NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

The School’s Vision
“Learn, Create, Grow”

Monday
22 February 2016

Do we not all agree to call rapid thought and noble impulse by the name of inspiration. George Eliot.

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. Brett Wilson in 5W. The lesson is from our school rule of Be A Learner. The Social Skill is “Get Organised-(If it’s Meant to Be, Its Up to Me)”. Our assembly is on Friday at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

Leadership Incursion— Today Monday 22 February, our Year 6 School Leaders had the opportunity to participate in a full-day leadership workshop with Character Builders. The aim of the workshop is to develop the core skills of leadership: presenting, responsibility, facilitating, sharing and service. We would like to thank the City-New Farm RSL Sub Branch for their $300 contribution and our P&C for their $500 contribution in subsidising the cost of the workshop.

Metropolitan North Swim Trial— We congratulate and wish Elise and Lauren all the best for their results in being chosen to compete at the Met North Regional Swimming Trials on the 24 February 2016.

Canberra Trip August/September 2016 (Dates to be confirmed). This trip is one of the highlights of the Year 6’s school year. This camp is aligned with the Government aspect of our curriculum and is a wonderful, memorable learning experience for our students. If you are interested in your child attending the camp, a non refundable deposit of $150 securing your attendance is required by Friday 26 February 2016.

Year 1 Excursion— Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre— Friday 4 March 2016. As part of the Year 1 Science unit students will visit the environmental centre to be involved in a session called “A Living Adventure”. Students will depart at 8.45am and return by 3pm. Students to arrive at school by 8.30am sharp. Cost will be $14.50. Please return your permission and payment by Friday 26 February.

Students Leadership Assembly— Friday 4 March 2016. We would like to extend an invitation to all families of our Year 6 students to attend the Leadership Badge Ceremony. This will be held in our school hall at 9am on Friday 4 March 2016, followed by Morning Tea. All welcome.

Prep Excursion— Wednesday 16 March and Thursday 17 March. Classes will be split into two groups. To complement our “Living World” Science Unit for the students in Prep, we have planned an excursion to the Sensitivity Unit. Cost will be $20. Please return your permission and payment by Friday 26 February. Our preferred method of payment is BPoint. http://www.bpoint.com.au/

QSchools

Thank you to the school community for the huge response in signing up for Q Schools. You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device. Allowing push notifications means we can keep you up-to-date with critical information, health alerts and weather warnings. We can also update you with important school information such as the latest school news, calendar events, newsletters, annual reports, documents and more.

We would like all families to be signed up by Friday, 26 February.

Kelvin Grove State College— OPEN DAY. Wednesday 9 March. 3.30pm-6pm. For information please phone 3352 7333 or visit kelvingrovesc.eq.edu.au
Kids Matters Occupational Workshop— Wednesday 24 February 9.15am–10am to be 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. This session will be held in the library.

Swimming Changes— These days will continue for the rest of Term 1.

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

New Farm Sport Committee

In 2016, the school is inviting interested parents and carers to involve themselves in being part of a group to benefit the sporting aspirations and enjoyment of sport at New Farm. The ideas for involvement are still quite fresh, but may involve activities such as encouraging parent involvement, small fundraising projects, organising assistance for teacher’s coaching teams, sharing the help on Gala Sport Days, or having discussions about best use of “Sporting Schools” funding use. Once we have the expressions of interest we will decide on when, if and how to meet or communicate.

Please let Mr Rainbow know personally if you would like to be involved – or by leaving your Name and email address at the office.

Interschool Sport at New Farm

The sporting opportunities at school are about to begin! Each year there are opportunities for representation for our school in sports. This may be in the form of trials for District teams or at Gala Sport Days where schools assemble to have 3 separate days of competition both in Term 2 (‘Winter’) and Term 4 (‘Summer’).

What is your child’s ‘sport’ age?

