



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 5 & 6, Term 4 – Monday 7th & 14th November, 2016

Principal's Report

"Count your age by friends, not years; Count your life by smiles, not tears." (John Lennon)

Count Us In Australia Wide Sing-a-long!! and Belrose P S Concert Band

Congratulations to all our children as they participated in our nation wide Count Us In Sing last week. The children were able to sing the students singing at the Sydney Opera House and other schools around Australia. Mr Dill enthusiastically led the school in Mrs Nowotny's absence and was strongly supported by Mr O'Connor on the cool sax, Rachel B on piano, Sonny B on drums and Abbie L. on guitar. It was a fun time for everyone !! Well done. This week the children also enjoyed listening to the concert band and string ensemble of Belrose P.S. and Meadowbank P.S. from Sydney.

Bike Safety and Wearing Helmets and 12 years of Age

I reminded all the children at morning assembly this week that should they decide to ride their bike to school, it is a matter of law and safety that they must wear an approved helmet. It is law that anyone, regardless of age, riding a bike must wear a helmet. I was so pleased to find that the boys with their bikes in the bike racks all had their helmet. Parents should also consider for the safety of their children and not the convenience of riding to school, that Police and research tells us that no child under 12 years of age should ride a bike without adult supervision. It is not until about 12 years that children develop a strong sense of speed and peripheral vision, so important when riding a bike on or near a busy road. Sadly in one of my previous school, a senior boy was killed riding his bike from school without wearing a helmet. The grief and sadness felt by my school, in particular, the children who witnessed the accident, I never want to have happen again.

Congratulations Sonny B & Victoria W AECG Deadly Encouragement Awards

On Thursday afternoon our local Northern AECG acknowledged primary and secondary students from all northern Wollongong schools. It was great to see Sonny and Victoria receive their award supported by their families, myself and Mrs Mathers. This was the inaugural award ceremony and was a great success.

Parents Approaching Children At School

I ask parents to think carefully and not approach and speak with other children. To speak with your child is naturally not a problem but sometimes a child may not interpret or understand what is said to them by another parent or adult. It is best that parents talk to the classroom teacher should they have any questions regarding another child. You need not approach another child directly to ask questions about what may or may not have happened that day at school, especially according to the versions provided by their own child.

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 5

- 7 Last Kinder Orientation, Session 6, 9.10-11.00
- 9 Whole School Assembly, 2.15-3.00 (Southern Stars Dancers, Count Us In Song) P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 11 Remembrance Day Gala Day K-2 + K-4W Gymsports
- 12 ELECTION DAY – Saturday, P&C BBQ

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)
- 16 Keira H.S. Information Evening 6.00-7.00
- 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 Kidzwhish Christmas Party Support Classes
- 25 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

Week 8

- 29 Sports Assembly, 9.15
- 30 SRC Colour Run Walkathon 1.15-3.00 STEM Year 4 with KHS at FMDS 9.00-12.00
- 2 Sports Assembly 9.15 K-2 + K-4W Gymsports Recreation Sport 3-6, 1.30-3.00

Week 9

- 5 P-2 Christmas Assembly rehearsal PBL Extra Play Reward Week RC Colour Run Walkathon 1.15-3.00
- 6 P-2 Christmas Assembly, 9.15 Hong Kong University students visit Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day Keira H.S. 9.30-2.30 meet front of school P&C Meeting, AG
- 7 Presentation Assembly, 9.15
- 9 Choirs sing in Fairy Meadow

Keira High School Year 7 Information Evening

Wednesday, 16th November, 6.00 – 7.00 pm, School Hall.

Parents and students of Year 7 are invited to attend this meeting to meet key staff members and to learn about the programs that support all students in their first days at KHS.

Keira High School Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday, 6th December, from 9.30 – 2.30 pm, Meeting Point, front of school.

