From the Principal

Welcome back for Term 2, I hope you are all rested and ready for another busy Term.

Our P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 12 April 6pm in the school library, all welcome to come along and join in the meeting.

Next Friday 22 April we will hold our Anzac Day assembly. This is always a special event on our school calendar. Students will be discussing the significance of Anzac Day in the lead up to the assembly.

Some other events which we are looking forward to are the interhouse Cross Country on Friday 15 April, the Year 1 Incursion (My Place, Your Place) on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 May. Gala days for Year 5 and 6 students the inter school sports day on Friday 20, 27 May and 3 June 2016.

We would like to welcome back Nick Holloway our Schools Officer and thank Liam Redman for his efforts and fitting in so well while Nick was on leave.

Thank you to all family for their efforts with our P&C fundraiser for our project of continuing to air condition the classrooms. We raised $411 from our Free Dress day and a generous donation from an individual family of $200.

Please be reminded of our before and after school procedures.

**Before School Procedure**

- Students should arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45 am.
- **Students should not arrive before 8.30am.**
- Students arriving at school prior to 8.30am are required to be booked into Jabiru (before and after school care. Information available at office).
- All students are to be seated under A Block until 8.30am. When the teacher arrives to supervise, students are able to play on the netball court and fake grass or remain seated under A Block. Balls and play equipment should not be used in the school grounds before school.
- All students should remain in the A Block and Netball court area until the bell at 8.45am for students to move to class students should be in the Year 1 or memorial areas.
- No students should be in the playground outside the Hall before or after school.
Leaving School Safely The following procedures for “Leaving School Safely” will be reviewed with students this week. Please support and reinforce these practices when you make arrangements with and for your children.

- Students should leave the school directly at 3pm if they are walking/riding home from school independently.
- If students are attending Jabiru they should go to Jabiru directly.
- If students are meeting their parents in the school grounds then they should go directly to their parents – not go off to play with friends.
- Students should only be in areas of the school where their parents can see them (line of sight) after 3pm.
- If students are being picked up from school in the afternoon by car they should:
  a) Wait behind the fence at either the Hawthorne St entrance or on Heal St
  b) Only leave from behind the fence once their parent reaches the turn-around point at Hawthorne St or in front of the school at Heal St AND when the car is stopped against the curb. Students should never enter a vehicle that is still in the line of traffic as this is extremely dangerous.
  c) Enter the car from the curb side of the vehicle.

Deputy Principal – Cassie Buckley

Our Support Team at New Farm State School

Sandy Chambers is our STLAN – Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy. She is a very valuable and knowledgeable member of our team. Sandy taught in the classroom for 11 years in Brisbane, Mt Isa and Canada before completing her Bachelor of Education in Learning Difficulties. She has spent the past 15 years working in her role as a STLAN teacher with the last nine of those years at New Farm State School.

Sandy supports students who have difficulty learning to potential in the differentiated classroom program. She runs a number of programs to support students who have learning difficulties and works closely with teacher aides to provide these targeted and goal-driven programs for students.

Sandy works at our school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. During this time Sandy supports students through a number of strategies which include:

- Working with class teachers to set goals and strategies to improve student learning outcomes.
- Developing, monitoring and evaluating programs that support students to develop stronger Literacy and Numeracy Skills.
- Supporting and providing Professional Development for our Teacher Aides to deliver successful support programs for students.
- Individual Student Support

While the needs of each student are considered individually some of our regular programmes include:

- Alphabet Catch-Up Program: Uses playdough, rainbow writing, Jolly phonics actions, songs from alphabet book etc. to teach letter recognition, sound and written letter.
- D Link: Focuses on learning how to decode unknown words and spelling.
- Support a Reader Program: Focuses on developing reading strategies and decoding.
- Numeracy Program: Focuses on developing (addition/subtraction and multiplication/division) strategies for mental computation to be used for quick calculations and estimations in everyday life.
The progress of students who access individualised support and who access these programs is closely monitored and strategies are refined to ensure continued progress. The learning support program at New Farm has been very successful in improving student outcomes to the point where they can be successful in the regular classroom program.

Specialist Physical Education Teacher
Kent Rainbow

Cross Country (Friday 15 April) The annual Interhouse Cross Country is on Friday 15 April 8.45am-11am. Mr Rainbow and students from Years 1 to 6 will walk the course in their PE lessons before the event. Please return your permission as a matter of urgency.

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.

Interhouse Cross Country/Fun Run Prize As mentioned on assembly 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!!

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.

Harmony Day

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 shared something from home and share their cultural background 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. It was wonderful to see so many students wearing orange in recognition of this important day.
Don’t Be Found In Out-Of-Bounds

Focus:
Children understand which areas of the school are ‘out of bounds’ and which areas they are permitted to be in. They understand that staying in the right areas will help keep them safe at school.

Looks Like
• Students working, eating and playing in the areas that are supervised continuously by the teachers.

Sounds Like
• Students asking permission to go into an ‘out of bounds’ area.

Feels Like
• Being safe.
CLASSROOM AWARDS

Congratulations to our award recipients for Term 1 Week 9 2016.

**General Classroom awards -**

Prep N - Zara.

Prep B - Adif.

1B - Raymond.

1/2 T - Kairo and Ella.

2C - Agniya, Sashi, Pippa and Hannah.

5W – Desiree, Cecilia and William.

**Social Skills Awards –**

Prep B – Mackenzie.

5W – Chisako and Brad.

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SCHOOL BANKING

**FRIDAYS from 8.30am to 9.00am OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT New Farm State School.**

**First week of banking in Term 2 is Friday 22 April:**

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.

