



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a terrific two weeks of celebrations here at Para Meadows School. Our external artwork is proudly on display throughout the undercover areas around the school. **The Deputy Lord Mayor, John Dorahy**, opened our **Art Exhibition** and afterwards made a point of saying how much he had enjoyed his first visit to Para Meadows School. Our friends Col Markham and wife Melissa, were also in attendance.

I'd like to thank **parents, P&C and our friends** who also made this occasion very special by attending. The school looks beautiful as a result of this wonderful program which enabled many of our students to work with a real artist.

Remembrance Day—HS6 (Robin and Diane's class) performed a **special item for Remembrance Day** at last weeks assembly.



It was very moving and certainly helped us all remember the brave men and women who served our country in World War 1. **Thank you HS6!**



Many thanks to our artist Nicola Howard who went above and beyond her role here to ensure the success of the program. Also another special **thank you to Cheryl Rigby** for her vision in applying for the grant and also ensuring its success. If you missed the opening, the artwork will remain on display



across the school indefinitely so make a point of having a look next time you visit the school.

Twice a year several of our high school students take part in the **Port Kembla Youth Drama Project** which has been successfully run for several years by **Shannon and Marie**. Students help to write their play, decide on costume and scenery over several weeks. The performance of **'Tricks at Christmas'** was enjoyed by parents, staff and students last week. The scenery, costumes and props were amazing, adding to our students wonderful talents! A big thank **you to the staff** who made this possible. *(Photos overleaf)*

Hot Shots—It's almost time for another Gold Hot Shot morning tea with the principal. Invitations will come home soon. Congratulations to all of our Hot Shot recipients at last weeks assembly.

Freedom Wheels is a national customised bike program offered by TAD NSW Disability services. They are coming to school this week, **Thurs 15th November**. See the flyer overleaf if you would like to book an appointment.

The **KidzWish Xmas party** is on **Thursday 22nd November** at the **WIN Entertainment Centre**. I hope you enjoy this special event with your children. The school staff will not be attending this year. **Please remember to write to your teacher** confirming your child's leave of absence for this day.

Contacting your child's teacher through the day. Very often it's difficult for teachers to take calls during class time. The **office staff are happy to take a message and teachers will phone you back** as soon as practical. Thank you for your support with this.

Mick and Guy spent a month doing practicum teaching work at our school which was part of their special education re-training course with the DEC. We enjoyed immensely their time at our school. Both teachers have secured permanent positions in special education settings for next year. Our best wishes to you.



Have a great week with your family, Linda McLaughlin

P&C News

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 21st November** at **9:30am**. *All Welcome!*

The P&C will be organising a **Xmas raffle** once again and will soon be requesting donations of gifts for prizes.

Tickets and notes will be coming home shortly. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Students performing their Port Kembla Youth Drama Project play



Students receiving their Hot Shot Awards from the Deputy Lord Mayor, John Dorahy, and our guest Col Markham.



Signing Choir

One of the wonderful artworks around the school



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



November/December CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 22Nov	Gail & Jessica
Fri 23 Nov	Angela & Gail
Mon 026 Nov	Lynne
Tue 27 Nov	??
Wed 28 Nov: CLOSED	
Thu 29 Nov	Donna G
Fri 30 Nov	Trish & Dimitria
Mon 3 Dec	Heather & Donna
Tue 4 Dec	KKaren & Beryl
Wed 5 Dec: CLOSED	
Thu 6 Dec	Tracy
Fri 7 Dec	Pat
Mon 10 Dec	Suzie
Tue 11 Dec	Kayleen

Reminder

Family Portraits at the school on Saturday 24th November.



Please return your order form and money (\$15) as soon as possible if you would like a photo.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have a portrait done for yourself or as a Xmas present for your family.

It is also a fundraiser for HS1&2 to assist their end of year camp and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Para Meadows Ex-Students Group Dates 2012

14th November	28th November	12th December
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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.