



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 9, Term 3 - Monday 12th September, 2016

Principal's Report

"Change the way you look at things and things you look at change."

Congratulations to Emma and Our Senior Relay Team – Off to State

Emma W will have a busy program at the NSW Primary School Championships at Homebush when she competes in the 100m, 100 Relay, Long Jump and High Jump. Emma will be supported by our very athletic senior girls, Cailee M, Annika S and Eliana C as they all do their best in the 100 m Relay. Good luck, girls. We are all very proud of you. Such a fantastic achievement for FMDS !!!!! This success on top of FMDS being Brokers Gala Champion Points School and Champion Ratio School in terms of ratio to results and student competitors.

Good Luck Spelling Bee Finalists

Good luck to Cohen R, Kaitlyn M, Jovana P and Isabelle R as they compete in the Premiers Spelling Bee finals at Bulli Public School next Wednesday.

Whole School Assembly & P&C Next Week

Our next Whole School Assembly will take place this Wednesday, 14th September, 2.15-3.00pm as Stage 1 + K-4W will have their re-scheduled Killalea Excursion the following Week 10 Wednesday, 21st September. Our Senior Yr.3-6 Assembly will also take place on Monday, 19th September, 2.15-3.00 from a previous cancelled Monday assembly, but there will not be a Junior K-2 Assembly on Tuesday. Remember P&C Meeting next week too.

Grandparents Day, Week 10 , Monday, 19th September

This year our Grandparents Day will include Morning Tea, our choir, 3/4TD medley of old and new songs, Open Classrooms, our senior students questions of school days "of old" (not too old though !!!) etc etc – a fun morning for all.

SRC Coin Line

Our latest Student Representative Council (SRC) initiative is a class coin line competition. Each class will bring coins from home over a two week period to place in a specially decorated container in their classroom made by our senior SRC leaders. On Monday 19th September, all classes will place their coins, no matter how large or small in denomination (5c,10c,20,50, \$1 etc) in a line. The class with the most coins, ie. the longest line, will be the winner and receive a prize. I am happy to provide extra play as a bonus to the class. All money raised will go toward purchasing more school sporting team uniforms. For example, after the success of our girls' soccer team this year, they need to have their own team soccer shirts and not have to borrow the boy's shirts. So help us make a big change with all your little change left around at home !!! Thankyou from our wonderful SRC.

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 9

- 12 Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- 14 Whole School Assembly, 2.15-3.00
- Pre-School Olympics 9.00-11.30; 12.30-3.00
- P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm

Week 10

- 19 Grandparents Day, 10.00-11.00
- Stage 3 Yr. 5&6 Gymsports 9.00-1.45
- Assembly Senior Yr. 3-6, 2.15-3.00pm
- 21 Killalea Excursion Stage 1 + K-4W
- Spelling Bee Finals, Bulli P.S.
- (Good luck Cohen, Kaitlyn, Jovana and Isabelle)
- 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

Children's, Staff and Parent's Safety and Cars Speeding in School Grounds

Sadly I need to remind all parents that the school grounds, driveways and carparks are not to be entered unless directed by myself or another staff member. I have had the pedestrian crossing lines repainted in bright yellow and installed new yellow poles in an attempt to slow traffic which includes special transport buses, before and after care transport, staff vehicles and delivery trucks, all of whom drive safely. However, a number of cars, including CTW59T, speed and could cause an accident, even at our very busy pedestrian crossing facing the tennis courts. Use the many outside carparks like most other parents do !!

Full School Uniform

I remind all parents and children with so many visitors to FMDS (Principals, Office Staff, UOW Students, 2017 Kinders and parents) that we all need to look our best with our school on show every day (includes black school shoes Monday to Thursday.)

IMB School Banking

I remind all parents and children that IMB School Banking has now commenced at FMDS, care of our local IMB Branch across the road. Banking days and information is available in the IMB Green Sheets found in the front office foyer. Time to save for later !!!

Lost Property Mountain of Clothing, Lunch Boxes, Water Bottles etc

I remind all parents and children to label clearly all your school uniform so it can be easily identified and returned to the owner. At the moment our lost property in the sick bay entrance door is of mountainous size and growing by the day. In four weeks at the end of the term all school clothing without names will be given to the P&C Clothing Pool, clothing with names will be returned and any other items given to the local charity bin. I ask parents to please have a look in the lost property for lost items.

NAPLAN Letters Home to Parents

I trust all children from Year 3 and Year 5 took their NAPLAN envelopes home last week for their parents. I remind all parents to make certain these envelopes were not left in the bottom of your child's school bag with their drink bottle or leftover lunch.

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.



Spelling Bee Finalists

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Canteen News

Next week as an end of term treat we will be selling showbags for \$5.00 each. These always popular bags, contain a popper, lollies, a token for a (juice up, pyramid or spider) chips and a novelty. They will be available from Monday. Get in early as there will only be a limited amount available.

Our amazing canteen helpers over the next two weeks are:

Monday 12/9		Monday 19/9	
Tuesday 13/9		Tuesday 20/9	Deb Neich
Wednesday 14/9		Wednesday 21/9	Rachel Melville
Thursday 15/9		Thursday 22/9	Simone Warburton
Friday 16/9		Friday 23/9	Lisa Springett

Community News

Smiths Hill High School

Expo Night, Wednesday 19th October 2016 from 6 – 8pm. Smiths's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students. Applications for Year 2 2018 close on November 14th 2016.

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2018. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2017 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 4229 4266.

Fairy Meadow Surf Club – Nippers Registration Day

Sunday 25th September 2016 at the club between 9am and 12noon.

First Nippers Day will be Sunday 16th October at 10am. Late registrations will also be accepted on this day from 8am.

Towradgi Nippers Registration Day

18th & 25th September from 10am to 12pm at Towradgi Surf Club. For any new nippers we will require proof of age on registration day. Proficiency swim will be at Northern Stars on 25th September. For more information please email juniors@towradgisurfclub.com.au

Northern Illawarra Little Athletics Club

Registration Days – Friday 16th September & 23rd September from 4pm to 6pm. All registrations will need to be submitted online first by visiting www.lansw.comn.au and follow the links.

Parent involvement is essential to the running of any athletics club. Supervision of 1 parent/adult is required per family at all times. More information is available on our facebook page at Northern Illawarra Little Athletics.