Monday
29 February 2016

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. John Rafter from 6R. The lesson is from our school rule of Be Safe. The Social Skill is “Bully Free Zone”. Our assembly is on Friday at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

Regional Swimming- Congratulations to Elise and Lauren who last week participated in the Met North Swimming Trials. Elise swam 50m butterfly and Lauren 50m and 100m backstroke. Both girls swam personal best times and Lauren made it through in the Met North team to compete at QLD State titles on 22 March in 100m backstroke.

Animals on School Grounds– Please be aware that all animals are prohibited within the grounds of on any Queensland State School. For the safety and consideration of students with fears or anxiety, dogs are not permitted on school property. This includes ovals and around classrooms unless express permission has been granted by our Principal or the animal is a guide or assistance dog.

Payments Due—Please be aware the following activities and excursions are now due for payment. Please contact our Business Services Manager, Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 if there are any concerns.

Year 6 Leadership Incursion - $10
Year 1 Nudgee Environmental Centre Excursion - $14.50
Prep Sensitivity Unit Excursion - $20
Prep Resource Levy - $110
Instrumental Levy - $50
Instrumental Hire - $100

Student Leadership Assembly and Badge Ceremony– Friday 4 March. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all Year 6 Parents and Families to join us at 9am on Friday to celebrate the Leaders for 2016. Please join us for morning tea to follow the assembly. We have asked all families to bring a plate of food to share. Please let your class teacher know what your family would like to bring along.

Visitors sign in and sign out– All visitors to our school including volunteers and workers are expected to sign in and out via the office at the Heal Street entrance. This includes parents who are volunteering down in the Prep classrooms. Please take the time to allow yourself to do this prior to proceeding to the classroom. This is of utmost importance in case of an evacuation. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Thank you to Mr Steve Conde and Mr John Rafter for organising and supporting the students through their leadership incursion on Monday 22 February. The Year 6 students enjoyed the day and learned many valuable leadership skills.

Smiley Faces— Congratulations to all students who have received a smiley face over the last couple of weeks. It’s wonderful to see so many students trying to make a positive impact in the classroom and playground. Prizes are drawn each Friday at assembly.
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.

PARENT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – RUNNERS CLUB/CROSSCOUNTRY GROUP

The District Cross Country will be held very early in Term 2 this year and so will our Interhouse event. We would like to hear from parents or other members of the school community who would be interested in hosting training sessions on any suitable day for them, in the period before school, starting training at 8:30am until 8:45am. Please contact the school or Mr Rainbow directly if you are able to help.

City District Tennis Trials (New Date)- Thursday 21 April 2016. Please see Mr Kent Rainbow for further details.

News from Down Under in the Music Room with Ms Marina Thacker

Q. What is your child learning in Music?
A. We are all working on Rhythm and new symbols!

Prep students are really enjoying new songs and games, taking turns and dancing to “Crazy Green Monster”. We have finished dressing up to “Farmer in the Dell” and now their favourite singing book is “Wonky Donkey”.

Grade One are focussed on keeping the beat to slow and fast songs. They have Beat Charts in their music workbooks to tap along to the music of “Doggie Doggie”, “Rain Rain” and “Apple Tree”.

Grade Two are up to the tricky one beat symbol tikka tikka. It has four sounds but must fit into one beat box. We are singing “Dinah” and playing the “Chicken On A Fencepost” game. At Choir time they are learning “Inanay” and a Norwegian folk song, called “Oleana”.

Grade Three are up to learning and conducting music in three metre. “Where Is The Ring” and “Pit Pitter Pat” are our games to sing and play. At Choir we are preparing two songs for Anzac Day.

Grade Four have met the whole Recorder Family and are now starting to read music on their own descant recorders. Students will be able to play four pieces by the end of term. They also have the difficult task of singing and playing in compound time using new symbols tam, zam and ti.

Grade Five are extending their rhythm knowledge to include Ti Tikka. They must memorise partner songs “Sailor” and “Sinner” to drum at the same time with their music buddy.

Grade Six have many goals in music this year. We are working towards reading nine notes in the treble clef and using all rhythm symbols accumulated in the past five years. Ask your child if they can draw for you a ta, ti-ti, za, tikka tikka, two, three, four, top hat, bottom hat, ti-tikka, tikka-ti and syncopa at the end of this term!!

Kelvin Grove State College– OPEN DAY.
Wednesday 9 March. 3.30pm-6pm.
For information please phone 3352 7333 or visit kelvingrovesc.eq.edu.au
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.

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 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 4th March

Tuckshop - Wendy Peard-Castles
Counter - Sue Fuller
Baking - Skye McKay, Brinn Martin, Cath Byrne, Michelle Logan, Susie Levy and Dimity Williams

Thank you,

Terri-Anne
Respect Yourself       Respect Others         Respect Property

Social Skills
Bully Free Zone

Focus:
•  Children realising that bullying is being deliberately hurtful when it is difficult for the other person to defend themselves and is repeated over time. That you are involved in the bullying behaviour by acting as a bystander.

Looks Like
•  A happy, peaceful school environment with no bullying behaviours taking place
•  Students choosing to not put up with bullying behaviour

Sounds Like
•  Everyone getting along
•  Students reporting bullying behaviours if they see, hear or feel it

Feels Like
•  A friendly place to be
•  Student feeling safe to come to school
•  Reporting bullying behaviours makes a nicer environment for all

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 5 2016.
Please Congratulate the following recipients -
1B– Imogen, Emily. 1FW– Ava, Nina.
1/2T– Siri, Zahra.
3F– Kai.
4D– Oliver P, Oliver L, Jasmin, Ava, Mali, Drew, Zara, Dakoda, Sam. 4F– Deeco.
5D– Alexander, Holly, Coco, Taylah.
5W– Dylan, Claire.

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The Look Out program is supervised in our Hawthorne Street 2 minute loading zone. Please remember to display your family name on the dashboard of your car.

You can help by following the guidelines in the attached Look Out Newsletter when you use the zone. If you see a problem and have a suggested way to fix the problem please let our Principal Dr. Carmel McGrath know via 3358 7333 or admin@newfarmss.com.au.

Thank you for assisting the school in keeping our students safe.

Character Builders-

On Monday, the 22nd of February, all year six students had the chance to participate in an incursion leadership day run by Damon from ‘Character Builders’. The program focuses on developing the five core skills of leadership in students; Presenting, Responsibility, Facilitating and Sharing and Service.

The day was split into three sessions full of interesting and sometimes challenging activities. In the ‘Talking Circle’, the students learnt the importance of listening, respecting differences and learning new ways to connect with people. Playing ‘Leadership Games’ in random groups forced the children to work with people with whom they were not necessarily familiar. In the afternoon session the students went on a ‘Photo Treasure Hunt’ where they had to think laterally and support and encourage each other to work as a group and complete the task. Finally, they all had to get up in front of the class and state what they had learnt about themselves that day and where they would like to see themselves at the end of the year in terms of their leadership skills.

While this proved to be a challenging day for the year 6 students, the activities they did allowed them to learn more about their individual strengths and weaknesses as leaders and the day brought them together as a stronger, more familiar and more united year level.