Monday
14 September, 2015

**From the Principal’s Desk…..**

Your goal should be just out of reach, but not out of sight. Denis Waitley and Remi Witt.

**Staff Changes**— As we finish this term we say farewell to Ms. Frankie Jaiyeola 4/5J as she begins her maternity leave. We wish Frankie and her husband Tom all the best for the future. Ms Danielle Schneider will be working with 4/5J for the remainder of the year. We welcome Danielle to our New Farm school and community.

We are also saying farewell to our School Officer Mr. Greg Walls. We would like to thank Greg for his efforts during his time here at New Farm.

**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.

**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

**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 Karen 0412 004 644

**ICAS Principal Awards**— At last week’s assembly three students were given the Principal’s Award for Excellent Improvement and Achievement 2015 for Naplan results. Congratulations to Harrison 5D, Gibson 5D and Tabitha 5D. Well done!

**Canberra Trip for Year 6 Students**— Thank you to Mrs. Jenny O’Neill, Mr. Kent Rainbow and Mr. Steve Conde for accompanying the student’s on their trip. By all reports a great time was enjoyed by all. We look forward to publishing their photos in the next edition of the newsletter. Please see the back page of the newsletter for a review from some of the Year 6 students.

**Key Dates for Term 4 2015**—
Monday 12 October– Student Leadership information for Year 5 Students.
Friday 23 October - Nominations Close for Student Leadership for 2016.
Friday 13 November– End of year Disco 6-8pm.
Sunday 22 November– Instrumental Music Concert 2-4pm.
Tuesday 1 December– Christmas Concert 6.00-7.30pm.
December 3 and 4– Swim Carnival.
Tuesday 8 December- Graduation assembly. 9.30-11am
Thursday 10 December– Graduation Dinner 6-8pm.

**Gala Day Cricket Training**— Wednesday 16 and Friday 18 September at 8am at the school oval. For those students playing in the Gala Days in Term 4. Please meet Mr. Wilson at the oval.
Term 4 Class Swimming - 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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - Return your stickers asap. The program has now finished for this year so please return your stickers and/or sticker sheets to the school asap. A big thanks to everyone who supported our school, we will be able to get new educational equipment for our school.

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 students enrolled in Prep for 2016. These playdates will give our new Prep children a chance to meet each other and become more comfortable in our school.

Dates: Monday, 12 October, 2015 (at the hall), Wednesday, 28 October, 2015 (at the school Farm), Tuesday, 10 November, 2015 (in the Prep N classroom). Friday, 27 November, 2015 (at the school Farm). Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Please bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, a water bottle and a picnic Morning Tea. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Keehan on 0414 486 767.

Shine 2015 - A huge thank you to all Shine performers for being brave enough to go on stage in front of their peers, parents and teachers. It is not an easy thing to do and every student gave the audience a gift with their performance. Thank you Shine judges Ms Diana Fuller (Community Member), Ms Richards, Ms Guest, Mr Rafter, Mrs O’Neil, Mrs Turner and Mrs Chen. Congratulations to our winners April and Stephanie with their performance of “Somebody Like You”. Which they will perform at assembly Friday 18 September. Our runners up were Lottie and Mia who performed beautifully at our assembly last Friday.

A special thank you to Mrs Marina Thacker our Music teacher for mentoring and encouraging our performers. Thank you to our wonderful helpers-Shine MCs Justine, Piper, Frankie & Aadi. Shine Tech Crew Aaron & Giel. Shine Bouncers Blake, Angus, Miika. Shine photographer Connor.

Thank you to all participants who were involved. They will receive their certificates on assembly Friday 18 September.

WORKSHOP FOR PARENT HELPERS - We are holding another workshop for parent helpers who intend to assist in school swimming in Prep - Year1. We ask that all volunteers have completed this training. Helen from RLSS will take participants through recognition and cues to give beginner swimmers in basic swimming strokes and examples of rescue techniques, including how to perform rescues using flotation aids so they can feel confident in helping teach them alongside a coach.

Date: Wednesday, 7th October 2015
Time: 8:30am to 10:00am
Venue: New Farm State School Pool
Please contact the office if you are interested in participating.
A pair of Togs and Towel are required.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

WEDNESDAY MENU CHANGE FOR TERM 4
We will be having wraps on Wednesdays in term 4. There will be chicken, ham or cheese and salad wraps available. Please check Flexischools for the menu.

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.

IMPORTANCE 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 – 18th September
Tuckshop - Jamilah, Eleonora Gianardi & Gabriela Giampietro
Counter - Majella Lyons
Baking - Cath Byrne, Mehera Milne, Michelle DeBock, Sarah Millar, Jocelyn & Gillian Penrose
Thank you, Terri-Anne & Jin

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Assembly Awards—Term 3 Week 9
Congratulations to the following Students
Prep N– Marleina, Orlando, Liam  3/4F– Evie, Masalgi, Caden
Prep W– Maxwell   2F– Marley
Prep1/T– Emerson and Nahla  5/6W– George,
1FW– Rebecca, Olivia
5/6W—Congratulations, Raihan 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.

Newsflash: Despite the brochure saying only wait list spots are available… Art with Meredith has a few openings this term!
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.
For all enquiries, email: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au

Canberra 2015—Canberra was a wonderful experience everyone should have. This excursion not only taught us about Australian history but also about getting along with people you don’t usually associate with. My favourite part was new Parliament House. I liked Parliament house because we were allowed to see all things to do with governing Australia. We even saw Tony Abbott live in The House of Representatives and met Bronwyn Bishop. Canberra was a very educational and fun experience. By Vaishlan 6C.

Last week, Year 6 went to Canberra. It was really fun and educational. My favourite place there was the National Gallery of Australia. At the NGA we did a tour that explored the Gallery and pointed out some of the most symbolic artworks. My personal favourite was a work depicting racism in Australia. At the end of the tour we viewed the world renowned series of paintings by Sidney Nolan, the Ned Kelly series, so all in all, the Canberra trip was pretty amazing. By Stephanie 6C

Canberra has to be one of the best experiences I’ve ever had. It had everything; a giant slide, a robotic coin machine at the mint, a place to build and use robots in a game. Everything was there! The food was exceptional there too! Especially breakfast. To sum it all up, I have only one word to say: Amazing! By Rio 6C