



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 4 & 5, Term 1 – Monday 20th February, 2017.

Principal's Report

"If you don't know where you are going, every road will lead nowhere."

Teacher - Class Update

Mr. Michael Prior- Teacher-Librarian

At FMDS we hope to support and nurture your child's love of reading, giving them the opportunity to borrow from the Library during their allocated Library Lesson and at Break 2 Lunchtimes through the week. Students in Kinder to Year 4 must bring a library bag to borrow, but once students reach Years 5 & 6, they are allowed to borrow without a library bag.

Throughout the year we all celebrate reading through activities such as Book Club, Book Fairs and our amazing Book Parade. Parents are always welcome to our school for our very colourful Book Parade, but I would also like to invite parents to come and borrow books after school at pick-up time. I'm generally in the Library on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons so please pop in.

A Few Reminders to Start the Year for Children and Parents

1. To look our best at all times, full school uniform with black school shoes and black socks(look trendier and don't show the dirt, sports uniform and sports shoes are to be worn on Fridays;
2. Wear a hat or your child will be instructed to sit under the COLA;
3. Parents are not to drive into the school grounds. We have two large carparks adjacent to the school and on street parking available;
4. If you have changed address or phone numbers please make this known to the office to update your child's emergency contact details.
5. Students are not to enter the school grounds before 8.30 am for their safety and welfare, as there is no teacher on playground duty. Teachers begin playground duty at 8.30 am.

Scripture & Ethics Commences Week 5

Our Scripture and Ethics lessons start this week, Wednesday 22nd February. I have moved Scripture to our middle session starting at 11.50, after Break 1 so the first 2 hours of prime time learning is with no interruptions. I thank our Scripture teachers for being so flexible and accommodating. I remind parents that all students should be encouraged to attend Scripture or Ethics. Should you wish your child to be excluded from attending then you must provide in writing a letter to me so alternate supervision arrangements can be made.

WHSPA Audition for Year 7, 2018

Any current Year 6 student interested in auditioning for Year 7, 2018 at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts must complete an application form and return to WHSPA by Friday 3rd. March. Application forms can be collected from the office.

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 5

- 20 Illawarra Sports High School Open Night
Life Education Van last day
- 21 Km & K/1T Meet the Teacher, 8.20
K-2 Assembly (2HD lead), 2.15-3.00
- 22 Scripture commences, Middle Session
- 23 District Swimming Carnival
KDS Meet the Teacher, 8.20
- 24 4TB Meet the Teacher, 8.00
3/4D Meet the Teacher, 8.15
K-6 Maths Show (Free) Middle Session

Week 6

March

- 3 P&C Welcome New Families, Kinders and Preschoolers, 5.30-7.00
PD Groups start to Week 10, 11.45-12.30

Week 7

- 6 SRC Leaders Assembly, 2.15-3.00
- 8 P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 9 Selective High School Test Day

Week 9

- 25 P&C Bunnings BBQ (volunteers needed)

Week 11

April

- 7 Last day Term 1

Canteen News

I was hoping there would be NO price increases this year. Unfortunately, due to increases from our suppliers, we have no choice but to pass them on. A new menu will be sent home within the week and the new prices will start from Monday 27th February. For those new to the school, we use a token system for some items at the canteen. Things that will melt or spill when placed in a lunch bag are given a token. The token is then swapped at the counter for the appropriate item. Please explain this procedure to your children, tell them to look for the token and not to throw it away with the bag.

We have more colourful designs of our great reusable lunch order bags available. Now at the canteen, made locally, functional and durable \$15.00 each.

Our wonderful helpers this week and next are:

Mon 20/2		Mon 27/2	
Tue 21/2	Deb Neich	Tue 28/2	
Wed 22/2		Wed 1/3	
Thur 23/2		Thur 2/3	
Frid 24/2	Kaylene Roach	Frid 3/3	Kylie Slawski

As you can see, there are quite a few holes in our roster. If you would like to help for a few hours 1 day per month please call in and see us.

P&C News

Bunnings BBQ, our school P&C are holding a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 25th March. A note (pink) was sent home asking for volunteers on the day to which we have had a great response. thank you to all those people who have offered their time. A note will be sent home soon confirming your time slot. We still need a few more people, if you are able to offer an hour of your time, please return your note to the school office or call in and see the ladies in the canteen.



Congratulations to Kellie and Sophia who have been chosen to play in the u/12 Illawarra United Stingrays and Maya in the u/10's for 2017.

Well done girls.....

Community News:

**** Corrimal Cougars Rugby League Football Club – Junior Registration Day – Saturday 25th February 2017, 12pm to 3pm at Ziems Park, Short St, Corrimal.** for more information contact Steve Waddell on 0466 148 539 or www.corrimalcougars.com.au/juniors

****Physical Culture (physie)** is a fun way to learn movement and routines to modern music, make some new friends and keep fit. It is an affordable activity for girl's pre-schooler age to ladies. Weekly classes are held at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School and the first three lessons are free, with no obligation to register. Call Elizabeth Scott: 0411 288 291 or Kellie O'Brien :0413 249 707 or visit the Mt Ousley Physical Culture website: mtousleyphysie.com to make enquiries.

**** FREE Community Moonlight Movies, Saturday 4th March at Robert Ziems Park, Short St, Corrimal.** Family friendly event starts 6pm, movie screens at 8pm. Food & drinks can be purchased from the RLFC Canteen. The movie title is 'Minions'.

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