



# Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 8, Term 1 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

## Principal's Report

"You never know what is enough, unless you know what is more than enough." (William Blake)

### Congratulations Jared R. State Hockey

Congratulations this week to Jared R who has been selected to go to the State Hockey Championships. What a skilful player you must be Jared with that hockey stick and little hockey ball ??? A very proud mum and dad tell me you are also in the Illawarra Hockey squad. Jared now joins Nate and Abbie who are our state swimmers.

### Harmony Day – Full of Colour and Food !!!

Thankyou to all the children and parents who made our Harmony Day such a great success !! Thankyou also to Mrs. Debbie Miller for all her organisation. FMDS has children from 42 different nations and cultures. At Wednesday's wet morning assembly we saw so many colourful traditional clothes from Thailand, India, China, Scotland, Serbia and many classes enjoyed food brought in by wonderful parents. I am told 2W had trays of spring rolls and dumplings from Mina's mum who must have been cooking all night !! One of our new little Chinese girl's father talked to the class and presented a powerpoint to the class. How lucky is FMDS to have such a wonderfully diverse school population with so many generous and supportive parents !!

### NAPLAN PARENT INFORMATION

Last week all Year 3 and Year 5 students were given an Information Letter For Parents regarding the upcoming NAPLAN Tests beginning Week 3, Term 2. I ask all parents to carefully read this information so you know what is being required of your Year 3 and/or Year 5 child with his/her NAPLAN tests.

### Children Report to Office at 3.00 When Not Picked Up

I remind all parents that the school day ends at 3.00 pm and that arrangements must be made by parents to have their children picked up promptly at 3.00 pm. If for some reason, there is a problem or delay to pick up children at 3.00 pm, please contact the school prior, then all children know if there is no one to pick them up, then they are to come to the office and wait.

### Road Safety Balgownie Road

I remind all children and parents who walk to school and need to cross Balgownie Road to please do so at our Crossing Supervisor or at the lights on the corner of Balgownie Road and Princess Highway. Yesterday it was reported to me that one of our Dads driving his car spoke to a mother taking her children across the road not where she should know better. Well done Dad !!

## What's happening @ FMDS?

### Week 8

- 19 3-6 Assembly, 2.15
- 20 Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Nan Tien Temple  
Hockey Trials 12.00 – 3.00
- 21 Scripture – Middle Session  
P&C Meeting, 7.00
- 22 UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS

### Week 9

- 27 Camp Quality visit 11.45-1.45
- 28 Easter Combined Scripture 11.30 – 12.00  
Easter Hat Parade & SRC BBQ Lunch 12.00  
School Development Evening 3.30-7.00pm
- 29 UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS
- 30 EASTER FRIDAY

### Week 10

- 2 EASTER MONDAY
- 4 K-2 Assembly, 2.15, 1S Lead Class  
School Development Evening 3.30-7.00pm
- 5 UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS
- 6 FMDS Cross Country

### Week 11

- 11 Whole School Assembly, 2.00 pm  
State Swimming, Homebush  
School Development Evening 3.30-7.00pm
- 12 UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS  
State Swimming, Homebush
- 13 Last Day Term 1

### Term 2

#### Week 1

- 1 Tuesday, All children K-6 return to school
- 2 K-2 Assembly, 2.15, KM Lead Class
- 3 UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS

#### Week 2

- 9 Mothers Day Stall, P&C  
P&C Meeting, 7.00 pm
- 10 UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS

#### Week 3

- 15 NAPLAN, Language & Writing
- 16 NAPLAN, Reading  
K-2 Assembly, 2.15, KTA Lead Class  
NIAECG Meeting, Figtree P.S. 3.45
- 17 NAPLAN, Numeracy  
UOW 3<sup>rd</sup> Year DEMS at FMDS

#### Week 4

- KEIRABALD ART Week

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### Canteen News

We are thinking of introducing two new food items (fried rice and sushi) to our canteen in Term 2. To see how popular they might be, we will be having a meal deal with each of them next term. There will also be a list of sushi flavours at the canteen for students to select their preference.

Canteen Helpers are:

Tue 20/3	Deb Neich	Tue 27/3	
Wed 21/3	Rachel Melville	Wed 28/3	
Thur 22/3		Thur 29/3	
Frid 23/3		Frid 30/3	Good Friday

### Harrison Craig Visits FMDS

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Harrison Craig, winner of the voice 2013, visited our school to share his personal story. The whole school was buzzing with excitement!

Harrison shared his story of growing up with a stutter and how he was bullied at school. He inspired us all with his story of overcoming his fear of speaking by pursuing his passion of singing in his book "Harrisons Song". Harrison shared how he joined



his school choir, practised every day and dedicated his time to singing. We also enjoyed watching Harrison winning The Voice.

FMDS students were taught some very valuable lessons such as:

**"If things were easy everyone would do it! Life can throw you challenges but it's up to us to overcome them". – Harrison Craig**

He taught us to treat everyone with respect and that bullying is wrong and harmful and it affects people physically and mentally. We learnt from Harrison to treat others how we would like to be treated.

"I believe the message that Harrison Craig said was very helpful for kids who have disabilities and mental illness, saying that you are you and you are perfect in your own way. It does not matter who you are, people are always there for you. Don't let them take you down because one day there is going to be a time how people affect you will not matter". – Lidya Dogan

"Think positive when there is nothing positive to think about." – Jared Rooke



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Harrison is also working on his next project which is set to come out this year! Watch the Spotify and iTunes charts! @harrisoncraigofficial//@harrisoncraig

