



# Meadow Matters

*The newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School*

**Term 2 Week 1 – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

## **Principal's Report**

### **Week 1 – Term 2**

**“What we see largely depends on what we look for.”**

#### **Welcome Back Everyone:**

I trust everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday after a very busy start to 2016. Term 2 is shaping up to be another busy term with Year 3 and Year 5 children trying their best in Week 3 NAPLAN. We also have Police and Fire Brigade visiting our younger children and the older Stage 3 children will be off to our nations' capital Canberra for a few days. There is plenty of sport competition with cross country, tennis, FMDS Athletics Carnival and gala days as well as our very gifted dance festival students showcasing their talents. From a medical perspective Term 2 begins with a Pre-School and Kinder eye clinic and a dental bus visiting at the end of term. We also have school photos in Week 4.

On our School Development Day the staff spent a long day of professional learning facilitated by Mrs. Mawson and the new Geography Syllabus, Ms. Thorley and Mrs. Fenwick explaining the new Wellbeing Framework and Mrs. Miller presenting a focus on teaching children with a refugee history.

#### **Last Paper Copy of School Newsletter:**

This newsletter will be the last paper copy newsletter. For those few families with limited computer access there will be a number of paper copies of our weekly newsletter in the office foyer as well as the large A3 copy in the foyer entrance. The recent survey given to parents indicated our newsletter is very important but the paper copy was not. You can access our newsletter on our FMDS website and Skoolbag App. The paper copy each week was becoming problematic with the time taken by office staff to produce, let alone photocopier breakdowns and the expense of paper and toner etc.

#### **Applications for Opportunity Class Placement in 2017:**

The application process for Year 5 2017 placement is about to begin. Important dates are:

Tuesday 26th April 2016 – Online applications open

Friday 13th May 2016 – Online applications close, late applications will not be accepted.

Wednesday 27th July 2016 - Opportunity Class Placement Test

An intention to apply letter to parents of Year 4 is also available. Parents who complete an intention to apply letter must still submit an online application.

Parents can access the online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

#### **Busy P&C Start to Term 2:**

P&C Mother's Day Stall in Hall, Wednesday, 4th. May, 8.30 – 1.45 pm, P&C Meeting, 4th. May, 7.00

P&C Bunnings BBQ, Saturday 14th. May:

Please put the above dates into you diaries so Term 2 can start with a bang with our hard working P&C.

I hope everyone has noticed the change in appearance of our Guest Park school boundary fence garden after all the hard work at our P&C Working Bee with parents and children at the end of last term. I assume no one found an extra green pitch fork in their garden equipment??

Strong support from our parents is needed to man our Bunnings BBQ all day on Saturday, 14th May. We all know the smell of a sausage sandwich at Bunnings and how popular they are and how much money we can raise on the day for our students.

One huge project is our Sensory Garden at the front of our school which when finished will present a colourful, highly functional and very attractive and very visible frontage to FMDS. We realise that Saturdays are a busy time with children's sport etc. but if you can organise to help out at anytime during the day it would be greatly appreciated. We are providing the BBQ between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm. Please message Jo Trotter on 0438859317 to advise the time you are able to help. Thankyou.

### Upcoming Events:

(Also have a look at our Fantastic New look School Website, FMDS App, Electronic School Sign and our new Facebook Page for further information)

#### Term 2

##### Week 1

Tuesday	26th April	School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Wednesday	27th April	All children K-6 return to school Kinder Eyesight Screening
Friday	29th April	FMDS ANZAC Ceremony, 10.45am.

##### Week 2

Tuesday	3rd May	Police visit K-1
Wednesday	4th May	P&C Mother's Day Stall, Hall, 8.30 – 1.45pm P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm Staffroom.
Thursday	5th May	District Cross Country
Friday	6th May	K-2 Tennis, COLA

##### Week 3

Tuesday	10th May	NAPLAN Test Year 3 and Year 5, Language and Writing
Wednesday	11th May	NAPLAN Reading
Thursday	12th May	NAPLAN Numeracy
Saturday	14th May	P&C Bunnings BBQ 8.00 – 4.00pm

Thankyou for your support  
Paul Brightwell

### Canteen News

Welcome back everyone. We are fully stocked with everything except milk, which will arrive on Thursday. We informed you last term of some price increases and they will go into effect as of now: Pies \$3.70, Sausage Rolls \$2.70 and Halal Sausage Rolls \$3.20. We also have some orange ice blocks for sale this week for \$1.00 each.

Our wonderful helpers are:

Mon 25/4	Anzac Day	Mon 2/5	Brooke Ward
Tue 26/4	Staff Return	Tue 3/5	Coralie
Wed 27/4		Wed 4/5	
Thur 28/4	Simone Warburton	Thur 5/5	Michelle Haigh
Frid 29/4		Frid 6/5	