



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 6, Term 1 – Monday 27th February, 2017.

Principal's Report

"People will forget what you said; people will forget what you did; but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Teacher - Class Update

Kindergarten

Our newest members of FMDS have settled into 'BIG SCHOOL' very well. We are making many new friends, learning to walk in 2 lines and enjoying break times with our Year 6 buddies! Many of us love going to the canteen and buying a treat to enjoy! All children have done really well learning many new routines. They have been visiting the library and art room and are full of excitement on their return. Just wait until we take them to the computer lab!

All Kindergarten children have begun L3 reading groups and literacy activities. They are all very clever, reading along to our big books each week. They all thoroughly enjoy singing the 'Ants in the Apple' rhyme each day to learn our sounds and letters and love story time! They are learning to count and write numbers, practising every day and playing lots of counting games. All Kindergarten will be involved in learning about the unit 'My Family'. They will look at their own family and their heritage as well as look at that of their peers. This is always an exciting time as it gives all our children a chance to share what they know best.... Their families! So many exciting things will be happening in Kindergarten this year. We share many photos and updates on our Facebook page, so please keep an eye out!

As the Kindergarten teachers, we would like to say thank you for trusting us with your children. We are enjoying getting to know them and you and can't wait to share many more achievements with you all!

Welcome New Families, Kinders, Preschoolers P&C BBQ

This Friday from 5.00 – 7.30 pm our wonderful and hard-working P&C will be hosting any new families, new Kinders and new pre-schoolers to our "Welcome New Families BBQ" in the main cement quad. Just a simple way of saying hello and welcome to our very large FMDS family.

Thankyou Mums & Dads at our Parent Information Meetings

Over the past 2 weeks our dedicated and caring teachers have been organising 2017 Class Information Meetings for parents. These meetings are so important for parents to better understand what your child's new teacher and class is planning for 2017. Your child's successful learning rests with their teacher and a mutual understanding by the child and parents of class expectations, routines, organisation and programs. Those parents unable to attend, your child's teacher has developed an Information Pack to help you understand.

What's happening @ FMDS?

Week 6 March

- 27 District Swimming – Good Luck FMDS!!!
- 3 Welcome New Families, Kinders, K-6 PD PBL Groups Begin, 11.45-12.30
House Sport, 2.00-3.00
Preschoolers P&C BBQ 5.30 – 7.00
- 4 Mr Brightwell Adjudicate Corrimal Lions Club Public Speaking

Week 7

- 7 K-2 Assembly, 2.15 (1.2T)
- 8 SRC Leaders Induction Assembly, 2.15
P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 9 Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
Selective High School Test Day
- 10 K-6 PD PBL Groups, 11.45-12.30
House Sport, 2.00-3.00

Week 8

- 13 3-6 Assembly, 2.15 (6MN)
- 16 Preschool PlayDate, 3.15-4.30
- 17 K-6 PD PBL Groups, 11.45-12.30
House Sport, 2.00-3.00

Week 9

- 21 K-2 Assembly, 2.15 (K6W & K6S)
- 23 FMDS K-6 Cross Country
Mufti Day (Sports Uniform) for Easter Eggs
- 24 K-6 PD PBL Groups, 11.45-12.30
House Sport, 2.00-3.00
- 25 P&C Bunnings BBQ (volunteers needed)

Week 10

- 27 University of NSW Academic Competitions Applications Close
- 28 Stage 2 (ie Years 3 & 4) Maritime Museum
- 29 Whole School Assembly, 2.15
- 30 FMDS Cross Country StandBy Date
- 31 K-6 PD PBL Groups, 11.45-12.30
House Sport, 2.00-3.00

Week 11 April

- 5 Support Classes, Kiama
- 7 Easter Hat Parade, 1.00-3.00
Last Day Term 1
- 26 Wednesday, All children return Start Term 2

SRC AND STAGE 3 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2017

As we all know Stage 3 are involved in many leadership roles and responsibilities around our school, in addition to SRC roles. On Friday morning, 24th February we met as Stage 3 (ie. Years 5 & 6) to discuss and define these roles and responsibilities, and make informed decisions on how they impact our time at school. It is important to remember, as a school, we do not want our senior students overloaded with jobs, resulting in no or very little free time at breaks. We are also very aware of any impact a role may have on their class and learning time. Mr. Brightwell has also added new roles for our leaders. We are all so proud of our student decision making processes and our senior students, in particular, our student leaders, who serve as a wonderful role model to all FMDS students. We ask you talk further with your child about their roles and responsibilities as we value student voice and our amazing students. We are excited for our SRC Induction Assembly on Wednesday, 8th March at 2.15.

