



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 9&10, Term 1 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

## Principal's Report

"I like the dark. Without the dark we'd never see the stars."

## Teacher - Class Update - Year 5

Our Year 5 students have been settling in well to their new routines, such as moving to different classrooms for Reading and Number Groups. They have been really enjoying this new experience. Our units of work this semester are Australian Colonies and Light, where students are learning about the Industrial Revolution, Australian Poetry, the Eureka Stockade, refraction, shadows, electricity and the eye. Year 5 students have been working hard on preparation for NAPLAN and completing practice questions and revising our content.

Students have been participating in Stage 3 Problem Solving Groups; Stage 3 Dance, PE and Senior Choir. Despite the rain, house sport kicked off for the term and Year 5 are earning much needed points for their house teams. Year 5 are also looking forward to the opportunity to participate in STEM Day at Keira High School next term. Our students are really looking forward to the following events....."I am pumped for Cross Country!" Eliana. "We are hoping to find gold at Mogo!" Jed Z. "I can't wait to go to Mogo" Memphis. "I am so excited for the Easter Hat Parade" Mackenzie

## Huge Thankyou to Parents and Staff at Bunnings BBQ

Speaking with Jo Trotter, our P&C President yesterday she was excited to tell me that over \$1400 was raised from last Saturday's Bunnings BBQ. A fantastic effort and thankyou to our hardworking P&C and staff who worked hard all day. We look forward raising more money with so many Easter Egg baskets and our amazing Easter Hat Parade and Raffle next Friday. Thankyou to all the children and families who provided yummy Easter eggs in our recent Mufti Days. Money raised by our P&C this year will contribute to air-conditioning for our 4 Stage 3 classrooms so they won't melt in the next summer heat.

## P&C News – We Need Baskets for Our Easter Egg Raffle; Hot X Buns

Next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, the Easter Hat parade will be held from 1-3pm under the COLA. Parents and friends are invited to attend the event. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale beforehand, but it would be really helpful if you could purchase tickets before school in the days leading up to the parade, we hope to have approximately 80 prizes. Each winning ticket receives a prize.

Hot Cross Buns – a reminder that the hot cross buns will be going home with students, next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. If you are expecting a large order, please collect your child from school that day.

## 3 Way Interviews with Parents

Over the final weeks of Term 1 our teachers are organising interview times for 3 way interviews between teacher, parent and student. 3 way interviews are a special time for the student to talk about their learning so far in 2017, and follow the important Parent-Teacher Information Meetings held early this term. Some teachers are organising class sessions while others will be at school until 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>. March. Please make time available for these very important conversations with your child and their teacher.

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## **What's happening @ FMDS!!**

### **Week 10**

- 27 University of NSW Academic Competitions Applications Close  
Money and Orders for P&C Hot X Buns
- 28 Stage 2 (ie Years 3 & 4) Maritime Museum
- 29 Whole School Assembly, 2.15  
3 Way interviews with teachers to 8.00pm.
- 31 K-6 PD PBL Groups, 11.45-12.30  
House Sport, 2.00-3.00

### **Week 11 April**

- 5 Support Classes, Kiama  
P&C Hot X Buns Delivered
- 7 Easter Hat Parade, 1.00-3.00  
Last Day Term 1

### **Term 2**

#### **April**

- 26 Wednesday, All children return to school

### 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.

Another reminder to parents is that all notes (excursion, absence, permission) and monies must be handed in at the school office or placed in the letterbox provided.

### 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.

I remind parents to reinforce our school PBL values of "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible" at home and at school so our children and parents learn and remember these valuable life-long lessons.



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### Canteen News

Next week being the last week of term, the canteen will not be ordering anymore stock until next term. Please check the whiteboards for any out of stock items.

Thanks to all those who have put their names down to volunteer this year. We have been training quite a few 'newbies' recently. Thanks again for your support.

Our wonder helpers this week and next are:

Mon 27/3	Jackie Schneider	Mon 3/4	
Tue 28/3		Tue 4/4	Coralie Easton
Wed 29/3		Wed 5/4	
Thur 30/3		Thur 6/4	
Frid 31/3		Frid 7/4	Lisa Arang