



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 4 Term 3 - Monday 8th August, 2016

Principal's Report

"The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving." (Oliver Wendell Holmes)

Education Week Highlights

Last week FMDS had a very busy Education Week with Pre-School having a pyjama theme day on Monday and Friday. K-6 all had Explore/Discover/Act and a great highlight was our Junior and Senior Choirs performing at the Wollongong Choral Festival. Our Open Day on Thursday afternoon had a dampener with the rainy weather but many parents, grandparents and family members still braved the conditions to visit our colourful and busy classrooms and see our children in action. Our classrooms were also visited by the many UOW Dem Students who come to our school every Thursday. Our teachers also studied extra hours on Wednesday from 3.30 – 7.00 pm after a long day at school. Thankyou to everyone who played a part in our 2016 Education Week and made this week extra special for our children.

Week 5 Highlights

Gymsports and Senior Assembly on Monday, Junior Assembly on Tuesday; Southern Stars rehearsal and Kinder 2017 Parent Evening on Tuesday; Pre-School photos on Wednesday; Spelling Bee on Thursday and Friday and our First Kinder Orientation Session on Friday from 9.10 – 10.30.

New Break Time, Playtime Furniture and Equipment

Our children have really enjoyed our new furniture and equipment, especially in the Green Room last week during wet weather. We also have new funky furniture in our flexible learning spaces in our Library, Room 15 and the new Stage 2 Hub between 4S and 3/4TD. Thankyou to Mrs Mawson, Ms Thorley and Mrs Fenwick and her PBL Team for organising our new additions to keep the children interested and busy in class and at playtimes.

Social Media and Online Etiquette

I ask parents to be very aware and talk to their children about the potential dangers of social media. No primary age student under 13 years of age should have a Facebook Page and other social media platforms like Instagram, Blogs, Photocat etc can provide opportunities for positive communication but also not so positive. I am sad and disappointed that a small number of boys are entering into communication which can only be called "cyber bullying." I have no control over such online matters which happen out of school hours. This is a parent's responsibility. However, should these matters present themselves in school and children are upset or angry about what is written about them, then appropriate action will be taken.

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 4

- 8 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- Assembly 3-6 2.15-3.00 (Choirs)
- 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
- UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 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
- UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 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 (4S)
- 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
- UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 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
- 1 UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 2 Sports Ready Program
- Zone Athletics

Week 8

September

- 5 Kinder Orientation Session 3 9.10-10.30
- Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- Assembly 3-6 2.15-3.00 (3/4TD Lead)
- 6 Assembly K-2 2.15-3.00 (1A Lead)
- 8 UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 9 Brokers Gala Day

Student Attendance at School

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, will quickly lag behind their fellow students and this 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.

PBL Message

This fortnight our PBL focus will be safe games and grass areas- in both Eastern & Western playgrounds.

Explore

What is it that you care about?

Kindness (What daily thoughts, words and actions allow an individual to positively impact on their own and others lives?)

Compassion (What is happening around you, locally, nationally or globally, that you feel motivated to do something about?)

Leadership (How can you inspire others to 'be the change they wish to see in the world'?)

Explore what it is that you really care about, write it down and think about why?

Investigate the issue by researching on the Internet, reading books, talking to other people or joining a group.

**Congratulations Sharnee
at the recent State Netball Championships.**



Playtime

Furniture & Equipment

LMBR Letter to Parents

All parents from Pre-School to Year 6 should have received a letter and on Skoolbag explaining important information about the new finance system implemented by NSW Public Schools. The new system has implications for parents and school payments.

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, 16th. September. Parents paying by instalment need to start making instalments now.

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.

Canteen News

We have an updated menu, price list. The new prices will commence on Monday 15th August. Today your child will receive a paper copy, sent home on bright yellow paper. Please look out for it.

Our fantastic helpers are:

Monday 8/8		Monday 15/8	
Tuesday 9/8	Ashleigh Chambers	Tuesday 16/8	Deb Neich
Wed 10/8		Wed 17/8	Rachel Melville
Thursday 11/8	Megan Melfi	Thursday 18/8	Melissa Helmund
Friday 12/8	Lisa Springett	Friday 19/8	

Community News:

Balgownie Junior Cricket Club are pleased to announce our up coming registration day for the 2016/17 season. The day will be as follows: 27th August 2016 from 11am to 12pm at Judy Masters Oval Balgownie. We are also encouraging players to register online this year through the playcricket.com.au website. For any further information or assistance please call 0402355586.