



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 11

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Dear Parents & Carers,

What a busy, fast term we have had!
Thank you to all the students for working hard and being on their best behaviour over the term.

I would also like to thank the staff for their enthusiasm and professionalism while completing their daily duties as well as the efforts running parent meetings setting PLSP goals.

Parents and families thank you for the ongoing support of Harmony Day, discos and all our school events. It is always rewarding to see the interactions between students and their families.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Para Meadows School requires students between the ages of four and eighteen to maintain enrolment and to attend this school.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of age, are expected to attend this school whenever instruction is provided. Regular attendance is essential to assist students to maximise their potential.

The school, in partnership with parents/carers, is responsible for promoting regular attendance of students. Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility.

Para Meadows School day is 8:30am to 3pm. Staff are on duty between these times to provide supervision. **Classes begin at 9am** and conclude at 2:40 pm to assist with student transport.

It is very important to student learning and daily planning that students are here as close to 9am as possible.



Students arriving late are missing daily information and causing disruptions to the learning of peers.

If your child is having regular problems establishing and maintaining morning routines

because of medical or behavioural issues, please contact me and we can discuss options. However, it is best for all students to be in class before 10am, during the establishment of the morning routine which includes both activities and social interactions.

If your child cannot be in school by 10am please contact me as they have already been marked absent for the day.

EXEMPTIONS

Students with medical certificates can apply for partial attendance for short periods of time, this is through consultation with the local Director of Public Schools and is only granted on a five to ten week plan only.

EXTENDED LEAVE

Family holidays and travel are no longer considered as an exemption from school.

Travel outside of vacation period is considered an absence. Parents and carers are required to contact the school to apply for a **Certificate of Extended Leave** which covers domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

Applications can be found on the school website under 'Parents and Community'.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Students break up this Friday 8th April and return Wed 27th April.

Have a great holiday break.

Gill Hendry

P&C NEWS

Next Meeting:
Wed 11th May at 9:30 am

CAREERS CORNER

The **WOW programme** is up and running. Their **last session at TAFE will be on Friday 29 April** (first week next term).

Those students who have made it to the 'next round' will be going to **Greenhouse Park** on Tuesdays commencing term 2, week 3.



⇒ **Taster courses** for our year 12 students also start next term week 3 on Tuesdays.

Paperwork will be coming home for those students attending WOW and the Taster course with Greenacres.

⇒ On **Wednesday 4 May** we will be visiting the **Community Participation service providers**. Parents (Yr 11 and 12) are welcome to travel with us in the bus to the various venues. I will be sending out information shortly. **It is important for our year 12 parents to visit these providers.**

⇒ **Assessment meetings for Year 12 students' parents will be taking place next term**
- you are reminded of your homework – **emailing information to Merryl before your meeting** will save you time.

If anyone has/knows of a **shipping container needing a new home, we are looking for one for storing our bikes**. Please contact the school if you can help out.

Safe holidays everyone! Deb

Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 07 Apr	Michelle & Amanda
Fri 08 Apr	Tracy & Lisa
Monday 11 to 26 April holidays	
Thu 28 Apr	Michelle Wells & Tracy
Fri 29 Apr	Paula & John
Mon 02 May	Suzi
Tue 03 May	Wendy
CLOSED	
Thu 05 May	Michelle Wells
Fri 06 May	Tracy & Lisa
Mon 09 May	Jo & Juliette
Tue 10 May	Amanda

Para Meadows Ex-Students Group

Anyone interested in joining the group in 2016 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 2016:

**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 email **genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au**