Monday
16 November, 2015

Diary Dates | Term 4 2015
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Thu 19 Nov | Volunteers Morning Tea
Fri 20 Nov | Prep Science Centre Excursion
Sat 21 Nov | NFSS Trivia Night 7.30pm
Sun 22 Nov | Instrumental Music Concert 2-4pm
Thurs 26 Nov | LOTE Cultural
24-27 Nov | Book Fair
Fri 27 Nov | Art & Music Room Opening 9.30-10.30
Fri 27 Nov | Pre-Prep Playgroup 9.30-11am
Tues 1 Dec | Christmas Concert 6pm-7.30pm
Thurs 3 Dec | Prep-Yr 3 Swim Carnival
Fri 4 Dec | Yr 4-6 Swim Carnival
Tues 8 Dec | Graduation assembly
Wed 9 Dec | Graduation Dinner ANFE 6-8.30 pm
Thurs 10 Dec | Final Assembly for the year.
Fri 11 Dec | Last Day of School finish 3pm

NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL
The School’s Vision
“Learn, Create, Grow”

Our plans miscarry because they have no aim. When a man does not know what harbour he is making for, no wind is the right wind. Seneca.

Social Skills— This week’s assembly will be conducted by our Prep classes. This week’s Social Skill lesson is “I Have the Power” from our school rule of Be A Learner.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner—Wednesday 9 December. 6pm - 8.30pm. ANFE Italian Club.10 Wyandra St Newstead. Grade 6 Students, Parents and Teachers all welcome.

School Disco— A special thank you to Kara Chudleigh, Rachel Hysen, Paul Jones and Jim Medland for their tireless efforts in preparing and organising the school disco. A fun night was had by all. Don’t forget all colouring competition entries are to be returned to the office by Friday 20 November.

Arts Centre Official Opening— Friday 27 November. 9.30am-10.30am(After Assembly ). We would like to extend a warm welcome to the school community to view our wonderful new facilities. Thank you to the P & C committee for hosting this event. If you wish to attend please RSVP to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au. Please use Arts Centre Official Opening in the subject line.

P & C Trivia Night— Saturday 21 November 7.30pm. Please book your tables now!

Final Assembly— Thursday 10 December. This will be our final assembly for the year. Our new House Captains and Project Captains will also be introduced to the school at this assembly.

Starting School 2016— Wednesday 27 January 2016. A new start date for the Queensland school year will see students return to classrooms Wednesday 27 January after the Australia Day Public Holiday.

Volunteers Morning Tea— Thursday 19 November. 10.45am-11.30am Please rsvp by Monday 16 November (week 7) via email to Viv at the office admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Pick up and drop off in Hawthorne Street— Thank you to all parents/carers for the level of cooperation in using our pick up areas. Please be mindful that the 2 minute parking areas should not be used between 2.50pm—3.20pm as this obstructs the flow of traffic in and out of the pick up areas. Students must remain behind the fenced areas until the pick up supervisor has called them to the car. Please do not call your children to the car as this is a very unsafe practice for all our students.

Traffic Speed— Please maintain a minimum speed of less than 10 kilometers per hour in the Hawthorne Street pick up areas for the safety of all students leaving our school using the footpaths. Thank you to everyone staggering your arrivals at this time for pick ups. It certainly helps the flow of traffic.

Change of Details— Please find attached to this week’s newsletter the change of details form. Please return this as a matter of urgency to the office as we are compiling information prior to our reporting period. We will again be emailing your children’s report card.

Swimming Carnival— Thursday 3 December- Prep to Year 3 and Friday 4 December Year 4- Year 6. Details of this event will follow in next week’s newsletter. Due to space at our pool all seats are allocated to students. Thanks to Mr Rainbow and the other instructors and staff for organising our carnival. Students are encouraged to wear house colours and be ready to cheer on their team mates!

Chicken Coop— Elise in 4R had an idea of fundraising for a new chicken coop earlier in the year. With some wonderful help from the New Farm school community this dream was realised over the weekend. There are still a few final details to complete, but please drop in to the Little Farm and visit the chickens in their wonderful new home. Thank to the families for helping with the clean up.
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

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

Around the Classrooms–

New Farm Beats– this percussion ensemble is playing at the official opening of the Art/ Music room. They are rehearsing in Mrs Thacker’s music room in their lunchtime. The ensemble includes- Simson, Dane, Ashton, Jaye, Alexandra and Austen. They started playing last term and are also participating in the Instrumental Music Concert on the Sunday 22 November from 2-4pm.

Written by Ryan and Olivia 5/6W.

