



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 1& 2, Term 2 – Monday 1st May, 2017.

Principal's Report

"Keep changing, connect with everything and continue forever." (Tatsuo Miyajima)

Term 2 – Another Busy Term Starts !!

Term 2 started with a very long first day for the staff who used Monday's School Development Day as a valuable opportunity to have professional conversations, critical evaluation and planning from 8.30 am to 7.00 pm. ANZAC Day was seen by staff as a nice way to relax after an extra long Day 1. Staff used the day to consider carefully not only making Term 2 another great term at FMDS, but also critically analysing and reflecting on what can be done to make FMDS an even better school for our students, staff and families. A self-evaluation process was examined during the day as a strong base of school self-evaluation in preparation for an external validation team visiting FMDS in October. External validation is a department system-wide approach that supports schools in ongoing improvement and provides an opportunity for FMDS to discuss their judgements about our classroom practices, and the evidence that underpins them with a panel of peer principals.

Week 1 had our very special ANZAC Ceremony on Thursday at 11.00 am under the COLA and our student leaders led the assembly so well. Annika excelled with the technology and well done Mrs Mawson and Mr Napper. The senior leaders and myself also attended the Wollongong ANZAC Ceremony on Friday at 11.00 am. Kellie spoke so well delivering the Prayer For Peace and Max spoke so well on the topic "What ANZAC Day Means to Me." Emma and Lachlan laid the wreath at the cenotaph – a special moment. FMDS was very well represented. Week 3 is NAPLAN over 3 days for Years 3 and 5 students and Week 4 has School Photos on Tuesday and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) going to camp for 3 days at Mogo. Nearly half Term 2 gone already !!

Harmony Day

What a wonderful celebration of Harmony Day we enjoyed at FMDS! Thank you to all our families who dressed their children in national costumes and to those who dressed in orange clothing, the official Harmony Day colour. Our school was a blaze of colour! Special thanks to those wonderful parents who came and spoke to their children's class about their country or journey to Australia. Our students and teachers learnt so much from your presentations, a much deeper and personal level than they could from books. The important messages about respect, inclusion and belonging are reflected and taught daily at our school. At FMDS with 40 cultures and nations all students belong and Harmony Day was the perfect opportunity to celebrate our diversity and

What's happening @ FMDS!!

Week 1

- 24 School Development Day + School Development Day In Lieu 8.30-7.00
- 25 ANZAC Day Holiday
- 26 Wednesday, All children return to school
- 27 ANZAC FMDS Ceremony, 11.00
- 28 Wollongong ANZAC Ceremony with Student Leaders, 11.00

Week 2

- 1 AG Class begins Scarborough P.S. Mondays – Well done Jed, Maximilian and Elisabeth
- 3 District Cross Country – Good luck FMDS!!
- 4 Boys Soccer @ Mount Ousley P.S.
Girls Touch at Mt Pleasant P.S.
Keirabald Exhibition 6pm
- 5 Netball Trials

Week 3

May

- 9 NAPLAN Language & Writing
- 10 NAPLAN Reading
P&C Mothers Day Stall
P&C Meeting, 7.00pm
- 11 NAPLAN Numeracy
Dream Cricket – Support Classes visit FMDS
- 12 Welcome UOW Intern Pre-Service Student Teachers

Week 4

- 15 Stage 3 Moran Photography
- 16 School Photos
- 17 Stage 3 Camp at Mogo
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Week 5

- 25 Staff Biggest Morning Tea

Week 6 Reconciliation Week

- 29 Reconciliation Morning Tea
- 1 Aboriginal Performance
- 2 Walk for Reconciliation, Bellambi P.S.

June

Week 8

- 13 Choral Festival Cluster Rehearsal, CEPS
- 14 P&C Meeting, 7.00pm

Week 9

- 23 Keira High School Year 5 STEM Day
Semester 1 Reports Home

Week 10

- 30 Last Day of Term 2

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harmony. Many Thanks for your valued support and a huge thankyou to Mrs Debbie Miller, our EAL/D Teacher for making our Harmony Day such a success.

Good Luck Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will undertake their NAPLAN Tests on Tuesday (Language & Writing), Wednesday (Reading) and Thursday (Numeracy). We all wish them good luck and know they will try their hardest. They have been taught well and best prepared by their dedicated teachers from Kindergarten onwards. Year 5 will be rewarded the following week with 3 days of fun at Senior Camp at Mogo. Something extra special to look forward to after their week of NAPLAN.

