



NEWSLETTER

Monday
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NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

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

From the Principal's Desk.....

The task of the modern educator is to not cut down jungles but to irrigate deserts. C.S Lewis.

Diary Dates	Term 4 2015
Wed 28 Oct	Prep Open Day 9-10.30am
Wed 28 Oct	Comm Bank open an account morning
Fri 30 Oct	World Teachers Day
Fri 30 Oct	Day for Daniel Walk. Gold coin donation.
Tues 10 Nov	Pre-Prep Play group 9.30-11am
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Thurs 12 Nov	Arts Room Opening Morning Tea
Fri 13 Nov	School Disco 6-8pm
Sat 21 Nov	NFSS Trivia Night
Sun 22 Nov	Instrumental Music Concert 2-4pm
Fri 27 Nov	Pre-Prep Playgroup 9.30-11am
Tues 1 Dec	Christmas Concert 6-7.30pm

Social Skills– This week's assembly will be conducted by Mrs. Julie Turner's Prep 1/T class. This week's Social Skill lesson is "Look After Yourself" from our school rule of Be Safe.

Assembly—Friday 30 October. Our weekly assemblies will resume on Fridays for the rest of the term.. In the hall at 9.00am.

Prep Open Morning– Wednesday 28 October. 9.00am-10.30am. Prep teachers will meet parents and children outside the School Hall and students will be escorted to the Prep area. Children will be involved in a range of activities and getting-to-know-you games. Parents will enjoy a presentation which will include– An overview of the Prep year, the Year 3 Choir, P&C presentation, student banking, tuckshop, uniforms, swimming club and lessons. The Jabiru Outside School Hours School Care program will also provide information to parents. Your child will need to bring a hat, a piece of fruit and a water bottle.

Gala Day– A special thank you to Mr Wilson, Mr Rainbow and Mrs Fletcher for accompanying and coaching our Cricket and Touch Football teams over the last few weeks. All students involved displayed great sportsmanship and represented our school in an impressive way.

Student Leadership Positions– Today Year 5 students who have nominated for a leadership position will present a brief speech to staff and other students before the voting process.

Electronic Roll marking– Please notify Administrative staff each day your child is absent from school. Please do not email your class teacher exclusively as these notices need to be accessed by our administrative staff. Please continue to accompany your child to the office to be issued with a late slip if needed. Our first bell rings at 8.45am. 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

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. Administrative staff will be phoning parents who have a child unexplained or no reason is given when leaving a message on our absentee line.

Swimming Days– The timetable for swimming days is as follows– Monday classes are 4/5J, 4R, 5D, 5/6W, 6C and 3/4F.

Wednesday classes are 1FW, 1G, 2F, 2C, 2/3M, 3RJ, Prep W, Prep N, Prep1/T.

Please ensure your child has a bathing cap. This is compulsory for boys and girls. Girls with long hair should have their hair tied up prior to arriving at school. All items of clothing should be labelled. We've had some children misplace items of clothing and finding the correct owner is extremely difficult without a name or class. Make sure your child knows which swimming bag is theirs. Children with sensitive eyes may require goggles to swim. Thank you for your assistance in having children well prepared for their lessons.

Day For Daniel– Friday 30 October. Today you will receive a permission note for your child to participate in the walk around the perimeter of the school following assembly. A gold coin donation will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Parent are welcome to join in the walk.

World Teachers Day– Friday 30 October. It is a day in which students, parents and members of the public can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. The Story Bridge will light up in green purple and aqua on Thursday 29 October in appreciation. Thank you to the Brisbane City Council for allowing the bridge to light up for teachers.

Banking this Friday 30 October. Outside the Library. Comm Bank will be at NFSS Wednesday 28 October for new accounts.

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Student Intentions 2016- Each family would have received a letter of intention for your child for 2016. Please return this letter to the office as a matter of urgency. 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

Christmas Card Design Competition– The Federal Member for Brisbane, The Hon Teresa Gambaro MP has announced the annual Christmas Card Design Competition. Year 1-Year 3 students are invited to participate. Prep students may enter in the Year 1 category if they wish. This year's theme is "A very Brisbane Christmas".

