Monday  
21 March 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. Philip Davies in 4D. The lesson is from our school rule of Be Responsible. The Social Skill is “Deal or No Deal”. Our assembly is on Thursday at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

### Harmony Day

—Today 21 March. Thank you to all students and staff who participated in our Harmony Day celebrations. Here at New Farm we are delighted to have so many students from different nationalities around the world. Thank you to the students who have brought something in from home to share with their class. Thank you to Ms Sandy Chambers for organising the class events.

Harmony Day is when Australia celebrates Australia’s cultural and religious diversity. On this day we invite your child to wear orange in recognition of this important day. Dressing up is optional. All children who do wear orange are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will goes towards the Media equipment in the hall.

### P&C Election Day Stall

The fundraising crew for Saturday’s election day raised a total of $1,785.68. It was a fantastic effort and the P&C would like to thank all the Mums, Dads and kids who organised, baked, sold raffle tickets and worked on the bake stall plus the New Farm Scouts who cooked a lot of sausages.

We also appreciate support from IGA New Farm (bread, onions and ice) and Statpack (packaging to make our baking beautiful).

A final thank you to everyone for buying, baking, sausages and raffle tickets.

### NFSS Tuckshop News

—Please read our tuckshop news section today there are some changes to the tuckshop procedure and menu items for Term 2. Please use the Flexischool option to order and pay for your Wednesday and Friday tuckshop. [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### Books for Fiji Children

—After the devastating cyclone in Fiji, I am organising a book collection for the children in Fiji. There will be a box in the library for used and/or new children’s books only. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to our Teacher Librarian Narelle Hoelzl for coordinating this collection.

### P&C Thank you

—The P & C was presented with a thank you card that Prep N & Prep B had made to say thank you for the air-conditioning. On behalf of the entire P & C, they just wanted to say a very big thank you to all of the students & their teachers for this very kind message & for their beautiful drawings.

### P&C Air Conditioning fundraiser

—FREE Dress Day Thursday 24 March. Please bring a gold coin if you choose to come in free dress. Please be aware to wear sunsafe clothing and wear your school broadbrimmed hat.

### 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.
City District Sports Calendar— Please find the following link to the website.
https://metnorthschoolssport.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.

District Soccer Success-- Congratulations to Elijah for gaining selection in the City District 12 Years boys soccer team last Friday. He will compete for a place in the Met North regional team on the 27th and 28th April at Pine Hills. Good Luck Elijah!

District Netball Success-- Congratulations to Lauren who was selected for the District 11 Years team in the recent trials. She will compete at the Regional trials on April 16 at the Boondall Entertainment Centre, and we wish her all the best!

Interhouse Cross Country/Fun Run Prize—As mentioned on parade there will be some incentive for the students to participate for their house. The prize for the winning house will be a FREE DRESS DAY with their house colour in the week following the cross country day (day/date to be advised). Training for those in born 2007 to 2004 who wish to run the trial distance for District for our school is still available this week and Term 2 until our team is chosen and then continues until the District Trials for those chosen.

As an added incentive for those who want their sport house to win on the day – there will be bonus points added to the BEST DRESSED HOUSE and the BEST DRESSED STUDENT – so get started on your house coloured costuming, and make sure all your House wear their colours!!

Cross Country (Friday 15 April)- The annual Interhouse Cross Country is on Friday 15 April. Mr Rainbow and students from Years 1 to 6 will walk the course in their PE lessons before the event. A permission letter will go home with your child during this week.

Prep students will run around the oval. Those students born 2004-2007 who wish to trial for nomination to the District event on 3rd May will run a long course race (3km for those born 2004-2005 and 1.5km for those born 2006-2007). All other students will run a short course fun run of about 1km.

If you do not wish your child to participate please contact your child’s Teacher.

For the distance of run to be achieved we need parents/carers to make themselves available to stand and monitor at checkpoints on the course. If you are able to assist, please contact the office. admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

**P & C Fundraiser** - The P&C’s big fundraising goal for this year is to air condition each and every room in the school. We’ve already made a start, which has made a massive difference to our new prep children and has turned the library into a cool oasis for anybody wanting to escape the heat at playtime.

At an average cost of $6,500 per room, this programme doesn’t come cheap. And our aim is to come up with ideas which raise money throughout the year to enable us to roll out these benefits to all the children.

So this Thursday, the last day of term, is going to be a free dress day, with all monies raised going into the air conditioning kitty. The school usually asks for a gold coin donation on these days, but with this project in mind, if you feel you’d like to donate more, please just take the money straight to the office.

