Monday
23 November, 2015

From the Principal’s Desk.....

There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond our will. Epictetus.

Social Skills– This week’s assembly will be conducted by our 2015 House Captains and myself. This week’s Social Skill lesson is “Finish Strong” from our school rule of Be A Learner.

P & C Trivia Night– A special thank you to our wonderful and dedicated P & C committee which included Kara Chudleigh, Skye McKay, Gillian Penrose, Katrina Wallwork, Jennifer Larsen and Kylie Harry. Great work by our Trivia Master Ben Wallwork and our MC Ian Ridoutt. Thanks to Troy Harry for running the bar and all the other Dad's who helped out on the night. Congratulations to our winning team the Soccer Hooligans. Best dresses went to the Bollywood table. The winner of the ipad was Jennifer Le Saveant which was kindly donated by McGrath Real Estate Agents. Thank you to the teachers and staff who attended and to all who contributed to another wonderful fundraising event for our school community.

Report Card Test Email—We have now completed our test email and are extremely happy with the response. Thank you to the families who are continuing to update their details. If you are wanting to change your contact details please complete the form attached to today newsletter email. We would like all email contacts to be confirmed by Friday 27 November.

Accounts to be finalised– Thank you to all families for their prompt payment of accounts. Please finalise all payments by Friday 27 November. If you have any queries please contact our BSM Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 or email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

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.

Book Fair– Tuesday 24– Friday 27 November. 8.30am-4pm. Thank you to our Librarian Mrs Hoelzl for her wonderful efforts in organising this event for our school. Please take some time to have a look at the range of books on offer.

Swimming– Monday 30 November and Wednesday 2 December are the last swimming lessons for the year.

Christmas Concert 2015– Tuesday 1 December 6pm-7.30pm. Students to arrive at school by 5.30pm. The final program for the concert will be emailed to parents by the end of the week. This is a wonderful event and all the children are looking forward to their performance. Thank you to the teaching staff for preparing the children for the concert.

Marmalade Stall– Tuesday 1 December. We will be selling some wonderful homemade marmalades prior to our Christmas concert. These would make a great gift for a Christmas basket.

Volunteers Morning Tea– (Revised Date) Friday, 4 December from 8.15am to 9am outside the library prior to assembly. Please RSVP by Monday 30 November via email to Viv at the office admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Graduation Assembly—Tuesday 8 December 9.30am-11am. All family members are welcome to attend and support their graduating student at this special event.

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.
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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

**NATA “Young Scientist of the Year’ Awards** – Congratulations to Desiree in 4R for her time and efforts in participating in the 2015 competition.

**House Swimming Carnivals** - Our Interhouse Swimming Carnivals occur Thursday Dec 3 (Prep – Year 3) and Friday Dec 4 (Year 4 – 6). Students self-nominate for the events by proceeding to the marshalling area when the events are called. It is strongly recommended that all students compete in all strokes of which they are capable of swimming the stroke confidently. Senior students and staff will be there to assist swimmers to complete their swim if needed. Students that require a kickboard will be allowed to use one for support.

Points are awarded to all students (houses) when they compete. The aim of the carnival is for all students to participate and enjoy the experience of competition. No ribbons or Age champions are awarded. Last year’s carnivals were very enjoyable and a great finish to the year.

All students need to have sunscreen applied prior to arrival at school and have a water bottle if possible. Their school hat, and house or school shirt are to be worn when not competing. We look forward to a great day.

Please be aware that due to our limited seating area, all seats are allocated to students to keep them out of the sun.

**Programs**

**Thursday 3 December**

**Prep – Year 1**

8.50am Everyone move to the Pool

9.00am Welcome / Explanation of Events

9.05am 17m Noodle Horse Race

17m Backstroke

17m Freestyle

11.00am Morning Tea / Close

**Years 2 & 3**

11.00am Everyone move to the Pool

11.15am Welcome / Explanation of Events

11.25am 17m Backstroke

17m Breaststroke

17m Noodle Races (if time permits)

1.15pm Lunch

2.00pm 17m Freestyle

17m Kickboard Relay (if time permits)

3.00pm Close

**Friday 4 December**

**Years 4 – 6**

9.00am Everyone move to the Pool

9.05am Welcome / Explanation of Events

9.10am 17m Backstroke Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

51m Backstroke Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

17m Freestyle Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

51m Freestyle Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

(House Swim) (if time permits)

11.00am Morning Tea

11.45am 17m Breaststroke Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

51m Breaststroke Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

4x17m Relay Noodle Horses Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

17m Butterfly Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

51m Butterfly Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6

1.15pm Lunch

2.00pm Combined Interhouse Boys & Girls All-age Freestyle Relay (4x17m – 1 boy and girl of yr4, yr5, yr6)

House Swim (if time permits)

2.45pm Close
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Congratulations we had 89 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 2 more weeks of banking for the year.

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. Until the 9/12/15.

Healthy Families
Want to get your kids active and eating well?

The FREE PEACH™ program can help.

PEACH will be running in your local community in Term 1 - 2016.

The program covers:
- Nutrition - fun lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters and kids on planning ahead;
- Physical activity - the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children and how to reduce screen time;
- Health - setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

PEACH runs weekly within a school term and after school hours.

Sessions are 90 minutes. Parents meet with a trained parent facilitator to discuss topics while children enjoy fun active play run by a trained child facilitator.

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Free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

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COUNTER ORDERS
If you are ordering over the counter, please make sure you have it in before 9.00am or order on line (see below) otherwise we cannot guarantee that we have all the menu items available.

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 - 27th November
Tuckshop - Jamilah, Gabriela & Alison Menzies
Counter - Marie Warren
Baking - Alison Menzies, Dimity Williams, Cath Byrne, Sam Bryce & Skye McKay

Thank you, Terri-Anne & Jin

Chicken Coop— Attention visitors, there are some rules associated with caring for our chickens in their new coop.

1. Please only feed the chickens fresh scraps.
2. Please read the “What not to feed the chicken” listed at the coop.
3. Do not include any yucky, mouldy or rotten scraps. (these can make chickens ill)
4. Put the chickens away after your visit.
5. Do not leave the door open. This will invite pigeons into the enclosure.
6. Do not climb on the coop structure.
7. Be kind and caring to our chickens.
Focus: Students need to ensure they stay positive and caring right until the end of term or school year.

Looks Like
- Students using encouraging words with their class mates
- Helping one another if someone is not coping well at play or in class
- Giving a friend a smile or pat on the back

Sounds Like
- Positive language
- Cheering
- Applause or congratulating others

Feels Like
- Part of a team
- Accepting everyone has individual strengths
- Happy for self or others
- Cooperation
- Feeling proud

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Sunday Instrumental Concert. The parents were thrilled to see you in in the Junior and Senior bands.

We were also very impressed and entertained by the Shine Winners April and Stephanie’s vocal and piano duo and the Grade 3 ballerinas, Lottie and Mia, with their dance from Giselle.

This year the concert also had two new ensembles. The percussion ensemble called “New Farm BEATS” played two pieces very well and the Rock Recorders from Grade 4 gave us a fun version of It’s Raining.

Thank you to Mr McIntyre and Ms Thacker for preparing the students and to all the parents who helped with setting up and packing up on the day.

Assembly Awards— Congratulations to our award recipients


Respect Yourself       Respect Others         Respect

Finish Strong

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.

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