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NEWSLETTER

NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

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

Monday

04 May, 2015

DIARY DATES

May

- 5 City District Cross Country
- 6 P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- 6 Evacuation Drill
- 6 & 7 Met North rugby league
- 8 City District Tennis trials
- 12 Naplan test
- 13 Naplan test
- 14 Naplan test
- 22 Gala Day
- 27May-3June Reconciliation Week
- 29 Gala Day

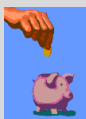
Gala Days – Friday 22, 29 May and 5 June. More details will be sent home in the coming weeks

Invoices Overdue

- High Achiever's
- Yr 5 Emu Gully Camp Deposit
- ICAS

Reminder

Comm Bank account opening morning Friday from 8.30am outside the hall



From the Principal's Desk.....
To find what you seek in the road of life, the best proverb of all is that which says: "Leave no stone unturned."

Edward Bulwer Lytton

Social Skills— This week Mr Garth Coyle 2C class will present our social skills " Being Brave". Please see the back page to view the details.

Fete Sunday 26 July 2015

The theme of this year's fete is 'Celebrating Our Community' - a multicultural focus. We are looking for entertainment groups or individuals to enhance our fete. We are still seeking sponsorship, if you can help please let us know. Contact the office via email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au. The next **Fete meeting is Wednesday 27 May at 6.30pm** in the library—all welcome!

Full School Review 7-11 May. This is a combination of the Learning and Teaching Audit. The reviewers will be visiting some classes and have allocated approximately 15-20 minutes to observe. Additional staff will be on hand to supervise and normal classes will take place on these days.

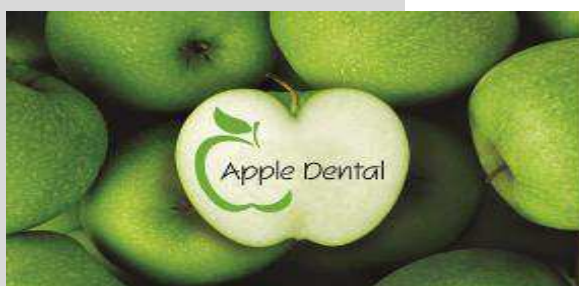
NAPLAN Tests—This years NAPLAN tests will be 12,13,14 May 2015 for Year 3 and 5 Students.

- 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) 3358 7333.

Naplan is a point in time test . Teachers have been working through their regular curriculum and have taken great care in preparing students for the three days of testing. Teachers are reassuring students to approach the test in a positive way and not to be worried. Reassure your children they are doing well at school and to try their best during the Naplan tests.

| Tuesday 12 May | Wednesday 13 May | Thursday 14 May |
|---|--|---|
| Official test date | Official test date | Official test date |
| Language conventions Yr 3: 40 minutes Yr 5: 40 minutes | Reading Yr 3: 45 minutes Yr 5: 50 minutes | Numeracy Yr 3: 45 minutes Yr 5: 50 minutes |
| Writing Yr 3: 40 minutes Yr 5: 40 minutes | | |



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Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, and children attending an approved kindergarten program or long day care centre.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

Children and students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

Entry forms have been distributed to students and need to be returned to the school library by 28th August.

Narelle Hoelzl, Teacher Librarian

National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. This year's theme is *'It's time to change it up'*.

Cross Country Age Champions– Due to the wet weather last weeks assembly is rescheduled for this Friday 8 May at 9am in the hall.

Electronic newsletter– The newsletter can easily be downloaded from the website at any time or via the QSchools app. We will always have some printed copies available at the office if needed.

If you need to update your email details please contact the office admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Canberra Camp Parent Information evening

Thank you to Mr Steve Conde, Ms Jenny O'Neill, Mr Brett Wilson and Mr Kent Rainbow for presenting the information evening. A written copy of the information was sent home via your parent rep. Students are looking forward to the trip later in the year.

Evacuation Drill

We will be conducting our Evacuation Drill this week as per our Workplace Health and Safety requirements for the Term. Teachers will run through the procedures with the students prior to the Drill taking place on Wednesday.

