Fabulous Buddy Readers

Each morning some of our Year 6 students volunteer to do buddy reading with our younger students.

Some anecdotes from our Year 1 students:

Will - “I like buddy reading since they read you good stories.”

Jarrah - “I like buddy reading because it’s fun.”

Will - “I like buddy reading because you get to listen to stories.”

Nathan - “I like buddy reading because I like it when they take their time to read.”

We all like our buddies!!!

NEWSLETTER

Monday
28 October, 2013

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REMINDERS
NFSS SWIM CLUB
Monday nights from 6pm

READING CLUB
Tuesday morning 8.15am in Library.

STUDENT BANKING
Every Friday

From the Principal’s Desk…

The Book Fair will be held this Monday to Wednesday from 8am in our library. Thank you to Narelle for organising the displays. I encourage parents and students to come and visit the library to view the books. They are available for purchase on the day. The school receives a very generous commission on all books sold so your support would be greatly appreciated. Cash, cheques, credit cards and debits are welcome.

As we near the end of the year, it is important that we all continue to keep to our regular routines and maintain full attendance to ensure we make the most of our learning time. Thank you to parents who have continued to notify the office via email when students are away ill or on holidays. The office can be contacted on admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au.

Social Skills

This week’s social skill is ‘Arrive Safe Leave Safe’. On assembly Mrs Campbell’s class presented a slide show with photos of our students showing the right way to wait for parents after school, the correct use of footpaths for walking to and from school, as well as where to cross the road at the crossing on James Street. In our busy neighbourhood it is important that we all use the areas in the appropriate ways. The area at the Hawthorne Street pick up / drop off zone is a 2 minute walk area. Thank you for ensuring you do not park there and leave your car. Children are told to wait inside the school fence so that means they will be waiting safely until they are collected. Walking in pairs or small groups is also a safe and sensible way to travel to and from school. This social skill reinforces the use of the crossings available, travelling directly to and from school and being safe when using the drop off zone.

Finalising Enrolments and Class Allocations for 2014

We understand that parents are still finalising their enrolments for Prep children and we encourage them to do so before this Monday, 1 November so that we can organise our class allocations.

Class allocations for the entire school will commence Friday, 1 November. If you would like to submit a request for special consideration for your child, please submit this in writing to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au before this date.

World Teachers’ Day– Last Friday

Thank you to students and parents for making the World Teachers’ Day special for all teaching staff. They thoroughly enjoyed the little gifts and special morning tea that was arranged for them by the P&C. Jim Posner, P&C Secretary conveyed some kind words of thanks and appreciation to our teachers on behalf of the school community.

Thank you to Jim and his wife Kathryn for arranging the morning tea.
From the Principal’s Desk (Cont…)

Year 7 Canberra Camp “Unearth-Ed”
Students and teachers of Year 7 are looking forward to their “Unearth-Ed” trip to Canberra in two weeks time. They will be visiting places of cultural and educational interest such as:

- National Museum of Australia
- CSIRO Discovery Centre
- National Portrait Gallery
- High Court of Australia
- Australian War Memorial (including the daily rendition of the Last Post)
- Australian Institute of Sport guided by an elite athlete
- National Gallery of Australia
- Government House
- Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex
- Parliament House

I am sure that after such an enlightening trip, our students will come back enthusiastic and well informed to take on the challenges of High School.

A friendly reminder that payments are due to the office by 1 November.

Parent and Community Engagement Framework Workshop — Friday, 8 November
We have been invited to attend a follow up Parent and Community Engagement Framework Workshop arranged by P&C Old. In June Fiona Murocott (PAC President), Joy Lenzinger (NFSS Admin Manager) and myself attended the first session and found it very informative. We have a couple of spare places so any interested parents are welcome to attend. It is on Friday, 8 November 2013 from 9am to 3pm at Brisbane International Conference Centre, 27 Millmere and Sandgate Roads, Boondall (car park entry via Millmere Road). Please contact Fiona or fncurocott@thinkbusiness.com.au or Joy on 3358 7333 if you would like more information.

OBSTATION— Friday, 1 November from 9am
All classes, from Prep to Year 7, will participate for 15 minutes in class groups to complete circuits of the Obstacle course. The event starts at 9am. Children will progress at their own pace on our oval.

