Monday 12 October, 2015

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From the Principal's Desk.....

**Nobody can go back and start a new beginning but anyone can start today and make a new ending.** Maria Robinson

**Social Skills**—This week's assembly will be conducted by Mrs Ek Navarro and Mrs Jane O'Hara's Prep N class. This week's Social Skill lesson is “My Turn, Your Turn” from our school rule of Be Respectful.

**Welcome to NFSS**—We would like to welcome to our New Farm Community our new Schools Officer for this term Mr Nick Holloway. We thank Nick for jumping straight into the role however, please be patient while he takes a bit of time to get to know the school routine.

**Pupil Free Day**—Staff will be participating in professional development and training on Monday 19 October. Normal classes will resume on Tuesday 20 October. Jabiru is open on the pupil free day. Please phone Miss Chu at Jabiru on 3254 1210 to make a booking.

**Assembly changes due to Gala days**—For the next two weeks our assemblies will be on Thursdays as some of our staff and students are attending Gala days off campus. Thursday 15 and 22 October are the new dates. Assembly is in our hall at 9—9.30am.

**Gala Day**—Week 2, Friday 16 October. By all reports students enjoyed some wonderful success at their first Gala day. It's always great to see students displaying great sportsmanship. Students will leave for their venues at 8.30am. Please bring enough water and food to sustain you over the day. Remember your school hat and sunscreen. Touch football and Cricket venue is at Shaw Rd, Wooloowin. Please notify the office by 8am if your child is absent for any of the Gala days. Absentee line 3358 7333.

**Gala days**—Cricket Training, Wednesday 14 October on the school oval at 8am with Mr Wilson.

**Electronic Roll marking**—We have been extremely pleased with how the process in being rolled out within the classrooms. To assist staff with this process we ask parents to ensure students are on time to school. If you are late, a late slip needs to be obtained from the office. Any movements during the school day need to be recorded through the office. Student absences are to be phoned through before 8.30am as staff need to notify teachers prior to marking their rolls. Absentee line 3358 7333 or admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

**Late arrivals**—Parents please remember to accompany your child to the office to sign them in. A late slip will be issued prior to your child proceeding to their classroom. Administrative staff will require a reason to be entered for your lateness. Our first bell rings at 8.45am. Please ensure your child makes their way to class immediately.

**Absentee Line**—Please phone 3358 7333 before 8.30am. Please remember to give a reason for your child's absence when phoning. Whether this be illness, holidays, appointments or sporting commitments. We need to record the correct reason for our records.

**P&C Meeting**—Wednesday 14 October at 7.30pm in our school library, all welcome.

**No Hat No Play**—We have observed a large number of children in the playground without hats. As the weather becomes hotter it is imperative that students wear their hats. Children are not permitted to play without their hats.

**Gonski Free Family Fun Day**—Sunday 25 October. 10 am—2pm, Wilston State School, 11 Primrose Street, Grange. Come along to show you support for a fairer education funding for our kids.
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/](http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/)

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: 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 Keenan on 0414 486 767.

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. By email to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Shine 2015– Congratulations to all our participants.
Thank you to all our wonderful acts over Term 3. Our finalists received their ribbons and trophies at our final assembly of Term 3.

Year 2 Excursion -Friday 9 October
Exploring our Local Area
On Friday 9 October 2015, Year 2 students, accompanied by 5 teaching staff and 20 parents tread through parts of New Farm, exploring some of its interesting past, and observing the changes today.

They visited the Wool Stores, the sites of the WW2 Submarine base and the Australian Naval Base, tram terminus, Arbour Walk, CSR site, Powerhouse and New Farm Park before returning to school.

No doubt there were many weary walkers early to bed on Friday night!

Many thanks to Mrs Olley and John for coordinating our visit to the wool store, and to Mr Fitzgerald for sharing his knowledge of powerhouse workings.

Special thanks to our stalwart parents who were able to accompany us on this journey.
We will be having wraps on Wednesdays this term. 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.

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 - 16th October
Tuckshop - Jamilah, Gabriela & Eleonora
Counter - Michelle Lovelle
Baking - Jocelyn Parry, Dimity Williams, Sarah Millar, Sue Fuller & Iris Stacey
Thank you,
Terri-Anne & Jin
Respect Yourself       Respect Others         Respect

My Turn, Your Turn

Focus:
Students need to remember that everyone has something to add to a game or activity. When we hear ideas for others we may not always agree but we can always learn another way or another point of view.

Looks Like
- Students cooperating
- Waiting patiently
- Orderly

Sounds Like
- People agreeing
- Negotiating

Feels Like
- Being listened to
- Content (happy with the outcome)

MOTOR CO-ORDINATION #1 by Sandy Chambers (NFSS Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy)

Does your child lack co-ordination skills, struggle to button his/her coat or zip his/her jeans, is not good at catching a ball, cutting with scissors, printing or tracing along a line? Is your child experiencing difficulty with writing tasks in the classroom e.g. is their handwriting too big, do they find it hard to write in the lines or are their letters formed incorrectly or are very untidy?

Children who have difficulty with these tasks often require extra attention to aid the development of fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination.

Over the next few weeks, I will be listing a range of activities that you can do at home with your child to aid in the development of hand strength and manipulation skills. The majority of activities will also aid in the development of hand-eye co-ordination.

Definitions
Hand–eye co-ordination is the working together of the eyes and the hands in the manner intended.
Fine-motor co-ordination is the development of hand muscle control and hand dexterity.

FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES
- General activities to develop fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination

1. Moulding clay or plastinc into a ball, snake or various shapes. Coil pots.
2. Punching holes with a paper punch – random or set design.
3. Screwing and unscrewing nuts and bolts.
5. Using locks and keys.
6. Threading or stringing beads, macaroni etc.
7. Playing marbles.
8. Playing with Lego or mechano sets.
11. Making paper planes or boats – origami.
12. Cooking – making pastry with hands and rolling it out.
13. Mixing packaged cake mixes with a spoon.
15. Finger painting – (flour, water, salt, colouring)
16. Opening and closing safety pins
17. Passing the bean bag from hand to hand or from person to person as quickly as possible.
18. Hitting balloons and keeping them in the air.
19. Ping pong balls – rolling, hitting, blowing from one end of the table to another.
20. Tying and untieing knots, bows, laces
21. Weaving and lacing activities, plaiting
23. Dealing out cards, build a house of cards, shuffle cards.
24. Using a stapler.
25. Making and flying kites.
27. Pushing toy cars along chalk or taped roads.
28. Making or copying patterns in a tray of sand, hand cream, dirt, petroleum jelly, shaving cream.
29. Collage – paper pieces, egg shells, buttons, bark etc.
30. Making pipe cleaner and straw animals
31. Cooking and cleaning jobs around the home – washing and wiping dishes, setting the table, dusting/vacuuming, washing and peeling potatoes, shelling peas, icing and decorating small cakes.