



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 3, Term 4 - Monday 24th October, 2016

Principal's Report

"All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." (Charles Schultz)

Congratulations to Our State Finalist Junior Relay Team

What an amazing effort from Emma W, Annika S, Cailee M and Eliana C. The school received phone calls from 2 very excited and proud mums to inform us that the girls had made it through their heat and semi-final into the finals, with 40 school relay teams in the competition. From 11 fastest in the heats to 9th fastest in the semis our girls stormed home to finish 7th out of 9 teams in the final – what a strong improvement in each race. I had earlier called a quick assembly to tell the children and to have everyone send their mental energy to our girls at Homebush and to wish them well. To come an admirable 7th in the face of strong competition from all Sydney schools (look at the display board) was fantastic. Emma W had a full day competing in 4 events, Relay, Girls 100 m, High Jump and Long Jump and was in the long jump pits prior to the relay final. Well done girls !! Your families and school are so proud of you all !!!

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/fmfs2016>. 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 letter 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.

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.

What's happening @ FMDS?

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 (KTS)
- 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
(Southern Stars Dancers)
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
Assembly 3-6, 2.15-3.00
- 15 Assembly K-2, 2.15-3.00 (KM)
- 18 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

Week 7

- 21 Presidents Speeches for 2017
- 24 Yr 6 Inter-Uni visit UOW
Kidzish Christmas Party Support Classes
- 25 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

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.

Canteen News

Remember that our Halloween treats will be available at the Canteen next week, prices range from 50c to 2.50 each.

Our fantastic helpers are:

Mon 24/10		Mon 31/10	
Tues 25/10		Tues 1/11	
Wed 26/10		Wed 2/11	
Thur 27/10	Simone Warburton	Thur 3/11	Michelle Haigh
Frid 28/10	Lisa Springett	Frid 4/11	



Even number 1 on the leader board

Well Done Girls!!!!



Our fantastic Junior Relay Team

'STATE FINALISTS'



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FAIRY MEADOW DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL

PARENT SURVEY 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your observations, feedback and comments are so important to the ongoing evaluation and improvement of our school in making Fairy Meadow Demonstration School the best school it can be.

Please return this survey in a sealed envelope or the one page folded to the office foyer in the box marked "Parent Surveys" by Friday, 11th November.

Thanking you for your support.

Paul Brightwell

1. *On a scale of zero to ten, how likely is it that you would recommend Fairy Meadow Demonstration School to family members (who do not already attend the school), friends or colleagues?*

Not at all likely

Extremely Likely

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2. *Why did you rate us the way that you did?*

Please feel free to add a written comment/s or simply circle a number above.