

# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 5

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope most families have had the opportunity to come in and meet with the class staff and plan student goals for 2016. It is always a busy time and staff are working hard to meet with everyone and begin the collaboration that best supports our students.

## TELL THEM FROM ME

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** student **feedback survey**. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that **the survey is confidential** and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. It will be administered using **online technologies during school hours between 14 March and 8 April**. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 26 February**.

The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website. <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

## SCHOOL LEADERS

It is with great pleasure I introduce our school leaders for 2016. **Congratulations to our Captain Sha Meh**, she is lovely young lady with a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. Sha will be well supported by **Vice**

**Captain Candice Marsh**, she is also a young lady with a smile who enjoys nothing more than helping the younger students in the school.



## AMPHIBIOUS WHEELCHAIRS

Available 7 days a week.

Currently no advanced booking process exists.

First come first serve system applies.

Phone the locations listed below to find out if a chair is available.

• **Stanwell Park Pool - 42942973**

• **Thirroul Pool- 42673843**

• **Port Kembla Pool - 42741232**

• **Wollongong City Council Customer Service - 42277111**

Have a great fortnight,  
Gill Hendry



## P&C NEWS

Next Meeting:

**Wed 9th of March 9:30 am**

All Welcome

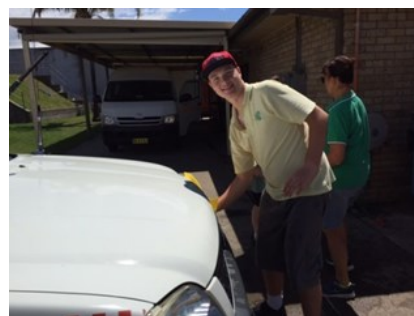
## CAREERS CORNER

Merryl Bennett, our Transition Officer, will be presenting a short but important **information evening on Monday 29 February, 5.30 - 6.30 at school**. She will be discussing the **NDIS** and how it will affect our students. **All Year 12 parents/carers are strongly encouraged to come along** and hear what Merryl has to say. Parents of Yr 11 and 10 students are also invited, but bear in mind NDIS is supposed to be coming to Wollongong in July 2017 so the post school programming will be different. This **meeting is for parents and carers of students in the senior years**. If you have any queries, please ring Merryl or myself at school.

Deb Koppel

## WORK CREW AT SES WOLLONGONG

Five hard working students headed off to the SES Wollongong Unit to show their appreciation in all the good work SES does. They washed, scrubbed, scraped and polished two SES vehicles leaving them sparkling clean. **Well done, Keegan, Alex, Zac, Lily and Ashlie.**



## P & C Easter Raffle

The P&C are having a Easter Raffle which will be **drawn at the assembly Friday 18th of March 2016**.

**TICKETS** have been sent with this newsletter are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

To support this raffle you are **kindly requested to send in a donation of an Easter gift item**. Gifts include chocolates, Easter Eggs, baskets **by Wednesday the 116th of March 2016**. If you can assist with wrapping, come along for a cuppa at 9:30 am on the 16th.

*Thanks, P&C.*

### Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

#### CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 25th Feb	Michelle
Fri 26th Feb	Paula & John
Mon 29th Feb	Suzi
Tue 01 Mar	Wendy
CLOSED	
Thu 03 Mar	Michelle
Fri 4th Mar	Tracy & Lisa
Mon 7th Mar	Juliette & Jo Stumbles
Tue 8th Mar	Amanda
CLOSED	
Thu 10th Mar	Michelle Wells
Fri 11th Mar	Paula & John

### 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:

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 **Genevieve Vieira** on **0417651862** or email **[genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au](mailto:genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au)**