NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place. George Bernard Shaw.

Social Skills— This week’s lesson “Everyone’s A Winner” will be presented by 2C with Mr Garth Coyle which fits into our school rule Be A Learner. Assembly Friday 9.00am in hall.

Wear Your Pyjamas To School Day— A very special thank you to all the students who donated to our appeal on Friday 4 September. Our Year 5 and 6 Students in the Community and Charity Group organised the day to support our local charities who support homeless and disadvantaged people in our community. Thank you to Frankie and Justine (Project Leaders) and Ciel for organising this event.

ICAS Principal Awards— Over the past couple of weeks students who participated in the ICAS competitions have been receiving their certificates. At Friday’s assembly I was pleased to present two Principals Awards. These were presented to Hudson and Jaye for outstanding achievement. Well done to all students who participated and tried their best.

Canberra Trip for Year 6 Students— Thank you to Mrs Jenny O’Neill, Mr Kent Rainbow and Mr Steve Conde for organising and preparing the students for their trip. Students will be away from school Tuesday 8– Friday 11 September. Some of the attractions students will visit will be: Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, Parliament House, National Library of Australia, National Gallery of Australia, Royal Australian Mint, Australian War Memorial, Mount Ainslie Lookout and the National Museum of Australia. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable trip.

Teacher Aide Day— Thank you to our wonderful team of teacher aides who are an integral part of our teaching team. They work closely with our teachers and their classes to implement many literacy and numeracy programs. Thank you to Mrs. Rachel Fletcher for organising their morning tea celebrations. Thank you also to Mrs. Chirico for assisting with the celebrations.

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.

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.

Life Education Van— We had 193 students attend the Life Education talks over the three day the educators were here at New Farm. Comments from the students were extremely positive and informative. Thank you again to Mrs. O’Neill for organising the sessions.

Great Book Swap— Thank you to Mrs Hoelzl and Mrs Sarah Ridout for coordinating this event with funds being donated to the Indigenous Literacy Fund.
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.

BPPoint Payments - We're still cleaning up some unpaid student accounts.

Most of the student activities and excursions for the year have been invoiced. Statements have been sent home so please pay before the end of Term 3.

Payment can be made: PREFERRED METHOD - BPPOINT (FOR PAYMENT OF ONE ACTIVITY ONLY — ANY AMOUNT) — SEE BELOW

Direct Debit to School Account - BSB 064119 ACCOUNT 00090283. New Farm State School General A/c (ensure “REFERENCE” includes FAMILY NAME AND ACTIVITY).

Via EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque. Invoices due for payment before the end of the term include class swimming, Gala Day (Invoices will be sent home today).

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 week of Term 4 after classes have been formed.

Term 4 Class Swimming - Beginning Term 4 week 2, PE will be class swimming in our school pool with Mr Rainbow. Notes will be sent home this week outlining the costs. Permission slips must be returned before students are able to commence their lessons. Cost is $20 per student or $40 per family.

Families are encouraged to check the fit and suitableness of their children’s togs, swim shirt, swimming cap and goggles (if required) to ensure these items do not cause issue when lessons start.

Children will have difficulty swimming in loose or deteriorating swim shirts and caps, so a close fitting swim shirt is advised. As well, a helpful lesson at home would be to practice putting long hair into caps plus checking and putting on googles (if used). We are still finalising the schedule of when classes will swim. This will be advised in week 1 of Term 4.

Please return your signed permission and payment to the office by Tuesday 15 September.

Student Intentions 2016

Each year we need to predict our class allocations for the following year. We appreciate families letting us know of their intentions for the 2016 school year. If you do know that your children will not be attending New Farm State School in 2016 could you please let the office know as soon as possible. Therefore it is essential parents make their intentions known in writing to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. What a great week of banking. 100 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. Only 1 Week of banking left to enter. Drawn 18th September, last assembly. Students 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.

Swimming—BigFish LittleFish
SWIMMING BOOKINGS
Get your child ready for the summer swimming season Bigfish Littlefish is now open for phone bookings.
Can your child swim? Do they need correction?
We teach all level and abilities lessons run Monday - Friday from 3pm and Saturday mornings from 9 am
Students are placed in classes that suit their skill set. We teach and strengthen basic water skills and students are encourage to reach full potential.
If you have any queries or would like to make a booking please call Jo - 0414 486 767

Parenting Ideas— This week’s article is attached to the email. “It's time for dads to Speak Up”.

