

# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 2

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Dear Parents & Carers,  
Welcome back to term 4 2014, where has the year gone! We will be busy this term with a variety of activities across all levels of the school.

### Thank You

A big thank you to all the parents that completed the survey. There are many changes coming to education over the next couple of years, through Local Schools Local Decisions. The emphasis is on the school and its community working closely together to create a school that caters for the population of students within. The reflections, comments and tallies provide an overview of how the community feel the school is doing and ideas for future directions.

### Swim School

Our Primary students are engaged in their swimming lessons, and we always see improvements in water confidence and for the real water babies in the group we see some development of basic swimming techniques.



### Dream Cricket

Some of our older Primary students will also be involved in the annual pilgrimage to Bradman Oval in Bowral. These students participate in activities with students from around the area in cricket skills and mini games.

### LAMP training

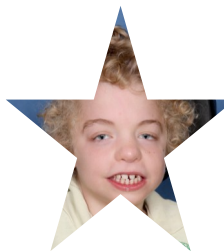
Saturday the 18th of October, the teachers will be involved in a training day on Language Acquisition through Motor Planning. We have a few students in the school with these communication devices and need to increase our skills to best support all students communication acquisition.

### Positive Behaviour Students of the Week

**Congratulations to Lachlan Benn and**

**Cameron**

**Ratcliffe**  
**b e i n g**  
**careful and**  
**respecting**  
**p e r s o n a l**  
**space.**



### Run Wollongong

Sunday the 19th of October is the Fun Run around the streets of Wollongong. We are allowed to raise funds on the day at WIN Stadium through a small stall and raffle. These days increase the public face of Para Meadows and assist in raising money to support projects within the school.

### Hotels Have Hearts

Wednesday the 22nd of October is a Black Tie Dinner at the Novotel Wollongong with a percentage of the proceeds supporting the students in our school. Tickets are \$180 each or \$1700 a table of ten, with auctions and raffles throughout the night. Ticket sales close on Friday 17th of October.

### Orientation for new parents

On Wednesday the 29th of October we will have a meet and greet for our new parents in 2015. This is an opportunity for the new families to walk around our great school and meet the students, staff and members of the P&C over a cup of tea.

**All of this before the next Newsletter!**

*Regards Gill Hendry*

### P&C News

**Run Wollongong Raffle tickets due tomorrow**

**Next Meeting:**  
**22nd of October, 2014**  
**at 9:30am.**

All Welcome!

**Bunnings BBQ-16th November**

**CAREERS CORNER**

Welcome back to our last term of 2014. This term is going to be a busy term for our senior students. The **WOW Programme commences Week 3** with 5 students working in retail at Coles and 1 student at Trade Secrets. Thomas will be gaining valuable work experience at Flagstaff Unanderra and also Greenacres with Clayton and Ken. This will be the final opportunity for our year 12 students to gain work skills and experience before they leave Para Meadows. **Parents/carers please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the various work programmes. Parents of year 12 students** should be in the process of investigating and securing suitable placements for next year. If you need any information, please contact me at school. *Deb*

**Graduation and School Formal**

**Please diarise Wednesday 10 December - graduation and formal day. Photographs** of your child's journey through school **need to be sent in as soon as possible** (if you haven't done so already). They will be scanned and returned ASAP. You will be receiving information regarding the suit hire. **Please let us know if you will need more seats at 'your table' for guests at the Villa D'Oro.** *Year 12 Formal Committee*

**Hillside at Figtree visit**

Our school choir paid a visit to the residents at Hillside Aged Care facility during the last week of term 3. By all accounts it was very well received! The choir sang beautifully and Alan's volunteer helper, Joe, entertained them with his piano playing. Everyone was very pleased with their efforts! The staff at Hillside have requested another visit as they absolutely loved it! Tel performed indigenous dances alongside the choir.



<b>Attention Canteen volunteers:</b>	
If you are unable to attend your day please Tracy on 0438273836 	
<b>CANTEEN ROSTER</b>	
Thu 16 Oct	<b>Jessica &amp; Dara</b>
Fri 17 Oct	<b>Paula &amp; John</b>
Mon 20 Oct	<b>Sharon</b>
Tue 21 Oct	<b>Karen &amp; Beryl</b>
<b>Wednesday CLOSED</b>	
Thu 23 Oct	<b>Dimitria</b>
Fri 24 Oct	<b>Paula &amp; Jon</b>
Mon 27 Oct	<b>Suzi</b>
Tue 28 Oct	<b>Angela &amp; Gail</b>
<b>Wednesday CLOSED</b>	
Thu 30 Oct	<b>Lynne</b>
Fri 31 Oct	<b>Maria &amp; Rita</b>
Mon 03 Nov	<b>Paula &amp; John</b>
Tue 04 Nov	<b>Martina</b>

**Lunches**

Our **sausage sandwiches** will now be available **with coleslaw**. Please indicate if you would like this on your order.

Thank you, *Lorraine & work crew.*

**Para Meadows Ex-Students Group**

**Anyone interested in joining** the group in 2014 please contact Genevieve on **0417651862** or email: [genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au](mailto:genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au)

You will be most welcome to come along and join in the fun with lots of social activities! Open to all school leavers and adults with a disability.

**Held at Para Meadows school hall from 7pm-9pm every fortnight on a Wednesday night, \$3 to attend.** There are drinks and chips to purchase and we also serve a light supper.

**Upcoming Dates:**  
15/10/14; 29/10/14