



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 7

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7/6/16

Dear Parents & Carers,
Winter arrived with a huge exclamation mark on the weekend. I hope that everyone survived the wild weather with minimal damage and inconvenience. It gives me a good opportunity to remind parents to provide warm clothing (with student name) and warm and sturdy footwear. If your child has favourite items of clothing for winter that is not school uniform but guarantees they stay warm, please send these items along with your student, labelled.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Parent online payment portal

We have moved into the 21st century and **have provisioned a link through the school website to allow online payments.** This can simplify purchasing uniforms, paying for camps and excursions as well as sports programs. There is a limit of 5 payments in each area, *i.e. sport*, so term payments may be the way to go. It will take some effective and planned communication from the teaching staff to forewarn parents of expenses requiring payments in future.

Seesaw trial

Currently High School 1 are trialling the **Seesaw app** with some very happy parents receiving photos and videos of students engaged in classroom learning. I am encouraging a few more teachers to begin trialling in the next few weeks. The free version of the app provides parents with updates of student learning for the current year. The upgrade of the app provides parents with a portfolio over all the years the student has been active in the app. **As we are trialling I would encourage parents to wait for the Q Scan from the teacher and use the free app until later in the year.**

Skoolbag

At the moment we are in the process of creating our **Skoolbag page** and the **iPhone/iPad logo** which provides access to the app. *Unfortunately in the upcoming trial phase it is not available in Android, this will only become available if we take up the program after the trial.* So hopefully

over the next few months we will stop producing paper Newsletters and notes and reminders will be sent through the app.

Parent communication/technology sharing and training morning tea.

We invite all parents/carers to come along to our morning tea sharing sessions over the next two weeks due to the Queens Birthday public holiday. Lisa will run a session for parents on **Friday the 17th of June** after assembly in the meeting room and Heather will run a session on **Monday the 20th of June at 10 am** in the meeting room. This is a great opportunity to come in and ask questions of the staff around communication support needs and the technologies that can support student development.

Triple P Project

Leah Sandona will be running three workshops over the next few weeks to support parents with behavioural issues and others concerns for students with a disability aged zero to twelve. The first workshop is this **Thursday the 9th of June at either 9:30 am or 4pm** in the hall and is on **Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability.**

AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH

Department of Premier and Cabinet are seeking student images for future Government publications and have approached the school seeking willing families, to allow their child's image to be used. The families will be able to access the image after they have been published.

Please complete the Authority to Publish and return tomorrow 9/6/16 if you are willing to allow your child to be photographed on Wednesday the 22nd of June.

P&C NEWS

**Next Meeting is the AGM:
8/6/16 @ 9:30 am
All Welcome!**

Reconciliation Morning Tea

Our school was invited to attend the annual Reconciliation Morning Tea at the Novotel, Wollongong.

Sean Moran and his friend Darcy Nesevski were proud participants and attended the event representing the school. They sat and listened to a choir performance, talks by high achieving Year 12 students and a presentation from two Aboriginal team members of the Women's Rugby Sevens team that will be representing Australia at the Rio Olympics in August.

Sean and Darcy enjoyed socialising with many community members and students from other schools.



Primary 2 Assembly performance

A great performance of "Happy as Larry"

Have a great fortnight
Gill Hendry



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 09 Jun	Michelle Wells
Fri 10 Jun	Paula & John
Mon 13 Jun	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 14 Jun	Amanda
CLOSED	
Thu 16 Jun	Michelle
Fri 17 Jun	Jo & Leyna
Mon 20 Jun	Sharon & Ross
Tue 21 Jun	Wendy
CLOSED	
Thu 23 Jun	Michelle Wells
Fri 24 Jun	Tracy & Lisa

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:

**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
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