



NEWSLETTER

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NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

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

Monday

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From the Principal's Desk.....

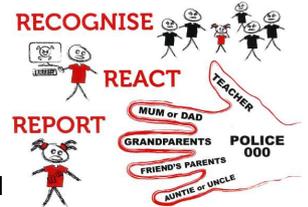
A good archer is known not by his arrows but by his aim. Thomas Fuller.

Social Skills– This week's lesson "Help Is At Hand" will be presented by Mr Steve Conde's 6C class which follows nicely from the 'Report' part of the Daniel Morcombe message. Assembly Friday 9.00am in hall.

Social Skills– A special thank you to our Adopt-A-Cop Constable Amanda Joy and fellow Constable Roberto who attended our last weeks assembly. The Police spoke with the children about Recognise, React, Report!

Some important points to remember are:

- Where possible always travel with a friend.
- Always tell someone where you are going and what time you will be home or leave a note.
- Be observant, recognize your body clues.
- Report any suspicious behaviour, such as a stranger offering you gifts or asking you to help look for their lost puppy.
- Never get into a car with someone offering you a lift.
- Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800
- Police 000



Life Ed Van– **27-31 August.** Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. The Year 3 and 4 students will be learning for a module called 'bCyberwise' about the safe navigation of the internet through roleplay and interactive activities. The Year 5 and 6 students learn to clarify the definition of a drug; explore the risk associated with the use of legal drugs and the short and long term consequences of misuse. Please return permission and payment by Tuesday 25 August.

Year 1 Excursion to the Planetarium– **Thursday 3 September.** Year 1 have been learning about a Science Unit, Day/Night Sky. The conclusion is a planned trip to the Brisbane Planetarium at the Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens. Please return your permission form and payment by Friday 28 August .

Year 3 and 3/4 F– **Museum of Brisbane, Thursday 27 August .** The focus of the unit of work is the roles of people in our community from diverse backgrounds. Permission forms and payment are due as a matter of urgency.

Prep–**Year 2**– **Tuesday 1 September. Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure!** Education Program. This program is presented by Bravehearts Inc. (www.bravehearts.org.au). This program teaches children strategies to keep safe. Please return your permission form and payment by Wednesday 26 August.

Prep Enrolments 2016– We are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2016. We are a catchment based school. To check whether you are in our catchment please see the website. <http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>

Prep Open Day (Revised Notice)–Wednesday 28 October 9-11am. All our new enrolments are welcome to come along and visit our wonderful prep environment and meet our dedicated teachers.

Canberra 2015–**Tuesday 8**– **Friday 11 September.** All permission forms and payments are now due as a matter of urgency. Please contact Elena Anderson BSM on 3358 7333

| Diary Dates | Term 3 2015 |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 24-28 Aug | Book Week |
| Tues 25 Aug | Shine Heat 4 |
| Thur 27 Aug | Yr 3, 3/4F Museum of Brisbane |
| Fri 28 Aug | Book Week Dress up Day |
| 27-31 Aug | Life Ed Van Year 3-6 |
| Tues 1 Sept | Prep-2 Braveheart's Session |
| Thurs 3 Sept | Year 1 Planetarium Excursion |
| Tues 15 Sep | 2016 Prep Interviews |
| Tues 8-11 Sept | Yr. 6 Canberra Camp |
| Mon 7 Sept | Shine Grand Final |
| Fri 18 Sept | Last Day Term 3 |
| Mon 5 Oct | Labor Day Holiday |
| Tues 6 Oct | First Day Term 4 |

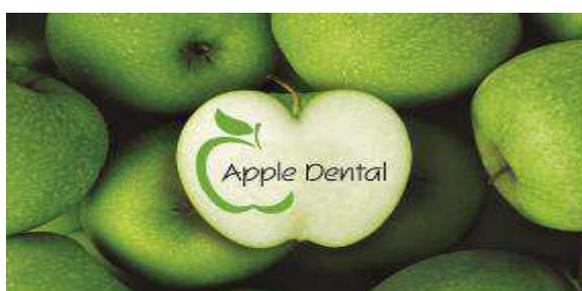
| Camp Payments Due |
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| Year 6 Canberra Trip-Final payments due as a matter of urgency. |

**Banking Friday 28 August
Week 7 of Term 3. Outside
the Library**

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2015 KIDS' STEM CONVENTION UPDATE

The year 5 and 6 students participating in the S.T.E.M. program are currently undertaking their science investigations. Many thanks to Chris Engwerda (Noah's dad) who is meeting with the students each week to guide them through their investigations. There will be two weekly meetings scheduled until the end of term where the students can discuss and share their investigation so far, and prepare them for the presentation of their investigations at the forum on Thursday 17 September at QASMT, Toowong. These meetings will be held on Monday at second break and Tuesday at first break in the 5/6 classroom. All students participating in S.T.E.M. are expected to attend and contribute.

Jennifer O'Neill (SEP/GEM/Classroom Teacher)

Book Week 24-28 August– Mrs H. our Teacher Librarian is out of the school on Tuesday 25 August on a Copyright training course. All classes Book week activities will carry on as planned. The children have been enjoying the puppet show in the library. **Reminder– Dress up day for Book week is Friday 28 August.** A gold coin donation to come along in free dress will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis MS Charity.