The benefits of keeping kids cool at school is acknowledged by the state government’s Cool Schools Program. This initiative recognises that learning is best done when the heat in classrooms is reduced.

Better learning outcomes benefit the entire community, because these children are our future leaders and responsible citizens.

**Rachel Kendrick—P&C President**

**Uniform Shop**— New opening hours for Term 2.
As of Term 2 the uniform shop will only open Wednesday mornings 8am-9.30am. If you are unable to make it in on a Wednesday morning, you might like to try making your order on the flexischool website. www.flexischools.com.au. The order can be delivered to your child’s class.

Also if your child has already worn through their shoes after one term of wear, we have black runners on sale for $25 while stocks last.
STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT NFSS. First week of banking in Term 2 is Friday 22 April. We’ve had a wonderful week with 121 children make banking deposits.

Please collect any unclaimed prizes.

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. New competitions will start in Term 2.

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

Bigfish Littlefish is running 2 more programs before the end of the season. 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 1day $75, 2days $150
3 days $200

Call Jo Keenan 0414486767

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**NFSS Swim Club**— tonight Monday 21 March is the last swim night for the Term.

**Swimmer of the week:** Allegra 20% increase in 1 lap Butterfly

**Most improved:** Mackson M, Charlotte H, Elise R all with 23 points

**Community Education Program— Term 2 2016.**

The latest CEP brochure is available on the New Farm State School Website under the Forms and Documents section. Please see the new CEP update attached to today newsletter.

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**NEW WEDNESDAY MENU FOR TERM 2**

Pasta and Pizza is back next term for Wednesday. Please check the flexischools website (see below) for the new menu and prices.

**NEW SMART CHOICES GUIDELINES**

Due to the new stricter guidelines there will be a few minor changes to the Wednesday and Friday menus. The crisps will be taken off the menu and replaced with lightly salted popcorn (pre-packed). The homebakes will be slightly modified as well and will have no icing and less choc chips and 100’s and 1000’s which are now considered confectionery.

**ON LINE ORDERING**

To order online please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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** Thank you to our helpers over this term we appreciate your time and friendship.

We are extremely short of helpers in the tuckshop next term. We need a few people to help with food preparation for an hour or two once or twice a month, a couple of people to help with counter orders (8.30 - 9.15am) and homebakers. We welcome Mums, Dads and Grandparents and it is a nice way to meet new people.

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 and we can put you on the roster.

Thank you, Terri-Anne
Focus:
Students need to be able to identify when they can deal with a situation or when it has developed into a no deal and they need to seek adult help.

Looks Like -
Deal: Students ignoring the student, uses their hands to show the student stop, moving away, telling the teacher if the issue persists.

No Deal: Students reporting major incidents immediately to the teacher on duty.
Students letting them know everything that has happened.

Sounds Like -
Deal: Talking calmly and firmly.
Students saying stop I don’t like it or use an ‘I’ statement e.g. when you take my pencils I can’t do my work.
Students explaining clearly why they don’t like it and why.

No Deal - Students telling the teacher the truth about what happened and giving them all the information.

Feels Like -
Deal: Students feeling in control of the situation when they use their words.

No Deal: Students feeling good that they have informed the teacher.

Free Assessment and Treatment for Children with Depression, Sadness, Fear and/or Anxiety at Griffith University
Parents, are you concerned about depression or anxiety problems for your child? At the Griffith University Childhood Anxiety Disorders Research Program, we are conducting a large-scale study that includes a thorough depression/anxiety assessment and a new tri-component intervention that aims to improve mood and reduce anxiety by helping children overcome unhelpful thinking patterns, increase use of positive imagery and encourage engagement in enjoyable activities. These services are provided at no cost to families. If your child is between 7 and 13 years of age, please contact our research team on 07-3735 3349.

Sensitivity Unit - Last week the Preps had the opportunity to visit the Sensitivity Unit. There, they personally experienced how children, not as fortunate as themselves, live with an impairment. They manoeuvred wheelchairs around objects, up and down slopes and attempted to shoot hoops whilst sitting in their wheelchair. They played outdoor games with balls and equipment and tried to complete puzzles whilst wearing goggles impairing their vision. They negotiated their way through a pitch black tunnel, experiencing the life of a child who is blind.

The children attempted all the activities showing resilience and determination. New Farm’s Prep Parents can be proud, as their children represented our school with pride and their behaviour was exemplary. Hopefully, they will take this experience, have empathy and apply this learning to their interactions with others in the future.

NFSS - Year 6 House Captains
At the Leadership Conference on Monday 14 March.

Thank you to Michelle and Paul Logan for accompanying the Student to the Convention Centre.