



# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 6

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Once again we have lots of interesting activities and information to share with you.

This **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August** we are supporting the **South Coast Pigeon Federation's evening of Fundraising** on behalf of our school.

The **P&C** have donated 2 x \$50 Bunning's vouchers, **Officeworks** (thank you Lee-Anne Field) have donated vouchers to the value of \$100 and **Dianna Hickey** has donated some of her handmade glassware for the raffle to be held on the night. The **school band** under the guidance of **Anne Walker will also perform** on the evening. The Pigeon Federation has been of enormous help to the school over the last two years. Their donations to the school assisted by BHP Billiton have reached \$56,000, enabling us to install 8 Interactive Whiteboards across the school.

The P&C are doing it again. On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September** they are having a **Father's Day** stall and students will be able to purchase a gift for dad or a significant male in their life. They are **also conducting a raffle. Your donations for both of these activities are still needed.** The **next P&C meeting is on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> August at 9.30.**

Congratulations to our **Gold Hot Shot** Awardees who had morning tea with the principal this week. **Well done Daniel, Jackson, Lachlan, Toby, Lillian, Coby, Chris and Jordan!** Chris and Jordan were absent on the day. Mrs Susan Wallis, one of our parents, motivated her friends, staff and some of our families to walk or run in this year's **City to Surf**. They were running for fun, healthy lifestyle and to help fund air-conditioning at our school. So far their amazing efforts have raised **\$3033.60**. Great work and thank you to all of those involved!

A new **medical info** site has been launched by the **Westmead Children's Hospital** and the **Department of Education and Communities** it's called **Physical as Anything**. This information was previously published in a folder of information for schools. It is a fantastic resource that I strongly recommend. It helps explain over 75 different medical, developmental and psychological conditions in children. Physical as anything contains over 50 articles written by medical specialists on subjects as diverse as ADHD, autism, anxiety disorders, fragile X syndrome, major depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders and cancer.

The site contains many links, videos, factsheets, pdfs and resources to help understand and support students with any of these conditions. It was produced by the Department of Education and Communities and the Children's Hospital Westmead. Go to:

[www.physicalasanything.com.au](http://www.physicalasanything.com.au)

## School Certificate abolished from 2012

Our year ten students will no longer receive their school Certificate from 2010. The NSW Government has announced the School Certificate will be abolished from next year. Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, said the decision was made after consultation with principals, teachers, parents and all school sectors. Mr. Piccoli said he had requested the Board of Studies to conduct further consultation to make recommendations about an alternative credential.

*Have a great week with your families*

*Best regards*

*Linda McLaughlin*



## Fairies, Fairies Everywhere

Last Friday students were delighted to be visited by **11 fairy finalists** being considered for the **2012 KidzWish Fairy** position. The outgoing fairy sang to the assembly audience while other fairies assisted with the making of fairy bread, the giving of assembly awards, dancing with students and helping with learning activities.

During the previous week the **KidzWish Foundation presented our school with 6 iPads** for use in classrooms, as both communication and educational aids.



## Mufti Day Just For Fun!

Our assembly theme this **Friday 26th August** is **"Clothes for all occasions"**. In keeping with the theme, **students and staff may wear whatever they like**, eg. *A painters outfit; a bowtie; the farmer look; the professional tourist; pyjamas etc.*, we'll leave it to your imagination!

**Note:** The following **Friday (2nd Sept)** all **Dads are invited to our 'Fathers & Grandfathers' assembly and morning tea**. Our theme on this day is **'Fun With the Alphabet'**. We look forward to sharing some good times with you! **Assembly commences at 9:30am in the school hall.**



## Walkathon

This week you will receive nomination forms for your child to enter the school **walkathon/wheelathon on Friday 9th September**. **Infants & Primary students** will both walk/be pushed around our oval and join in a variety of activities, with the assistance of students from Wollongong High School. **Some high school students** will undertake their walking activity from Stuart Park on the bike track followed by a picnic lunch. **Proceeds from the walk will go towards the purchase of classroom resources.**

**P&C Father's Day stall**—Thursday 1st September. **Raffle drawn** on the day also.  
**Donations are still needed for both of these if possible.** Thanking you.



*Assembly with the Kidz Wish fairies*

★ **HOT SHOT Award winners having morning tea with** ★



Linda with Toby B, Coby R, Lillian WJ, Lachlan B, Daniel T & Jackson B

Kristy with Coby R & Toby B



Gill with Daniel T & Jackson B



**AUGUST CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Thu 25th August:** Gail & Jessica
- Fri 26th August:** Angela & Gail
- Mon 29th August:** Lisa & Tracey
- Tue 30th August:** Amanda & Samantha
- Wed 31st August:** CLOSED
- Thu 1st September :** Gail & Lynne
- Fri 2nd September :**Trish & Jen
- Mon 5th September:** Heather & Donna C
- Tues 6th September:** Martina & Wendy
- Wed 7th September:** CLOSED
- Thu 8th September:** Donna G
- Fri 9th September:** Pat
- Mon 12th September:** Samantha & Lynne
- Tue 13th September:** Karen & Beryl
- Wed 14th September:** CLOSED



Fundraising for Para Meadows in the City to Surf Fun Run are: Deb Murphy (Gracie's Aunty), Renee Benn (Lachlan's Mum), Susan Wallis (Gracie's Mum) and Tracey (Lachlan's Aunty)

**CAREFLIGHT MAGIC MANIA SHOW (OLYMPIC PARK) — Saturday December 10th, 2011- FREE TICKETS.**  
 Show times to be advised. The organisers would like to see a record number of people in attendance this year. Please pencil this date on your calendars and we will notify you re ordering tickets closer to the date.



**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 Geneveve on 4276 1670**