Book Week 2015– In a recent article in the Scholastic Teacher's Bookshelf Edition 6 2015 they interviewed some well known authors. **Author Emily Rodda was asked "What do you believe is the key to engaging young people in reading fantasy?"** Fantasy is no different to any other sort of fiction. Characters that readers can identify with are vital, for a start– you have to care what happens to the people you are reading about. Then you need a good story that leads you on and makes you feel you are living inside it. Without those two elements, no clever ideas, and no amount of beautiful, complicated description or wonderful language, will make an engaging novel. (Emily Rodda)

BPOINT is now the preferred payment method for all student invoices at Queensland state schools. On the bottom of each invoice that you receive, the BPOINT payment method symbol will be displayed with a website link for you to visit and process your online payment (very similar to internet banking that many of you currently utilise). You can use a credit or bank debit card to make a payment.

You do not need to register for BPOINT, you simply visit the link detailed below and enter CRN (customer reference number), invoice number, student name and exact amount of individual invoice (PLEASE DO NOT PAY MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL INVOICE AT A TIME). If you do not know your CRN please contact the school office for this information but the CRN will appear on school invoices.

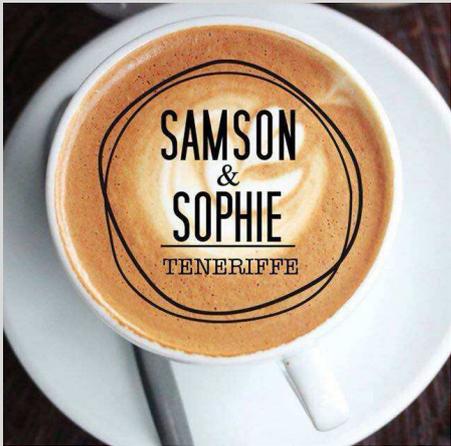
BPOINT will issue you with a payment confirmation that you can email to yourself after making the payment or you can print or take a screen shot, for your records. If you would like an official OneSchool receipt you may need to visit the school and request for it to be printed. The school will no longer manually receipt through their One School system for this payment method (BPOINT automatically talks to the school's accounting system).

Payments will process overnight and will appear in the school's bank account within 24 hours of making a payment. The school will receive a daily report detailing those who have made a payment.

You may still pay by cheque, cash or eftpos or credit card over the phone if you wish, but the Department of Education and Training is promoting BPOINT as preferred payment method from now on. If you choose to pay via the traditional payment methods, the school will issue you with a One School receipt from the office, but either way we can see from our end who has outstanding invoices and who does not.

<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.

What a great week of banking. 102 Students making deposits for this week..

We have a wonderful backpack which is jam packed full of goodies for you to win. Each deposit puts you in the draw to win this fantastic prize. 3 Weeks of banking left to enter. Drawn 18 September, last assembly.

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.

Save The Date— New Farm State School's Annual Trivia Night.

Saturday 21 November 2015.

Details of this fantastic event will be revealed after the holidays.

Little Market Stall—Elise R is fundraising for NFSS Little Farm. We are hoping to raise enough money to buy materials for a new chicken coop. We are holding our stall this Friday 28 August after school. If you would like to help by baking for the stall it would be most appreciated. Contact Karen 0412 004 644

NFSS General Awards—
Congratulations to the Term 3 week 6 recipients

General Classroom Awards-

Prep W— Saskia

1G— Farrin, Jackson

1FW— Zachary, Harvey

2C— Pepper, William

3RJ— Mali, Deeco, Jaci May.

4/5J— Simson, Isla

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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 - 28th August

Tuckshop - Jamilah, Wendy Peard-Castles & Gabriela Giampietro

Counter - Michelle Lovelle

Baking - Susie Levy, Dimity Williams, Michelle Logan, Sarah Millar, Marnie Hollis & Iris Stacey

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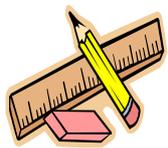
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Respect Yourself

Respect Others

Respect Property

Social Skills

Help Is At Hand

Focus: To ensure that students are encouraged to talk to someone they trust to help solve an issue or to share a concern. It is important to remind students about their bank of social skills to reinforce strategies they have already learned.

Looks Like

- Students tell trusted friends or adults about any problems or issues that are continuing eg bullying

Sounds Like

- Students are retelling all the details of the incident / problem to a trusted friend or adult
- A trusted friend or adult listening and reminding students about 'deal or no deal'

Feels Like

- Students feeling in control of the situation when they are reassured by the person they go to for help
- Students feeling in control of the situation when they know what action to take (eg deal or no deal)

A Sea of Flowers!

This year, for both Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week, students created a mass of paper flowers, which were then entwined on a frame, to become our sea of flowers.

Our sea of flowers aims to recognise (R- purple flowers) and acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this country, and the importance of reconciliation, and respect for the sacred ground where we all live.

This year, New Farm State School students have created a sea of paper flowers, as our way to recognise and acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this country, and the importance of reconciliation, and respect for the sacred ground where we all live.



Shine 2015-Heat 5 of Shine is Tuesday 25 August in the Hall at 1.30pm.

This is the final of the heats and the judges will decide which Acts will perform again in the Final. We have to change the date of the Shine Final because it clashes with the Grade 6 Excursion.

The SHINE FINAL will now be held on Monday 7 September, 2015.

Congratulations to all our competitors who have entertained us over the past four weeks. The singing, dancing and instrumental performances have been enjoyed by many students, staff and parents coming along to watch. A very special thank also goes out to the Year 6 students who have been working at the Shine Heats. I couldn't do it without the Technicians on Sound and Lights, The Door Bouncers, The Backstage Crew and the wonderful MCs. Thank you very much.

Marina Thacker—Classroom Music Teacher.



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