An Orientation Day for students will be held on Tuesday, 6th December. Students will participate in a range of learning experiences and activities to increase their knowledge of high school. Students are to wear their primary school sport uniform and to bring a bottle of water and a hat. Recess and Lunch will be provided.

FMDS P to 6 Colour Fun Run & Walk-a-thon

The 2016 SRC and House Captains are organising the 'FMDS Colour Fun Run/Walk-a-thon' to raise money for our school. Next year will see an extension of various programs within the school and funds raised from the Colour Fun Run/Walk-a-thon will support these initiatives and the purchase of new resources.

Date: Wednesday 30th November 2016, 1.15 - 3pm. There will be an early break time on that day

Cost: Colour Run/Walk-a-thon donations to be collected by individual students

Details:

- The SRC will set up a running/walking track throughout the school grounds.
- Students are encouraged to seek donations (per lap) from family and friends.
- Water spray bottles will be filled with food colouring and water. Students will be sprayed as they pass through various checkpoints along the track. If given permission from home.

Clothing: Students are required to wear:

- a plain white t-shirt
- an old pair of shorts
- an old pair of shoes
- an old cap

Please keep in mind that all clothing including shoes may be covered in food colouring, and so students should wear clothing that is either old or not too valuable.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

The SRC has been listening to our amazing and caring student body and have organised to collect and prepare **Christmas Hampers** for the less fortunate families in our local Illawarra Community.

The members of the SRC Social Justice Committee have contacted some local charities, including the Homeless Hub, Need a Feed and the Smith family to ask what items would be most useful. The response for what we could collect was the same from each charity: any **non-perishable** food stuff, any **toiletries** or **Christmas food/items** to brighten up the Hamper.

The process to help and donate is simple..... you can give as much as you can as often as you want. Each morning at assembly students will be there to collect all donations and we will store them at school until the charity pick up day in mid-December.

2016 School Evaluation and 2017 Planning

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 Parent Survey attached to this newsletter. Please return this anonymous survey to the letter box in the foyer. Your feedback and opinions are very important to us.

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.

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Canteen News

As we are coming to the end of the year canteen stock will start to run down. We will let you know via the newsletter what items are low or out of stock. Please check the whiteboards at canteen as well.

So far on next year's canteen roster we have 3 volunteers, out of a possible 30, none of which are doing Friday (our busiest day). We really need help on Fridays, you may have seen the long order lines in the mornings. Please consider putting your name on the roster. Even if you can only help in the morning 8.30 to 12.00 would be of great assistance. If you can help please call in and speak to one of our friendly canteen supervisors.

Our fantastic helpers are:

Mon 14/11		Mon 21/11	
Tue 15/11	Deb Neich	Tue 22/11	
Wed 16/11	Rachel Melville	Wed 23/11	
Thur 17/11		Thur 24/11	Simone Warburton
Frid 18/11		Frid 25/11	



Belrose Public School Band Visit



**AECG Deadly Encouragement
Award Winners**

Community News

WE NEED YOU!!!

Become a Care South Family Choices Carer

Kids with a disability don't need a hero. They need you. Spending time with a child with a disability once a month and school holidays is one way you can help.

Call us today on 1300 554 260. YOU can make a real difference in a child or young person's life.

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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				
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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.

Chloe's RAINBOW DISCO!



Kids 5-13 years, come along for the best night ever whilst helping to save Chloe!

Chloe Saxby had just started dance lessons and loved them!

Then overnight, she lost the use of her legs.

Chloe still loves to dance in her wheelchair and would love you to come to her RAINBOW DISCO!

Where: Woonona Bulli RSL Club

When: Friday, 2nd December

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Tickets are \$20 each and include rocking tunes, a photo booth, cake buffet, entertainer and more!

All proceeds go towards advancing the life saving research to speed up the cure for Vanishing White Matter Disease.

Help us in our race against time to save Chloe and children like her, whilst having lots of **FUN!**

Tickets available at reception
or by calling WBRSL on 4284 1577