

Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 1

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3, what a wild and windy start to this term. The students all returned happy and excited to see class friends and staff, and get back to their learning.

Staff Changes

This term we welcome back **Robin Young** and **Candice Cross** Mondays and Tuesdays every week. We also welcome **Barbara Taylor** back to class after a short personal break.

Elyse Paton is working as Wendy Stothard for this term as Wendy has had the opportunity to spread her expertise through an Out of Home Care placement.

School Photographs

We hope all families are happy with their photos, and would like any feedback about time of the year or camera used.

Please let teachers know through communication books if you have any suggestions or concerns.



2015 Rogues Gallery

Personalised Learning and Support Plans

Teachers will be contacting parents over the next few weeks to organise meetings to review and plan individual goals for every student.

Please take this opportunity to come in and discuss your child's progress and negotiate new goals to support their learning.

Parents are able to invite therapists and additional support persons to attend the meeting. The school can organise translators if required.

Education Week

Thursday the **30th of July**, we invite parents, grandparents and other family members to join us for our **open day**.

This year our **activities will revolve around National Parks and Wildlife talks and events** to increase student knowledge in Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander culture and traditions as part of our NAIDOC celebrations.

Activities will begin at 9:30 am and run all day, **come and join your child** for the day or a part of the day.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

This program is back, and Para Meadows School is involved. The program allows schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths.

Every \$10 spent earns a sticker, please send in stickers weekly in an envelope or ask class teacher for a sticker chart to be sent home and then returned to the school

Proloquo2Go parent training/ sharing

Heather Loosemore and Lisa Anderson along with the speech therapists are keen to have a **catch up with parents who came to the Proloquo2Go training** to see how things are going for all. This is also an open invitation for all parents to come along and have a chat, a cup of coffee and find out about communication support available for our students.

IDO Expo

The IDO Expo is on again, **Wednesday 5th of August at the Builders Club, Church St Wollongong 10:30am till 6pm.**

The Expo is a great opportunity for parents to gain information about post school options and services available to young adults with disabilities.

The program includes a performance from **Para Meadows School band at 12:15pm** and **preceded by the students from Peterborough School.**

There is a **presentation from Family and Community Services** regarding "One Place Service Centre." **Presentations around Complaints Resolution and Referral Service and National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline.**

There is also a presentation about **accessible technologies** available.

Artists with Ability

Art Arena Gallery, 1A/39 Market St Wollongong
July 20th to August 3rd.

Grand Opening Night Friday July 24th at 6pm.

Regards Gill Hendry

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Next Meeting:

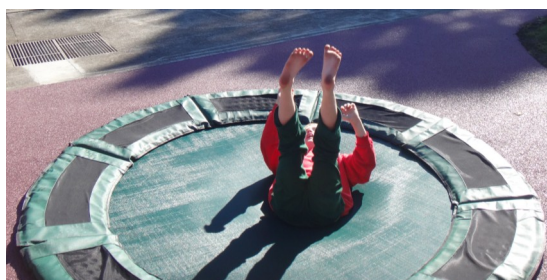
Wed 29th July 2015 at 9:30am.
All Welcome!

New Playground

It gives me great pleasure and a lot of relief to announce our playground works are complete. The generous support we received from **Hotels have Hearts; Westfield Figtree and Variety NSW** means we have an inclusive and fun area for all students to access at recess and lunch.



Ali getting the first turn on the Liberty Swing



Jordan and Seth showing two different techniques on the inground trampoline.



Climbing frame champions, Jake and Nathan.


Removal of the Dragon's Lair with an edible garden and bike track extension that Jayden, Braydon and Sean are enjoying.



New softfall in cement pad area and Lower primary playground



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 16 July	Michelle Wells
Fri 17 July	Jo & Jessica
Mon 20 July	Suzi
Tue 21 July	Leyna Perry
CLOSED	
Thu 23 July	Michelle & Amanda
Fri 24 July	Paula & John
Mon 27 July	Janet & Juliette
Tue 28 July	Wendy
CLOSED	
Thu 30 July	Michelle Wells
Fri 31 July	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**

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:

22Jul; 5th & 19th Aug; 2nd, 16th & 30th Sep; 14th & 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**