Around the Classrooms– in 4/5J are making rollercoasters out of recyclable materials. This project helps the students learn forces. Alexandra said “it is challenging to complete the task.” Another said “it was fun but difficult because of the amount of space they had to use.”

Written by Harrison and Gibson 5D

Around the Classrooms– In 5/6W they are learning about electric circuits and how to construct them. For geography the grade six students are learning about an Asian country of their choice. This is related to economics, food, culture, trade and migration etc.

Frankie thinks that the electric circuits for science is educational and lets you become an independent learner. Aadi thinks that Geography is extravagantly good and that it is extremely fun to do. The year 5 students are learning about global warming in their geography unit. They have to present a powerpoint about climate change in the future.

Bronte really enjoyed the project because it tells you about the future. Ryan thinks that the project is amazing because it raises awareness of climate change. Written by Harrison and Gibson 5D.

Responsible Behaviour Plan Review

We are currently working toward the final steps in our process of reviewing our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. This has been a consultative process in which we have:

- Invited open feedback on the document,
- Conducted staff, parent and student surveys
- and analysed the responses

The current document, according to the feedback we have received, for the most part continues to represent our school’s approach to managing behaviour as well as our school and community values. Minor updates to the Responsible Behaviour Plan will be made and the document will be available in DRAFT from week 8 of this term prior to the document becoming current from the beginning of the 2016 school year. If you would like to peruse the DRAFT please contact our office staff admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au with the attention line DRAFT Responsible Behaviour Plan and you will be forwarded a copy.

Through the responses that we have received we have also identified some focus areas for our Behaviour committee in 2016. Our committee will trial a positive play reward program, revise alternative play options and review lunch-time play areas.

Thank you again for the valuable feedback you have provided.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Congratulations we had 101 deposits last week. Reminder to all students to collect prizes the following week. Please store your tokens in your bank books so our helpers can check your totals. Students who fill in their own bank books are eligible for a prize. There are only 3 more weeks of banking for the year.

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

Contact: Karen Ridoutt (ridouttt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

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

Bigfish Littlefish will be running intensive swimming programs throughout the December - January holidays.

Intensive are a great way to develop a new skill or build on already existing ones.

Class will be offered to none or beginner swimmers through to advanced.

The program is developed so that each day we will have focus areas - this helps break down skills into sections e.g. legs, arms, core strength & breath control and then bring them all together by the end of each day's session. Results by the end of the week are fantastic and student will achieve newly developed water skill or strengthen exciting ones.

Please call Jo with any further questions or to make a booking. Ph: 0414 486 767

Chicken Coop— Thank to all our wonderful helpers in the lead up to the arrival of the new chicken coop. There are still a few final details to be done on the construction of the coop. The chickens seem extremely happy with their new residence. Thank you to Elise, Hudson, Karen and Ian for their tireless work over the weekend.

Button batteries – do you have a loaded gun in easy reach?

As the numbers of babies, toddlers and children hospitalised for swallowing button batteries is increasing, Kidsafe Queensland Inc is reiterating warnings that because button batteries can kill and cause catastrophic injury, it is akin to having a loaded gun in reach of children.

In Australia an estimated 20 children per week are attending an emergency department with an injury related to swallowing or inserting (into nose or ears) a button battery, with children under five years of age at greatest risk.

For more information or please contact: Susan Teerds | Kidsafe Queensland Inc | 0411 104833 | susant@kidsafeqld.com.au
Focus:
Students learn how to change negative thoughts into more positive or ‘helpful’ thoughts which in turn will ‘help’ their behaviour in different situations.

Looks Like:
- Students on task in class
- Students enjoying playtime
- Students smiling

Sounds Like:
- “I’m throwing away the ‘red’ thoughts; they are unhelpful and make me feel upset.”
- “I can have a happy day if I choose to.”
- “What does this thought mean? What will it make me feel or do?”

Feels Like:
- Students feel calm – ‘Green’ thoughts really help.

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.

Vacancy- School Crossing Supervisor
New Farm State School has a supervised school crossing on James Street.

Parents are asked to discuss safe crossing behaviours with their children. The safety of the students at our school is extremely important.

Please tell neighbours, friends and family of the positions available. Please help us to help our students.

Any interested persons may contact Elena at the school office on 3358 7333 or the Road Safety Office on 3863 9873.

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

Home Bake and Marmalade Stall—Friday 11 December 2015. (After School)
This will be our final Home Bake for the year.
Thank you to all who have contributed over this year. Our fundraising has resulted in a wonderful new chicken coop. There are still a few construction items still to be done, so your help is gratefully appreciated.

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