



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 9

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their continued dedication and commitment to providing quality teaching and learning experiences across the school for all of 2015. It has been a pleasure to walk in to classes and see the students engaged in fun and motivating activities across the day. A special thank you to the wonderful ladies in the office and library that keep the staff and I organised and on task. **I know you will join me in wishing them a safe and happy holiday.**

To all the wonderful parents and carers that support our school in many ways: through volunteering in the P&C or canteen, raising school awareness out in the community, or just being there every afternoon when the students come home to spend that quality time with your child. **Thank you.**

To all the wonderful students at Para Meadows School: you are what makes this a great school and a wonderful place to come to everyday. The smiles or cheeky grins, the conversations and interactions that greet myself and staff daily are wonderful. The special efforts you go to for visitors to the school by making them feel instantly a part of our big family. **Congratulations and thank you for being you!!!**

Thursday the 19th of November, we celebrated the opening of the **Liberty swing** with members of **Variety the Children's Charity**. There were many opportunities for students to have a turn on the swing enjoying the labours of all the adults, taking turns to push and laugh with the students.

Earlier at our **ANZAC Centenary Grant Assembly** we showcased the **Eye gaze technology** and **Clicker 6 books** to the **Honourable Sharon Bird MP** and **NSW Dept. of Premier & Cabinet, Veteran's Affairs, Linda Barach**.



Also in attendance were **Ms Marian Grant, School Education Director, Wollongong**. **Uncle Richard Archibald** our local Elder, and his nephew **Paul Stanley**, an ex-student of our school, and **Thomas**



Anderson, son of Assistant Principal Lisa Anderson received plaques to commemorate family members who have served in the

Australian Forces.

I wish to thank **Alan Moore** for his ability to write three successful grant applications and **Helen Brooks** for her tireless efforts in making Alan look good with the slide shows, invitations and smooth running of a wonderful assembly. *Well done to everyone else involved in the day.*

STILL TO COME

Wednesday the 2nd of December, our Year 12 students experience that right of passage "**SCHOOLIES**". Our students are off to Canberra Zoo. We hope that they have a great day and take lots of photos to share on the website!

Friday the 4th of December, we invite **all volunteers** to the school for a **musical assembly and morning tea** to show our appreciation of your time and thank you for your efforts in supporting our students.

Monday the 7th of December, our presentation assembly from **9:45am through till 10:45 am**. All parents and carers are invited to celebrate in the successes of 2015.

Thursday the 10th of December, we say farewell to our Year 12 students. This is a private assembly that allows students, their parents and staff to celebrate the student's achievements, shed a few tears and send them off into the world as adults.

Monday the 14th and Tuesday the 15th of December, we hit the beaches and hang ten on a few waves. A schedule will be sent out shortly highlighting when students will be on the beach, allowing parents and carers the opportunity to come along and share the experience. *Thanks Jo, for organising a fun and unique way to finish 2015.*

Best regards, Safe and happy holidays, see you all on the 28th of January 2016.

Gill Hendry



Thank you Chloe, Mitchell, Coby, Luke and Kasey for your great behaviour and decorating skill in Wollongong Shopping Centre last Tuesday.

P&C NEWS
 Next Meeting:
Wed 10th February, 2016 at 9:30am
 All Welcome
CANTEEN—Spinach & Ricotta rolls are on sale for 70c until the end of the year.

Last week 30 Year 7, 8 and 9 students went to **Berry Sport and Recreation Camp**. Some students stayed overnight for 2 nights and others came for a day trip. The students got to have a go at lots of activities including the Giant Swing, indoor rock climbing, archery, cooking on the fire, swimming and floating down the river on water craft. All the students were really well behaved and had a fantastic time with the Activity Leaders and their friends.



Thank you to **Chris C, Oriella, Sheryl, Chris D, Jenny, Lisa, Leah, Paige and Tim** for joining the students at Berry over the week to help make it such a success.

Don't forget to check our website for more photos.



Attention Canteen volunteers:
 If you are unable to attend your day please phone Tracy on 0438273836
CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 03 Dec	Michelle Wells
Fri 04 Dec	Jo & Jessica
Mon 07 Dec	Sharon & Leyna
Tue 08 Dec	Wendy
CLOSED	
Thu 10 Dec	Michelle Wells
Fri 11 Dec	Lisa & Amanda
Mon 14 Dec	Janet & Juliette
Tue 15 Dec	Paula & John
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 17 Dec to 27 Jan (incl.)	
Thu 28 Jan 2016	Michelle Wells & Tracy
Fri 29 Jan 2016	Paula & John

Para Meadows Ex-Students Group
 Anyone interested in joining the group in 2015 please contact Genevieve on **0417651862** or email: genevevecertificate@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:
 9th Dec Xmas Party.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 If you are interested in helping out please contact **Genevieve Vieira on 0417651862** or email genevevecertificate@yahoo.com.au