



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 1, Term 4 – Monday 9th October, 2017.

*"We are humbled and grateful for all the community support our staff student and parent community have been given."
Thank you*

School Attendance

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, and staying home on birthdays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent's explanations for their child's absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school.

Parents and Visitors Report to Front Office

Just a reminder to all parents and visitors to FMDS that you need to go to the office first and not walk around the school as you will be questioned by staff. We want to make FMDS safe for our children, staff, parents and visitors.

Canteen News

We to Term 4 everyone. We have some new snacks for you to try. Messy monkeys, they come in 3 flavours, Cheese, Burger and Pizza they are available at an introductory price of \$1.00 a packet. There is also a special on Snaps, \$1.20 a packet until finished as the item has been discontinued.

A reminder that the second break on a Friday will now be at 1pm due to

What's happening @ FMDS!!

Week 1

October

- 9 Welcome back
- 10 K-2 Assembly
- 11 P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm
- 12 University of Wollongong 2nd Yr. DEMS
- 13 Kinder Information session #4 -9.10-11.45
3-6 Recreational Sport begins

Week 2 Swim Scheme all Week

- 16 Swim Scheme - 11.30-1.15 daily
- 19 University of Wollongong 2nd Yr. DEMS
External School Validation
Sports Ready program in school
- 20 3-6 Recreational Sport

Week 3

October Swim Scheme continues

- 24 Kinder Information session #5 -9.10-11.45
STePS Vision testing P&K
K-2 Assembly (KM)
IM High School Orientation
Preschool Interviews
- 26 Final University of Wollongong 2nd Yr. DEMS
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3-6 Recreational Sport

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recreational sport. Pizza's will still be available, but you must have your order in by 9am, as the order has to be phoned through to the supplier.

Stay tuned for some exciting Halloween specials planned for the end of the month!!!!

Our fantastic helpers are:

Tue 10/10		Tue 17/10	Deb Neich
Wed 11/10		Wed 18/10	Rachel Melville
Thur 12/10		Thur 19/10	
Frid 13/10	Sarah Hearn	Frid 20/10	Sarah Hearn



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