P&C Meeting (Change of Date)

Date : Wednesday, 6th May

Time : 7.30PM

Location : NFSS School library

Please note that this meeting is a week earlier than usual to allow more time before our AGM on the 27th May.



Food allergies are becoming increasingly common
& understanding them is important for everyone

SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.

A good start to the term for banking with 86 kids banking last week in the rain! Last term we finished with a new record of 123 deposits!

Banking is a great way to raise funds for the school. Last term we had a new record commission earned for NFSS with \$604.96.

In 2014 we raised \$1317.54 so an amazing start this year and we appreciate those larger deposits where possible as the school does not earn the 5% if it is made through your local branch. (maximum \$10 commission per deposit)

THIS FRIDAY IS ACCOUNT OPENING MORNING!

From 8.30am near the hall. Come and meet

James our new Branch Manager from New Farm.

WIN A MARY RYAN BOOK VOUCHER! I have 2 book vouchers to give away and every deposit this term automatically enters you into the draw.

Contact

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours **Wednesday**
8am-9.30am.

DOWNEY PARK NETBALL - NETSETGO 2015

• NetSetGo is a play based netball skills program aimed for 5 – 7 year olds. (born 2008, 2009, 2010). Emphasis is on the acquisition of the basic motor skills, in a fun environment of games and activities.

• The program promotes participation and skill development

• Dates: Saturdays - May 9, 16, 23, 30; June 13, 20, 2015

• Time: 8.00am – 9.00am

• Cost: \$95 includes insurance, ball and t-shirt Downey Park Netball Courts, Green Tce, Windsor (inside fenced complex).

Further information on our website -

www.downeypark.qld.netball.com.au

Parenting ideas website:

This weeks article is— "Helping Students get ready for the Naplan Tests".

It has been attached to the email notification.

Soccer- New Farm has a very popular soccer Club which involves many students from New Farm SS. Training and games are just starting but there are still places in most teams (especially for prep to grade 3 students).

If you're interested or would like to find out more, please contact

Helen on 0410 541997.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

To see the tuckshop menu for Wednesday and Friday, please refer 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.

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** with Flexischools otherwise it will still go through as an order. With the system we cannot change or cancel orders from the tuckshop.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 8th May

Tuckshop - Michelle Gerrard, Nazia & Susan Schmidt

Counter - Michelle Lovelle

Baking - Jocelyn Parry, Michelle DeBock, Kirsten Medland, Dimity Williams, Elisa Gambaro & Gillian Penrose

Thank you everyone who supports the tuckshop.

Terri-Anne & Jin

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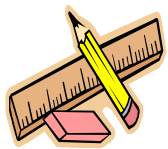
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Respect Yourself

Respect Others

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Social Skills

Being Brave

Focus:

'Being Brave' is about helping students develop confidence for new or challenging situations. Students can use their voices and their bodies to help them feel confident and brave.

Looks Like :

- Students standing tall,
- Students using eye contact,
- Students smiling

Sounds Like:

- Friendly voices
- Encouraging words
- Praising other's efforts

Feels Like :

- Belongs to the group
- Confident in new or challenging situations
- Happy you were brave

NFSS School Fete 26 July 2015

Next Fete Meeting

Wednesday 27 May—6.30pm in the Library

Nyasha Mukandi, Fete Convener

0458675879



The White Bear Foundation is dedicated to providing innovative programs for children. The weekend workshop includes:

- SELF-ESTEEM AWARENESS ACTIVITIES
- CONFIDENCE BUILDING GAMES
- COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP SKILL SESSIONS
- LESSONS IN LIFE SKILLS

Through play, fun, and educational games, the workshop aims to build the self-esteem and confidence of pre-teenage children.

The workshops are held in a supportive and safe environment and provide young people with the self-management tools to deal with the ups and downs of school years, and beyond. The results are tangible and children leave feeling happy, fulfilled and positive about themselves.

Maria Bach, the presenter and facilitator of the workshops is assisted by dedicated and accomplished colleagues.

With over 35 years of experience, Maria's expertise lies in professional development, leadership and personal coaching.

As a parent, Maria believes it is vital for effective communication and support to begin at home and in the community. For further information on the foundation's workshop please visit:

<http://whitebearfoundation.com.au/workshops>



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