



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

**Week 1 Term 3 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016**

## Principal's Report

"Life is like a game of chess – to win you have to make a move."

## Welcome Back Everyone

I trust everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday. We are all looking forward to Term 3 at FMDS. No doubt this term will continue to be as busy and disappear far too quickly with so much to do in the next 10 weeks.

## Education Week – Week 3

As I suggested in the last newsletter and P&C Report when we squeezed 87 activities into 29 days every day and week is Education Week at FMDS. Week 3 will be no exception with only Thursday afternoon available. So, families are very welcome to have lunch with the children while our wonderful Junior and Senior Choirs sing under the COLA, then off to open classrooms. Enjoy !!

## Kinder Transition 2017

One of our most important events this term is our new look 2017 Kinder Transition and Orientation Program led by our Relieving Assistant Principals P-2 for the remainder of 2016, Mrs Toll and Mrs Alexander. Mrs Toll along with her wonderful Kinder team, Mrs Mathers and Miss Scerrie have an amazing 2017 Kinder Transition planned for Term 3 and 4. Our pre-schoolers and families will be so excited, confident and comfortable about coming to big school at FMDS. Our first Kinder 2017 Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>. August at 7.00pm. Mrs Toll wishes to thank the many 2016 Kinder parents who responded to her Kinder Questionnaire which helped to inform changes and improvements to the 2017 program.

## COLA Drainage Work and School Improvements

Over the holidays COLA drainage work was completed. Hopefully when it rains next the COLA will remain drier and able to be used by the students. In coming weeks the front of our school will be transformed from a mess of leaves, branches and weeds as work begins on our sensory garden. Our supportive woodwork group will also start work on the construction of a garden parallel to the security fence to make the front look even better.

## Student Attendance at School

A timely reminder to start Term 3, is that student attendance at school is not only compulsory but ensures a child's education and life-long learning. A child with numerous unexplained absences will not learn as they should and will quickly lag behind their fellow students. This will add to their learning difficulties and will do little to make them feel happy at school. If your child is sick, keep them at home, then phone the school, use Skoolbag or send a

## What's happening @ FMDS?

### Term 3

#### Week 1

- 19 **Tuesday** - First Day Term 3  
All children K-6 return to school
- 20 P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm
- 21 Southern Stars Rehearsal

#### Week 2

- 25 SurfSense Wollongong Lifeguards, Yr.2,4,6
- 26 Debating FMDS 9.00 – 11.00  
Assembly K-2 2.15-3.00
- 27 Aboriginal Performance
- 28 University of Wollongong 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Students  
(Every Thursday)
- 29 District Athletics

### August

#### Week 3 Education Week

- 1 Choral Festival FMDS Day & Night  
Explore/Discover/Act Kinder 9.00-11.00
- 2 Explore/Discover/Act Stage 3 Yr.5&6 All Day  
Southern Stars Aboriginal Performers
- 3 Explore/Discover/Stage 1 Yr.1&2 11.45-1.45  
Staff Development In Lieu 3.30-7.00
- 4 UOW 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students 9.00-1.45  
Education Week Lunch, Choir, Open  
Classrooms 1.45-3.00
- 5 Explore/Discover/Act Stage 2 Yr.3&4 9 -1.45

#### Week 4

- 8 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45  
Assembly 3-6 2.15-3.00
- 9 Southern Stars Rehearsal  
Assembly K-2 2.15-3.00  
Kinder 2017 Information Evening, 7.00 pm.
- 10 Pre-School Photos  
P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 11 Stage 2 Yr. 3&4 Spelling Bee
- 12 Kinder Orientation Session 1 9.10-10.30  
Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Spelling Bee

#### Week 5

- 15 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- 16 Kinder Excursion Botanical Gardens
- 17 Assembly Whole School K-6 2.15-3.00
- 18 Athletes Foot Shoe Laces Program 9.00
- 19 Yr. 5 STEM Science Day Keira H.S.

note to school the next day before one forgets. It can't be any simpler than this. If your child is not sick, they must attend school.

### **PBL – Full School Uniform**

To start Term 3 in the cooler months, I remind all students and parents of the need to wear our full school uniform from black school shoes to our very impressive warm FMDS jackets. Our students look so good in their full school uniform, especially with our new trendie hoodies which have arrived this week. Only \$30, thick, fleecy and warm. Can't wait to get mine !!

### **Thankyou P&C, Mums and Dads at Election Day BBQ**

Gee those P&C bacon and egg rolls were yum on election day !!!! No to mention all the other goodies with sausage sandwiches, cakes, slices ( and Tahlia G's rockie road which fortunately turned up towards the end of the day and was quickly snapped up by our hardworking parents – not the Principal of course!!!). A huge thankyou to our P&C President Jo and Secretary Angie strongly supported by so many mums and dads (and a pristine Mrs Swindells in white – how did she stay so clean at the BBQ ???). Another huge thankyou to one of our new mums, Megan, who owns Café Dusk at Tarrawanna who donated so many boxes of very fancy cup cakes which all disappeared very early in the day. A great team effort which raised over \$1400.

### **Congratulations Caleb T – State Swimming**

While mum Jo was busy organising Election Day BBQs to raise money for our Sensory Garden, she was also supporting her very sporty son Caleb as he swam in the State Swimming Championships winning GOLD in the U12 Relay. Congratulations Caleb, you did everyone very proud at home and at school. We look forward to hearing your name in future Olympics !!

### **Swimming Scheme Term 3**

I remind parents to consider their child from Yr. 2-6 participating in the upcoming Swim Scheme program designed for children who are not strong swimmers and need improved water confidence and safety. Full payment of \$80 (includes bus and pool fees) must be made by Friday of Week 9, 16<sup>th</sup>. September. Parents paying by instalment need to start making instalments now.

### **Semester 1 Reports**

Our teachers have been working hard over their holidays to finish our Semester One Reports. Certainly not ideal to start Term 3 with reports carried from Term 2, but unfortunately our frustration is with the computer program. Your child's Semester 1 report will arrive this week. Please take the time to read your child's report carefully to fully understand their progress to date after their first two terms at school in 2016. I apologise for the lateness of the reports.

### **FMDS Website, Facebook Page, School Sign and SkoolBag App**

I hope everyone is having a look at our school website and exciting Facebook Page which are both full of amazing photos, stories and comments from hundreds of viewers showcasing the many talents of our students and staff. With so much happening at FMDS our website, Facebook, School Sign and SkoolBag App show it all. A huge thankyou to the many staff and parents who upload and contribute as well as Mrs Scott who spends countless hours at home updating everything for you to view.



Some of our fantastic Election Day BBQ Chefs

### **Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Information**

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#### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Information Night: Tuesday 9th August 7pm

Session 1: Friday 12th August 9.10 - 10.30am

Session 2: Tuesday 23rd August 9.10 - 10.30am

Session 3: Monday 5th September 9.10 - 10.30am

Session 4: Friday 14th October 9.10 - 11.45am

Session 5: Tuesday 25th October 9.10 - 11.45am

Session 6: Monday 7th November 9.10 - 11am



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