Monday 02 November, 2015

From the Principal’s Desk…..

First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.

Epictetus.

Social Skills— This week’s assembly will be conducted by Ms Michelle Guest’s 1G class. This week’s Social Skill lesson is “Positive Image, Positive Feeling”, from our school rule of Be Responsible.

House Captains for 2016— At last week’s assembly we were delighted to announce our House Captains for 2016. We heard some wonderful and inspirational speeches. Thank you to all of our students who made an application to be leaders. Its wonderful to see so many students enthusiastic about their school and willing to take on the responsibility of leaders. Congratulation to our leaders we wish you all the best in your role for next year.

Teneriffe- Ryan and Erin, Binkinba – Lauren and Harrison, Merthy – Jack and Lorenzo.

Metro North MILO T20 Blast School Cup Regional Final— We were very pleased with the success of our girls’ cricket team during the recent Gala day competition. Our team has won the opportunity to attend the Met North MILO T20 Final. This was scheduled for Friday 30 October at Grant Road, Caboolture Cricket Club. Unfortunately due to bad weather this was postponed to this Friday 6 November. Students must bring their own food and water for the day. Mr Rainbow and Mr Wilson will be accompanying the students. The winning team from the Blast School Cup competition will be invited to the State Final. Students will need to be at school by 7.45am for a prompt departure, arriving back at New Farm by approximately 3.15pm.

Day For Daniel— Thank you to all students and teacher for supporting our walk on Friday 30 October. We appreciate your kind donations to the foundation. Thank you to Ms Brooke Jewell for organising this special day.

Tuckshop Volunteers Day—Friday 6 November. We wish to thank the wonderful volunteers we have helping our tuckshop conveners each week at our school tuckshop. The children certainly enjoy the wonderful food prepared for them each week. Please take the time to say thank you to our dedicated helpers.

Martha’s Retirement— Thank you to staff and friends who joined us last week to celebrate Martha’s contribution to our school community over the 25 years she worked at New Farm State School. Martha has worked in many and various roles during her years and has been much loved by students, staff and families. Thank you the Rachel Fletcher for organising the event which was just lovely.

Responsible Behaviour Plan Review— Thank you to the families who have already returned their responses. If you wish to contribute to the review please return your forms as a matter of urgency.

Banking this Friday 6 November. Outside the Library. From 8.30am
**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.

**NFSS Trivia Night-Saturday 21 November. 7.30pm**

Attached to today’s newsletter are the details of the events. Book your tables now!

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**World Teachers Day** – It seems to me that the pressures upon teachers in this age are enormous. Whilst previously teachers were required to teach our children to read and write, more often than not, teachers are now required to do far more than that for our children.

A teacher, as well as navigating a constantly changing curriculum, must also often be a social skills teacher, a behavioural psychologist, an occupational therapist, a counselor and a guidance officer. For six hours a day, a teacher must guide, educate, encourage, discipline and organize up to thirty children all with varying learning needs, temperaments and personalities. The demands upon a teacher are significant, yet too little recognised in a society that tends to value celebrities and sportspeople as its heroes.

Yet to our children, you are a significant part of their daily world. Who doesn’t hold a memory from their childhood of the teacher who went the extra mile, who believed in them and encouraged them to do great things? A great teacher is one who inspires and sees the best in a student and goes about unlocking the puzzle of how to bring that into the light. A good teacher is one who sees beyond our children’s weaknesses and remembers their strengths. A good teacher inspires a love of learning, a legacy which may very well stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Personally I can say that both of my children have been blessed to find such teachers at this school; teachers who have left an indelible impact upon their desire for knowledge and their confidence in themselves as a learner. You will be remembered by not only my children, but myself as a parent, for many years to come.

And so today we celebrate you, we thank you for all that you do, for going the extra mile, and for all the unseen hours of dedication and caring that you bring to this role. It is very much appreciated.

Leisa Stathis
P and C

**Around the Classrooms** - In geography 1FW are learning to care about places and how to help our planet. They are also learning to do procedures. As part of the process they have to prepare a speech and choose to make a food to share with the class. Written by Brittany and Jasper 5/6W.