For Interschool competition, at both District and Regional competitions and trials, the ‘sport age’ that your child competes in is calculated as the age they reach during this calendar year. For example, a student having their 9th Birthday during 2016 is called a “9 Years” competitor.

What are “The Big 3”?

These are Swimming, Cross Country and Track & Field. Competitors 10–12 Years represent each school for District trophies and to try and gain representation for the District, then Region (Met North), then State. Competitors in ‘9 Years’ are included in our district ‘Big 3’ for individual placings and experience, but no further representation in District or Regional teams.

When can my child start trialling for District Sports?

It depends…Generally the larger the sport participation the smaller the bracket of ages allowed to trial – as the District teams these days are 12 Years and sometimes 11 Years teams for competition against other districts. Depending on the sport, the District might include 10-12 Years, 11-12 Years or only 12 Years.

How will I know if my child is ready to trial?

As children mature at different rates, have different abilities, and have different aspirations and interests, they will be ready at different times. If your child displays high ability for their age, or are involved in the sport outside of school and rate highly amongst those peers, then they may have success in District representation. The “Big 3” are a chance for our school to win a variety of trophies (Aggregate, Percentage, “B” Size Schools’), so we nominate and encourage a full team to compete for New Farm! If you have any questions about Sport at New Farm please speak to Mr Rainbow.

Vacancy— School Crossing Supervisor

New Farm State School - Road Crossing Supervisor required Monday to Friday 7.55am to 9am and 2.55pm to 3.30pm each day.

Training will be provided.

Please respond to Elena Anderson, Business Services Manager on eande156@eq.edu.au if you are interested.

Only successful applicants will be contacted.
Welcome to the tuckshop for 2016. We have tuckshop twice a week Wednesday and Friday. For menu details please visit the FlexiSchools on line ordering site - see below.

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.

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 on line 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 nfstuckshop@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 26th February
Tuckshop - Alison Menzies
Counter - Dimity Williams
Baking - Mehera Milne, Sarah Millar, Kirsten Medland and Alison Menzies

Thank you,
Terri-Anne
Respect Yourself       Respect Others         Respect Property

If It’s Meant To Be, It’s Up to Me

Looks Like-
Students having their things with them at school (homework, notes, tuckshop, lunch, hats)
Students organising their belongings themselves at the right time

Sounds Like-
Students saying I have my homework in my bag, my lunch is in the fridge, tuckshop is already in the tuckshop box etc.

Feels Like-
Being organised makes you feel calm and gets the job done!

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 4 2016.

Please Congratulate the following recipients -

1/2T– Huge and Ashar.
2C– Mateo, Hannah and Korey. 3F– Scarlett and Ella.
4D– Paige. 5W– Katelyn and Chisako.

Congratulations to our Social Skills Award winners for Week 4.  3F– William. 4D– Leila. 5W– Desiree, Deztina and Jude.

Helping our Students
Is there anyone out there who could spare an hour on a Friday morning from 9.30-10.30am?

The Grade 2 Choir and the Grade 3 Choir would love to have a piano player to sing with. We rehearse on Friday morning directly after assembly for 30 minutes each. We do a 5 minute vocal warm up, sing a round or short song and then we go through a couple of full songs. It would be really great if some generous musician could help us stay in tune and accompany us on piano.

Please contact Ms Marina Thacker in the Music Room.
Marina Thacker-Classroom Music Teacher New Farm (M.T.F)

Around the Classroom— Each week we will see an article from a class in our school. This week its Prep 1/2T. Our Year 6 Media students will visit a class each week and interview students to share what is happening in their class.

Year 1/2T have had a wonderful start to the school year. All students have settled into their new class group well. We are enjoying meeting new friends and sharing our new skills.

This Term we are working through a unit of science where we are studying, a living adventure and “Good to Grow”. We are investigating plants and habitats. We are learning to make predictions and record observations.

Thank you to Raihan and Jib for visiting our classroom to complete this interview and take our picture.