From the Principal

Last Friday we held our annual Interhouse Cross Country, it was a wonderful morning for all runners and spectators. Thank you to Mr Kent Rainbow, our PE Teacher, for all his work in the lead up to and on the day to make this event a great success.

Thank you to all Teachers and Staff for their efforts in organising and marshalling the children prior to their races. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up in their house colours. Thank you to so many parents for attending and assisting on Friday.

It was great to see the PE Parent group coming up with ideas for the day such as the Best Dressed and Best House Awards. I’m sure the children in Merthyr will love their free dress day. Please see all results in the article from Mr Rainbow.

Our Anzac Day Commemorative Assembly will be held this Friday 22 April at 9.15am at our Anzac memorial within the school grounds. Thank you to Ms Wendy Maslen for once again creating such a meaningful and high quality program for our students and community. Families who wish to lay a wreath will be invited to do so after the classes.

We are asking parents from each class to bake Anzac biscuits for their class. Students are asked to bring a gold coin to have a biscuit and the donation will go toward the ‘Walk for Wounded’ charity. The senior students from our Community and Charity group will collect the money from the classes.

Traditionally we ask each class to lay a wreath at the end of the service. We would ask families to donate flowers to the school so these can be assembled by Friday morning. If you would like to donate some flowers or greenery please deliver them to the school office by Thursday morning. They can be flowers from your home garden.

The Life Education Van is due at our school from next week from Tuesday 26 April- Tuesday 3 May. Please be aware the parent session will be held Tuesday 26 April at 2.00pm in the van. There is also a parent session leaflet attached to today’ email. Thank you to Mrs Janene Boyes for coordinating this program for our classes.

A Parent information morning for Year 6 Canberra Trip- Wednesday 27 April 7.45am-8.15am in the school library. Your class will be represented by your Parent Rep, so if you are unable to attend this information will be forward to you.
Deputy Principal – Cassie Buckley

NAPLAN Tests—this year’s NAPLAN tests will be held on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 May 2016 for Year 3 and 5 Students. NAPLAN is a point in time test. Teachers have been working through their regular curriculum and have taken great care in preparing students for the three days of testing. Teachers are reassuring students to approach the test in a positive way and not to be worried. If parents would like to know more about the NAPLAN assessments please visit the website: http://www.nap.edu.au/.

Key Dates:

- Tuesday 10 May—Language conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 11 May– Reading
- Thursday 12 May– Numeracy
- Friday 13 May – Catch-up

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child’s participation in NAPLAN this year please make contact with Ms. Cassie Buckley (Deputy Principal) 3358 7333.

Our Support Team at New Farm State School

Jenny O’Neill and Danielle Schneider are our SEP (Special Education Program) Teachers at New Farm. Jenny and Dani support our students with disabilities to access the full range of learning and social opportunities at school. Jenny and Dani work with parents and classroom teachers to develop individual goals for students and develop programs and strategies to support students to achieve these goals.

Jenny works at our school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dani works on Tuesdays and Fridays. During this time Jenny and Dani support students through a number of strategies which include:

- Working with class teachers and parents to set goals and implement strategies to improve student learning outcomes and social competence.
- Developing, monitoring and evaluating programs that support students to achieve their individual goals.
- Supporting and providing Professional Development for our Teachers and Teacher Aides to implement successful support differentiation strategies to support students.
- Individual Student Support

The progress of students who access this individualised support is closely monitored and strategies are refined to ensure continued progress. The Special Education Program at New Farm has been very successful in improving student academic outcomes and social skills.
Welcome back to Term 2. It will be another busy term with the added demands of NAPLAN and their end of semester reports on our students. These extra demands can contribute to the anxiety and stress levels of some of our children so it may be worthwhile now, to consider ways that we can support them.

According to KidsMatter, one way is with mindfulness practice. “Research shows that mindfulness builds resilience by giving children skills to help them to cope better with stress.”

