



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 3

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2, and the first newsletter due to the shortness of the first week. I hope that all families had a fun, enjoyable Mother's Day.

MOTHER'S DAY BBQ at Bunning's.

I would like to thank the staff and partners that gave up time on Mother's Day to promote our school in the community. Thanks Deb and Tim; Kaz; Susan; Helen and Shayne; Kristie and family; Leah and Elyse. It was a long day but an enjoyable day.

A huge thank you to Susan Wallis who did the hard yards before the BBQ sourcing the sausages; bread and drinks as well as spending her whole Mother's Day at Bunning's.

ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As the seasons change we are more susceptible to illness. Can we please follow a few courteous rules. After a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea can students remain at home for 24 hours after the last episode. In regards to colds and flu, can all students remain away from school while they are sneezing and coughing to minimise the spread of infection to the more vulnerable members of our school community.

COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

I would like to look in to different ways of sending out information. I have found two apps that could replace the paper newsletter and provide up to date class feedback from the teachers.

SCHOOL APP SURVEY (return to school)

Yes I am interested in accessing SKOOLBAG	No I am not interested in accessing SKOOLBAG
Yes I am interested in accessing SEESAW	No I am not interested in accessing SEESAW
Student's Name: _____	
Student's Class: _____	

FIRST  THEN

Congratulations to Brad and Jen Ratcliffe, they have successfully created a communication app to reduce anxiety in people with disabilities by supporting transitions in the home, school and community. Flyer attached.

SKOOLBAG

Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

No more lost paper in student school bags! School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to the parent smartphone through the Skoolbag school Mobile App.

Skoolbag is school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone, iPad, Android, and Windows Phones devices.

SEESAW

Seesaw is a learning journal that gives you real-time glimpses into your child's school day.

Seesaw helps you stay in the loop and gives you an opportunity to support your child's learning at home.

When your child adds a new item to their journal, like a photo, video, or drawing, you'll automatically get notified via app notifications, SMS or email. Simply follow the notification to view the new addition to your child's journal—it's fun and hassle free!

Triple P Workshops with Leah Sandona

Thursdays Weeks 7, 8 & 9 during the day and evening, more information to follow.

Have a great fortnight,

Gill Hendry

P&C NEWS

Sausage Sizzle

Tue 17th May 2016

(Separate note sent out today)

Next Meeting:

Wed 11th May at 9:30 am

All Welcome!

CAREERS CORNER

The first quarter of the WOW programme has been completed. The next stage is gardening at Greenhouse Park on Tuesdays this term. **Those students that have been selected for the next stage are to come to school in their work clothes (long sleeves, long pants, closed shoes, hat, drink bottle) and change back into their school uniform (school shoes included) when we return before lunch.** They will be given time before we leave to have their morning tea.

This week some senior students will be commencing their taster course at Greenacres Joblink. They are required to wear appropriate clothing for the day. They will be picked up and returned to school in time for their transport home.

Candice starts her work experience at a day care centre in Unanderra this week.



Keegan and Mitchell wearing 'work clothes' and (right) the students having lunch at the TAFE restaurant at WOW.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION TOUR

Last week a few of our parents and carers (right) went on the **CP Tour** to the various service providers in Wollongong. They were given information on programmes and shown around the centres.

If any of the parents want more information on service providers available for next year, please contact Merryl Bennett/Rod Hall or myself at school.

A few of the **ADHC interviews** have been completed. **Remember to email your information to Merryl before your meeting** otherwise it will be a long one. Deb



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 12 May	Michelle Wells
Fri 13 May	Jo & Leyna
Mon 16 May	Sharon & Roz
Tue 17 May	Tracy
CLOSED	
Thu 19 May	Michelle Wells
Fri 20 May	Paula & John
Mon 23 May	Dianne B & Emma N
Tue 24 May	Amanda
CLOSED	
Thu 26 May	Michelle Wells
Fri 27 May	Lisa & Tracy

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:

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**