Congratulations, Maximilian, Jed and Elisabeth – AG Class

This week our 3 students, Maximilian, Jed and Elisabeth will experience the Gifted and Talented AG Class at Scarborough Public School every Monday until mid Term 4. Our students will see and experience the many differences between our large, highly diverse FMDS and a small primary school perched picturesquely on top of a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. They will mix with children from a number of other Wollongong primary schools who were selected for this very special class of children. Well done Maximilian, Jed and Elisabeth.

Stage One – Year One and Two Report.

Stage One had a great start to the year! They have made new friends and have adjusted to new routines well. Years One and Two have continued their literacy rotations and are participating in a variety of literacy based activities, including reading and writing with their teacher each day. Our unit this term was 'Our Families Past and Present'. It has a history focus which has allowed Stage 1 to connect with family members and discuss the similarities and differences in gender roles, schooling, toys and technology over time and present this information to their peers during 'news' time.

In the art room, we have been focusing on 'still life' with Ms. Alexander. They are enjoying sketching, drawing, colouring and painting their artworks. With Mr. Prior in the Library, Stage One are borrowing books each week and have started the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC), exploring a new book from the PRC list each week. For sport, Years One and Two have been split into mixed groups, the 'Stingrays', 'Hawks' and 'Dragons,' named after our local teams. In these groups they will have the opportunity to consolidate cricket, basketball and T-ball skills throughout the Term.

Personal Development (PD) groups began 4 weeks ago, allowing Stage One students to collaborate with students from all classes at FMDS. Students have enjoyed participating in a range of lessons and activities to build social skills in line with our PBL expectations. Stage 1 enjoyed welcoming the new Kindergarten children and their families to our junior assembly and are eagerly collecting their merit awards in a quest for Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Congratulations to our Stage 1 SRC representatives; 1/2T Cloey G and Harmony R and 2HD Ognen N and Emma M. We have had a wonderful start to 2017, and are looking forward to an exciting year!

PBL Extra Play and Prizes & Term 2 PBL Tips

It was fun to enjoy PBL extra playtime during the last week of Term 1. Thankyou also to Mrs Mathers, Miss Rose and the PBL Team for the great board game prizes won by many students. Thankyou again to our local Fairy Meadow Newsagency who donated so many board games to our school.

University of Wollongong Learning Labs

University of Wollongong Learning Labs information for July 2017 is attached to this newsletter.

School Leaders – Anzac Day



Canteen News

There is not a lot to report this week, all items are in stock. Stay tuned for a special winter meal deal coming soon.

Our helpers for the next 2 weeks are:

Mon 1/5		Mon 8/5	Danielle Gray
Tue 2/5	Coralie Easton	Tue 9/5	
Wed 3/5		Wed 10/5	
Thur 4/5		Thur 11/5	
Frid 5/5	Lisa Arang	Frid 12/5	Reena Kumar



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Outreach & Pathways

Learning Labs July 2017

**AN ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGH
ACHIEVING STUDENTS FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6.**

More information about the workshops on offer and the application process can be found online at www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabsyr1-yr6.

Places for this program fill up quickly. Please distribute this information as soon as possible to students whom you think would benefit from the program to avoid possible disappointment.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2017

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are performing in the top 10%-15% in their area of interest within their peer group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants - please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

Applications close on Wednesday, May 24th, 2017. Please apply online at:
www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabsyr1-yr6



LITTLE LEARNING LABS (YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2017)

DATE: 3 and 4 July, 2017
LOCATION: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE: \$140

EARLY LEARNING LABS (YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2017)

DATE: 6 and 7 July, 2017
LOCATION: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE: \$150

WORKSHOPS ON OFFER

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of the academically gifted. Here is a taste of what's coming up for Little and Early Learning Labbers in July:



Mystery Island- A Creative Writing Adventure

Do you love to explore? Come on an adventure as we unravel the world of words and imagination, based on being a castaway! Create your own Mystery Island and develop your creative writing and thinking skills.



Introducing Physics

Why is the sky blue? What makes colour? Why does the moon change shape? What's the difference between hot and cold? Explore the questions of physics in this interactive workshop filled with demonstrations, model-making and science computer applications.



Fairy Tale Cold Case Detectives

Was he REALLY the 'Big Bad Wolf'? or did he only have a cold? Re-examine some of the key characters of our favourite childhood stories, using role play, critical thinking and deduction to develop a performance, video or written piece.



Music Madness

If music is your deal then this is the workshop for you! Bring along something from your kitchen that makes a fun, wacky or interesting sound and join in composing, writing, and performing a kitchen symphony!

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website by mid-April, 2018 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to: www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabsyr1-yr6.

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