Banking through the school is a great fundraiser with the Comm Bank paying commissions to the school for deposits. Last year we raised $1589.67. Fantastic! This year so far we have been commissioned $497.23. You must make your deposits at school for us to receive the commission.

Fill in your own bank book and you can chose a prize from the volunteers. Each deposit also goes into the draw for a Mary Ryan Book voucher.

Contact Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)
P & C Air Conditioning Fundraiser

Here’s a quick update on our most recent events to raise money to roll out air conditioning across the school. As I mentioned in the last newsletter of term one, 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. If you have any ideas, please drop an email or note into the office.

The P&C’s Election Day activities raised a fabulous $1785.68, and were followed up with a free dress day on the last day of term, which brought in $411 from gold coin donations alone, plus an incredibly generous donation of $200 from one of our families. A very big thank you to everyone who donated their time, effort or money to these events. The P&C and the school really appreciate you.

If any family feels that they’d like to make a personal donation to this important programme, please just contact the office for details about the best way to do this.

I think we all recognise that children learn better when the heat in classrooms is reduced.

PLEASE ASSIST

New Farm State School has a supervised school crossing on James Street. Unfortunately our current supervisor is no longer available to supervise this crossing every day.

The safety of the students at our school is extremely important and we will have this crossing fully operational again with two supervisors from 10 May 2016.

In the meantime, we ask that parents discuss safe crossing behaviours with their children.
Enter the Healthy Waterways Awards

Parents whose children have been involved in an initiative between January and December 2015 that made a positive contribution to waterways are encouraged to enter their child in the Junior Waterway Champion Award for the 2016 Healthy Waterways Awards.

The Junior Waterway Champion Award, presented by Seqwater, recognises inspirational young leaders under the age of 25 who demonstrate passion and dedication to waterway protection and improvement.

The Awards are FREE to enter and provides your child with the opportunity to gain positive recognition and encouragement for their efforts and achievements in protecting and improving our waterways. They will also stand a chance to win a share in $19,000 prize money to support their work.

Enter Now
Parents can complete an online entry form on behalf of their child by visiting the Healthy Waterways website. Entries close 5pm Wednesday 20 April 2016.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

NEW WEDNESDAY MENU FOR TERM 2

Pasta and Pizza is back this 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 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.

ROSTER - Friday April 15th

Tuckshop - Rachel Kendrick
Counter - Dimity Williams
Baking - Sarah Millar, Cath Byrne, Kirsten Medland, Skye McKay, Sam Bryce and Mehera Milne

VOLUNTEERS

We are 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 and home bakers. 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
WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?

The Gap Netball Club has vacancies for 8 to 10 year old players (born 2006 to 2008) for the 2016 season.

Netball is the most popular team sport in Australia and The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland.

Teams train on weekday afternoons and evenings at Hilder Road State School and play at Downey Park on Saturdays from April to August.

Contact Registrar Ian MacColl at registrar@thegapnetball.org or on 0438 115 382 for further information.
Community Education Program Update

THIS JUST IN...

Late addition for Term 2 – Sunrise Yoga with Dara

Stretch, strengthen, and energise your body, and calm your mind. Emphasis on proper alignment. Suitable for all levels. BYO yoga mat

How to enrol: use the usual CEP enrolment form. Enter the course code SYD. The fee for this 9-week session is $120. Classes will run in the Music Room, 6-7am on Thursdays, commencing April 21st. Please enrol prior to April 17th.

Classes are filling up!

UPDATE on CLASS AVAILABILITY:

ART with MEREDITH and JUDO are now full for term 2. Please do not apply for these classes, as no further enrolments can be accepted.

Creative Dance classes (CDR-1, 2 and 3) are filling up, as are the Gymnastics classes (GRK-1 and 2). Remember you must enrol in the week prior to classes commencing. Late enrolments will not be accepted if classes are at capacity.

Most classes will begin in week 2 of the school term, and will run from 6 to 9 weeks. Check the brochure carefully for specific start dates, class times and course length. Be quick to secure a spot in your preferred class(es) – first come, first served until classes reach capacity.

What’s on offer for kids?

We’ve got the Arts covered: ‘Art with Meredith’ classes on Monday (FULL), Creative Workshops on Tuesday, Creative Dance on Tuesday/Thursday, and Drama on Fridays. Please check age restrictions/divisions and ensure you apply for the appropriate session.

There are active pursuits like Judo-Monday (FULL), Gymnastics-Wednesday, and Karate-Friday.

Chessmates -Tuesday and Language (French-Thurday, Mandarin-Friday) classes for kids are offered in term 2 as well.

What’s on offer for adults?

Get your groove on in Zumba-style Aerobics, strengthen your body with a FIT.30 workout, or morning/evening Pilates classes, or start your day with a Sunrise Yoga session. Sing or strum a tune in Choir or Ukulele, or try your hand at the game of Mahjong. Broaden your linguistic, cultural or culinary horizons in one of our French, Italian or Spanish courses or weekend workshops.

For all ages:

Private music lessons (Guitar, Instrumental, Piano, Vocal) continue to be very popular! We have a few openings for Piano with Leana (Wednesday) and Guitar with James (Wednesday). Please enquire via email for lesson time availability. A wait list is in place for those who cannot take up one of the lesson times currently on offer.

For all enquiries or to register for a class, please email: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au

*Note – CEP Coordinator does not work onsite at the school. For this reason, the most efficient method for enrolment is via email. Forms that are dropped off at the school office or sent via the post will be collected regularly, but not necessarily every day. Email communication will be the quickest way to confirm your placement in a class.