



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 8

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to start my year by thanking Ngaire McKinnon, the school executive and all the wonderful staff for their efforts in a smooth start to 2015 under trying conditions. 21st Century learners need technology working effectively to create engaging and high quality lessons for our students, unfortunately this was not the case. We are back on track and the classrooms I have visited are all hard at work, with smiles and enjoyment evident on the student's faces.

At the beginning of Term 2 we publish our new school plan which is under development and consultation with the P&C, staff and from feedback from parents through the survey last year. I have included the three strategic directions and purposes, and would love to hear thoughts on these, as they will drive future direction at Para Meadows School.

Strategic Direction 1: All students can and will learn

Purpose:

At our school, each and every student, regardless of background and ability must be provided with the conditions to learn so that they can be the best that they can be.

To be successful learners, our students need to be **literate, numerate, confident with technology, creative and cooperative.**

Strategic Direction 2: All staff will engage in building learning and leading capacity.

Purpose:

All staff, both teaching and support, have the capacity to provide flexible learning to meet the diverse needs of our students through engagement in **individualised, team and shared professional learning** for the 21st Century learners.

All staff, both teaching and support, have the capacity to understand and develop their **leadership skills** and influence decision making within the school.

Strategic Direction 3: Communication is key for all stakeholders.

Purpose:

To work across the school community to embed a positive culture and a strong set of values based on the expectations that **every student has a voice** and

community members work collaboratively to facilitate that voice.

To work across the school community to embed a positive culture and a strong set of values based on the expectations that **all stakeholders have a voice and contribute to the growth** of our school.

Feedback sheet attached, and I would welcome feedback and suggestions for possible parent forums to discuss the changes to school planning process.

Best regards, Gill Hendry



Dear Parents and Carers,

Para Meadows School will celebrate **Harmony Day on Thursday 19th March** with a **special assembly, morning tea and traditional Aboriginal games.**

Assembly will begin at 9:30am.

We would like to **encourage all students (and parents) to dress to reflect their culture or wear orange clothing.**

We are encouraging staff, students and parents to share something from their culture; it may be a song, story, music, dance or a simple "hello" in their native language.

Parents are invited to contribute finger food from their culture and enjoy a morning tea with staff in the Library after the assembly.

High School students will play traditional Aboriginal games from 11.30am, followed by **primary students** at 12:15pm.

We look forward to celebrating the cultural diversity of Para Meadows School with you.

Yours Sincerely,

Aboriginal Education Committee

P&C News

Next Meeting: AGM
Wed 13th May, at 9:30am.
All Welcome!

P&C " FLUORO DISCO"

26th March, 2015, 6pm-7:45pm.

Tickets will cost \$7 which will include cover charge, a sausage sandwich, a drink, and Glowsticks.

Family, friends and siblings are welcome and parents must be responsible for their child/children.

YEAR 12 INFO

On 26 March the P & C will be holding a disco to raise much needed funds for the Yr 12 Formal. (See above) Please support this – especially Yr 12 parents and students.

For our **Graduation Assembly** (10 December), we will be showing a video of all our school leavers.

Please start collecting photographs of your child, especially family photos, on holiday or out in the community. Send them in to school, we will scan them and return the photos.

We have made a **tentative booking for our Yr 12 Formal at the Villa D'Oro on Thursday 10 December 2015**. Start gathering the masses (family and friends all welcome). More information regarding costs, table bookings etc will follow.

Deb Koppel

CAREERS CORNER

The **WOW Programme** has commenced and our team from Para Meadows joined 8 other schools at TAFE last Friday. The students were placed in inter-school teams and had to complete challenges requiring collaboration, co-operation and participation.

All the teams managed to build their bridges in the allocated time and much fun was had by all. Amazing what a blob of blu-tac and paddlepop sticks can do!

The team-building will continue for the next 2 Fridays at TAFE with **the last Friday requiring the students to wear suitable clothing for their 'dream job'**.

The **TTW Tour** (Transition to Work) to the service providers on **Monday 9th March**, was well attended. Hopefully, our parents managed to get information to help decide which service provider to use.

If you need any more information regarding ADHC assessments, service providers, taster courses etc, contact either *Rod or myself at school. *Rod Hall is replacing Merryl Bennett this term.



Our Para Meadows students participating in the WOW Programme

Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



Thu 19 Mar	Jessica & Dara
Fri 20 Mar	Lisa & Tracy
Mon 23 Mar	Sharon O'Brien & Leyna Perry
Tue 24 Mar	Tracy
CLOSED	
Thu 26 Mar	Michelle Wells & Amanda
Fri 27 Mar	Paula & John
Mon 30 Mar	Suzi
Tue 31 Mar	Wendy & Michaela
CLOSED	
Thu 02 Apr	Tracy & Lisa

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: 18 Mar; 1st, 15th & 29th April; 13th & 27th May; 10th & 24th June; 8th & 22Jul; 5th & 19th Aug; 2nd, 16th & 30th Sep; 14th & 28th Oct; 11th & 25th Nov; 9th Dec Xmas Party.