



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 7, Term 4 – Monday 21st November, 2016

Principal's Report

"Use your smile to change the world. Don't let the world change your smile."

Kinder So Smart – Future Physicists !!!

This week I visited our very smart Kinders having nearly completed their first year at FMDS. I was amazed to see the fantastic range of projects which the Kinder completed in their study of motion and their obvious deep understanding of the forces of push, pull etc. Such clever Kinders and Kinder teachers !!! Well done everyone. You have achieved so much in your first year.

President's Speeches for 2017

This week we were so impressed with the manner in which our 5 boys and 15 girls from Year 5 presented themselves with their Presidents' Speeches to the school. All children K-6, staff and very proud parents and families heard our future FMDS Student Leaders. I also thank Mrs Bull, Mr Prior and especially Mrs Mawson for giving up their lunchtimes to coach all the students so they would be at their best. The detailed voting procedures and amount of work which goes into preparing our students and student leaders is very special. I want to thank and congratulate Tyler, Lochy, Tahlia and Abby for being exceptional leaders in 2016 and I am excited about working with our next generation of student leaders in 2017. Can't wait for the announcements !!!

If You Are Leaving FMDS?

As we begin to plan classes for 2017, I ask any parents and families who may be sadly leaving FMDS, to contact the office so we can factor in numbers.

Parents To Park in Nearby Carparks at Guest Park and Tennis Courts

I remind all parents that no parent is to drive into the school grounds unless they have my permission. Some parents have my permission to enter the school and staff carpark because they have children with special needs or children with limited mobility. FMDS is so fortunate to have two large nearly carparks in Guest Park and near the tennis courts, as well as street parking along Balgownie Road. Most schools like my previous schools at Figtree, Helensburgh and Russell Vale only have street parking and all parents and children must walk some distance to and from school. This week we had an unfortunate incident involving a parent who did not have permission to enter the staff carpark. Subsequent congestion and gridlock resulted in an inappropriate verbal exchange that was overheard by young students. Not a good look and so easily avoided !!!

What's happening @ FMDS?

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
- 7 P&C Meeting, AGM
- 9 Presentation Assembly + Morning Tea for
Parents & Parent Helpers, 9.15
Choirs sing in Fairy Meadow

Week 10

- 12 Year 6 Assembly + Morning Tea, 9.15
- 13 Semester 2 Student Reports Home
- 14 Party Day
Last Day Preschool
Year 6 Dinner
- 16 Year 6 Arch
Last Day for Students
Happy and Safe Holidays Everyone
Many thanks to our wonderful FMDS
Community for a HUGE 2016 !!!!
Looking forward to an even better 2017 !!

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 another child may not interpret or understand what is said 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 as all children's views may differ.

Keira High School Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday, 6th December, from 9.30 – 2.30 pm, Meeting Point, front of Keira High School. 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.

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 in 2016/17.

KTS Rocking and Rolling Projects



Canteen News

Please check the boards at the canteen for any out of stock items. At the moment we are only out of Mac Cheese.

We are pleased to announce our popular Christmas treats will be back this year. We sell a different treat each day in the lead up to the end of term, stay tuned for more info.

Over the next two weeks we only have one helper on our roster, Simone Warburton who is helping today, Simone has been volunteering at our Canteen for many years but sadly the last of her children is leaving FMDS this year. Thank you Simone.

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