



## Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 8

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### Dear Parents and Carers

We had a lovely evening with the **South Coast Pigeon Federation** who for the last three years has dedicated their fundraising to Para Meadows School. **Anne Walker** was able to charm the best performance yet from the **School Band**. They were a big hit with the audience for their rhythm and joy (with the beat). The school has allocated the funds from the Pigeon Club to the purchase of 7 Interactive White boards and 6 iPADS. The funds from 2011 will be used to upgrade classroom computers. **We are very fortunate to have the Pigeon Club supporting our student programs.**

The **City to Surf runners** have so far **donated \$3568.60** towards the cost of the two air conditioners that were installed in the Infants at a cost of \$6,600. The air conditioners were needed in this part of the school for heating and cooling. The school is not usually able to install air-conditioning but was encouraged by the highly motivated team of runners in the City to Surf who had dedicated their run to help install air conditioning systems. The systems were installed in the last school holidays. **A big thank you to all who participated for this terrific effort.**

I continue to support high school students in work and volunteer education programs by **delivering Meals on Wheels with two students every Wednesday**. The program has lots of teaching opportunities including pedestrian safety, meeting and greeting, reading the delivery chart and the safe handling of hot and cold food. **'Well Done' Oliver and Justin** who are participating in the program this term.

★ We thanked **Jan Pallier** last Friday for her **sixteen years of volunteer service to Para Meadows**. Jan volunteers to assist teachers and students in the classroom and she has also purchased a wide range of classroom resources by making **Para Pickles**. Jan is continuing to volunteer but has retired from making the Para Pickles. **Thanks Jan by contributing some teaching aids and your valuable time to our students.**

Best regards  
Linda McLaughlin

### ★ Walkathon/Wheelathon

Families are welcome to assist with this year's fundraising event to be held this Friday. **We will commence the day with assembly in the hall 9:30-10:30.** Students will return to their rooms for morning tea after play break at 11:00 and **commence the Walkathon from 11:20, through to lunch at 12:30.** Activities will be provided around the oval circuit. *Should the weather be unkind we will move the event back 1 week.* If you can help with running events, please let Peter know on arrival or indicate in your child's communication book. All participating students will be presented with a certificate & ribbon, **sponsored by the owners of Gala Trophies.**

### Special Thanks to P&C Members

The staff wish to convey our appreciation for those involved in organising the Fathers Day gifts for students to buy and the many prizes raffled off last Friday. Many thanks also for the wonderful morning tea provided for Dads & Grandads! *We are very fortunate in having your support!*

### ★ Snow Campers excited about adventure to come!

The High School **Snow Camp** departs next Sunday morning for the week with Robin, Diane, Grant & Wendy. Students are naturally excited about the experience, for some it will be their very first snow experience!

### Assembly Themes

Classes providing items & themes for assemblies in the final 3 weeks of term are:

- Fri 9 Sept**—Joy & Rose's class - 'Dogs'
- Fri 16 Sept**—Letitia & Judi's class—'Classic Songs'
- Fri 23 Sept**—Gemma's class from ASPECT—'TV'

### Staff inservice on iPads and their application

Teaching staff spent last Saturday learning how to use some of the wonderful iPad Apps. There are terrific possibilities to enhance communication skills for some of our non-verbal students as well as an array of other Apps. These are exciting times for us with technology. The P&C are hoping to be able to offer iPad training for parents.

**REMINDER: PARENTS WILL NEED TO MAKE ALTERNATE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN AS THIS SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER DUE TO ALL TEACHING STAFF PARTICIPATING IN THE TEACHERS FEDERATION STOPWORK MEETING. APOLOGIES FOR THE DIFFICULTIES THIS WILL CAUSE FAMILIES.**

## Father's Day Stall and the Father's & Grandad's Day Assembly



### P&C Father's Day Raffle Winners

1st A McClelland  
 2nd M Bagaric  
 3rd Joanne  
 4th Ratcliffe Family  
 5th R Keirnan  
 6th L Maloney  
 7th C Hobbs  
 8th G Stutchbury  
 Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle & stall.

**Money raised**  
**RAFFLE \$390**  
**STALL \$399.80**



The school band performing at the South Coast Pigeon Federation fundraiser for Para Meadows evening at Woonona Bulli RSL



### SEPTEMBER CANTEEN ROSTER

**Thu 8th September:** Donna G  
**Fri 9th September:** Pat  
**Mon 12th September:** Samantha & Lynne  
**Tue 13th September:** Karen & Beryl  
**Wed 14th September:** CLOSED  
**Thu 15th September:** Lisa & Tracy  
**Fri 16th September:** Trish & Samantha  
**Mon 19th September:** Donna G & Suzie  
**Tues 20th September:** Effie & Rhonda  
**Wed 21st September:** CLOSED  
**Thu 22nd September:** Gail & Jessica  
**Fri 23rd September:** Angela & Gail  
**Mon 26th September:** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Our Wonderful 'Meals on Wheels' volunteers - Oliver & Justin

### 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**