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School Opinion Survey Reminder – Last day 31 July 2015. All families, school staff, selected students of Years 4, 5 and 6 students please complete your surveys by 31 July 2015.

District Athletics—Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July—All students selected have been given their information and permission forms. City District Track and Field Championships are on Thursday 30 July and/or Friday 31 July, 2015 at Bowden Park, Maidencombe St Geebung. Please complete and return your forms to school by Tuesday 28 July 2015.
Emu Gully Year 5 Camp—Consent and Medical Forms. Please return all forms by Wednesday 29 July 2015 to the school office. Final payments are due Friday 7 August 2015.

**Sporting Schools up and running!**
Sporting Schools is officially up and running following the national launch earlier this month. Already nearly 4,000 primary schools are registered for this $100 million programme that’s all about getting more children active more often. By partnering with over 30 national sporting organisations students are also getting a greater choice in sport.

The aim is to work with schools across Australia to get the nation’s children **active, engage and having fun!**

Our school is one of the schools participating in the programme. All students within the school will have an opportunity each semester to learn a new sport which will be linked to the curriculum. For example, this term all students in Years 4 to 6 will be learning touch football and cricket in preparation for Gala Day activities in Term 4.

As part of the launch, Sporting Schools also offered tips for parents to help them nurture their child’s sporting development:

**TIP 1:** Foster a full range of fundamental movement skills. This includes kicking or hitting a ball, running, jumping, climbing and basic aquatic skills.

**TIP 2:** Foster everyday sport activity at home and be an effective support provider. Limit screen time at home. Provide a positive encouragement for sporting activity and get involved.

**TIP 3:** Sample and have fun! Resist the temptation for your child to specialise in one sport too early. Sampling a large range of sports, at least until the age of 15, is likely to assist the development of a full range of sporting skills, coordination and control. It also minimises the risks of overuse injuries and allows kids to work out which sports they like most.

**Get Started Voucher program open for applications**
The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing’s [Get Started Vouchers program](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegeame/getstarted/refer/) is accepting applications for a voucher of up to $150 to help pay an eligible child’s sport or recreation club membership and/or participation fees.

Parents or carers who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply straight away.

Vouchers are issued on a ‘first-come first-served’ basis and applications will close when all the funds are allocated or on 30 September. So submit your application as soon as possible.

**Premiers Reading Challenge - Return forms by 28th August**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge children and students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

Forms were sent home with students in May, however if you require a new form, please see the class teacher or Mrs. H in the library. **Forms should be completed and returned to the library before 28th August, so that children can receive their Certificate of Completion from the Premiers Office.**

**READ-A-THONS**
Celebrating Book Week and supporting Multiple Sclerosis Support Services.

This year we celebrate Book Week with a Read-A-Thon. The students start by setting a goal of how many books/units they would like to read. They can start collecting sponsors and donations as soon as possible, then during Book Week from Monday 24th August, students aim to reach their reading goal. They collect their sponsorship money and/or donations and **return money to the office by Friday 11th September.** $50 gift vouchers to be won. Dress up day will be held Friday 28th August. A gold coin donation for dress-up day will be donated to the MS Read-a-thon.

Entries for participation in the MS Read-a-thon can be obtained from Mrs. H in the library. Information and gift for participation will be given to your child. Books read throughout the month of August count for both read-a-thons as well as the Premiers Reading Challenge. So a HUGE month of reading ahead and in this cold weather, why not snuggle up with a book and read togeth-er!

Mrs. H. Teacher Librarian
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Parenting ideas website:
This weeks article is—
“Do you let your kids amaze you?
It has been attached to the email notification.

NFSS General Awards—Congratulations to the Term 3 week 2 recipients.

General Classroom Awards
2C—Lily and Andoni
3/4 F—Nate, Alexander, Evie, Hudson, Zara, Wil, Drew, and Maslagi.
5D—Elyse, Jack, Ariel, William and Gibson
5/6W—Brynn, Justin and Freya.

Social Skills Awards.
5/6W—John

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Looks Like
- **Deal:** Students ignoring the student, uses their hands to show the student stop, moving away, telling the teacher if the issue persists.
- **No Deal:** Students reporting major incidents immediately to the teacher on duty. Students letting them know everything that has happened.

Sounds Like
- **Deal:** Talking calmly and firmly. Students saying stop I don't like it or use an ‘I’ statement e.g. when you take my pencils I can't do my work. Students explaining clearly why they don’t like it and why.
- **No Deal:** Students telling the teacher the truth about what happened and giving them all the information.

Feels Like
- **Deal:** Students feeling in control of the situation when they use their words.
- **No Deal:** Students feeling good that they have informed the teacher.

Thank you NFSS Community

We had an absolutely wonderful day at the fete yesterday! Well done New Farm State School Community for working together to make the fete happen!

Thank you to our Principal Dr Carmel McGrath who didn't mind getting her hands dirty - literally - emptying over full bins, picking up rubbish at the end.

Thank you to Greg Wells, Paul Jones who worked hard for many weeks ensuring he fete would be well set up and thank you to their team of dads who rose early on Sunday morning to put up marquees, tables, chairs and much more.

All the stalls were very well done - thank you to all the class groups and teachers.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the P&C committee and the parents that worked tirelessly over the last 4 months to make the fete happen!

Nyasha Mukandi
Fete Convener.

And finally

Many people have asked about getting the charcoal fete Aprons and or T-shirts with the fete logo. We would need 20 to 30 orders to make this feasible, so keep a look out for the order form over the next week or two.

Children Vintage Stall—

Last Chance Jumble Sale!!!

Wednesday 29 July— 2.30pm– 3.30pm in school hall.

All pieces are only $1 each. Be early and don’t miss a chance for an unbelievable bargain.

BBQ Stall— A huge thank you to all the helpers and cooks who helped on fete day.

The leftovers from the stall have been kindly donated to two local charities.

Wesley Mission will use the donation to make meals for approximately 150 people today.

New Farm Community Centre will help over 50 clients with their donation from the New Farm School Community.

Queensland Police Service is proud to support Emergency+, Australia’s national emergency app which has been endorsed by state and territory governments. The app, which is free of charge, allows callers to pinpoint their location via their smartphone’s GPS functionality and verbally provide emergency operators with these details.

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