The school year is certainly off to a busy start with swimming commencing for our students in Years 1 to 6 this week. Thank your to all those parents who have returned their permission forms and payment so quickly. With the hot weather still with us we continue to encourage students to have their school broadbrimmed hat and a water bottle with them at all times.

Each week our newsletter will feature a short article from a member of our leadership team. The team includes myself, the Deputy Principal— Cassie Buckley, our Master Teacher— Kay Bradley, our Learning support co coordinator—Sandy Chambers, our SEP/GEM (Specialist Education Program and Gifted Education Mentor)- Jenny O'Neill and our Teacher Librarian— Narelle Hoelzl. Please remember most classes are having their Parent Information Sessions this week as detailed below.

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 Mr. Ron Fitzgerald's Class 3F. The lesson is from our school rule of Be Respectful. The Social Skill is “Words of Encouragement”. Our assembly is Friday at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

Swimming Changes— Due to timetable changes the following changes are required for swimming for the remainder of Term 1. All permissions and payments are now due. Please be aware that if your child has not returned a permission form with payment they are not permitted to swim.

Classes on Monday are 4F, 4D, 5D,5W, 6C, 6R.
Classes on Wednesday are 2C, 2G, 3F, 3M, 1FW, 1B, 1/2T.

Absence from School— Please contact the office absentee line on 3358 7333 or via email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au. All students need to be accounted for each day. Please leave the following information when calling or emailing. Your name and contact number, your child’s name and their class, their reason for absence and length of absence if known. We cannot have any unexplained absences on our rolls each day. If you are going on holidays please contact the office prior to leaving on your holiday.
**P and C meeting**– Our P and C meeting is held once a month. Please note that meetings will now be held at a **Tuesday at 6pm** and the first meeting will be on the following:


The P and C meeting is a wonderful way to hear about what is happening in our school and what projects are currently planned for 2016. At this months meeting we will be discussing air-conditioning of classrooms. We hope to see you there!

**Schools Officer**– We would like to welcome to our school Mr Liam Redman as our temporary schools officer. Our current schools officer Nick Holloway is on leave for the next month. If you have any queries please phone our BSM Elena Anderson on 3358 7333.

**Kids Matters Occupational Workshop**– Wednesday 24 February 9.15–10am to held here at the New Farm State School. The session will be hosted by Julia Eggles, Senior Occupational Therapist for Parents of children from Prep to Grade 3. Please see the attachment to today’s email for further details.

**Lost Property**– Please ensure your child has all their items labelled with their name and class. Unfortunately over the term we seem to accumulate a large amount of unnamed property. If everything is labelled it makes the return process so much easier.

**Change of Details**– Thank you to all parents who are continuing to update their details when necessary. It is extremely important we are able to contact you in an emergency. A reminder to review the emergency contacts you have provided to the school. Any changes to these contacts can be made on the change of details form.

**Leadership Team Article**– From Cassie Buckley Deputy Principal

It is crucial for a student's future success that learning continues beyond the classroom and beyond the compulsory years of schooling. The Australian Curriculum describes a learning entitlement for each Australian student that provides a foundation for successful, lifelong learning and participation in the Australian community (ACARA). Not only do students need to acquire skills to be successful lifelong learners it is also essential that students develop a love of learning. Parents can have a huge impact on a child's disposition toward learning. Please find below some suggestions from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training Website: [Parent Engagement in Children's Learning](https://www.education.gov.au/parents-parental-involvement).

**Help your child to enjoy learning**

Children develop their attitudes and beliefs in their abilities from their parents. Characteristics such as tenacity, persistence, planning and organisation and the important ability to ask for help are often qualities children model from their parents. If your child has a positive attitude to learning they are more likely to complete Year 12 and go onto further study.

Encourage your child to learn from their mistakes and to keep trying even if they find something difficult. Praise your child for their effort and progress.

Be positive about school and respectful of teachers. Show interest in what happens at school and talk about what your child is learning.

Show your child how you plan, set goals, and follow through when you start something. Children who master these kinds of skills have learned how to learn effectively — and these skills will help them not only during their years at school, but throughout their lives.

**TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO**

- Demonstrate a positive attitude and good work habits to your child.
- Talk with your child about what they are learning at school.
- Help your child to learn how to deal with distractions and to re-engage with their work.
- Help your child and encourage them to keep trying if they lack confidence or doubt themselves.
- Common things children say when they lack confidence could include:
  - “I don’t know how to do that”
  - “I can’t remember”
  - “It’s too hard”
  - “It’s boring”
- Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are reading or doing homework.
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Focus: Children using their words to help a friend in need. Children helping give their friends and classmates the confidence to have-a-go a challenging activities. Children realising that sometimes we all need a little help.

Looks Like
- Students having a go at new activities inside and outside the classroom

Sounds Like
- Everyone encouraging each other with their words

Feels Like
- A friendly place to be
- Students feeling safe to try new activities and make mistakes
- Students confident in their own abilities

Assembly Awards— Each week a student is chosen from their class for displaying behaviour which is rewarded according to the New Farm State School Rules.
Term 1 Week 2 2016.
Please Congratulate the following recipients -
Casey Prep N and Addison Prep N
Matthew Prep B
Benjamin Prep R
Liam 1B and Katie 1B
Harper 1/2T and Caitlyn 1/2T

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

Prep B have all settled beautifully into their new routine. They are a wonderful group of children who are enjoying learning and playing together.
Gabriel and Matthew: We love doing athletics with Mr Rainbow.
Kane and Juke: We love learning with our teachers.
Amanda: I love going to music and dancing.
Leo and Mia: We loved making our puppets for The Three Billy Goats Gruff story.

We are looking forward to learning and playing together this year and doing our all our work to the best of our ability.

Come and visit us at
Brisbane Central Scout Group
New Farm State School
Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm Ages 6 to 18
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