Convener, Nyasha Mukandi on [nyashamukandi@gmail.com](mailto:nyashamukandi@gmail.com)

Many hands make light work. So we are still looking for volunteers to help with getting sponsorship for the Fete.

We will be having a **Fete Meeting on Wednesday 25 March at 6.30pm** in the library. Please come along if you can help with any aspects of the Fete. And if you can't make it to the meeting but would like to help/sponsor/donate items for auction or raffle please contact

Nyasha Mukandi on [nyashamukandi@gmail.com](mailto:nyashamukandi@gmail.com).

**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).

### 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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