

# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 10

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement in my first year as Principal of this wonderful school. What a great year we have had.

## Achievements

The students across the school seem to have embraced the **4 Blocks to Literacy** and we are seeing outstanding reading and writing efforts Kindergarten to Year 12.

We have had many wonderful sporting days: **Commonwealth Games; Harmony Day - Traditional Aboriginal Games; Futsal tournament; Swimming Scheme; Gala Cricket; Sports Ready Day.**

It was wonderful to see the students engaged with family and carers in a wide array of sports.



The **School Band/Choir** has widened its performance base with visits to: **Westfield Figtree; Hillside at Figtree Aged Care facility; IDO expo and International Disability Day Luncheon and Wollongong Mall.** Thank you Heather, Alan and Maria for all the hard work.

Our younger students are sending out a challenge to the band and have been working with Letitia on a music therapy program one afternoon a week.

## Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

The students and staff who attended Berry Camp in week 8 would like to say a **big thank you to everyone who contributed to fundraising for the camp!** Altogether we **fundraised \$1402.20.**

This was a combination of contributions including **\$500 from the P & C, \$166.50 from the nachos lunch, \$104.35 from the pizza lunch, \$122.50 from the sausage sizzle, \$50.50 from the mufti day, \$50 from Steve and Nada the school cleaners and \$317.40 from the cake stall.**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

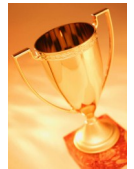
## WESTFIELD GRANT

We received some very exciting news this week. Our application for a grant "**Finding my voice in our Community**" with **Westfield Scentregroup** has been approved and we will be starting a speech therapy and staff /parent training sessions in 2015 to assist our students!

**Congratulations Lisa Anderson; Heather Loosemore and Alan Moore** for your proposal.

## Awards Assembly 2014

We had a great assembly on Friday showcasing some very clever students at Para Meadows.



The major awards were won as follows:

**Audrey Lamb Award**– Lachlan Benn

**Malcolm Charman Award**– Jessica Nguyen

**Reuben F Scarf Award**– Lachlan Manners

**Disability Trust Academic Award**– Jason Mackie

**Disability Trust Sports Award**– Candice Marsh

## Goodbyes and Good lucks

**Year Twelve:** Thomas Hampton; Clayton Hobbs; Kenneth Hockey; Justin Myer; Blake Rich; Liam Spowart.

**Year Eleven:** Dominik Mercieca

**Year Six :** Jessica Nguyen; Jack Luck

**Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.** Regards, Gill Hendry, Principal

**Week 11 :-Reports 15th Dec; Classes 17th Dec**

**School resumes for student on Wednesday 28th of January 2015.**

## P&C News

### Next Meeting:

**Wed 11 Feb, 2014 at 9:30am.**  
All Welcome!

**Week 6**

**Positive Behaviour Students of the Week**

**Congratulations to Nora Heffernan and Pryce Lambkin for being Peaceful and for good sitting.**



**Week 8**

**Positive Behaviour Students of the Week**

**Congratulations to Amelia Wilkinson and Brocky Nadarevic for being Peaceful and for waiting quietly.**

**Week 10**

**Positive Behaviour Students of the Week**

**Congratulations to Madison Morgan and Ethan Globlek for being Peaceful and for good listening when sitting.**



**Attention Canteen volunteers:**

If you are unable to attend your day please phone Tracy on 0438273836

**CANTEEN ROSTER**



Thu 11 Dec	<b>Jessica &amp; Dara</b>
Fri 12 Dec	<b>Paula &amp; John</b>
Mon 15 dec	<b>Sharon</b>
Tue 16 Dec	<b>Karen &amp; Beryl</b>
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>	
Thu 29 Jan	<b>Tracy &amp; Lisa</b>
Fri 30 Jan	<b>Paula &amp; John</b>
Mon 02 Feb	<b>Martina</b>
Tue 03 Feb	<b>Wendy &amp; Donna</b>
<b>CLOSED</b>	
Thu 05 Feb	<b>Gail &amp; Jessica</b>

**Para Meadows Ex-Students Group**



**Anyone interested in joining** the group in 2015 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.

**Dates for 2015:** 4th & 18th Feb; 4th & 18 Mar; 1st, 15th & 29th April; 13th & 27th May; 10th & 24th June; 8th & 22Jul; 5th & 19th Aug; 2nd, 16th & 30th Sep; 14th & 28th Oct; 11th & 25th Nov; 9th Dec Xmas Party.