

Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 2

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you all had a safe and happy holidays. I would like to thank the staff for the wonderful reports that went out at the end of last term it was great to read about all the progress the students have made working towards their Personalised Learning and Support Plans.

Teachers will be organising meetings in the near future to review goals and for all those clever students who achieved their goals, create new goals.

School Planning

As part of the Local Schools Local Decisions initiative that we are part of; changes in the way the school plans for the future will occur from the end of 2014. Currently the Department of Education and Communities provide the strategic direction of every Public School, we are going to have the ability to collaboratively set our future goals that best suit the needs of the students at Para Meadows.

Currently on the school website, under Parents and Community, there is a survey to evaluate our school. Please take the time to complete the survey and have a say in the future directions at Para Meadows.

A meeting will be organised later in the term to discuss school directions.

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Education Week Open Day

Thursday 31st of July

Parents are invited to join their child/ren in class at 9:30am for the morning work session. Parents, this is a hands on session organised by each teacher to get some extra volunteers assisting the students. **A morning tea will be held in the library at 11am for a chat.**

The opening ceremony of our Commonwealth Games will begin at **11:30am in the musical courtyard** followed by intense physical games in the main playground, everybody is encouraged to work up a sweat.

The P&C are kindly providing a **sausage sizzle lunch for all at the completion of the games.** These games are linked to the fundraiser sent out

last week by Leah Sandona encouraging sponsorship of the students to be physical. Also, **Help Us Win \$5,000 to Improve Our School!** At Para Meadows we believe it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

Through our participation in the adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called '**CUA Community Care**' that gives us the chance to win \$5,000 for a school or community project of our choice. This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia's largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to install outdoor fitness equipment to encourage our students to be active during break times.

We're up against 11 other schools in the area to take out the \$5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 28 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at:

www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA's Figtree branch located at Shop 31, Westfield Shopping Centre, 19 Princes Hwy in Figtree.

Each person can make **one online and one in-branch vote.** So, please give us your support and help us win \$5,000 to improve our school. **Also, please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting.**

Staff Appointments

I would like to congratulate **Paige Errington** and **Tania Robson** for their success at interview and beginning their careers as teachers at Para Meadows.

I would also like to congratulate **Kristie Turner** for her success in attaining the position of SLSO at Para Meadows.

Best Regards, Gill Hendry

P&C News

Next Meeting: Fri 1st of August, 2014

9:30am.

All Welcome!



Positive Behaviour Student of the Week
Congratulations to
Sha Meh and Sean Moran
for being kind and helping others!



Careers Corner

Welcome back to Term 3. Our senior students commenced their fire station work experience last Thursday and will continue visiting the Fire Station through to the end of the term.

Parents/caregivers are reminded to ensure their child is appropriately dressed for the work experience. On Monday, another group of senior students started their taster course at Flagstaff in Unanderra. Here, the students learn about developing their work skills concentrating on Work and the Community curriculum outcomes.

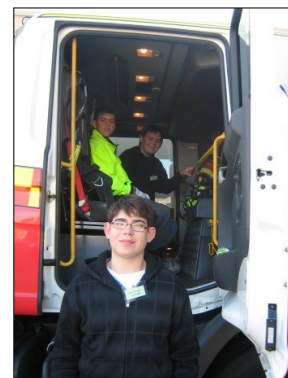
Please diarise **Wednesday 6 August**. The **IDO Expo** takes place at **The Builders Club**. See the attached flyer for more information.



Students heading off for Flagstaff with Mary.

Warrawong Fire Station

Uniforms: We now have plenty of Sloppy Jo's available in all sizes for the winter months!



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 24 July	Jessica & Dara
Fri 25 July	Paula & John
Mon 28 July	Heather & Donna
Tue 29 July	Karen & Beryl
Wednesday CLOSED	
Thur 31 July	Dimitria
Fri 01 Aug	Maria & Jo
Mon 04 Aug	Sharon
Tue 05 Aug	Angela & Gail
Wednesday CLOSED	
Thu 07 Aug	Lynne
Fri 08 Aug	Rita & Tracy
Mon 11 Aug	Suzi
Tue 12 Aug	Martina

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:

23/7/14; 6/8/14