Monday 01 June, 2015

From the Principal’s Desk…….

Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Orison Swett Marden.

Social Skills— This week Mrs. Navarro and Mrs O’Hara’s Prep N class will present our social skills “You'll Never Never Know If You Don’t Have A Go”. Please see the back page to view the details. Assembly Thursday 4 June 9.00am.

Assembly Change of Date— Assembly will be changed for the following week, due to students attending Gala Day on Friday. Assembly will be Thursday 4 June at 9.00 am in the Hall. Assembly will return to Friday for the remainder of the Term.

VOLUNTARY EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION SCHEME Thank you to the families who have already returned their VECS forms with their nominated contribution. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please remember that the direct deposit option is our preferred payment method.

As our new creative arts centre under the hall is up and running, we are now turning our masterplanning focus to redeveloping the entrance to the oval from the netball court and of course, building more classrooms. We are also hoping to raise funds to install ex-Fortitude Valley State School’s play equipment (which we secured last year), to improve our hall facilities (including installing industrial fans and upgrading the sound system) and to air-condition the library. Please return to the P&C VECS box in the school office OR post C/- the P&C Treasurer PO Box 2358 FORTITUDE VALLEY BC Qld 4006

Gala Days— The final Gala Day Friday 5 June. Students need to assemble at school by 8.15am on these days. They will be travelling by bus to the venue for the day of sports. Students will be returning to New Farm by 3.15pm.

Influenza (flu) season -Winter is coming, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health’s influenza page, www.qld.gov.au/flu, covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment. Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

Children’s Vintage Stall— Stock Wanted.
Children’s Toys, Games and Puzzles, Sporting goods, Bikes, Scooters etc. Drop off this week Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 June, for children’s vintage stall. Under B Block, before 9.30 am. (Below Lote room,P1/T, 3&4F) Same spot as last fete, look for the yellow poster!

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**NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL**

The School’s Vision
“Learn, Create, Grow”
There are many people in our school community (students, parents and staff) who spend countless hours volunteering and supporting a wide range of activities in a number of diverse communities. They demonstrate outstanding commitment to a local community. The NFSS Community Spirit Award is about recognizing and celebrating commitment. Please find attached to this week’s email, the full guidelines and details of how to nominate a person for the NFSS Community Spirit Award. Nominations close Wednesday 10 June 2015.

Electronic Report Cards— We have commenced our report card writing process with report cards to be distributed in Week 10. We are trialling electronic report cards under the direction of the Department of Education. The report cards will be emailed to the email address we have in our OneSchool student database. It is important that we verify email addresses.

If you have changed your email address since enrolment either contact:
A. the office via email on admin@newfarmss.com.au with your new email address or
B. come into the office and update your email on the Change of Details Form.
You can also request a hard copy of your Report Card via options A and B, if that is your preferable option.

We will be emailing test versions this term to verify email addresses we have in the OneSchool system. There is no need to reply to these emails unless you would like to make further changes. If we do not have an email address in OneSchool for you, the office will contact you by phone. If you have any queries, please contact Elena Anderson, BSM, on 3358 7333.

Report Cards via Email— Please be advised that parents should add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to their list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren’t sent to the Junk folder.

Beeston Street Gate— The Gate from Beeston Street will be open in the morning and afternoon for families to access the school grounds. This gate is locked after 9.00am for the school day for the safety of the children playing on the oval. The Gate is open in the afternoon for 2.30pm.

Athletics Carnival— Our athletics carnivals are scheduled for the end of this term. Prep to Year 2 will be participating here at school on Monday 15 June from 9-11am. The Year 3-6 students are participating in their carnivals on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June. The Year 3-6 students are participating over two days for the Track and Field events. The Field events are held here at school on our oval. The Track events are held at New Farm Park with students from Years 3 to 6 walking to the park with their supervising teacher. Students will be participating in athletics events in the lead up to the carnival during their regular PE lessons. A permission note will be sent home later this week.

Dressing for the Weather— Please make sure your children bring enough warm clothes to school with them. Our school’s position high on the hill is often windy and cold over the winter months. Please ensure you’ve labelled all items so they can be returned if lost during the day. We still have some unclaimed lost property items under A Block.

Public Holiday— Monday 8 June. School will be closed and normal classes will resume on Tuesday 9 June.
STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.

Great saving kids, with 108 banking last week! Please bring us your bank book as soon as you get to school as it is a big help to all the mum’s that volunteer to do your banking. To ensure your book makes it safely back to you, please have the correct class written on front! Only 3 more chances to get your name in the draw to win a Mary Ryan book voucher.

Thanks to our volunteers, Teniell, Wendy, Jenny, Natasha, Kim and Nadine.

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

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening hours Wednesday. 8am-9.30am.
Winter items are in stock.

Parenting ideas website: This weeks article is—“Giving adolescents freedom and minimising risk.” It has been attached to the email notification.

Assembly Awards -
General Classroom Awards
Term 2 Week 6
Congratulations
Prep W - Poppy
Prep W - Frank
Prep 1/T—Ella
Prep 1/T—Jasmine
3 RJ—Henry
3RJ—Juliette
5/6W—Aadi
5/6W—Justine
6C—Veve

Social Skills
Term 2 Week 6
Congratulations
5/6 W— Olivia

Weetbix TRYathlon -
Thomas competed in the Sunshine Coast Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday 24th May @ the Sunshine Coast Stadium, Kawana Waters.

Congratulations
Thomas

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 - 5th June
Tuckshop - Nazia Warren, Adam Gray
Counter - Michelle Gerrard
Baking - Jocelyn Parry, Dimitry Williams, Sam Bryce, Michelle DeBock, Sarah Millar & Cath Byrne
Thank you everyone who supports the tuckshop.
Terri-Anne & Jin
NFSS FETE—Sunday 26 July 2015
We now have a Fete Newsletter. Please have a look for all the latest updates on the Fete, listing of opportunities to volunteer and other ways to contribute.
You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram:
Facebook.com/newfarmfete, Instagram.com/newfarmfete.
Our website

Second Hand Books Wanted!
Books for all ages are required
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Focus:
Students show courage by ‘being brave’ and trying something that may be difficult or a challenge. By having a go, you will learn and that is a great achievement.

Looks Like:
• Students planning the steps they need to take
• Students having a try

Sounds Like:
• Friendly voices
• Encouraging words
• Praising own and other’s efforts

Feels Like:
• Proud of taking the first step with learning
• Confident in new or challenging situations
• Happy you were brave

NFSS School Fete 26 July 2015
Next Fete Meeting
Wednesday 10 June 6.30pm in the Library
Nyasha Mukandi, Fete Convener
0458 675 879