



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 2

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6/5/14

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope all families had a safe and enjoyable break. We have a busy term with some enjoyable activities organised for the students.

Changes to the school day.

We have made organisational changes to our day and are running four high school and primary breaks a day.

There is a small group of students having outside time at 10:25am and 1:35pm, and the larger group of students are having outside time at the normal times of 11am and 1pm.

These changes are to allow two speeds on the bike track and provide greater safety and supervision for all students accessing the large playground.

P&C AGM

The **annual general meeting of the P&C is next Wednesday the 14th of May.**

I would like to thank all members for their support and fundraising efforts over the last year and look forward to working closely in the future to provide the best opportunities and resources for the students at Para Meadows School.

Para Meadows Website

The school website has received a face lift, a big thank you to Tim Hammond for all his efforts.

The website can be reached at

<http://www.parameadow-s.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

The website has an updated calendar of events for this term. An information booklet for parents, latest news and photos of special events at school.

There is also information on school uniform, our school values, the school plan and the annual school report, and current newsletters.

Well worth a look, and a great way to keep up to date with the events at school.

Para Meadows Foyer

The school foyer will receive regular updates, thank you Paige Errington for your colourful displays. Over the coming weeks this is a watch this space area!!!

We will be rewarding one student a week with

their photo in the foyer and in recognition of their excellent behaviour in our targeted school value

I am Kind.

Students will be encouraged over this term to use polite words; help others; keep hands and feet to self and be a good friend.

Hopefully all students will be messy with stamps given for great efforts in this area.

Dates to remember

Assemblies Term 2, 2014

Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8
9/5/14	23/5/14	6/6/14	20/6/14
	Hot Shots		Hot Shots

Best regards, Gill Hendry

P&C News

Our Easter raffle

raised \$583.00

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser!

Mother's Day Stall 8/5/14 (Thursday)

Prices will be \$3 and \$5. Every child will be given the opportunity to purchase something for their mother/carer.

Please send money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and amount enclosed clearly printed on the front.

Next meeting

is the AGM on Wednesday 14th May, 2014

at 9:30am.

All financial members Welcome!

RAZZAMATAZZ INTERNATIONAL VARIETY SHOW is being held on **Tuesday 13th May at Woonona-Bulli RSL club**. The Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow have once again kindly donated tickets for special needs children and their families of the Illawarra. These tickets have been sponsored by the local business community and there is absolutely **no charge for those attending the show**. Show times are 12:30pm / 5:30pm and 7:30pm.
If you would like some tickets please complete the slip below and return to the school.

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RAZZAMATAZZ SHOW—7th May—Woonona-Bulli RSL

I would like ☐ tickets to the: **12:30pm / 5:30pm / 7:30pm** show (*please circle choice of time*)

Child's Name..... (*please print*)

CAREERS CORNER Welcome back to Term 2 – a nice, short 9 week term.

Our first week back –Thursday - involved our parents of the senior students visiting the Australian Disability Enterprises. We started off at the Illawarra Vocational Services which provides gardening and landscaping services to the Illawarra. Hopefully, some of our senior boys will get the opportunity to gain some work experience with the IVS this year. A short walk down the road led us to Greenacres Industries where we had a tour through the factories and observed some of our former students – Declan, Oliver and Adam hard at work. After a quick drive to Unanderra, we were shown through Flagstaff's various divisions i.e. laundry, printing, frozen foods, coffee bean roasting and paper recycling. The day ended off at Café Vizione which is in Port Kembla and run by Flagstaff.

The following day was the Community Participation Tour which involves visiting the post school service providers in the Illawarra area. Seven service providers were visited and hopefully our parents have an idea of where their child could attend next year (after Year 12).

This week the **WOW Programme commenced**. Mondays is Greenhouse Park and Tuesdays is the RSPCA. These will run for most of Term 2.

In **Term 3**, we will be attending the **IDO Expo (Wednesday, August 6)** at the Master Builders. We are very fortunate to have **Premier Bus providing free transport to and from the venue. Parents are welcome to join us on the bus. If you are interested, please could you indicate via the communication books or let the front office know.** I will put a reminder in the next newsletter. Merry! Bennett needs **final numbers by 30 May**.

If you need any information please contact me. Deb K

FYI: Do you have a teenage daughter, relative or friend? On May 15th, Drab2Fab is commencing a brand new 3 week course called SAVVY GIRLS! With sessions on confidence, self esteem, image, personal styling, wardrobe, grooming and make-up through to etiquette, dining and communication skills, preparing for work, nutrition, fitness and more... the program covers "everything a teenage girl needs to know!" - Call Julie: 0407965984 or Jenn: 0413422100 Email: julie@drab2fab.com.au



Some of our students at Greenhouse Park

Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 08 May	Jessica & Dara
Fri 09 May	Maria & Tracy
Mon 12 May	Heather & Donna
Tue 13 May	Karen & Beryl
Wednesday CLOSED	
Thur 15 May	Jo & Dimitria
Fri 16 May	Paula & John
Mon 19 May	Suzi
Tue 20 May	Angela & Gail
Wednesday CLOSED	
Thu 22 May	Lynne
Fri 23 May	Maria & Tracy
Mon 26 May	Sharon & Dimitria
Tue 27 May	Martina

'BLUE DAY' for ASPECT raised \$64 through mufti donations! Thank you everyone for your support!

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Para Meadows Ex-Students Group

Anyone interested in joining the group in 2014 please contact Genevieve on **0417651862** or email: 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: 14/5/14; 28/5/14; 11/6/14; 25/6/14; 9/7/14.