In 3/4F have entered the realm of Harry Potter. The students are engaged with a wide range of activities e.g. Reading, spelling, grammar. They have been competing for the house cup. Each week when a group wins they get a prize and another sticker to put on the board. Written by Brittany and Jasper.

Prep W – the Preps are learning about forces and motion. They are using cars and ramps to test their hypothesis about the movement of the object. Billy is very fond of this experiment. He has learned many things especially about what happens with each force. Preps have been experimenting with big and small cars as to which one will go further. Written by George and Jib.

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**The Let’s Talk about Children initiative** will be showcased as a vehicle for supporting parents and children, within an implementation and research framework. If you have any questions please contact PACFA Research Chair, Dr John Meteyard: john.meteyard@acap.edu.au.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Congratulations we had 98 deposits last week. Please remember siblings of students at NFSS who are not yet at our school are welcome to bank with us. Just put the bank book with older sibling with an elastic band and write sibling on the younger one’s bank book.

Thank you to the Comm Bank team for participating in our Prep open day, with 20 new accounts being opened.

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

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

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening hours  Tuesday and Wednesday. 8am-9.30am.

NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Fun through swimming for primary school aged children

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. They are opening there new centre in January 2016 in McLachlan St Fortitude Valley. Please email lv@littleducks.com.au for more information.

Congratulations to the following award winners: 27 October – Swimmer of the Week : Luca. Most Improved : Kingsley

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

Want to help BREAK A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD? Be involved in a Guinness World Record attempt, in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

To qualify we need to have 503+ people doing sit-ups in one place, at one time.

Bring your family and friends for a great morning and to support a fantastic cause!

- Sat 7 November 2015 , 8:30am
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 60 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills
- FREE to participate and includes entry to the Utopia Wellness Festival with access to expo stalls, activities, give-aways and competitions!

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.

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Respect Yourself       Respect Others         Respect

Respect Skills
Positive Image Positive Feeling

Focus:

It is important that students develop a positive image which promotes a positive feeling about themselves and their school.

Looks Like
- Students doing the right thing
- Older students setting an example
- Encouraging others to show a positive image
- Being respectful to others in the community

Sounds Like
- Students being attentive during Assembly
- Students using manners (please, thank-you)

Feels Like
- Students feel proud to be part of our school
- Parents feel proud to be part of our school
- Teachers feel proud to be part of our school
- Our school is a welcoming place to be

MOTOR CO-ORDINATION #4 By Sandy Chambers (NFSS Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy)

Does your child find cutting with scissors difficult? Are they inaccurate on the lines and curves? Do they make many small snips or even tear the paper?

These cutting activities will help your child improve their fine motor and cutting skills.

**Cutting Activities**
- Opening and closing scissors in a single movement.
- Cutting along a line – short and thick.
- Cutting along a continuous straight line.
- Cutting around curves.
- Cutting to a line.
- Cutting out shapes, geometric forms, pictures.
- Cutting out magazine pictures and pasting them to make a collage.
- Make a jigsaw – Cutting, pasting on cardboard, fitting them together.
- Cutting different materials – firm paper, thin cardboard, material, straws.
- Cutting spirals.

**Bookfair 24 – 27 November 8.30 – 4pm**

This event is for 4 days only. New books for sale in the library. Prices from $4.

Just in time for Christmas. Excellent quality books under $10. Pay by cash, eftpos, credit cards or cheque. A wholesaler sources books from all over the world for this Bookfair. They are not the books offered by Scholastic Bookclub. So put the dates in your diary, start saving up those chores for the children to do for pocket money, or purchase and put away for Christmas presents. The school receives a very generous commission on all books sold, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Narelle Hoelzl
Teacher Librarian

**Thank you**

Have you volunteered your time in our school this year? We greatly appreciate your help and want to say thank you. Please come along to our volunteer thank you morning tea.

**When:** Thursday 19th November 2015 (week 7)
**Time:** 10:45am – 11:30am
**Where:** Outside of the library

**RSVP:** Monday 16th November (week 7) via email to Viv at the office admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

(Please write Volunteers Morning Tea in the Subject line when replying)

We look forward to seeing you there.