



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a peaceful break from routine during the school holiday. We are looking forward to a successful and productive final term for this year.



Tony (President, Mark and Nathan presenting their cheque for \$2000.

We have been very fortunate in our first week back to school with two surprise donations.

A big thank you once again to the Towradgi Fishing Club who donated \$2000 which was the proceeds of

their raffle. They have kindly chosen Para Meadows School as the recipient of all their fundraising efforts this year. Also thank you to **Masonicare**, an old friend, for their generous **donation of \$600**. We have been saving for a new cover for the pool and we have now met our target.

Artist in Residence Project

We are all delighted by the outcomes of this project. The school is being adorned by magnificent student art under the topics of Community, Music, Sensory and Aboriginal Education. **The exhibition is being officially opened by the Lord Mayor at assembly on Friday 2nd Nov.**

There is an invitation enclosed in this newsletter. **Please RSVP to your child's teacher.**

Saving Power

We are continuously looking at ways to cut both cost of energy and ways to conserve our environment. We have accumulated a lot of large old refrigerators over the years for use in classrooms; many of which have been donated by

staff. We need to remove about 13 refrigerators to cut the cost of our power bills.

In 2013 I will be asking parents to send in items that need to be kept cold with an ice-block in a cooler type bag. For most students this will not be necessary as a typical packed lunch can be kept in a cool place in the classroom until needed. Thank you for your help with this.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

A forum on the NDIS was held with Minister Jenny Macklin and local federal politicians during



the last school holidays.

It gave parents and not for profit

organisations a chance to ask the Minister questions and voice their concerns.

It was good to see some of Para Meadows School families in attendance.



New Classrooms

The design and planning work for our new classrooms is almost completed. The site will be vacated by us on the 16th Nov. so that the demountable classrooms can be removed by the 1st of December and the site handed over to the builder. It means that for the last 5 weeks of this term we will be using the library for a classroom. We will be a little squashed whilst this work proceeds, however the new facilities will make it all worthwhile.

*Have a great week with your family
Best wishes Linda McLaughlin*

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd October: Orientation morning for new students

Friday 26th October: Diagnostic & Assessment clinic
Friday 2nd November: Artist in School Expo

P&C News

Next meeting Wed 24th October at 9:30am.
All Welcome



Towradgi Fishing Club members presenting our students with their awards.



Attention Canteen volunteers:

If you are unable to attend your day please phone Trish on 42263942

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CANTEEN ROSTER	
Thu 18 Oct	Lynne
Fri 19 Oct	Trish & Amanda
Mon 22 Oct	Tracy & Lisa
Tue 23 Oct	Martina & Wendy
Wed 24 Oct: CLOSED	
Thu 25 Oct	Gail & Jessica
Fri 26 Oct	Angela & Gail
Mon 29 Oct	Lynne
Tue 30 Oct	??
Wed 31st Oct: CLOSED	
Thu 1st Nov	Donna G
Fri 2nd Nov	Trish & Dimitria
Mon 5th Nov	Heather & Donna C
Tue 6th Nov	Karen & Beryl

Towradgi Fishing Club members Tony (President), Mark and Nathan presenting a cheque for \$2000 to Ngaire at assembly last week. They kindly presented our students with their Assembly Awards also.

Course in Volunteer Tutor Training

TAFE Illawarra is offering a free course in Volunteer Tutor training. This course will train you to help adults improve speaking, reading and writing. The course will run on Monday 22 October, Monday 29 October, Monday 5 November and Monday 12 November for 3 hours each Monday from 9am to 12 noon. It will be held at Wollongong TAFE Campus – Cottage W2. For more information please phone Michele Broad on 4229 0451 or email Michele.broad@det.nsw.edu.au

Para Meadows Ex-Students Group Dates 2012

	17th October	31st October
14th November	28th November	12th December

Please contact Genoveve on 0417 651 862 for any questions. Held at Para Meadows school hall from 7pm-9pm every fortnight on a Wednesday night. \$3 fees and there's drinks and chips if you wish to purchase. Light supper supplied.

The Lions Club of Woonona Inc.—World Festival of Magic Show!

Free entry—tickets available from the school—all welcome.

Date: Thursday 15 November 2012

Show Time Choices—12:30pm, 4:30pm or 7:30pm

Location: Woonona Bulli RSL Auditorium

The tickets have been paid for by local business houses and the funds raised support children's charities. **Entry is free to all children, parents/carers and anyone wanting to enjoy the show.**



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Please complete and return to school

I would like ____ tickets to the **12:30pm / 4:30pm / 7:30pm** show (please circle preference)

Name _____ (Please print)