



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 5, Term 3 - Monday 15th August, 2016

Principal's Report

"Your life does not get better by chance – it gets better by change."

Kindergarten 2017 First Big Week

Last week our new 2017 Kinders and parents visited FMDS on Wednesday for Parent Information Night and again on Friday for our first of six Kinder Orientation Sessions in the Kinder Classrooms with Mrs Toll, Mrs Mathers and Miss Scerri. Wednesday night was a great success with so many mums and dads and Kinders coming along to hear about their new "Big School."

Congratulations Spelling Bee Finalists

Congratulations to all the children who competed in our school rounds of the Premier's Spelling Bee and thank you to Mrs Fenwick for organising everyone. Extra congratulations to our finalists, Cohen R and Kaitlyn M (Junior) and Jovana P and Isabelle R (Senior) who now complete at the District Spell Off at Austinmer P.S. in Week 10, Wednesday, 21st September. Keep practising !!!!

Congratulations FMDS Champion Brokers Athletics School

(Abbie W and Chloe M)

On the 29th of July, the Districts Athletics Carnival was held at Beaton Park Leisure Centre. We had some exceptional results and victories. The majority of students that attended the carnival progressed to the Regional Athletics Championships in Canberra, which will be held on the second of September. We had Emma Walsh smashing the district record in high jump, long jump and 100m. Chloe Mawson and Emma Walsh received age champions. All relay teams achieved 1st or 2nd, making it into the South Coast Carnival. Out of all the schools in the district, we were lucky enough to receive the Champion School reward. (see individual results, and especially Mr Napper and Mrs Fenwick's latest contribution to the FMDS sport program !!!!!)

A huge thank you to Mr Napper and Mr Dill who helped run the carnival, as well as all the parents and care givers who supported the students at the carnival. Good job to all of the people who participated.

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 social media platforms like Instagram, Blogs, Photochat etc can provide opportunities for positive communication but also not so positive. I have no control over such online matters which happen out of school hours, but as parents you have responsibility in the home. However, should these matters present themselves in school and children are upset or angry about what is written about them on-line, then appropriate action will be taken and police could be involved.

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What's happening @ FMDS?

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 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
- Southern Stars Matinee Performance

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

Week 9

- 12 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- 14 P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm

Week 10

- 19 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- 21 Whole School Assembly, 2.15-3.00
- 22 UOW 2nd Yr. Dem Students
- 23 Last Day of Term 3

School Staff Carpark – Not a Parent Drop Off/Pick Up

I remind all parents again that the staff carpark is not for parents to enter unless an emergency. Running late or early to school is not an emergency. The busiest times of the day with children and parents walking in and out of the school grounds is not the time for parents to drive into the school. Teachers' cars, buses and delivery trucks are enough in this restricted space. This year I had additional yellow posts erected and yellow paint drawn to improve our school safety and slow down the speed of some drivers. Our children's safety is paramount and small children in particular, are difficult to see. No parent would want to hit a child and live with that memory.

PBL Message – Parenting - Be an active parent !!

- ▶ Help your children learn by teaching how to do things their way.
- ▶ Be aware that you are ***always*** a role model to a child.
- ▶ Demonstrate your love through your actions.
- ▶ Develop routines. Routines create an environment that feels dependable and safe to your child.
- ▶ Make time to spend one-on-one time with your children. Remember quality of your time is more important than quantity.

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.

Southern Stars Matinee Performance

FMDS has been fortunate in being able to pre purchase 60 tickets to see the Matinee Performance on Friday 26th August. Children are transported to and from the WEC by bus under teacher supervision. We have only a few tickets left at a cost of \$25.00 to this performance for children in Yr's 1 to 6. If you would like your child to attend, please call into the school office as the tickets are sold on a first in basis.

Canteen News

Each family should have received their new menu last week, it's on bright yellow paper. If you did not receive one, could you please call into the canteen for a copy.

Students may have noticed that we have changed the way we serve milk bits. They are very popular and are made from freezing milk in little plastic cups. We were concerned about the amount of plastic we were using so we now make them like ice cubes and service them 3 or more in a cup. In doing this we have been able to reduce their cost to 15c each. They are not on the menu as they are only made when we have surplus milk.

Our fantastic helpers are:

Mon 15/8		Mon 22/8	
Tue 16/8	Deb Neich	Tue 23/8	
Wed 17/8	Rachel Melville	Wed 24/8	
Thur 18/8	Melissa Hellmund	Thur 25/8	Simone Warburton
Frid 19/8	Jessica Dynes	Frid 26/8	Lisa Springett

Fantastic Photos from Kindergarten Orientation



Community News

Pirates Juniors Baseball Club invites everyone to come to their Try Baseball and Registration days. Come along to Dalton Park on Saturdays the 20th and 27th of August from 11am to 1pm and try baseball. Pirates Juniors contact details:

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Brokers Athletics Results

Event: 100M SPRINT		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Emma Walsh Chloe M Lachlan L Blake H Sarah F	Anna Steven Kellie McIntyre Abby W Jake W Joel M Sebastian D	Caliee Melfi Chloe D
Event: 200M SPRINT		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Emma W Chloe M Lachlan L Blake H	Kellie M	
Event: 800M SPRINT		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Abby W	Jack D	Abby L Caleb T
Event: HIGH JUMP		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Emma W Caleb T	Kellie M Lachlan L Paul M	Chloe M A.J R
Event: LONG JUMP		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Emma W Chloe M	Caliee M Lachlan L	Esma K Chloe D
Event: SHOT PUT		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Dylan C	Kurt M	Caliee M
Event: DISCUS		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Sharnee B	Daniel S Braith P Dylan C	Caliee M Paul M
Event: RELAY		
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
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