NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

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

Monday
07 March 2016

From the Principal’s Desk…..

The longer the island of knowledge, the longer the shore line of wonder.
Ralph W. Sockman

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. Julia Forsberg from 4F. The lesson is from our school rule of Be Safe. The Social Skill is “Do the Right Thing”. Our assembly is on Friday at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

Leadership Assembly— Last Friday we were pleased to host the Year 6 students and their families to witness their Leadership assembly and badge ceremony. Thank you to our Year 6 teachers, Mr Steve Conde and Mr John Rafter for preparing this assembly for us to enjoy. Thank you to our support staff for their behind the scenes work in preparation before the day. Congratulations to our Senior students for 2016.

Class Parent Representative— Each class has a Parent Rep for the year to help communicate information from the school to your individual class members. Thank you to our new parents who have volunteered for this role for 2016.

Prep B  Kim Middleton
Prep N  Katrina Wallwork, Eloise Lyons
Prep R  Nikki Gorham
1F  Belinda Hill
1B  Diana Williamson
1/2T  Caroline Lean
2C  Jennifer Larsen
2G  Joanne Walker
3M  Fiona Caniglia
3F  Sarah Millar, Jennifer Brock
3D  Melanie Fletcher
4F  Liza Armstrong
5W  Brooke Berry
5D  Karen Menigoz
6R  Michelle Logan, Rachael Eustace
6C  Kara Chudleigh

Please see your class teacher if you would like your details to be available to the Class Parent Rep.

Our office staff are not permitted to give your details to the Parent Representative.
The information is used for class volunteers, excursions, working bees and contacting individuals for class events.

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
Prep Sensitivity Unit Excursion - $20, Prep Resource Levy - $110
Instrumental Levy - $50, Instrumental Hire - $100
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.

Need help managing stress or anxiety?

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the early intervention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia and their parents. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of these ages respectively. Please see the attachment to today's newsletter.

New Farm Sports Committee

The New Farm Sports Committee will hold its first meeting this Friday 11 March at 2.30pm in the C Block staffroom – all welcome.

Runners Club – Cross Country training

Training will begin this Tuesday and Thursday before school – arrive prior to 8.30 on the school oval – report to Mr Rainbow. Sessions will continue until early Term 2 (District trials).

City District Sports Calendar– Please find the following link to the website.

https://metnorthschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Districtsports/city/Pages/City.aspx

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

ICAS 2016– International Competitions and Assessment for Schools. Students in Years 3-6 are invited to Participate in Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics Competitions.

We are requesting an expression of interest for those students interested in participating. Please find attached to today email the full information letter with the full dates and costs.

The expression of interest closes Friday 18 March.

Young Scholars -Three of our students Katelyn, Ryan and Jaye attended this program, SPARQ-ed workshop about Microscopic Plant Cells on Friday 26 February. By all report the students loved the experience.

P&C Meeting-

Date: Tuesday 15th March, 2016
Time: 6pm
Venue: School library. All Welcome.
Please find attached to today email the membership form for the P&C.

Thank you– We would like to thank April a parent of one of our Year 5 Students for her kind donation of jump ropes, footballs and other useful equipment. Its is most appreciated. Thank you to Aurizon for their donation.

Classroom Award– There were no awards given at last week’s assembly due to the Leadership and badge ceremony. Awards will resume next week.
STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. Friday 11 March 2016 at 8.15am-9am outside the library. We’ve had a wonderful start to the year with 103 children make banking deposits.

Please leave tokens in your bank book. These tokens cannot be shared with your siblings. Please contact our banking volunteers on a Friday if you have any questions regarding these tokens.

Contact Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

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Once all the groups had rolled three times the students had to use their maths skills to measure the distances and then graph the results. It looked like a lot of fun. Written by George in 6C.

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Program 2 - Accelerated swim program April 11th - May 11th Speed up your swimming progress. Our accelerated swim program is based on our intensive program design. Offering 1, 2 or 3 classes per week for 5 weeks The aim is to promote development of water skills, fine tune stroke and achieve faster results.

Children from Jabiru are welcome and will be dropped off and picked up by jabiru carers.

Intensive program $75
Accelerated program 1 day $75, 2 days $150
3 days $200

Call Jo Keehan 0414486767

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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 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 11th March

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

Social Skills  Do The Right Thing

Focus:
Keeping our school neat and tidy makes us feel good about our school. If we all help out, we share the pride in our environment.

Looks Like
• No rubbish lying around
• Clean environment

Sounds Like
• Can I put this in the bin?
• All my rubbish is in the bin.
• No teachers saying/asking can you pick up that rubbish?

Feels Like
• Everyone healthy and happy

Nudgee Beach Visit by 1FW
On Friday last week, Year 1 visited Nudgee Beach to learn more about animals and habitats.
We walked through the mangrove forest and saw many crabs and spiders.
We were very lucky to see herons feeding in the muddy water.
Ibis were also sticking their long beaks down into the mud for food, instead of into our bags at school!
After lunch we had great fun on the beach hunting for animals. We saw hundreds of soldier crabs running around on the sand and speeding through the puddles on the beach.
We made sand sculptures of marine animals showing their important external features and learnt more about healthy and unhealthy environments.
Some of us were so tired we had a nap in the bus on the way back to school!

Harmony Day- Monday 21 March (week 9) we will be celebrating Harmony Day. This year’s theme for Harmony Day is ‘Our diversity is our strength’. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity and to stress the importance of social harmony. On the day students can wear ORANGE CLOTHES/ACCESSORIES or a FAMILY NATIONAL COSTUME. A fun activity will be completed in the classrooms.

Naturally great fun at Jabiru for the Easter holidays
Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the Easter holidays. We’ll explore the natural world, making all sorts of things from natural materials from percussion instruments to rubber stamps.
Bring your scooter or skateboard for our Wheely Fun Day and enjoy the colourful fun of the Jabiru Colour Run.
Jabiru Kids New Farm opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!
The full program is available from Jabiru New Farm or online at www.jabiru.org.au

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: Call Jabiru’s admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

Please bring a Gold coin donation to raise funds for the Media Committee.

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