

# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 2

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01/2/16

*Dear Parents & Carers,*

Welcome back to 2016, I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. The students have quickly adjusted to the change of rooms and faces within each room.

## Staff Changes

### Deputy Principal

It is with mixed emotions that we farewell Ngaire McKinnon, she has happily taken to her retirement filling her days with holidays, painting and fitness but her skills in organising will be greatly missed!

At the end of 2015, Heather Loosemore was the successful candidate for the Deputy Principal position at Para Meadows. I look forward to working with Heather to keep Para Meadows as a leader of special education in the Illawarra.

I would like to thank Jo-Anne Howell for her wonderful support and accomplishments over the last two years as the relieving Deputy Principal. Her passion and commitment to giving our students every opportunity was best highlighted by her wonderful organisation of the end of year surfing.

### High School 5

We welcome Kirstie Barsby to the position of teacher of HS5. Kirstie had worked as a casual teacher in our school last year and successfully as an Active After School Sports Co-ordinator for the previous 2 years. Donna Reardon was successful in gaining a transfer closer to home and has taken up a position at Moss Vale Public School causing some confusion for the students and parents in HS5. Sorry !

### High School 11

Wendy Stothard is still working in the relieving Out Of Home Care teacher position, which may have her out of the school to the 15th of February and possibly beyond. Allison Davies will be the teacher in HS11 until Wendy's return.

### School Captain and Prefects Assembly

I invite all families to come along on Friday 5th of February at 9:40 am to the induction of our new School Captain and Prefects. The recipients of these roles are required to be positive and supportive ambassadors of Para Meadows School.

### School Assemblies

As our High School section of the school grows, 12 of our 17 classes, changes needed to be made in the organisation of Sport, Cooking, Library and all other High School programs the students engage in. High School Sport will be split over two to three afternoons, allowing assemblies to return to the preferred **Friday mornings of even weeks.**

### Important dates for Term 1

- **SCHOOL PHOTOS- TOMORROW  
2/2/16 SEND IN MONEY ENVELOPES**
- **FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES**

Photos of surfing will be included next week's full newsletter.

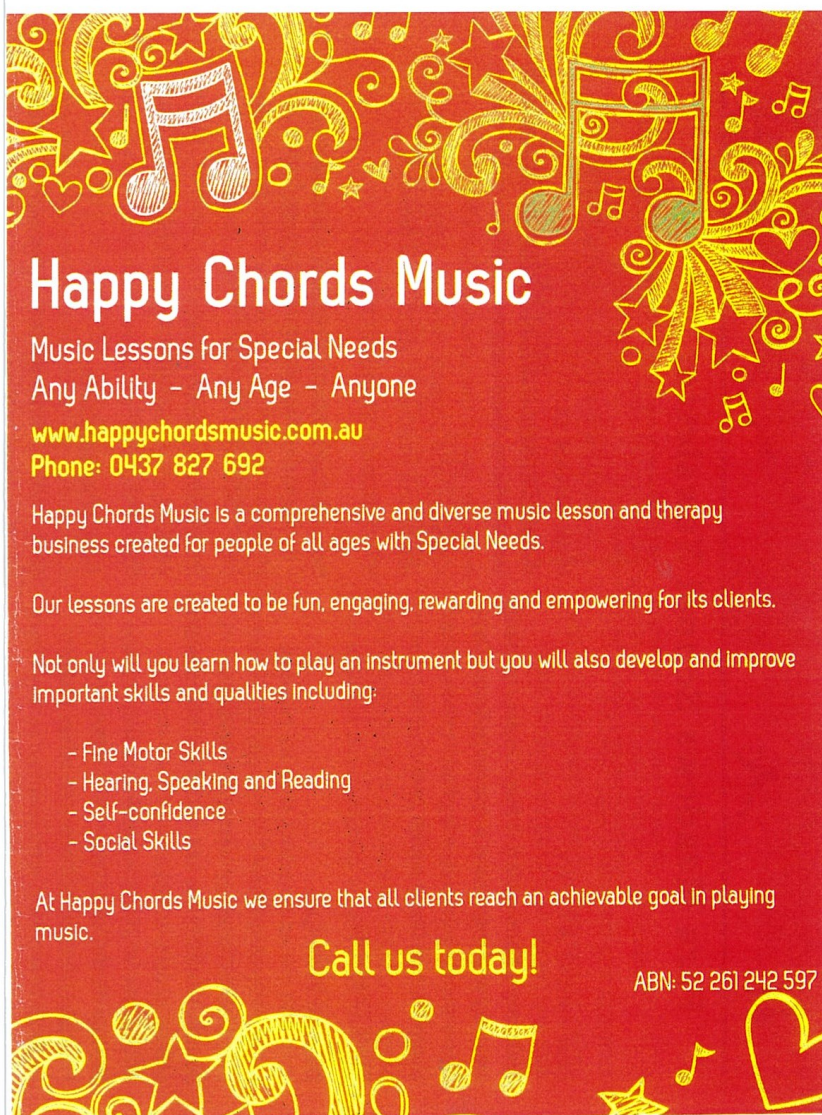
*Have a great week. Gill Hendry*

### **P&C NEWS**

Next Meeting:

**Wed 10th February, 2016 at 9:30am**

All Welcome



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### Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**



<b>Thu 4th Feb</b>	Michelle
<b>Fri 5th Feb</b>	Lisa & Tracy
<b>Mon 8th Feb</b>	Juliette & Jo Stumbles
<b>Tue 9th Feb</b>	Amanda
<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Thu 11th Feb</b>	Michelle Wells
<b>Fri 12th Feb</b>	Jo & Jessica
<b>Mon 15th Feb</b>	Sharon & Ros
<b>Tue 16th Feb</b>	Gail & Leyna
<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Thu 18th Feb</b>	Michelle & Amanda
<b>Fri 19th Feb</b>	Jo & Jessica

### Para Meadows Ex-Students Group

**Anyone interested in joining** the group in 2016

please contact Genevieve on **0417651862** or

**email:** [genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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 2016:**

**03Feb/17Feb/02Mar/16Mar/30Mar/13Apr/27Apr/11May/25May/08Jun/22Jun/06Jul/20Jul/03Aug/17Aug/31Aug/14Sep/28Sep/12Oct/26Oct/09Nov/23Nov/07Dec**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in helping out please contact **Genoveve Vieira on 0417651862** or