



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 8, Term 4 – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

## Principal's Report

"The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving."

### Sports Assembly, Year 4 STEM and SRC Colour-Run

This week 170 of our sporty children were acknowledged at our annual sports assembly across three levels of representative sport. Congratulations to you all and thankyou Mr Dill and our Sports Team for all your organisation and dedication in 2016. FMDS also welcomed senior students from Keira High School to work with our Year 4 and get them excited about Engineering and Science. Mr Michael Robson, Head Teacher Science complimented our very interested and well behaved FMDS students and thankyou to Mrs Fenwick for your excellent organisation. Then we all had fun getting sprayed with colours and raising money for the children and our school. Our very active SRC along with wonderful Mrs Bull and Mrs Mawson organised our walkathon around the school. What a colourful spectacle and so much fun !!!!! Now we need to collect our sponsor money and return quickly to the front office as we only have 2 more weeks of school. Then we can spend the money on our students.

### Stop Work Meeting by Teachers – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00-11.00

I ask all parents to carefully consider the welfare and safety of their children next Thursday as all teachers have been requested by the NSW Teachers Federation to attend a Stop Work Meeting from 9.00-11.00am. Minimal supervision will be available and normal school organisation and lessons will resume from 11.00 am. I thank you for your understanding and support.

### 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 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
- 8 Stop Work Meeting, 9.00-11.00
- 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 !!

**P&C AGM – Wednesday, 7/12/16, 7.00 pm - Please Come Along and Support Your FMDS**

Our P&C AGM for 2016 will be held next Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. All current positions will be declared vacant. I ask all interested parents to come along and nominate for an executive position and be an integral and valued part of the school decision making from Preschool to Year 6. Should positions not be filled then our hardworking P&C will not be able to fundraise and support our children and school and fund significant programs including our new Sensory Garden at the front of the school (\$15,000), Kinder Gardening and Environment Program (\$2000) and our school canteen.

**Keira High School Year 7 Orientation Day**

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, from 9.30 – 2.30 pm, Meeting Point, front of 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.

**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.

**SRC Spectacular**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am until finished (approximately 11:00am)

Main Hall

A variety of acts to entertain the students, from dancing to singing to comedy.

A gift from the SRC.

Parents Welcome

**Community News:**

**Balgownie Junior Football Club** is one of the largest Junior Clubs in the Illawarra, as well as one being affiliated with the oldest club in Australia. We welcome all players - boys and girls - of all abilities.

Players will enjoy a healthy outdoor sport in a family friendly Club where they can improve their skills, increase their fitness and learn important life-skills.

Online registrations open on January 3 with registrations at the Clubhouse in Para Street Balgownie on Saturday 28 January 2017.

For more information, go to the Bally website: [www.balgowniejuniors.com.au](http://www.balgowniejuniors.com.au)