



## Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 2

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### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term three. I'm sure the winter wind and rain had an effect on your plans during the holidays. I hope you were able to keep warm, some families in my area were without power for several days and found it all very difficult. It was appreciated when it was all returned to normal.

We are powered up this term with plans for **Education Week** which **begins on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July -5<sup>th</sup> August. We'd like to invite you to come into our school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9:10am. You are welcome to visit your child's class and then attend our annual Dance Day with the theme 'Countries of the World'. Morning tea will be available afterwards.**

We **welcome Dominik** to our school. He has joined Jo-Anne Howell and Shayne's class. His family have moved to a new home which necessitated a change of school for Dominik. The P & C and school offer a warm welcome to Dominik's family and look forward to your participation in our school programs.



successful and we should be receiving them this week. We are trying to organise training for staff on a Saturday in August to get them into use as quickly as possible.

We had a **new accessible swing installed** over the holidays near the adventure play equipment. We have one swing in the main playground which is very popular, the students are going to enjoy accessing a new part of the playground to swing. We are waiting for a break in the weather to complete the soft fall installation.

Work will begin in the next school holidays to convert the Senior Lounge into a fully accessible toilet area for our high school students. This will be the last of our planned upgrade to toilets for the present time and look forward to having access to these new facilities.

The **South Coast Pigeon Federation** have **raised almost \$60,000 over the last two years to support our technology program by holding a Pigeon race.** They are doing it once again on **Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> August.** *Please see the flyer attached.* They hold a raffle during the course of the night, this year they have asked for help from us for raffle prizes. If you are able to contact local businesses for donations it would be most appreciated.

*Have a great week with your family. Best regards,  
Linda McLaughlin, Principal*

### Medicare teen dental plan

To help keep your teenager's teeth in top shape, the Australian Government provides eligible teenagers with a voucher, valued up to \$159.85, to help with the cost of a preventative dental check. To be eligible your child must be entitled to Medicare benefits, be receiving certain government payments individually or as part of a family, and be aged 12-17 years, for at least part of the calendar year.

A big, big **'THANK YOU'** to **Tracey Cardile and Lisa Bell** for all the work they did photocopying, laminating, and assembling our Numeracy Assessment Kits.

The kits will be in use this term.



Oliver presenting flowers to Robyn from Westfield Figtree

**Westfield Figtree centre management** have once again supported our school by promoting our program and making a **donation of \$3561.75** as a result of their **'Run for Para Meadows'** activities. Oliver was very happy to present flowers to Robyn from Westfield to thank her for all of the extra work she does to support activities for our school.

Ngaire and Cheryl spent some of the last holiday writing up an application for a Westfield (State) grant to fund therapy/sensory programs, we are keeping our fingers crossed that we are successful. Thank you for your work during the holidays, we all appreciate it.

We have also made a successful application to **Kidzwish** to help us with an **iPAD for every classroom.** Our application for **7** has been

**Next P&C Meeting & AGM  
will be held on Wed 3rd August  
All Welcome!**

## Assembly 1st July



Congratulations to all on your awards!



### **J** **ULY/AUGUST CANTEEN** **ROSTER**

**Thu 28th July:** Gail & Jessica  
**Fri 29th July:** Angela & Gail  
**Mon 1st August:** Lisa & Tracey  
**Tue 2nd August:** Amanda & Samantha  
**Wed 3rd August:** **CLOSED**  
**Thu 4th August:** Gail & Lynn  
**Fri 5th August:** Trish & Jen  
**Mon 8th August:** Donna G & Suzie  
**Tues 9th August:** Martina & Wendy  
**Wed 10th August:** **CLOSED**  
**Thu 11th August:** Donna G  
**Fri 12th August:** Pat  
**Mon 15th August:** Samantha & Lynne  
**Tue 16th August:** Karen & Beryl



Our students enjoying a musical session with students from Wollongong High School.

**Lite Ice-cream cups and Fruit cups**  
 now on sale for Terms 3 & 4 at the  
 Canteen for **\$1.00 each.**



### **Attention Canteen volunteers:**

If you are unable to attend your day please  
 phone  
 Trish on 42263942 or Samantha on  
 42847629.

### **PARA MEADOWS EX-STUDENTS**

Meet Wednesday Nights—**Each Fortnight from 27th  
 July** 7pm to 9pm \$3 fee - includes light supper.

Drinks and chips available to purchase.  
**For more information phone Genoveve  
 on 4276 1670**