



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 7, Term 1 – Monday 6th March, 2017.

Principal's Report

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or be happy and rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." (Abraham Lincoln)

Teacher - Class Update

Our FMDS Preschool

The very youngest members of our school have had a great start to their preschool year. We have all settled in nicely to a new environment, and are establishing some strong friendships and connections. At FMDS Preschool we have two groups of children throughout the week. Our beginning of the week group (Red) come to preschool on Mon, Tues and Wed morning, and our second group (Green) share all the fun of Wed afternoon, Thurs and Fri.

At preschool we follow the Early Years Learning Framework which is a play based curriculum. Our strengths and interests are emerging and we are starting to be involved in some fun investigations. We are becoming expert climbers on the play equipment, and our teachers are sure we have some little monkeys enrolled this year! We love being outside and are excited about some new additions we have planned for our outdoor environment this year.

We are so excited every week when we walk through big school and get to visit Mr Prior in his library. We are allowed to borrow a book, and can't wait for story time - we LOVE reading at preschool. The Pig the Pug collection is our particular favourite at the moment. Miss Bennie thinks she could probably now tell the stories without even looking at the words!

Earlier this term both of our groups were lucky to visit Healthy Harold in his van to assist Harold in staying safe on his summer holiday. This led to our own discussions on how we can stay safe at preschool. We came up with our own shared expectations on how to 'Be Safe' which also links to not only our visit with Harold, but our school PBL values. Funnily enough, giraffes are now the favourite animal of many!

We are also using Seesaw this year to share our preschool day with our families through photos, quotes and learning stories. Sometimes you will also see our fun adventures pop up on Facebook or here in the newsletter. Our preschool families are all very excited to be part of our FMDS community and can't wait to join in the fun of 'big school' throughout the year.

Good Luck Year 6

Good luck to our Year 6 students sitting for their Year 7 Selective High School test this Thursday and to those Year 6 students auditioning for Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts over coming weeks. We are so proud of you all for "having a go." We know you will give it your best !!! Good luck !!

What's happening @ FMDS!!

Week 7 March

- 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

Congratulations Brokers Netballers

Well done Cailee M, Jovana P and Summah B for being selected in the Brokers Netball Team. Great effort Alazae R trying so hard and just missing out on a spot. Mrs Fenwick tells me the girls battled wind and rain during the trial games. Congratulations and good luck in the next rounds. Thanks also to wet and wind blown Coach Fenwick !!



New Families, Kinders, Preschoolers P&C BBQ

Thankyou to all the parents, staff, children and P&C who came along to last Friday's New Families BBQ. We were so lucky the rain did not return. A nice way to get to know our new faces. Thankyou again to our P&C cooks and staff for your support.

SRC NEWS

Money raised from the fabulous **Colour Run** last year was targeted to be spent on our student body P-6. This money will be spent on classroom resources to support the children, for example: games for wet weather play and a set of school sport shirts.

A big thank you to our fantastic community for your support ...we couldn't do without you! We are one lucky school !!!!!

This coming Thursday 9th March is a **Mufti Day**. On this day, every student is asked to bring in an Easter Egg or eggs for our P&C Easter Raffle. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothes and covered footwear on the day. There will be a **second Easter Egg collection** on Thursday 23rd March, the same day as the School Cross Country Carnival. Students are to come in house colours instead of full mufti on that day. Easter Eggs will be collected on that day as well. The SRC is working with the P&C to collect the eggs and sell Easter Raffle Tickets. There are signs up in the canteen area and a few around the school, a flyer has gone home and information is on Skoolbag. Huge thankyou for your support and looking forward to our fun Easter Hat Parade.

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

Our PBL focus for the fortnight is concentrating on our three core school values; be safe, be respectful and be responsible. In our classrooms and playground teachers have been highlighting the importance of keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, caring and treating each other as we would want to be treated. It is important that this life-long message is also instilled at home and that your children have an understanding of why keeping our hands and feet to ourselves is important and keeps us safe and respectful, as well as responsible for our own actions. Some points for discussion and reminders to your children include: emphasising the significance of telling an adult/teacher about any issues that may arise that have made them upset or uncomfortable. We want our students to understand that it is not appropriate to put our hands on anybody else by pushing, kicking, biting, hurting others and so on. Our aim is to create a safe and engaging learning environment so that all FMDS students feel safe, cared for and supported, and enjoy every moment of their school day.

Kindergarten Parents

A reminder to our 2017 kindergarten parents, if you could please return your parent transition to school survey to the school office or online as soon as possible.

Canteen News

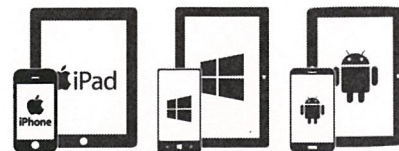
Next Wednesday 15th March is Pancake Day. Pre order your banana and ice cream or plain with maple syrup before school. Get in early as numbers are limited \$3.00 each.

Our wonderful helpers over the next two weeks are:

Mon 6/3		Mon 13/3	Danielle Gray
Tue 7/3	Coralie Easton	Tue 14/3	
Wed 8/3		Wed 15/3	Rachel Melville
Thur 9/3		Thur 16/3	Cynthia Sanders
Frid 10/3	Reen Kumar	Frid 17/3	Kylie Slawski

Some of our Fantastic Pre School children





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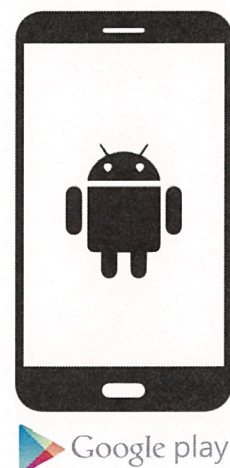
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2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
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5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
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6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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