NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Monday
31 August, 2015

From the Principal's Desk…..

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
Eleanor Roosevelt.

Social Skills – This week’s lesson “It’s Not Over Til Its Over” will be presented by Dr. Carmel McGrath which fits into our school rule Be A Learner. Assembly Friday 9.00am in hall.

Wear Your Pyjamas To School Day – Friday 4 September. Our Year 5 and 6 Students in the Community and Charity Group have organised the day to support our local charities who support homeless and disadvantaged people in our community. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school. To be involved please bring along a tin of food or a non perishable item to donate to the charity. Teachers will collect these items in the classrooms. Thank you to Frankie and Justine (Project Leaders) for organising this event. Please remember that clothing needs to be suitable to function during a normal day of school and a broad brimmed hat is required.

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 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 as a matter of urgency.

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.

Pre-Prep Playgroup – For children enrolled in Prep for 2016. The proposed dates are Monday 12 October, Tuesday 10 November, Friday 27 November. Details of these mornings will follow in the next few weeks.

Canberra 2015 – Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 September. All permission forms and payments are now due as a matter of urgency.

Met North Track and Field - Congratulations
Last Tuesday Elise R., Natasha M. and Noah E. took part in the Metropolitan North Track and Field Championships held at University of Queensland. Noah came 3rd for his High Jump event. Natasha came 5th in her Discus – a small distance behind 3rd place - and Elise achieved getting over the significant early heights in her High Jump. Congratulations to each of you for getting there!

For Noah it means he is to compete in the State Championships, held in Townsville 16/17 October. All the best in your training and competition Noah!
Bookweek Dress-up day
Thanks to all children who dressed up for Bookweek and a big well done to parents for organising children’s costumes. We saw some wonderful costumes. We raised $199 for the MS Read-a-thon.
Narelle Hoelzl, Teacher Librarian

READ-A-THON REMINDER-The Read-a-thon commenced during Bookweek and all information and forms were sent home at the beginning of the term. It is now time to complete your reading unit form and start collecting sponsors and donations. Please return all monies to the school office by Friday 11th September. More forms are available from the office or library. If collecting door-to-door, we ask that parents accompany children. 50 book prizes will be drawn at the end of this term. Narelle Hoelzl, Teacher Librarian

Great Book Swap Challenge 2015– Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September
This year our school is supporting the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) by holding a Great Book SWAP. This Thursday 3rd and Friday 4 September, students (or parents) need to bring along a book that they really enjoyed but are happy to swap with another student and a gold coin donation to choose a “new” book. Please bring your books to the Hall on Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September so we can sort them prior to the Great Book Swap. The ILF works to put books into the hands of children and families in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. It also runs an early literacy project called Book Buzz, which puts board books into the hands of babies, toddlers and their families. The Foundation has published and funded more than 40 community books, some of which are translated into first languages. Please help us support their work.

Gold coin donation for 'buying' another book. Money is being raised for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Thank you to Sarah Ridout (Parent) and Narelle Hoelzl Teacher Librarian for organising this event.

2016 Class Allocations- Each year teachers make careful consideration about how to allocate students for the following year’s classes. Teachers consider ability, gender, friendships, learning needs and more. Parent requests for special consideration are also taken into account. As you can imagine, it is a complex and time consuming task. Therefore it is essential parents make their requests in writing to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au before Friday, 23 October. Specific teacher requests will not be considered as teaching allocations are not finalised until the last weeks of Term 4 after classes have been formed.

Life Ed Van– 27-31 August. Today are the last sessions for classes in the Life Education van. Thank you to Mrs Jenny O’Neill for her coordination of classes and teachers over the three days. We especially thank the guest speakers and presenters from Life Ed for sharing their knowledge with the students.

Asthma Week 1-7 September.-Everyone’s asthma is different and can change over time. Please speak with your healthcare professional about your symptoms. Please notify the school if your child is asthmatic so we can assist their treatment and be part of their asthma action plan.
**SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS**

**STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS.**

What a great week of banking. 78 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. 2 Weeks of banking left to enter. Drawn 18 September, last assembly. Please remember to collect your prizes the following week.

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.

**Book now for Term 4 groups!**
Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and develop resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry or negative thinking. Essential tools to navigate the teen years!

Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be! Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

Register and Book online today at confidentkidsandteens.com.au Or contact us at info@positivefamilies.com.au for more details.

**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
Thank you, Terri-Anne & Jin

**Parenting ideas—**

**This week’s article is “Exploring the New Frontier of Parenting” is attached to this week’s email.**

**Challenge yourself at Jabiru New Farm this September holidays**
Jabiru Kids has a great holiday planned! With a varied program of science, sport, craft and cooking fun, this will be a holiday to remember!

Look out for the special Minecraft Dance Workshop and an excursion to inflatable World on Friday 25 September. There will also be brain training, a tournament day, a Hawaiian luau and LEGO challenges.

Jabiru Kids New Farm opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast! The full program is available from Jabiru New Farm or online at http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.
Focus: Students need to ensure they stay positive and caring right until the end of term or school year.

Looks Like
- Students working in classes right up until the finish of term.
- Maintaining good rules and routines in class and school.
- Giving a friend a smile or pat on the back to encourage them when they are getting tired.

Sounds Like
- Positive language
- Quiet working classrooms
- Applause or congratulating others

Feels Like
- Part of a team
- Calm, quiet school
- Happy for self or others
- Cooperation among staff and students

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New Farm—Little Farm. Fundraiser for the Chicken Coop

My name is Elise R, from class 4R and I’ve been going to our Little Farm for years and I love it!

However, lately I’ve been a bit concerned about the condition of the chicken coop as it’s not in a very good state. The pigeons get in and eat the food, drink the water and make a big mess.

I’ve decided to raise enough money to build a new chicken coop.

I started last Friday by having a toy and home bake stall. We raised $286 on the 21 August and $308.20 on the 28 August, nearly tripling my target of $100. A very big thanks to all the parents and kids that baked and donated things and helped on the stall to make it such a big success. Thanks also to everyone that came and shopped at our stall.

We will have another stall on Friday 18 September after school, so if you would like to bake or donate a few books/toys, please contact my mum Karen. 0412 004 644.

We are still in the early stages of planning the coop but hope to have all the funds raised by the end of this term.

THERE WILL BE A FREE DRESS DAY FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION, LAST DAY OF TERM! Friday 18 September. (NO THEME, JUST COMFORTABLE AND SUN SAFE CLOTHES).

Please don’t forget you are welcome to feed the chickens, scraps that are safe for chickens.

Thanks for your support! Elise R.

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Assembly Awards—Term 3 Week 7

Congratulations to the following Students for receiving General Classroom Awards:
Prep N–Jet, Baxter and Quinn 3/4F–Amelia and Nate
Prep W–Allegra 5/6W–Jasper and Nehal
Prep 1/T–Kate and Jameel Congratulations to Ryan in 5/6W for receiving the Social Skills award for Week 7.
2C–Sierra and Luca