



# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 10

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**The staff at Para Meadows School wish all our families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season!**

## Northcott CATS team

Last term our school made an application for assistance from the Northcott CATS team, for an assessment of a number of students with complex needs, in terms of alternate technologies for communication and independent living. Hayley and Kathy (speech and OT) spent 4 days assessing targeted students and collating information for both teachers and families. It is hoped that the reports will be available to staff in early 2013. The assessments were funded by Illawarra and South East Region.

which is also the last day of school for students.

We will have a **short Christmas assembly between 12.00pm and 1.00pm**. Students may come to school in 'Christmas mufti' rather than uniforms.

## Retiring Staff



This year we are **saying goodbye to Cheryl Rigby and Roy Kampen**, who are both retiring after a period of long service leave next year. **We wish them all the best in their**

**retirement and hope to see them again, as visitors to the school.**



**Shayne Merritt is also taking leave for 12 months, to take up a position with Disability Trust. Shayne will return in 2014. We also say farewell to Patti Schaus who leaves us to take up a position at Peterborough School in 2013.**

## Reports

Student yearly reports have been completed and will be **sent home on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Families will also receive a copy of the **2012 School Chronicle**, as well as **information regarding their child's class staffing** for next year. Students will remain in their current class until the last day of term.



## School Leavers Assembly

The **Year 12 Leavers assembly will be held at 9.30am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, and the **formal will be held that evening at Villa Dora** in

Wollongong. Families and friends of our six leavers are invited to the assembly, with a morning tea to follow.

## Awards Assembly

Our **awards assembly will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 9.45am.**

The **Malcolm Sharman, Audrey Lamb and Reuben F Scarf awards will be presented to 3 students** who have shown improvement, commitment and/or excellence in achieving individual goals. **The Disability Trust 'sport' and 'academic' awards will also be presented.** Families of students who are receiving awards will be notified before Friday.



## Dates for the diary:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012** – last day of school for students.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013** – first day back for **returning** students.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013** – first day back for new students.

**Sunday 17th February, 2013**—Staff Development Day—Jane Farrell presenting on reading and writing for students with complex needs. In lieu of SDD 20.12.2013.

## P&C News

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 20 Feb, 2013 at 9:30am. All Welcome!**



## Christmas Assembly

Our **final get together will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**,



**Year 6**  
**Graduation**

A great big **THANK YOU** to **family, friends & staff** for making



an enjoyable evening for our Year 6 students! A very **big THANK YOU** also to **Brad Ratcliffe** for the Graduation video, a fantastic keepsake for all!

**Canteen Volunteers are needed for 2013** to keep the canteen running smoothly in 2013. Please consider volunteering one day a month to help run the P & Cs canteen. **Martina Boon** is the new canteen coordinator for 2013 and is looking for new people to volunteer.



**Christmas Raffle**—will be **drawn on Friday 14th December** at assembly.

**Please return money and tickets as soon as possible.** ‘Good luck’ and thank you to everyone who supported our raffle by donating gifts or buying tickets.



*Student Chloe Field, standing next to our new Christmas tree donated by the P&C. Thanks go to **Darren, Lisa and Jim**, for erecting the tree on Monday*



**Para Meadows**

**Ex-Students Group**

**12th December—Xmas Party**

Please contact Genoveve on

0417 651 862 for any questions.

Anyone interested in joining the group in 2013 please contact Genoveve on the number above. You will be most welcome to come along and join in the fun with lots of social activities!

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.

**Attention Canteen volunteers:**

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

**A roster for 2013 will be sent home at the end of the week.**



**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thu 13 Dec	<b>Lynne</b>
Fri 14 Dec	<b>Trish &amp; Amanda</b>
Mon 17th Dec <b>CLOSED</b>	
Tue 18th Dec <b>CLOSED</b>	
Wed 19th Dec: <b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>	