



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

**Week 4 Term 2 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

## Week 3 Was Another Busy Week at FMDS

Congratulations to our boys and girls PSSA soccer teams last week led by their talented coaches Mr. Napper and Mrs Denton. Unfortunately the boys lost on corners after an exciting game plus extra time while the girls had a spirited convincing 6 nil win over Gwyneville Public School. Thankyou to all the students, teachers and parents who shared in the excitement. We look forward to the girl's next match. K-2 also enjoyed tennis on Friday. Our Dance Group, choirs and dedicated teachers are also busy rehearsing for their future performances at Dance Festival and Choral Festival. Last week we also saw our Year 3 and Year 5 students do their best at NAPLAN. Well done boys, girls and your teachers from Kinder to now.

Today, congratulations go to our debating team under the care of Mrs Alexander who won our first debate against Towradgi Public School. At our Senior Assembly organised so well by Mrs Sullivan, the senior students, teachers, myself and some very proud parents congratulated a number of hard working students receiving merit certificates. We were also treated to two bonus performances by a very athletic and graceful Kalani F on the dance floor and Tamia T. who not only sang a beautiful song but also amazed everyone when Mrs. Sullivan told us that Tamia had written the song. How good and impressive are our children!!!!!!

## **Many Thanks Keira High School Referees, DreamCricket Students, Teacher**



Once again our close relationship with our feeder high school, Keira High School has seen senior students come along to our PSSA Soccer games to referee and be linesmen. To have such mature and reliable young men, two of whom are ex-Fairy Meadow Dem. not only is a huge help to our teachers but a great opportunity to see older students as a part of our school.

Recently Ms Pike, a P.E. teacher from Keira H.S. along with some senior students came along on our DreamCricket Day to help all the children from support classes in other Wollongong schools who gathered at FMDS for a fun day of activity and excitement away from their classroom and their school. Many thanks Keira High School students and teachers!!

## **What's happening @ FMDS?**

### **Term 2 - Week 4**

#### **May**

- 16 Debating at FMDS versus Towradgi P.S.  
Senior Assembly, 1.20 pm
- 17 School Photos  
UNSW Digital Technologies Test  
K-2 Assembly, 2.15
- 18 Gold Award Student Morning Tea
- 19 Woodwork Group
- 20 K-2 Tennis, COLA  
Debating at FMDS

#### **Week 5**

- 23 Aboriginal Performers K-6
- 25 Whole School Assembly – Dance Group  
Cancer Council Staff Biggest Morning Tea  
School Development Day In Lieu  
3.30 – 7.00 pm
- 26 Woodwork Group
- 27 K-2 Tennis, COLA

#### **Week 6**

- 30 Reconciliation Week Aboriginal Performers  
Athletics – Field Events  
Senior Assembly, 1.20 pm
- 31 Athletics – Field Events  
K-2 Assembly, 2.15

#### **June**

- 1 Netball PSSA KO 8.30 – 11.00  
Dance Festival Performance
- 2 Dance Festival Performance  
Woodwork Group
- 3 Dance Festival Performance  
K-2 Tennis – COLA  
Zone X Country
- 4 Dance Festival Performance

#### **Week 7**

- 6 Yr. 1&2 Camsley Farm Excursion
- 8 Yr. 5&6 Canberra Excursion  
P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 9 Canberra Excursion  
Woodwork Group
- 10 Canberra Excursion  
K-2 Tennis - COLA

### Gold Award Principal's Morning Tea

This week I was so happy to have morning tea with my first Gold Award students for 2016. What an impressive group of children and most deserved of their Gold Award. Thankyou to Mrs Bull for organising all the food and treats and Mrs Mawson for her eye for detail in setting the table. We all enjoyed the food as it very quickly disappeared. I had to rely on the Principal's secret lolly supply for an extra bonus!! Well done boys and girls.



### District Cross Country Report

On Thursday last week the annual Brokers District Cross Country was held at Towradgi Park. It was a glorious, mild, sunny day – just the right conditions for our long distance runners! Fairy Meadow was well represented with a strong team of 40. All of our students did themselves and our school proud. They did their very best and lots of our runners placed in the top 15. For the first time in a very long time FMDS managed to take out 1<sup>st</sup> place in the School Percentage Point Score and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Overall Carnival Point Score. What an achievement! The following students will represent our Brokers District at the South Coast carnival to be held in Nowra:

Jack De B	1 <sup>st</sup>	8/9yrs	Lachy N	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 yrs	Abby W	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12yrs	Abby L	3 <sup>rd</sup>	12yrs
Blake H	4 <sup>th</sup>	11yrs	Maksim N	5 <sup>th</sup>	10yrs	Chloie De M	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 yrs			

A special thank you to all the parents and relatives who came to cheer on the FMDS team. It was tremendous!!  
Mrs Wendy Picton & Mr Michael Dill

### Media Team: Callum W Report

Year 6 was extremely lucky to have Adam Vieira come to our school to talk about game designs, as some of our students are making their own games. Adam is a game designer for AugiSoft, has made his own games, and before his job he also was a student at AIE. Year 6 students were very involved with asking questions about how to get detailed designs and other art styles. Adam showed how basic code would work and also multiple designs. Adam stayed for one hour so we were very informed by the end, we are extremely lucky to of had Adam with us and we gave him a gift before he left the school. A few students were very inspired by Adam to be creative with code and designs and over all Year 6 had a very exciting day thanks to Adam's visit. We all hope to have Adam back again.



### Scooters and Skateboards Not Permitted at FMDS

Scooters and skateboards will not be permitted in the grounds of FMDS from this week after a number of serious safety and disciplinary concerns. Last term I highlighted a number of my concerns and unfortunately these concerns have presented themselves over recent days. Children are allowed to ride bikes to school but must wear a helmet. No helmet, no bike!! I trust all parents appreciate my concerns for their children's safety and support my actions.

### P&C Bunnings BBQ – A Great Success!!!!

Congratulations to all the mums, dads and teachers who came along to help out at our P&C Bunnings BBQ. A huge thankyou to Jo and Angie who were at the BBQ from start to finish and organised the day so well and filled their cars with bread, sausages, drinks, ice and everything else. They even filled my little MX5 with rubbish and cardboard!!! Last count I heard we were so close to nearly \$1700. A fantastic effort from everyone on a lovely sunny day!!

### Expression of Interest to Parents Wishing to be Teachers or Co-Ordinator of Special Education in Ethics

Should any parents have an interest to be a teacher or co-ordinator of Ethics during Scripture at FMDS for 2017 please contact Primary Ethics on-line at <http://www.primaryethics.com.au>.

### Road Safety News

I remind all parents and children to use the school crossing on busy Balgownie Road given we are so lucky to have a “Lollipop Lady” watching and caring for the safety of our families or at the traffic lights. It is embarrassing to see children and parents cross Balgownie Road at other sections of the road. It would be a tragic accident should someone be hit by a car, bus or truck especially with the volume of traffic that travels along Balgownie Road.

### Canteen News

Winter is coming!

To celebrate the first day of winter we are having a Pancake Day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Get your plain or banana pancake served with ice cream or maple syrup for \$3.00 each or with flavoured milk for \$5.00. As we make them from scratch this yummy special is only available at Break 2.

Our wonderful helpers are:

Mon 16/5		Mon 23/5	
Tue 17/5	Deb Neich	Tue 24/5	
Wed 18/5	Rachel Melville	Wed 25/5	
Thur 19/5	Melissa Hellmund	Thur 26/5	Simone Warburton
Frid 20/5		Frid 27/5	Lisa Springett, Rita Stephenson