



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 11, Term 1 – Monday 3rd April, 2017.

Principal's Report

"Have a Safe and Fun Easter Holidays Everyone and thank you for a Great Start to 2017."

Term 1 Gone ??

Term 1 has certainly started 2017 with a hectic pace and the last 11 weeks disappeared far too quickly. Our new Kinders have settled in so well into their new classrooms and are learning so quickly. We hoped for 2 new enrolments so we could appoint an additional teacher, but unfortunately those 2 didn't appear. Some of our classes are over-full and thank you to our dedicated teachers who continue to teach additional children in their classrooms. Unlike 2016 and previous years, we have been able to structure our 13 mainstream classes without a cross-stage 2/3 or 4/5 and we have 3 composite classes and 10 straight age classes. Stage 3 teachers are very happy with 2 Year 5 and 2 Year 6 classes with the smallest classes in the school of 26 and 27 students. K-4 are overfull, our preschool is full and our wonderful support classes are filling. No doubt the remainder of 2017 will be as exciting and as busy as Term 1. Please take time to see our fantastic Harmony Day photos of children in their traditional attire and our wonderful parents who shared stories in the classes. Mrs Picton organised a great Cross Country last week given all the rain and puddles everywhere and all the children had a fun day. Well done everyone !!

What's happening @ FMDS!!

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

Week 1

- 26 Wednesday, All children return to school
- 27 ANZAC FMDS Ceremony
- 28 Wollongong ANZAC Ceremony with
Student Leaders, 11.00

Week 11 Planning Week

You will have noticed some new faces, along with Mr. Prior, Mrs Pezzuto and Ms Alexander teaching your children this week. Week 11 is a Planning Week with all the teachers sharing one day of important professional conversations and planning for Term 2 in their stage teams. Planning Days are so valuable for the teachers to be off-class so they can concentrate on evaluating, reflecting and planning with their stage teachers. For example, on Monday our 4 Kinder Teachers in Early Stage 1, shared their thoughts about making Term 2 even better than Term 1, not to mention the remainder of 2017.

PBL Tips

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. Remember we model our behaviour in what we do and as well as what and how we speak to each other.

Thankyou 3 Way Interviews with Parents, Students and Teachers

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and so many mums and dads and students who were able to take the time over the past weeks to share their learning so far in 2017. Also to those who were able to come to school last Wednesday evening until 8.00 pm. I closed the doors after Mrs Picton and Mrs Tomljenovic last meetings. It was great to see so many parents and children talking about their learning and showing off their work books.

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EASTER HAT PARADE

The Easter Hat Parade is on this Friday afternoon. We aim to start shortly after 1pm and it will run for the remainder of the afternoon.

The P&C will also be drawing their raffles throughout the afternoon, so be sure to be there to support our children and collect your prizes!

If the weather is nice we will be under the COLA. Please feel free to bring your camping chair along. If it is raining we will be in the Hall, so there will be no room for camping chairs.

We can't wait to see you all there!



Canteen News

Due to the Easter Hat parade and raffle on Friday, this week there will be **NO** Pizza available. Break 1 will be from 10:45 to 11:30am and Break 2 will be 12:30 to 1:00pm. We suggest lunch orders be made for break 2 as the parade will commence at 1:00pm.

Canteen will reopen on Wednesday 26th April for Term 2.

Easter Raffle: To avoid a last minute rush, could you please try to purchase your raffle tickets before school this week. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 4 for \$5.00. We have about 60 Easter Baskets as prizes.

have a safe and enjoyable break everyone and see you all in Term 2.

Cross Country

On the 23rd of March, in Fairy Meadow spirit we held our school cross country. Many Green, Red, Yellow and Blue shirts were worn. Our original venue (Guest Park) was closed due to wet weather, so with the help of our amazing staff, it was moved to the school grounds.

All Students participated from years K-6. Everyone had a fun and slightly muddy time running laps of our school. Students ran laps 1-6 depending on their age group. Luckily as we were finishing one of our last races it started lightly raining. It was so fun and everyone had an amazing time.

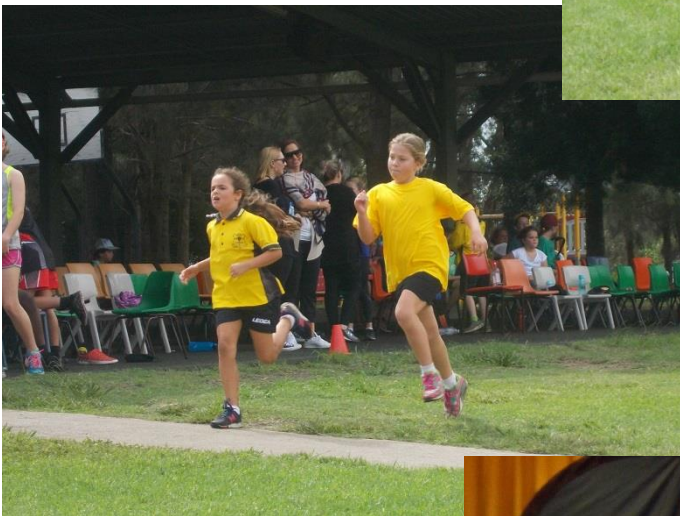
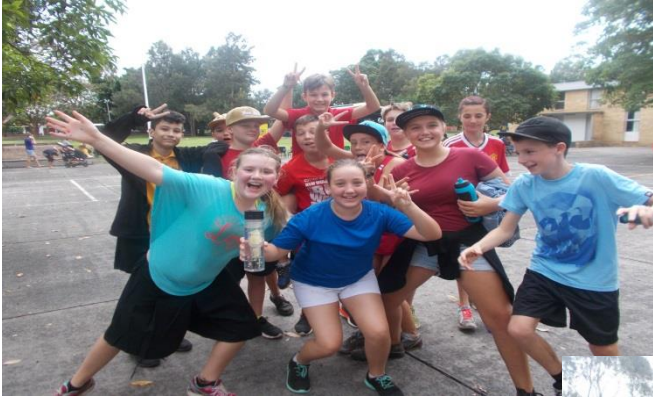
We have attached some of the photos of the day, taken by our fantastic tech team.

Well done.

Community News:

Are you heading off to the Royal Easter Show over the Easter Break (14th to 16th April), take a visit to the Monster Skatepark and look out for our own Aiden Banning who will be performing in the Skate Demonstrations. Good Luck Aiden.

Cross Country 2017



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