Monday
01 February 2016

Welcome back to the new school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff and students to the New Farm School community. It’s also wonderful to see our existing families return refreshed for another busy school year. I was extremely pleased to see how well our new Prep students have settled into their routine. Their behaviour at assembly on Friday was to be commended, they sat quietly and attentively.

**Day 4 and Day 8 Numbers**— Queensland Education Department reviews school student numbers on these days via a census model. Although classes have been formed they are not confirmed at this stage. I do not anticipate any changes to our classes. We are very pleased with the increase in numbers of enrolments over all year levels. We will keep you updated on final numbers and staffing after the final submissions have been completed.

Our classes for 2016 are as follows:

**Prep N**    Ek Navarro
**Prep B**    Lesley Burridge
**Prep R**    Rachael Siebuhr and Rachel Griffin
1 B          Janene Boyes and Jane O’Hara
1 FW       Wendy MacGregor and Fairley Stanley
1/2 T       Julie Turner
2C           Garth Coyle
2G           Michelle Guest
3M          Wendy Maslen
3F           Ron Fitzgerald
4F           Julia Forsberg
4D           Philip Davies
5W          Brett Wilson
5D          Janice Dickens
6R          John Rafter
6C          Steve Conde

**House Captains and Project Leaders**— It was a proud occasion at last Friday’s assembly to present the new House Captains and Project Leaders to the school community. Mr Rafter, Mr Conde and myself will be working with the entire Year 6 cohort to achieve their goals over this year. All senior students have now chosen which project group they wish to work with and over the next fortnight they will meet with their group. We will also have our badges ceremony in Week 6 or 7 of this term. Dates to be advised.

**House Captains**— Erin, Ryan, Harrison, Lauren, Lorenzo and Jack.

**Media Group Leaders**— Luca and Gibson.

**The Arts and Performance Leaders**— Elyse and Freya

**The Community and Charity Leaders**— Brittany and Bronte

**Social Skills**— Each week at our Friday assembly a class is allocated one of our Social Skill Lessons. They are all based on our school rules. This week’s Social Skill will be presented by Ms Wendy Maslen’s 3M Class. The lesson is from our school rule of Be Respectful. The Social Skill is “Friendship (To Have a Friend, Be A Friend)”. Our assembly is Friday at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

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**From the Principal’s Desk…..**

Tell me and I forget. Teach and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin
**Parent Information Session**— Please find below the schedule for your class group parent information evening. We encourage at least one parent from each family to attend. The session is very informative with regards to the expectations and day to day running of classes. All sessions are held in your child’s classroom unless otherwise notified.

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**Parent Representative**— Each class has a Parent Rep for the year to help communicate information from the school to your individual class members. The role of the Rep is as follows-

**Parent Rep:**

- Be a contact for the class teacher with the parent group.
- Establish a phone/email network with class parents.
- Assist the teacher source volunteers for class activities (e.g. excursions, groups, swimming)
- Welcome new families into the class with a note, telephone or meeting and provide them with neighbourhood information.
- Organise social activities (1 per term) with class parents/families (e.g. coffee morning, dinner, picnic, and movie).
- Co-ordinate support for identified families in need (e.g. parent in hospital, accidents etc).
- Delegate responsibilities to share workload (e.g. fete, working bees, welcome new families BBQ)
- Act in confidence with matters relating to students and families.

**Discretion:**

All teaching and learning issues - do not discuss with parent and refer parent to class teacher or Principal.

**School Banking**— First week of banking will commence of Friday 5 February from 8,15am outside the school library. All students need is a Comm Bank Youth Saver account to participate. Our wonderful group of helpers are happy to answer any question.

**ICT Students agreements**— Each year students in Years 1 to 6 are asked to sign an Information Communication Technology Agreement for use of internet whilst here at school. Please return these forms to your class teacher this week. If you did not receive this agreement form please collect a form from the office.

