



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 6 Term 2 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016

## Good Luck to Our FMDS Students

Over coming days our FMDS students will be competing and performing across a wide range of fields and stages. We all wish them well and know that they will do themselves, their parents and FMDS very proud. On Monday we had our K-2 Assembly with KTS, Mrs. Toll and Miss Scerri leading the assembly. KTS although only at school for just over 15 weeks got their mouths around some very large words and showed the audience some wonderful classwork. Congratulations to Abbie T upon not only being a birthday girl this week but also receiving her Silver Certificate. Other students will be showing their talents at the Dance Festival this week as they did at last week's Whole School Assembly. Once again thank you to Mrs Toll and her very dedicated teacher team for working so hard with our dance group. Mrs Alexander is organising her debaters, Mrs Sullivan will have her netball girls, Mrs Denton her girls soccer girls, Mrs Picton's Cross Country as well as Mr. Dill's athletes all running hard and fast. Good luck to everyone.

## Reconciliation Week

This week is Reconciliation Week and following our excellent Aboriginal performers last week organised so well by Mrs Mathers, the students and teachers have all studied the important Aboriginal and cultural messages this week associated with Reconciliation Week. Below you will find a report from Claire B of 6MN which tells the story far better than the Principal. Many thanks Claire.

## 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>.

## "Reconciliation week At FMDS"

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, it was the start of Reconciliation week at FMDS, where three Aboriginal people came to talk to us. Billum Brown, from Yorta Yorta, Brock Tutt, who is from Yuin (South Coast) and Darren Compton, from Mununjali/ Yugembeh (QLD). Outside they taught us how to throw a Boomerang and Wow! They actually came back sometimes, which was a wonderful experience.

They also painted our face with Aboriginal colours. The boys got red stripes and the girls got yellow dots, which added to the fun. We made a painting where we put our hands on a canvas and they sprayed them with paint leaving a print on the canvas.

Inside the hall, we learnt lots of interesting facts, like why kangaroos are called "kangaroos" which actually means 'I don't know' in Aboriginal language. Darren played the Didgeridoo and we had such a fun day. Thankyou Billum Brown, Brock Tutt and Darren Compton for coming to our school.

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## What's happening @ FMDS?

### Term 2

#### 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

#### Week 8

- 13 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 14 Cluster Choir Rehearsal  
K-2 Assembly, 2.15  
UOW First Year PEX begins
- 15 FMDS Athletics Carnival – Beaton Park
- 16 Woodwork Group  
UNSW Writing Test
- 17 K-2 Tennis – COLA

#### Week 9

- 23 Wollongong Estedford Support Classes  
Woodwork Group
- 24 K-2 Tennis – COLA  
Keira H.S. Yr. 11 Sport Coach Kinder, 2.15

#### Week 10

- 27 Senior Assembly, 1.20 pm
- 28 K-2 Assembly, 2.15

#### July

- 1 Last day of Term 2
- 19 First Day Term 3 All children return to school

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