Handball Festival-The Handball Festival is back! First held in 2013, the Festival draws on the Great Australian Game to bring everyone together for a morning of spirited play. This year the Handball Festival has been given the theme “Bouncing Back” to bring the important messages of Mental Health Week to the community. Sunday 11 October, Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm.

NFSS—Chicken Coop
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).

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.

Thanks for your support! Elise R.

World Famous Lemon Curd— Gillian Penrose is making her famous Lemon Curd. If you would like to place an order prior to the Stall Friday 18 September, please email Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644) as soon as possible.

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 - 11th September
Tuckshop - Jamilah, Alison Menzies & Gabriela Giampietro
Counter - Lyn Zollo
Baking - Susie Levy, Dimity Williams, Nancy Cowell, Alison Menzies, Skye McKay & Fiona Caniglia
Thank you,
Terri-Anne & Jin
Everyone's A Winner

Focus:
Students focus on their own personal best achievements and are encouraging of everyone ‘having a go’.

Looks Like
- Students participating in an activity.
- Students having a go whether they are good at the activity or not.
- (We all start as a beginner.)
- Students being positive towards other students who are trying their hardest.

Sounds Like
- Students using positive language to praise their own efforts
- Students using positive language to praise others efforts ("Way to go", “I did really well”)

Feels Like
- Being proud of yourself for having a go

Assembly Awards—Term 3 Week 8
Congratulations to the following Students
Prep N– Eva and Aneleise 3/4F– Xavier
Prep W– Maia 4/5J– Clea, Ted and Taly
Prep1/T– Emerson and Nahla 5D– Alexis and Finn
1G– Ella-Maree 5/6W John
5/6W—Congratulations, Bronte received the NFSS Social Skills award.

Community Education Program Update
As this term draws to a close, it’s time to think about re-booking or deciding on new activities for term 4! Classes will begin in week 2 of the school term, and most will run for 8 weeks. Check the brochure for specific start dates, class times and course length.

The Term 4 CEP brochure is available from the office and will be circulated through school distribution and neighbourhood letterbox drop. Alternatively, email the coordinator for an electronic copy, on nfsscommunityed@live.com.au

What’s on offer for kids?
We’ve got the Arts covered, with ‘Art with Meredith’ classes on Mondays, Creative Dance on Tuesdays, and Drama on Fridays. Please check age restrictions/divisions and ensure you apply for the appropriate session.

There are active pursuits like Judo-Mondays, Gymnastics-Wednesdays, and a brand new Martial Arts Program centred on Karate-Fridays. Chess and Language (French, Mandarin) classes will continue in term 4 as well.

What’s on offer for adults?
Get your groove on in Zumba-style Aerobics, or strengthen your body with morning/evening Pilates classes. Sing or strum a tune in Choir or Ukulele, or upgrade your existing skills in Excel or Sewing.

Try your hand at the game of Mahjong or cooking traditional Italian Gnocchi, or broaden your linguistic horizons with a course in French, Italian, or Japanese.

For all ages:
Private music lessons (Guitar, Instrumental, Piano, Vocal) continue to be very popular! Please enquire via email for lesson time availability. A wait list is in place for those who cannot take up one of the lesson times currently on offer.

♫ NFSS-CEP welcomes 2 new Music Tutors in Term 4!

This will expand our timetable and allow for the provision of additional private music lessons in Singing and Piano.

♪ Wednesday Vocal Tutor: Daniel Lloyd is a Qld registered teacher since 2006 (Bachelor of Music, majoring in voice) and is completing a Masters degree in Vocal Pedagogy at the Queensland Conservatorium. Dan loves performing with various bands around Brisbane, and strives to bring out his students’ full potential. Daniel works on all areas of vocal development for all ages, inclusive of style, technique, repertoire and preparation for auditions. He has experience working with individuals, small groups and choirs.

♪ Friday Piano Tutor: Leana Critchell majors in jazz piano at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, and has undertaken extensive studies in formal classical training, and is thus confident and well-versed teaching in either genre. Since 2009, Leana has privately tutored Piano. Her knowledge of both classical and jazz history, harmony, theory and performance techniques, allows her to cater for the diverse interests of young music students. Leana’s philosophy of teaching is to provide students of any age, a safe and professional environment where their musical aspirations can be explored and achieved.

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