



# Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 5

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16/8/16

Dear Parents & Carers,

*I apologise for the sporadic news at the start of this term, I will get back into a proper routine and have the newsletter out every odd week.*

**PARA MEADOWS –OLYMPICS DAY (take 2)**  
**This Wednesday,17th of August**, will be the school Olympics with all family and friends invited to join us for the opening ceremony in the hall from 9:30am. Sports activities begin at 10:00am followed by a free sausage sizzle picnic lunch with play opportunities between 11:30 am and 12:30pm. The closing ceremony will commence at 12:30 pm and all proceedings will finish at 1pm.



## Certificate of Excellence Education Weeks Awards

Congratulations to Lisa Anderson for receiving a certificate for her efforts in leading inclusion for all students at Para Meadows.

## Western Creation

We will be having a performance by 'Western Creation' on **Thursday the 25th of August**.

The cost of the performance is **\$7** for every student. If you feel that your child will have difficulties attending, substitute activities will be offered in mixed class groupings.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement, and provides different perspectives on communication between

parents/carers and staff. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

## Luke's Place Corrimal– Communication Board

There are many ways to communicate. Some children who have difficulty using spoken words may need another way to communicate during play, like a communication board. Wollongong City Council in partnership and in consultation with Heather and Ellen from ASPECT have developed a play communication board being trialled at Luke's Place in Corrimal. The Council is asking for feedback via the following link

<http://haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/admin/projects/lukesplace-corrimal>

## P & C NEWS

### Fathers Day

Father's Day is fast approaching and we will be having our **Father's Day Stall on Thursday the 8th of September**.

Gifts will range between \$2 and \$5.

**Could all families please send in a gift or two to be sold on the day?**

Gifts will be wrapped on Wednesday the 7th of September in the Canteen, come along for a coffee and a chat.



## P&C NEWS

### Next Meeting:

**Wednesday 31/8/16 @ 9:30 am**  
All Welcome!

*Best Regards for the upcoming fortnight,  
Gill Hendry*





**National Parks And Wildlife—  
NAIDOC WEEK** photos

More photos will be on the  
school website, a great day had  
by all.





## CAREERS CORNER

Our Year 12 students have been busy visiting service providers this term. EET and Flagstaff are offering great programmes for our students to try out. They have also been physically challenged under the expertise of Michelle from Fitness4All. Students are completing circuits on various gym apparatus as well as learning about the stretches and muscles involved.



The **WOW Programme** for Term 3 is up and running. Students are keeping those Dapto Fire trucks and facilities clean and the hoses properly rolled up and stored. **Parents please keep an eye on the dates for WOW: 15/8, 29/8, 6/9 and final graduation day at Beaton Park on Friday 16 September.**

Work Crews have been doing a sterling job at SES. The trucks and utes are looking shinier after our visit.

## YEAR 12 GRADUATION

*Please diarise the date:* **Graduation Assembly and Formal on Wednesday 7 December.**

Parents/carers will receive information regarding attendance of guests at the assembly and formal. Please fill in the information and return as soon as possible. **We are still hoping parents and carers will send in photos of their child for us to use at the graduation. We need these by Friday 2 September.**

**SPECIAL REQUEST: PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARPARK**

### Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



Thu 18 Aug	Michelle
Fri 19 Aug	Paula & John
Mon 22 Aug	Suzi
Tue 23 Aug	Wendy
<b>CLOSED</b>	
Thu 25 Aug	Michelle Wells
Fri 26 Aug	Jessica Gizzi
Mon 29 Aug	Jo & Juliette
Tue 30 Aug	Tracy, Leyna & Jason Bell
<b>CLOSED</b>	
Thu 01 Sep	Michelle
Fri 02 Sep	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:**

**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)**