Thanking you Your Stage 3 teachers and students

Reminders for Parents

Please do not drive your cars into the school grounds. FMDS is so lucky to have 2 large carparks next to the school gates, as well as street parking along Balgownie Road. There is no reason for any parent to drive into the school.

I also ask parents to carefully check their children's hair for head lice, especially should your child have an itchy scalp. You do not need expensive liquids, just a lice comb and shampoo/conditioner and clean the bed linen.

PBL Tips

Welcome back to Term 1, 2017 !! You may hear your children talking about our 3 PBL values: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. To instil these values at home, ask your children about some of the ways they can display these. For example, Be Safe: keep hands and feet to yourself, walk on the concrete, wear a hat; Be Respectful: say please and thank you, do as your teachers, parents, grandparents etc ask you to do; and Be Responsible: put your rubbish in the bin and make good choices by yourself (without parents and teachers' suggestions) in how you speak and behave. The aim of our "school values" are to prepare students for life-long learning. Our school motto "Learn to Live" is the best school motto for our students' futures.

The toys, animals, lego etc. found in our Green Room (area located near canteen) which the children love to play with, will now be also found in the Blue Room (located near the Kindergarten rooms and Uniform Shop) for our K-2 children.

This new PLB program has been an outstanding success last year and now K-2 children can enjoy new inside activities. With recent hot and rainy weather the Blue Room is a fun place for K-2 children to play with their new toys, while learning valuable social skills.

Our SRC School Leaders Induction Assembly – Wednesday 8th March, 2.15pm

Last week our FMDS School Leaders and myself were invited to the School Captains Assembly at Keira High School. Keira High School leaders were very impressive young men and women and it was great to see some of our Year 6 as Year 7 in the audience giving us a smile and a wave (Well done Molly, Rachel, Kurt, Chloe and Satanta). It was great to see our grown up high schoolers.

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.

District Swimming Carnival Success- Congratulations FMDS Swimmers

Congratulations to our FMDS Swimmers who all tried so hard at this week's District Swimming Carnival. We are so proud of you all and your sportsmanship and your cheering for FMDS!!! FMDS finished third place school with our Senior Boys Relay 1st after a finger by finger finish, Junior Boys Relay 2nd and Girls 4th. A great effort from everyone and the teachers tell me our students were so well behaved and a credit to FMDS and their families. Well done everyone and thankyou Mr Napper and Mrs Whalan!!!

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Junior Girls Relay



Senior Boys relay



Junior Boys Relay



Senior Girls Relay

Canteen News

Everyone should have received a bright orange updated version of the canteen menu. If not, you can pick one up from the canteen. The prices changes come into effect this week.

Each year around this time we have a special '**Pancake Day**'. This year is no different and Pancake Day will be on Wednesday 15th March. We cook our pancakes from scratch and will be selling them at 2nd break (to give us time to cook them) for \$3.00 each. They come in 2 flavours: **banana and ice-cream** or **plain with maple syrup and ice-cream**. Pre order before school as numbers will be limited.

Our helps this week and next are:

Mon 27/2		Mon 6/3	
Tue 28/2		Tue 7/3	Coralie Easton
Wed 1/3		Wed 8/3	
Thur 2/3		Thur 9/3	
Frid 3/3	Kylie Slawski	Frid 10/3	

P&C News

Bunnings BBQ: We still need people in fill in some time slots at the Bunnings BBQ. IF you can help at the either of the following times please call into the canteen and add your name. 1:30pm to 3:30pm or 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Thank you to all those who have already put their name down. You will be sent a confirmation note soon.



Easter Raffle: Last year we ran a very successful Easter Raffle, where we had about 80 Easter baskets filled with treats as prizes. We hope to get 100 baskets this year. The way it works is: we have 2 mufti days (this year they will be on the 9th & 23rd March) where students wear mufti (sport house colours on the 23rd as this is also our School Cross Country Day) in exchange for the donation of an Easter treat we can use to fill a basket.

The more donations we get the more baskets we will be able to make.

Each winning tickets gets a basket.

Tickets will be sold at the canteen and before school at the COLA for \$2.00 each for 4 for \$5.00.

The draw takes place at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 7th April. We will need lots of baskets to put the eggs in, if you have any lying around at home please donate them to the school. If you won a basket last year and would like to donate your empty basket back, they can be dropped off at the canteen or the school office.

Thank you all for your support.

Community News:

Wanted: Granny Flat or Similar. Single mum of 1 looking for accommodation in the local area. If you have or know of someone who has something suitable please contact Cheryl 0421 469 280.

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