



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 6, Term 3 - Monday 22nd August, 2016

Principal's Report

"Everything has beauty – but not everyone sees it." (Confucius)

"Week 6 - A Huge Week"

This week was huge with our Senior and Junior Assemblies on Monday and Tuesday, along with Stage 3 at Gymsport. We also had Kinder Orientation, Stage 1 and K-4WM to Killalea and Southern Stars on for four days from Wednesday to Saturday. I remind all parents to carefully read the information from Mr Napper and Mrs Tomljenovic regarding dropping off and picking up your children for each performance. I am very excited to see my first FMDS Southern Stars at Saturday's matinee. We also had all our UOW 2nd Year Dem. Students here on Thursday in our hall and classrooms.

Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 This Week

This Tuesday Kinder Orientation Session 2 took place from 9.10 to 10.30 and included a grand school tour for parents and children with our three very talented and informative Kinder Teacher Tour Guides.

Congratulations Kinder at the Botanic Gardens and Year 5 at Keira High School STEM Day

Last week our Kinders and their teachers shared a fun and highly engaging day at the Botanic Gardens. Last Friday Year 5, supported by Mrs. Fenwick, Mr Dill, Mrs Bentley and Mrs Scott had an exciting taste of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with the very impressive student leaders of Keira High School. The day was full of unique and highly interactive problem solving activities. The day also gave me an opportunity to get to know my Year 5 a little better, especially as Year 6 is not that far away. Well done Kinder, Year 5 and your dedicated and caring teachers.

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.

Full School Uniform

I remind all parents and children that we all need to look our best with FMDS on show every day which includes black school shoes Monday to Thursday.

What's happening @ FMDS?

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
- 27 Southern Stars (Saturday)

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

Term 4 Starts

October

- 10 Monday, All students K-6 return to school

PBL Message – As parents and partners, support each other with your children

- ▶ *Shared quality time.* Spending an hour just talking, doing enjoyable activities together, working together on a project, taking a drive or a walk together, going out together as a couple, showing your children you care and how to care.
- ▶ *Respect.* Listening to each other's opinion and thanking your partner for things they do in front of the children.
- ▶ *Communication of ideas.* Telling your partner about your day, asking your partner about their day, discussing topical events, giving your opinion, and talking about mutual interests.
- ▶ *Support.* Making yourself available to help, do errands, doing something to save your partner time, energy with the children.

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.

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.

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.

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 are getting our roster together for next year. Due to the changed break times we can now offer volunteers ½ days 8.30am to 12 noon Mon – Thurs and a full day 8.30 to 2pm on Friday. Friday is our busiest day and also has a slightly later lunch time. For these reasons we really need at least two people to work so the day runs smoothly. So we are hoping to fill the spots for Friday first.

Volunteers receive full training on the job and also tea/ coffee and lunch. Students love to see their family members helping out on canteen and it's a great way to get involved in school life. Please consider helping out we really need your support to keep our canteen open. If you would like to help drop in and put your name on the roster.

Our helpers for the next weeks are:

Mon 22/8		Mon 29/8	
Tue 23/8		Tue 30/8	
Wed 24/8		Wed 31/8	
Thur 25/8	Simone Warburton	Thur 1/9	Michelle Haigh
Frid 26/8	Lisa Springett	Frid 2/9	Jessica Dynes

Stem Day – Friday 19th August
Year 5 – Keira High School

