

Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 9

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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a great term we have had, new playground equipment and a fun open day with family and staff from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. I would like to thank all the Para Meadows staff for their continued high standards in providing quality and fun lessons for all the students in the school.

Playground fun session.

Today Michael Dennis and Andy Hannelly from **Hotels have Hearts Illawarra** were here to informally open the new play equipment in the playground. We invited the Mercury and WIN News to take photos of some students having an additional play session, showing off their sharing and turn taking skills. There were smiles and laughs a plenty.

The generosity of local organisations constantly amazes me, and makes me proud to be from the Illawarra. Thank you to all associated with **Hotels Have Hearts Illawarra**.

Proloquo2Go session

Thursday 17th of October at 10:30am, on the completion of assembly, Heather and Lisa will be running another morning tea Proloquo2Go session in the library. If you have any questions about your child's communication in school and would like to have a chat and share Proloquo2Go with other parents, come along. All welcome.

Berry School Camps

Berry camp fundraising is going really well. The down side is staff are becoming very competitive to win the cakes donated by Roz Lambkin. The cake stall was also well received by all staff and students. Thank you to all the parents that donated cakes.

Snow Camp

Friday September 4th saw the return of 7 excited students and 4 staff from a fabulous week at the snow fields. Our trip this year included 8 members of the Peterborough School. The two schools got along very well. Our travel to the snow was quiet and restful and this was needed because as we entered the National Park we realised we would be carrying our gear further than we had in the last few years. A valiant effort by all saw us in our rooms before dark. Up early the next morning we took ourselves down to the

snow at Smiggins to play, snow balls flying everywhere. On Wednesday we were up early, down to the bottom of the hill and caught the Big Blue Bus to Perisher. Here we had a blast at Tube Town, students happily going up or down on this ride. The fireworks display at night was enjoyed by the children. Thursday was the day of our white out but don't despair we still found things to do, Big Blue Bus followed by train ride to Blue Cow and plenty of hot chocolate and hot chips. Thursday night was disco night and courtesy of Peterborough we had lights and music to keep us dancing the night away. Friday came much too quickly and we were loading the buses and heading home again. **A BIG THANK YOU to all the kids for bringing their best manners and in the words of one student 'Deb, Michele and Shayne YOUR AMAZING !!!'**



Thanks, Lorraine

Thank you to Deb Koppel, Lorraine Naylor, Shayne Merritt and Michele Griffin for giving your time for a wonderful snow filled experience.

School returns in Term 4 on October 6th. Safe holidays.

Have a great fortnight and holidays.

Gill Hendry

P&C News

Next Meeting:

Wed 28th October, 2015 at 9:30am.

All Welcome!

CAREERS CORNER

Third Term **WOW Programme** is coming to an end. **Tuesday 8 September**, the team will be going to **Wollongong Fire Station**. Next **Monday**, we will **start off at Wollongong Fire Station**, and then make our way to **Beaton Park for their graduation**. Parents would have received information regarding the graduation ceremony. Next term, the WOW students will be working in the retail sector. More information to follow. The **ADHC Assessment results** will be arriving soon (posted to home). Please contact us (Merryl or Deb) if you need any more information regarding post-school options.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Invitations will be going out early next term. Please diarise the **Thursday 10 December for Graduation Assembly in the morning and Formal that evening**. Family and friends are all welcome to attend. There will probably be 10 people per table. **PLEASE** send in your photographs for the digital presentation at the Graduation Assembly. School photos, family/holiday/action photos would be appreciated. If possible, send them in on a thumbdrive. *Have a great holiday. Deb*


SNOW CAMP 2015



Fun on the slopes!



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 10 Sep	Michelle Wells
Fri 11 Sep	Jo & Jessica
Mon 14 Sep	Sharon & Leyna
Tue 15 Sep	Donna
CLOSED	
Thu 17 Sep	Michelle Wells
Fri 18 Sep	Paula & John
HOLIDAYS 21/9 TO 2/10	
Tue 06 Oct	

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:

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**