



Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 3

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to thank all staff for the support and dedication in completing the external validation of Para Meadows throughout Term 3. As a school we are achieving successfully in the areas of learning; teaching and leading. The external panel were blown away by the successes the students are having in learning across all areas and impressed with the staff's dedication to improve quality of life through increased communication. A copy of the external validation and report will be available in the front office.

Student Illness

Please can all students with diarrhoea and vomiting remain at home for a period of 24 hours after the last incident. So if there is an incident in the afternoon they are to remain at home the following school day. Our school caters for many students with very high medical needs and minimising possible infection is greatly appreciated by their families and all staff. THANK YOU

NIAECG –AGM

Tomorrow afternoon **Wed 25th October** our school will be hosting the Northern **Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group's (NIAECG) meeting**. Parents and students are warmly invited to attend to meet Aboriginal Elders to learn more about Aboriginal education. Our **school band will be performing** before the meeting which commences at 4pm. **Afternoon tea will be served from 3:30pm in the hall.**

Day For Daniel

We are again encouraging the students to wear red for Daniel Day on **Friday 27th of October**. Throughout the day there will lessons reminding students of "Stranger Danger." A gold coin donation to support the event is requested.

Hotel Have Hearts

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this great organisation for their continued support over the last four years. Both Para Meadows and Peterborough School have benefitted greatly. Their generosity has funded improvements in three playgrounds and a covered outdoor learning area in Junior Primary is underway. On Wednesday night a further \$178000 was raised to be shared by both schools. We are genuinely amazed with their continued support.

The Para Musicians performed to a rousing response and were definitely stars on the night. Thank you to all the parents and siblings for assisting on the evening.

A huge thank you to Karleen Curtis and Chris DeSousa for working with the band to increase their musical prowess.



PARA MEADOWS TRIVIA NIGHT

25th November 2017; 6:00– 6:30 pm

Please organise a table and come along for a fun night.

Have a great fortnight,

P&C NEWS Meeting Cancelled

P & C Meeting 25th of October 9:30 am
New date to be advised.

Canteen price increase—Sausage rolls are now \$2.20

UPDATE ON GARDEN AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS FACILITIES



Every Friday, **students from the Support Unit at Dapto High School** have been working in the garden area, erecting a retaining wall, setting up the raised gardens and preparing an area to assemble the shed. At the end of last term, Para Meadows staff purchased



vegies from a very healthy crop of cos lettuces, kale, parsley, bok choy and coriander. Money raised will be used to purchase more seedlings.

Two weekends ago, **West Wollongong Rotary Club** arrived on Saturday morning armed with their tools and materials and started working on the Industrial Arts room. The room now has a ceiling, a sliding door and ramp for wheelchair access. They are still to fit shelves to the walls and paint the interior. While some were working in the room, another group was sanding down and sealing the rusty sections on the shipping container



out on the bike track, which is now used to store the bikes. When the sealing had been completed, **Carl Stanbridge**, a painter/decorator, arrived with his equipment and paint and spray painted the container a lovely green which now blends in with the surroundings. This is a remarkable group of people who tirelessly give up their time and expertise to help others. **We are very grateful for all they have done and continue to do. Dennis, Jim and the team THANK YOU!**



Attention Canteen volunteers:
If you are unable to attend your day please phone Tracy on 0438273836



Thu 26 Oct	Jessica Gizzi & Amy
Fri 27 Oct	Misty & Tracy
Mon 30 Oct	Blah Meh & Bronwen Cherrington
Tue 31 Oct	Leyna
CLOSED	
Thu 02 Nov	Tracy
Fri 03 Nov	Misty
Mon 06 Nov	Jo & Juliette
Tue 07 Nov	Jean
CLOSED	
Thu 09 Nov	Jessica Gizzi
Fri 10 Nov	Paula & John
Mon 13 Nov	Suzi

Para Meadows Ex-Students Group

Anyone interested in joining the group in 2017 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 2017:
25Oct/08Nov/22Nov/06Dec (Xmas party)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping out please contact Genevieve Vieira on 0417651862 or email genovevecertificate@yahoo.com.au