Entry forms can be collected from the office and must be returned to the office by Friday 6 November.

Uniform Shop– Our School Uniform Shop is now open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8am-9.30am till the end of the year.

Oval Reopened– Our school was successful in receiving a Brisbane City Council grant for rejuvenating our school oval. We intentionally waited until after our fete to commence the works. Over the September holidays, our landscaper commenced the first of several treatments to fertilise and aerate our school oval. They also replaced our sprinkler system and pruned our trees so that we could get light to as much of our oval as possible without losing too much of our natural shade.



The oval opened last Tuesday to very excited students. It was so nice to see children lying in the grass under the shade of a tree and many other students back to doing what they enjoy so much – playing soccer!

NFSS Trivia Night-Saturday 21 November. 7.30pm

Attached to today's newsletter are the details of the events. Book you tables now!

Congratulations to our Year 4 Mini-Writers, Holly, Alexandra, Coco and Ivi, who received a copy of the *Theme Park Adventures* at assembly. This booklet is a compilation of the Mini-Writers' creative writing pieces and illustrations from their workshops with award winning author Julie Fison, last term. There will be a copy of the *Theme Park Adventures* kept in the library for the rest of us to enjoy.



Also, we would like to congratulate Nehal (Year 6) and Jaye (Year 4) who participated in the Term 2 lunchtime writers' club and submitted their stories in the Write 4 Fun competition. Their hard work to improve their writing paid off, and their stories were selected to be published in *The Write Track*. A copy of this book is also in the library.



Keep our School Tidy -Our Schools Officer has been doing a lot of general tidying up and noticed that the area beneath the Pool Grandstand was full of rubbish. This is a reminder that no food or drink is to be consumed in the Pool area during or after school hours. If rubbish was to go into the Pool itself, it would clog up our filtration system and not only cause disruption to the school swimming timetable but it would be very expensive to fix as well. Please remind your children of this. We should be proud of our school and keep it clean.

Little Farm Garden News- Parents needed! We are looking for parents to help out with watering the school garden this term. Ideally three people would be perfect, one on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, but this is flexible, and whatever works for you. Even a weekend gardener is fine! Please email Annalisa2010@live.com.au or text/call 0405006305.

Thursday Gardening - Student Gardening happens every Thursday afternoon and we need help with supervising. Parents can come along to the garden and help guide children in learning about gardening care, exploring new outdoor space and nurture a love of gardening. Every Thursday 1:30pm. To give Mrs Masler a hand. Text/call Annalisa with questions 0405006305 or Annalisa2010@live.com.au thanks!

Chickens at the Little Farm need care!-We are putting together a new roster this term for chicken care. We need 7 carers, one each day of the week, to make sure they have food and clean water. Even if you have no clue about chickens, it's easy to learn. This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child/ren to imagine what it's like to live on a farm. BONUS! Collect fresh eggs to take home! Please contact Annalisa2010@live.com.au or text/call 0405006305.

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Congratulations we had 88 deposits last week. Remember to make one deposit and no withdrawals to earn your bonus interest. Please keep tokens in your bank books so we can check on prizes. Comm Bank will be at NFSS on Wednesday 28 October (Prep Open Morning) to open new accounts. Please remember to collect your prizes the following week.

Thank you to our wonderful helpers Kim, Jenny, Nadine, Teniell, Wendy and Rachel.

Contact
-Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours **Tuesday and Wednesday.**
8am-9.30am.

Chicken Coop— Plans are well underway so hopefully we can share the progress with you all shortly. Thanks again for your wonderful support.

Vacancy- School Crossing Supervisor.

New Farm State School has a supervised school crossing on James Street. There are selected shifts over a fortnight which are vacant. Any interested persons may contact Elena at the school office on 3358 7333 or the Road Safety Office on 3863 9873.