**Parent volunteers at swimming lessons**— The Royal Lifesaving Society will conduct parent training sessions for those parents wishing to volunteer during lessons. Please contact the school office if you would like to participate in this training (Friday, 5 February 9-10.30am). Parents wanting to attend these sessions must bring their togs and a towel. Only parents trained will be permitted to attend and assist at swimming lessons. It is difficult for us to maintain student focus when there are spectators present. Please contact the office to register via email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au by Thursday 4 February.

**P&C Meeting**— The P&C meets in the school library on the second Wednesday of each month during the school term. The first meetings date is still to be advised. All welcome.

**School Swimming**— Students in Year 1 to 6 will begin swimming next week beginning 8 February. All students must have a signed permission and their payment finalised to participate in the program. Prep students will swim in Term 4 only.
Welcome to the tuckshop for 2016. We have tuckshop twice a week Wednesday and Friday. For menu details please visit the FlexiSchools online ordering site - see below.

ONLINE ORDERING
To order online 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
If you have pre-ordered online 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.

COUNTER ORDERS
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. We do prefer you to order online though as it is more efficient and saves you having to wait in line to place an order.

VOLUNTEERS
If anyone would like to volunteer to help out the tuckshop on a Friday, please come see me at the tuckshop on a Wednesday or Friday morning or email me at nfsstuckshop@hotmail.com. We need home bakers and help in the tuckshop preparing and serving food. It is a nice way to meet other people in the school and we welcome Mums, Dads and Grandparents.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - Friday 5th February
Tuckshop - Rachel Kendrick
Counter - Lyn Zollo
Baking - Susie Levy, Michelle Logan, Sarah Millar, Cath Byrne & Brinn Martin

Thank you,
Terri-Anne

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

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Starting Friday 5 February at 8.15am. Contact Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

NFSS Amateur Swim Club— Monday 8 February 5.30pm
First Swim Meet is Monday 8 February at 5.30pm. To swim on Monday 8 February you must be enrolled with the Swim Club. Online Registration and Payment details will be emailed to parents tomorrow.

Registration is available on Friday 5 February 2.30-3.30pm at school. Please meet near the Pool on the Hawthorn Street side.

Cost is $30 for Term 1 2016.

Instrumental Music— Band before school on Wednesdays for the Year 5 and 6s only will not begin till advised.

Lessons for all begin Wednesday 10 February Week 3.

Beginners where given the policy and loan/commitment forms so please return by week 3 to allow lessons and instrument use to begin.

Looking forward to some happy music making, Colin.

Colin McIntyre
Senior Instrumental Music Teacher

New Farm United Soccer Club
Season 2016—registration fees are available on www.newfarmsoccer.com.au

Official sign on days at the Clubhouse will be Sun Jan 31 & Sat Feb 6 from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm.
Focus:

Students should be kind to others and look for 'good' friendship skills in others.

Looks Like

• Joining in and letting others join in
• Having fun

Sounds Like

• Positive words
• Friendly talk
• Encouraging others
• Laughing

Feels Like

• Feels secure
• Enjoying time and activities with friends

Leadership Team— Our specialist teachers will be sharing with us over this year some interesting and informative articles.

This week our specialist teacher Jenny O’Neill SEP/GEM (Specialist Education Program and Gifted Education Mentor) would like to share an article about the transition to school. This article comes from the Kidsmatter website. Kidsmatter.edu.au

Please find this attached to today email.

Library Newsletter for February 2016—Please find the attachment to today newsletter. Mrs Narelle Hoelzl (Teacher Librarian) will be providing us with regular newsletters over the Term.

Leadership Team— Each week our Deputy Principal Cassie Buckley will share an article with us regarding students. This week her article shares some ideas for our children’s success and happiness.

Around the Classroom— Each week we will see an article from a class in our school. This week its Prep N.

Welcome to Prep N.-This week 20 eager little learners started Prep in Prep N. We have spent the week learning each other’s names and getting to know one another. We have created some amazing works of art and have begun to learn some of our letters and sounds. Even though we were all very tired by the end of our first week, there is still lots of sharing and caring in our classroom. Everyone is excited about starting Prep and we can’t wait for our learning journey to continue!