



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

**Week 3 Term 3 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2016**

## Principal's Report

**"The best teachers teach from the heart, not a book."**

This quote is appropriate for Education Week but also every week and every day of school. I spoke to 240 UOW 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Teaching Students last week and made reference to a number of quotes to inspire them, including this one.

## Education Week – This Week

Education Week this year will be celebrated with a busy week as always at FMDS. On Monday our Pre-School had a fun theme "Pyjama Day" and again on Friday for our second class. On Monday night we were all so proud of how our Junior and Senior Choirs looked in their school uniform and how they sang. They were sooooo good !!!!! Well done to our wonderful children and a huge thanks to the creative talents and dedication of our Mr. Dill, Mrs Sullivan, Miss Dirou and Mrs Nowotny. What a team !!! On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday our school PBL and Wellbeing focus is being supported by an amazing program for all students K-6, Explore, Discover, Act. Our senior Aboriginal students were busy at Southern Stars rehearsal and the staff are also busy learning after school on Wednesday from 3.30 – 7.00 pm as part of our professional learning. On Thursday we invite parents, grandparents and families to share lunch with the children while listening to our choirs sing and then off to the classrooms to see some of our students' marvellous work and beautiful classrooms. Come and 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. 6 Orientation Sessions and visits follow.

## 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 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.

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

### **Week 3 Education Week**

- 1 Pre-School Pyjama Day  
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  
UNSW English Competition
- 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> Yr Students 9.00-1.45, every week  
Education Week Lunch, Choir, Open  
Classrooms 1.45-3.00
- 5 Pre-School Pyjama Day  
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 (2HD Lead)  
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.

### **Week 6**

- 22 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45  
Assembly 3-6 2.15-3.00
- 23 Kinder Orientation Session 2 9.10-10.30  
Assembly K-2 2.15-3.00 (1T Lead)
- 24 Southern Stars  
Stage 1 Yr. 1 & 2, K-4W Killalea Excursion
- 25 Southern Stars
- 26 Southern Stars

### **Week 7 BOOK WEEK**

- 29 Kinder Family Member Day 10.00  
Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- 30 Book Parade – Morning Session
- 2 Sports Ready Program  
Zone Athletics

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### **PBL Message**

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. Only \$30, thick, fleecy and warm.

I remind parents to also have a conversation with their children about school rules and our PBL expectations of: being safe, being respectful and being responsible so every child can enjoy a fun and safe play session every day at FMDS.

In our Quad Area

Walk

Be aware of others playing

Play appropriate games

Sit on the seats

Return equipment on time

Care for other people & property

In our West Playground

Use appropriate equipment at all times

Be aware of other peoples playing space

Play in the eastern playground if you are in K-2

Play in the western playground if you are in 3-6

Keep feet on ground

Follow the rules of the game

Return equipment on time

### **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.

### **Week 2 Highlights with NAIDOC, UOHong Kong Sally & Arthur and SurfSense**



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### **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.

### **LMBR Schools Finance**

Fairy Meadow Demonstration School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Term 4 week 2)**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers. Between **23 September 2015 and 17 October 2016**, we will not be able to accept payments by cash, cheque or POP (online) payments as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash, cheque or POP payments before **23 September 2016**. From **18 October 2016**, cash, cheque and POP payments will be accepted as before.

Thank You

### **Canteen News**

All our yummy treats are available this week. Unfortunately, once again we have had to increase some of our prices. Most are still the same but a new updated menu will be available on the school website soon. If you would like a hard copy, please collect one from the school office or the canteen.

Our very popular Cheese on Toast is back at Break 2 only. It can be pre ordered or bought over the counter, 60c ½ slice or \$1.20 whole.

Our fantastic helpers this week and next are:

Mon 1/8		Mon 8/8	
Tue 2/8	Coralie Easton	Tue 9/8	Ashleigh Chambers
Wed 3/8		Wed 10/8	
Thur 4/8	Michelle Haigh	Thur 11/8	Megan Melfi
Frid 5/8		Frid 12/9	Lisa Springett