General Classroom Awards— Term 4 week 3. Congratulations to all our award recipients.

2C— Trigg and Pepper

4/5J—Alexandra, Dane, Isla, Clea and Ivi

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AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming Club has resumed again for Term 4 2015 and we now have a record number of children registered with 107 children swimming on a weekly basis. The water is a great temperature and everyone is enjoying being back in the pool.

Weekly Awards are presented for the following

Swimmer of the week is awarded each week to the swimmer who gains the most points for improvement across all events for the week.

Most Improved Swimmer is awarded each week to the swimmer who makes the biggest time improvement in any one event.

These awards have been kindly sponsored by **Little Ducks Childcare** who are due to open a new childcare centre in January in McLachlan St Fortitude Valley.



Little Ducks
Childcare

Congratulations to the following award winners:

12th October – Swimmer of the Week : Felix. Most Improved : Elyse

19th October : Swimmer of the Week : Elise. Most Improved : Charlotte

Swimming Club Trophy and Pizza Night will be held on Monday 7 December 5.30pm

Please email nfss.swimclub@hotmail.com or phone Kara on 0408017696 for more information.

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 - 30th October

Tuckshop - Jamilah, Gabriela & Adam Gray

Counter - Lyn Zollo

Baking - Nancy Cowell, Dimity Williams, Kirsten Medland, Carla Ranson, Brinn Martin & Marie Warren

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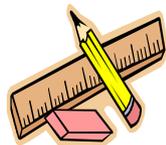
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Respect Others



Respect

Social Skills

Look After Yourself

Focus:

When you are working on goals and challenges it is important to look after yourself with rest and relaxation and to celebrate your efforts and successes. Think of rewards such as a movie night or a family day out.

Looks Like :

- Students are healthy, well rested and relaxed.
- Students smiling.

Sounds Like:

- *"I've done really well with that challenge."*
- Encouraging words from and to others.

Feels Like :

- Valuing yourself.
- Achieving goals is worth celebrating.

1:2:1 Numeracy Program-The Year One students, who participated in the 1:2:1 Numeracy Program, received their certificates from their Maths Mentors last week. The 1:2:1 Numeracy program has been designed to support children build their confidence with numeracy and improve their basic mathematical skills by working one-to-one with a maths mentor. The children have really enjoy the program and were very sad to say goodbye to their mentors from PricewaterhouseCoopers.



MOTOR CO-ORDINATION #3 By Sandy Chambers (NFSS Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy)

Does your child have difficulty forming letters? Do they take a long time to complete their written work?

Try these wrist, hand and finger exercises to improve their finger strength and co-ordination. Practise them for 5 minutes a day - in the car, before bed, before they do their homework.

Teaching Techniques

When applicable, the activities should be carried out:

- using the right hand repeatedly
- using the left hand repeatedly
- using both hands alternatively
- using both hands simultaneously.

WRIST, HAND AND FINGER EXERCISES

1. With forearm stabilised on a bench or a table, child moves hand up and down freely over the edge of the table – like a paint brush moving with vertical strokes.
2. Rotate the hand in a circular motion to the left and then to the right.
3. Move wrist to screw and unscrew a lid.
4. Make a fist and open it (both hands) 10 times out front, 10 times above the head, 10 times to the side.
5. Bring tips of thumb and all fingers together. Right hand, left hand, both hands, eyes closed.
6. Squeeze a small rubber ball to a rhythmic beat. Use a squash ball and nerf ball as well.
7. Clay ball rolling – 2 hands, 1 hand, finger and thumb.
8. Place palm on table and tap each finger individually on the table.
9. String puzzles – string placed around fingers: complete puzzles between fingers.
10. Finger Plays and Action Rhymes – Where is the Church? Incy Wincy Spider, Where is Thumbkin?
11. Graph paper and sharp pencil – make holes in graph paper with a sharp pencil in every square or designated pattern or shape.
12. Bolts, nuts or wing nuts – Screw 10 nuts onto bolts as quickly as possible.



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