



Meadow Matters

Welcome to the newsletter of Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

Week 8, Term 4 –Monday 3rd December, 2018.

Dear Families, Police Cyber safety Talk

A note has gone home to all families regarding a Police Information afternoon at our school. We encourage all families to attend this talk on Cyber Safety as it is such an important issue for all of us and our children.

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Our 2019 Presidential candidates addressed the students from Years 2-6, on **Friday 30th November**. Congratulations to every candidate for your commitment to the process and on a job well done. A huge thanks to all staff who assisted the students, in particular Mrs Boyd who hasn't stopped.

Change of details / will you be here in 2019?

It's that time of the year when we need to know if your children are not returning to Fairy Meadow Demonstration School in 2019. We would be most grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible if you intend on moving. If you are moving within the Illawarra and would like your child to remain at our wonderful school then please give us a call.

If you intend taking your family on an extended holiday over Christmas and will not be returning until after school resumes on 30th January, would you also let us know so we can still place your child in a class for 2019.

Are there any changes of details? Please also let the office know ASAP so we can start the New Year with correct information.

Staff Training

Many of our staff have been busy at courses learning about a range of innovative and exciting teaching practices in the classroom.

On Tuesday 27th November Mrs Mawson, Mrs Fenwick and Mrs Toll went to a Network meeting on analysing and evaluating our School Plan 2018-2020.

On Wednesday 28th November, 3 staff members attended training on the implementation of the new Kindergarten Best Start Assessment. This hands-on training provided staff with current knowledge and resources required to carry out the Best Start Assessment. They discussed and learnt how to best use the information gathered for the planning of learning activities that meet the needs of each individual students starting school.

Important Safety Reminders

- For the safety of all our students and families, please use the supervised crossing on Balgownie Rd, both morning and afternoon. Your safety and wellbeing is our priority.
- Please all students are to wear helmets when riding to and from school.....in fact at all times when riding.

Report time is coming!

In the lead up to reports it is important to remember to look carefully at the results of your child. Your child should see the report as an honest reflection of their achievement and effort levels.

It is also important to remember that a Sound (C grade) means that students have a sound knowledge and understanding of content and have an adequate level of competence of skills and processes. This is a great achievement in itself meaning that your child is working at the stage and grade level required of them.

Talk to your child about their successes and work with them to reach the next set of goals as they move into their next year of schooling. Working together as students, families and teachers means we are all focused on the success for the individual. If there are areas for improvement remember that it just means "you haven't got it YET".

NSW Spectacles Program

The NSW Spectacles Program provides government funded glasses and vision aids to eligible recipients including seniors, children, people experiencing homelessness, those living in rural and remote areas, people with disability and Aboriginal and multicultural communities.

Under Vision Australia's administration, significant improvements have been made to the scheme with a new online application and assessment process. The process streamlines applications and product delivery for optometrists, and reduces waiting times for the delivery of glasses.

How do you apply?

You can find out more information about [how to apply for the program here](#) or [download more information about the NSW Spectacles Program \(Word, 129KB\)](#)

Thanks Mr Prior for sourcing this information.