

# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 3

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to thank all the students, parents and staff for their well wishes after my recent surgery. I would like to commend Jo-Anne Howell and Linda Dwight for stepping up and keeping the school running smoothly.

## Term 4 2015-where has the year gone; and what is left to celebrate?

### New Parent Orientation

**27th of October** at 9:30am. If there are any parents that would like to join us for a cup of tea or coffee at 10am, please come over to the library and share your experiences with the new families to our school.

### Halloween Dress Up day - 30th of October

Come along to school in your creepiest, scariest most outrageous costume to help raise funds for the year 6 graduation later this term.



### P&C Summer Disco- 5th of November at 6pm till 7:30pm with a sausage sizzle and popper for \$7.



Come along and bust a move!  
**Entry is by ticket only and no tickets sold on the night.**

### Primary Graduation-18th of November at 5:30pm till 7pm.

Family and friends of our Year 6 students are invited to celebrate the completion of the primary years. The evening will start with the graduation formalities, followed by a light supper and finishing off with dancing.

### Berry Camp- 24th of November to the 27th of November over two camps.

We have 24 students from years 7-10 participating in two x 2night stays at Berry.  
*Let the good times roll!*

### School Presentation Assembly- Tuesday the 8th of December at 9:45am,

We will celebrate our successes in 2015 and reward students for their efforts in class, sport and community involvement. We will conclude the assembly with a presentation from the School Band.

**School Graduation Assembly and Formal-** 10th of December at 9:45am for our graduation followed by the cake cutting ceremony and morning tea for family and friend of our leavers. The day's festivities continue with the Year 12 formal at the Villa D'Oro later that evening.

### 19th of November a day to share with:-

#### ANZAC Grants

Early this year Alan Moore was successful in securing two grants from the government to create resources to honour the 100th Anniversary of Australian engagement in World War 1. Through the grant monies the school has purchased the technology to run two eye gaze programs, and created six Clicker 6 books that assist in the teaching of WW1 and WW2 history across the school. A memorial plaque will be unveiled, and will provide staff and students with family members who served in any of the modern conflicts the opportunity to commemorate at school events.

Sharon Bird member for Cunningham is coming to the school as part of the celebrations on the **19th of November from 9:30am to 10:30am**

#### AND.....LIBERTY SWING OPENING

Variety Club NSW is coming to officially open the Liberty swing on the **19th November at 11:00am**. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and a morning tea to thank them for their support .

**All families are welcome to attend and share in the celebrations on the day with us.**

*Have a great fortnight,  
Gill Hendry*

**Commonwealth Bank Students** please note that banking day has changed to Mondays.

## CAREERS CORNER

The ADHC funding notification has finally arrived. All Year 12 parents have received this indicating whether their child has received funding for TTW or CP. Taster courses are on the go this term for some students. Please contact Merryl or myself if you wish your child to attend a taster day at a specific service provider.

The **WOW programme** starts next week with 3 of our Year 11 students going to Coles for retail experience. Forms will be coming home this week. **Please ensure your child wears the correct clothing for the Coles day i.e. black closed shoes, long black pants, white shirt.**

## YEAR 12 - END OF YEAR

Thanks to the parents for sending in the photographs to be used in the presentation. The **Schoolies** Day has been booked.

We are going to the **Canberra Zoo** for the day on Wednesday 2 December.

We will leave at about 8 am and return at 5 pm, so Special Transport cannot be used on that day. Information will be sent home soon.



**Regards, Deb Koppel**

## PARENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Stepping Stones Triple P** is a specially tailored program for parents of children with special needs and is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, one of the world's most effective parenting programs. This program is offered free of charge .

Stepping Stones gives parents the skills to raise happy, confident children and build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities.

Leah will be offering 3 seminars over three weeks in November.

**Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability** on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**Helping your Child reach their Potential** on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour** on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.


**FOR SALE**  
24" RED TRIKE—EDGE 24  
Excellent, as new condition.  
Bought from Body Cycles SA but  
hardly used.  
**\$350**  
At Wilton NSW  
If interested or for more information  
phone Dianna on 4630 9312



### Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 22 Oct	Michelle Wells	
Fri 23 Oct	Jo & Jessica	
Mon 26 Oct	Sharon & Leyna	
Tue 27 Oct	Gail	
<b>CLOSED</b>		
Thu 29 Oct	Michelle & Amanda	
Fri 30 Oct	Tracy	
Mon 02 Nov	Suzi	
Tue 03 Nov	Donna	
<b>CLOSED</b>		
Thu 05 Nov	Michelle Wells	
Fri 06 Nov	Paula & John	

### 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:**

28th Oct; 11th & 25th Nov;  
9th Dec Xmas Party.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in helping out please contact **Genevieve Vieira** on **0417651862** or email **[genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au](mailto:genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au)**