

Para Meadows School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Summer is apparently on the way with increasing temperatures over the next few weeks. As the mornings are still a little cool when the students get on the buses, can you please provide an alternative outfit (shorts and a T-shirt) to change into as the days get hotter. All students are accessing the playgrounds for recess and lunch and will need a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Please provide your child with these items and inform staff if they have any reason to stay out of the sun. All students need adequate fluids each day.

ANZAC GRANT-ASSEMBLY

Thursday the 19th of November at 9:30 am

we will be having a special assembly to commemorate soldiers past, and celebrate soldiers present, with family ties to our school. Member for Cunningham Sharon Bird and Director of Public Education Wollongong Marian Grant will be here to assist in making it a memorable day. Assistant Principal Alan Moore, with assistance from a local librarian Catherine Taylor, have created six Clicker6 books that assist our student learning about 'Australians at War' during WWI and WWII and in all recent conflicts. The grant money provided by Ms. Bird has been utilised to promote communication and learning for high support needs students through the acquisition of new Eye Gaze technology.

LIBERTY SWING- GRAND OPENING

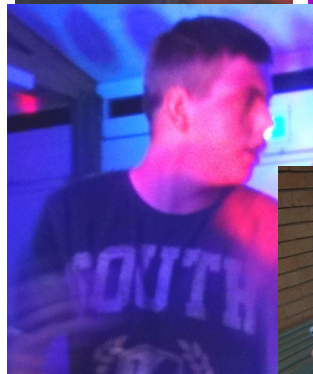
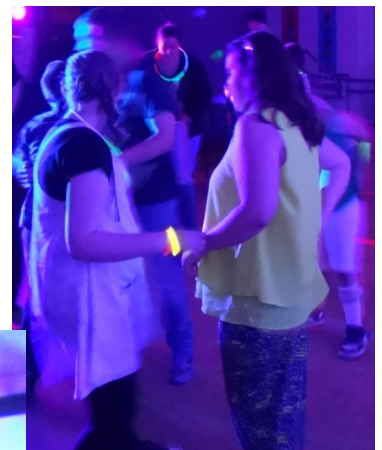
Thursday the 19th of November at 11am

we will be joined by Deputy Chairman Henry Eggers from Variety the Children's Charity and other dignitaries to cut the ribbon and enjoy some fun filled swinging sessions on the Liberty swing. We are truly grateful for the support from Variety and Westfield Figtree in the supply and installation of the Liberty Swing, it has provided many of our students in wheelchairs the freedom and joy swinging can bring.

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US FOR BOTH EVENTS ON THURSDAY, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

SCHOOL DISCO-November 5th, 2015

Thank you to Tracy Cardile, John and Paula Priest for selflessly giving up their time to organise, cater for and serve families at the school disco. It was a great night for all families new and old. Thank you Kaz Foster and family and Alison Smith for your support in assisting families to have a great time. A big well done to Jess Trott for keeping the tunes playing and the dance floor full of happy and excited students and families.



Primary YR 6 Graduation

Tomorrow evening we celebrate with our Year 6 students the end of their Primary school life, and the moving on to High School. Have fun Amelia, Coby, Matthew Zachary, Kasey, Brayden, Jack, Jason and Ryan.

**Have a great fortnight,
Gill Hendry**

P&C NEWS

Next Meeting:
Wed 10th February, 2016 at 9:30am
All Welcome

P & C Canteen news

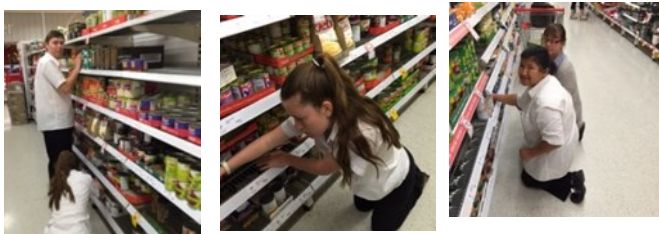
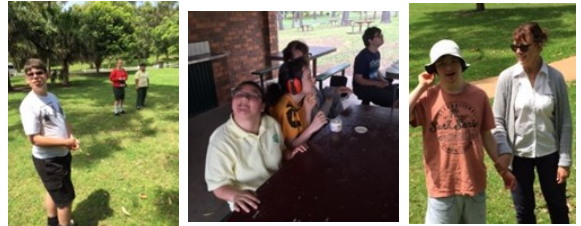
Our canteen needs you, we are struggling to maintain the four days of canteen that we provide to our students. It would be a real shame to have to close the canteen one or two more days as we have insufficient volunteers. Our students benefit from the canteen in many ways; they develop skills in money management, communication and socialisation as well as experiencing new foods. **Please support our students and become a volunteer at the canteen.**

CAREERS CORNER

All our taster courses have come to an end with our Year 12 students placed at various service providers. Thanks to parents/carers for their co-operation with money, lunches and clothing etc.

The Work crews have been hard at work this term with this week being the last week **for 2015.**

The WOW Programme is on the go this term with the students working at Coles. Well done to our 3 year 11 students who keep those shelves stocked and tidy.



Year 12 Formal

This term, 17 Year 9 students from Bulli High School have been visiting our school. They have joined various classes at Para Meadows. Our students have enjoyed interacting with them in the playground and in the classroom.



Reminder that 30 November is final date for formal tickets to be purchased from the School front office.

Thanks Deb

Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 19 Nov	Amanda
Fri 20 Nov	Jo & Jessica
Mon 23 Nov	Suzi
Tue 24 Nov	Leyna
CLOSED	
Thu 26 Nov	Michelle & Amanda
Fri 27 Nov	Paula & John
Mon 30 Nov	Janet & Juliette
Tue 01 Dec	Wendy
CLOSED	
Thu 03 Dec	Michelle Wells
Fri 04 Dec	Jo & Jessica

Para Meadows Ex-Students Group

Anyone interested in joining the group in 2015 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.

Dates for 2015:

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