The course includes:
- Slip n Slide, Net Crawl, Plank Walk, Maze Run, Dribbling, Hill Climb and others.

All children are to wear their uniform to school, except for Prep classes and Prep/MK, who will arrive dressed and ready to take part.

Old clothes, old shoes, a hat and a towel are a must and will be needed for participation as it is sure to be muddy! A plastic bag will also be needed to carry the wet clothing, shoes and towel home. Children will shower/be housed down afterwards and then change into their school uniform to return to class.

Gold coin donations will be accepted at the course or collected in classrooms. These funds will go towards the purchase of new house banners for 2014.

End of Year Disco
Friday, 22 November from 5.30 to 8.30pm in the School Hall
New Farm is about to become the School Of Rock!!

It might be a long way to the top if you want to rock’n’roll, but it’s only a few weeks until Friday, November 22. So start banging your head for a costume idea, harness your appetite for destruction (just kidding!!!) and get ready to rock’n’roll all night at the End of Year Bash. It’s going to be high voltage, it’s going to hell raising, and it’s only going to be $2!!!

Food and drinks available on the night - all ages welcome. But we will accept no substitutes - New Farm students and their families only please. Parents must be in attendance. No drop offs.

Get ready to do some fearless boogying. Rock on!

Tonya Stock

SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS
STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS

106 Students banked last week. We have a new record!

Many new accounts were opened last week at the Prep Open Morning and if these children have siblings at the school they can send them in with an elastic band with their sibling this term.

PLEASE REDEEM ALL TOKENS (IN MULTIPLES OF 10) BY THE END OF 2013. An upgrade to our School Banking System means that a maximum of 9 tokens can be carried into 2014!

The new competition this term requires 2 deposits through School Banking being made before the 30 November and you could win an iPod touch or an adventure DVD pack.

Congratulations to Ruby R and Huon P for receiving their Silver Certificates this week and to Henry M for receiving his Bronze Certificate.

Congratulations also to Flynn R, Daniel G, Emiko G, Lauren C and Drew C for receiving their rewards this week.

As there was no assembly last week, certificates and rewards were not presented.

I will be near the front of the hall on most Mondays after assembly to answer any banking questions and I will try and have some rewards with me for those students who would like to redeem tokens without presentation at assembly.

Karen Ridout, ridout@gsqusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644

UNIFORM SHOP
We have NEW Uniform Shop opening times—

- Wednesday mornings from 8.15am to 9am
- Wednesday afternoons from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

I still have a few specials left on dresses, polos, shorts and hats, just see the rack of ‘New’ items on sale outside the front of the uniform shop. I’m also looking for second hand uniforms, mainly dresses and polo shirts. So if you can help please drop your pre-loved items into the uniform shop.

Thanks, Katherine

BOOKFAIR — Week 4, 28 and 29 October
NEW BOOKS FOR SALE in the library. Prices from $4.
Monday 28 October to Wednesday 30 October only.

Just like a bookshop only better! Yes it’s that time again for a Bookfair when the library is full of new books for sale. A wholesaler sources books from all over the world for this Bookfair. They are not the books offered by Scholastic Bookclub.

So put the dates in your diary, start saving up those chores for the children to do for pocket money or purchase and put away for Christmas presents.

Narelle Hoedl — Teacher Librarian

TUCKSHOP NEWS

ONLINE ORDERING
Don’t forget to register for online ordering. It is quick and easy to use. To sign up — go to www.flexischools.com.au.

NEW WEDNESDAY MENU FOR TERM 4
We have salad wraps - vegetarian or with chicken or ham; pasta with a vegetarian tomato sauce; Yoghurt, fruit and drinks are also for sale. Online orders close at 8.00am. Counter orders must be in before 9.00am.

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
To avoid the long queues on Friday mornings you can order online. Cut off time is 8.00am on Fridays. If you order over the counter, please have your order in before 9.00am and make sure you have your child’s name and class clearly marked.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER — 1 November
Tuckshop (9.00 - 11.30am) - Adam Gray, Mick Byrne & Helen Fogarty
Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Sue Fuller & Jim Posner
Baking - Marcela Garcia, Priscilla Short, Susie Levy, Sally Leary, Sue Fuller & Jocelyn Parry

TUCK SHOP NEWS