



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 2, Term 4 - Monday 17th October, 2016

Principal's Report

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value." (Einstein)

Week 1 Term 4 Rec Sport Commences, Congrats Sharnee B and Elisabeth G

Senior children were excited to participate in the many Rec Sports available to them last Friday. Thankyou to all the teachers, especially Mr Dill who organised so many varied sport opportunities for our students. I had a great time with Mrs Kerr and Mrs Bentley's walking group along the Seascape Bridge and Austinmer beach. Sadly we didn't see any whales. Congratulations to all our students and also Sharnee B who again excelled herself in yet another South Coast team, this time in Softball. Well done, great way to end the year !! The children also found a rare species of the "Thong Tree" in Coledale !!!!!!! Congratulations also to our first Term 4 Gold Certificate recipient, Elisabeth G from 4/5F. Then I was told this is Elisabeth's second Gold Certificate – an amazing accomplishment from an equally amazing young student. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful students who excel in so many areas.

Congratulations Mrs Kearns and Mrs Carpenter with LMBR "Go Live"

On Monday our school along with 400 other primary schools went "Go Live" with a new business and financial system in our schools. Both Mrs Kearns as our wonderful office manager strongly supported by Mrs Carpenter have been working very hard completing numerous additional tasks, on top of doing their usual full day. Hopefully the teething problems are few and all works well. I also thank all of FMDS staff for being so flexible and supporting the office staff.



2016 End of Year Evaluation

We are now evaluating 2016 and planning for an even better 2017 to make FMDS the best school possible for our children. I urge all parents and carers to complete our simple anonymous and confidential on-line Tell Them From Me parent survey at: <https://nswtellthemfromme.com/fm2016>. Students and staff have also completed their surveys as part of our 2016 school evaluation. Next week every family will receive a simple Parent Survey from their eldest child. Please return this anonymous survey to the survey box in the foyer.

Year 7 Selective High School Placement for 2018

Current Year 5 students and families who are considering a selective high school placement in 2018 must read carefully the online application information found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Important dates include: Tuesday 11th October - Online Applications opened; Monday 14th November – Online applications close (late applications will NOT be accepted; Thursday 9th March, 2017 – Selective High School Test.

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 2

- 17 Swimming Program Starts for 2 weeks
Assembly 3-6, 2.15-3.00
- 18 Assembly K-2, 2.15-3.00
- 19 National Count Us In Rehearsal, 1.00-1.45
- 20 UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 21 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

Week 3

- 24 Swimming Program 2nd week
- 25 Kinder Orientation Session 5, 9.10-11.45
- 27 National Count Us In Song Day, 12.30
Swimming Program Starts for 2 weeks
UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students Last Day
- 28 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

Week 4

November

- 31 BOOK FAIR WEEK
Assembly 3-6, 2.15-3.00
- 1 Assembly K-2, 2.15-3.00
- 4 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

Week 5

- 7 Last Kinder Orientation, Session 6, 9.10-11.00
- 9 Whole School Assembly, 2.15-3.00
P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 11 Remembrance Day
Gala Day
K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00
- 12 ELECTION DAY – Saturday

Week 6

- 14 Selective H.S. Online Applications Close

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PBL Message - Full School Uniform and Hat for Summer

I remind all parents and children of our school uniform expectations and that we all need to look our best with our school on show every day (includes black school shoes Monday to Thursday, joggers on Friday for sport). With the warmer and sunny weather now with us children need to wear a hat or they will be instructed to sit under the COLA in the shade. Our hardworking P&C are in the process of purchasing new school caps, hopefully ready for the hotter and sunnier summer months to come.

Thankyou to Our Woodwork Group

Our FMDS school community thank our woodwork group for not only helping start our sensory garden but also making several very sturdy wooden slope boards for use by our students. Thankyou gentlemen and ladies, much appreciated. Great job !!

FMDS Website, Facebook Page, School Sign and SkoolBag App

I hope everyone is having a look at our school website and exciting Facebook Page which are both full of amazing photos, stories and comments from hundreds of viewers showcasing the many talents of our students and staff. With so much happening at FMDS our website, Facebook, School Sign and SkoolBag App show it all.



Friday Rec Sport Walking Group
&
Coledale Thong Tree



Sharnee B – Sth Coast Softball



Elisabeth G – Gold Certificate

Canteen News

Get Ready! Halloween week is coming.

Canteen will be selling special Halloween themed treats in the week starting 31st October. Prices will range from 50c to \$2.00.

Also we still need volunteers to put their names down for next year.

Our helpers this week and next are:

Mon 17/10		Mon 24/10	
Tue 18/10	Deb Neich	Tue 25/10	
Wed 19/10	Rachel Melville	Wed 26/10	
Thur 20/10	Melissa Hellmung	Thur 27/10	Simone Warburton
Frid 21/10	Jessica Dynes	Frid 28/10	Lisa Springett

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