Monday
30 November, 2015

Doubt whom you will, but never yourself. Christian Nestell Bovee.

Social Skills—This week’s assembly will be conducted by our 2015 Project Captains and myself. This week’s Social Skill lesson is “We’re All Great Let’s Celebrate” from our school rule of Be A Learner.

Report Card Test Email—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’s newsletter email. We would like all email contacts to be confirmed as a matter of urgency.

Accounts to be finalised—Thank you to all families for their prompt payment of accounts. Please finalise all payments as a matter of urgency. If you have any queries please contact our BSM Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 or email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Christmas Concert 2015—Tuesday 1 December 6pm-7.30pm. Students to arrive at school by 5.30pm.

This year we are hoping to improve the concert environment for all students performing and families watching. Could we ask you to help us out in the following ways?

1. Remain seated during the concert; including when filming and photographing your child. If you are standing this can block someone else’s view.
2. Ensure you are silent during the concert; the sound really does travel to the students performing.
3. Standing will only be available at the back of the hall.
4. At the short interval it would be helpful if Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents vacate their seats and collect their children from their classrooms, if you do not have an older sibling performing. This will enable parents of Year 3 – Year 6 students to move into available seating.
5. Please ensure infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers are seated on your lap, to leave seats vacant for other adults.

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.

Swimming—Wednesday 2 December is the last swimming lesson for the year. Our Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 3 December for Prep-Year 3 and Friday 4 December for Year 4-6. Students are asked to wear a sun safe shirt in their house colour and bring your school hat. Please ensure your children have enough water and food for the day.

Volunteers Morning Tea—(Revised Date) Friday, 4 December from 8.15am to 9am outside the library prior to assembly. Please RSVP by Tuesday 1 December 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.

NFSS Trivia Night—We would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous contribution to the school community on Trivia night. Please find attached to today’s newsletter, a special recognition of those involved.

Booklists for 2106—Your Booklist orders for 2016 are due by Friday 4 December. If you wish to order online visit www.edsco.com.au and follow the prompts.

Department of Education and Training has released the Great Results Guarantee report for 2015. Please find this attached to today’s newsletter.
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.

Lote Excursion—Thank you to Ms Chen, Mrs O’Neill, Mrs Hyams, Mr Wilson and Mr Conde for accompanying the students to the Chung Tian Buddhist Temple at Priestdale. The students enjoyed a guided tour in the temple and visited the museum. They participated in activities such as Chinese calligraphy and striking the wishing bell. This was followed by wonderful Chinese banquet.

BOOKFAIR THANKYOU—Many many thanks for your support for the Bookfair. The Bookfair is the library’s biggest fundraiser for the year, receiving 30% commission on all sales, which will go towards purchasing new books. Mrs. H. Teacher Librarian.

Reporting to Parents—End of Semester Report Cards for Semester 2 2015 will be distributed during the last week of school.

Preps will have a report card that includes the Australian Curriculum and elements of the Early Years Curriculum Guidelines. The report card for Years 1-6 will reflect the English, Maths, Science, History and Geography Syllabus of the Australian Curriculum as well as the Key Learning Areas of Technology, Study of Society and Environment, The Art and Health and Physical Education.

For parents who are new to our school, reports are distributed once per Semester to record the academic performance of students as well as to report to you in the areas of your student’s behaviour and effort.

Understanding Achievement—What makes an ABCD or E is pre-determined by a scale of achievement. Teachers work diligently to prepare Guides to Making Judgements or assessment rubrics which are used to assess students work and often compare and moderate student work to ensure compatibility between classes. Teachers use a variety of evidence to make their judgements about students’ performance.

“C” or “Sound” no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class. It means that the student has met the achievement standard for a learner at the year level.

“C” or “Sound” would indicate that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description to say that a “C” means that the students academic development is exactly where it needs to be. That means attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for the year level achievement standard.

Some students will find that they are allocated ratings outside of the ‘sound’ area. A few students will find that they don’t quite achieve the standard and may require support. Some students demonstrate higher outcomes than indicated and will be allocated a rating at their level of performance such as A or B.

Teachers work conscientiously to prepare assessment tasks that give students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding. Further information is also available inside the Report Card. If you have any queries, please contact your classroom teacher.

Arts Centre Official Opening—It was wonderful to see so many of the P&C committee attend the opening. The students performances were delightful to watch. Thank you to Ms Thacker for preparing the students who performed. We are very grateful for all the hard work by those involved to bring this project to fruition.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Congratulations we had 87 deposits last week. No more prizes to be ordered for this year. Save all tokens till next year. This is the last week of banking for this year.

Friday 4 December last bank week.

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Lost Property— We have a large quantity of Lost Property from the POOL Shed. Please check if you have lost a towel, goggles, sunglasses or cap. All unclaimed items which are unnamed will be thrown out after the Friday 4 December.

Please check the school lost property for hats, jumpers and lunchboxes by the end of this week.

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

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

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

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

Dads BBQ Sausage Sizzle (See below in Tuckshop News) Friday 11 December.

Sausage sizzle $3.50
Beef or Vegetarian
Drinks $2.00
Limited stock — Choc or Strawberry Milk
Orange/Tropical or Apple Juice
Water
Homebake $1.00
Crisps $1.20
Limited stock available

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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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.

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Counter - Lyn Zollo
Baking - Jennifer Brock, Susie Levy, Mehera Milne, Nancy Cowell, Kirsten Medland & Iris Stacey
Thank you,
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Respect Yourself       Respect Others         Respect

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Focus:
Children celebrating individual and group achievements.
Emphasise to students that a person doesn’t always have to depend on others to reward his/her actions.

Looks Like
• Students smiling at the achievements of others.
• Students smiling at the achievements of themselves.
• Students being positive towards other students who are trying their hardest.

Sounds Like
• Students using positive language to praise your own efforts
• Students using positive language to praise others efforts (“Way to go”, “I did really well”)  

Feels Like
• Being proud of yourself

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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Around the Classrooms—Written by Annie and Elyse 5/6W
Recently in Mr Fitzgerald’s 2F class they have been on an educational “Historical Walk” around New Farm. They visited several sites in the area—the Wool Store, the Sugar Refinery and the Tram shelter shed.
Ella learned that all submarined are named after common marine animals such as catfish and stingrays.
Ella also learned that George Cowin II started the sugar refinery. Mejia learned that George Cowin II still owns a house on Annie Street. Mejia really enjoyed learning about the history of the powerhouse as well.
Scarlett was intrigued about the history of the second World War and the Japanese involvement. Scarlett was interested to go to the wool stores and see the machinery people used whilst they worked there.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Colouring Competition. The winner is Desiree of 4R who completed a spectacularly colourful “Out of this world” design. As the prize was a voucher for the Book Fair, Desiree received her prize earlier last week so she had time to use her certificate.