KidsMatter has joined forces with Smiling Mind, a free program that helps develop Mindfulness Meditation skills in children. These skills help to manage stress, increase awareness of emotions, improve attention and focus, and can prevent difficulties from getting worse. The Smiling Mind website and smartphone App provide information about mindfulness and action-based tools to guide children (starting from seven years) and adults through Mindfulness Meditation practices.

More information about KidsMatter and Smiling Mind can be found at


Follow up session

Wednesday 27 April at 9.15am – 10.15am.

In the school library with the visiting Occupational therapist. Details to follow later this week.
Specialist Physical Education Teacher

Kent Rainbow INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY & FUN RUN

The races were held on Friday in comfortable conditions on a great clear morning. The students from Prep through to Year 6 put in a terrific effort to complete the various courses – all Prep students were outstanding in following the track around the oval.

Race trials were conducted for selection to District trials. The following students placed in the first 5 runners and will be nominated to go to District trials for those born 2007-2004:

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The “Fun Run’ races for Preps through to Year 6 provided house points towards the Interhouse trophy which was won by Merthyr. Many thanks to the parent volunteers, who at short notice were able to make themselves available to help - and to the Groundsman, Nick Holloway for preparation of the oval. Running club will continue to be available to those selected to go to District trials.
Fun Run Results- Congratulation to all students for participating on the day. A special acknowledgment of our placegetter for the Fun Run. Well done!

**Prep Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Alexis W, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Eden J, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Addison T.

**Prep Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Ollie S, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Nicholas, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Connor & Sebastian.

**Year 1 Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Charlotte H, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Nina, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Allegra.

**Year 1 Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} William M, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Oliver H, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Daniel B.

**Year 2 Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Hannah J, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Sophie L, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Maive

**Year 2 Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Max W & Nicholas D, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Finn, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Diego

**Year 3 Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Suki, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Melia, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Scarlett.

**Year 3 Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Oliver, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Jack, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Bryce.

**Year 4 Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Jessica, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Ava, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Evie.

**Year 4 Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Oliver, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Lucas, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Hudson.

**Year 5 Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Elise, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Chisako, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Desiree.

**Year 5 Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Ethan, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Dane, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Jude.

**Year 6 Girls**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Tabbitha, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Rose, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Charlotte.

**Year 6 Boys**: 1\textsuperscript{st} Jack, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Benoit, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Zack.

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**School Rules**

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be a Learner
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.

The Youth Saver account requires one deposit and no withdrawals in the month to earn the bonus interest.

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)

NFSS Fundraiser – Please support our new school fundraiser. The Entertainment Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Brisbane’s best restaurants and café’s and attractions. Your child will have received their entertainment books today. Please browse this fantastic book of savings. Please return the book as soon as possible if you do not want to take advantage of the offer.

What a great gift idea for Mother’s Day.

To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit:

To Have A Friend  
Be A Friend

Focus:
• Students should be kind to others and look for ‘good’ friendship skills in others.

Looks Like
• Joining in and letting others join in
• Having fun

Sounds Like
• Positive words
• Friendly talk
• Encouraging others
• Laughing

Feels Like
• Feels secure
• Enjoying time and activities with friends

BALLET CLASSES
at HOLY SPIRIT School
(36 Villiers St., New Farm)
Monday and/or Friday
Ballet 1 (4-7yo) 3:30-4:15pm
*Ballet 2 (8 and with break interval

Tisha King
040 607 8350
Tisha0273@yahoo.com

FREE Community Yoga
Starting April 21st until June 9th
Thursday 6:30pm – 7:30pm
At New Farm State School in the Music Room
Bring your own mat.
Cross Country 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 22nd

Tuckshop – Alison Menzies
Counter – Lyn Zollo
Baking – Susie Levy, Bec Litchfield, Alison Menzies, Michelle Logan, Fiona Caniglia

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-Thursday, 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.