

Para Meadows School Newsletter

Week 7

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08/3/17

Dear Parents & Carers,

The year is rolling on and it will not be long before the **NDIA** is here. I think it would be highly beneficial for all families to take the opportunity to listen to a representative from **NDIA** at the IDO expo this Thursday at the **Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow**. There are two time slots **10am** and **6pm** to cater for all.

Grandparents and Harmony Day Assembly

We invite all parents, grandparents and carers to join us for a celebration on **Friday the 17th of March at 9:45 am**. This is a great day to come to school and meet with the staff and students of Para Meadows. There will be opportunities to go into the classrooms after assembly and before morning tea in the staff room at 11am.

Illness

We have been hit hard by a very strong stomach virus over the last couple of weeks. We ask for your support to keep students with Diarrhoea home for 24 hours after the last bout to minimise cross contamination. Within our school community we have many students who are more vulnerable to illness and we should all support them through good practice. Hand washing is a vital part of this, as well as keeping sick children at home. Thank you.

Buses

School assisted transport is service provided to those families that are unable to transport their children to school. It is reviewed annually and the school needs to be made aware of changes to circumstances. It is the parents responsibility to inform bus drivers if children are not travelling to or from school on any given day. Variations to transport can take two to three weeks to be approved, please provide the school with sufficient time to support your application for variations.

Seesaw

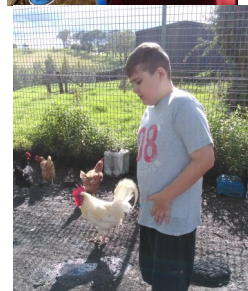
Great app for teachers to share photos of your child's day. Please ask class staff if interested.

First year 7 vaccinations on 17/03/17

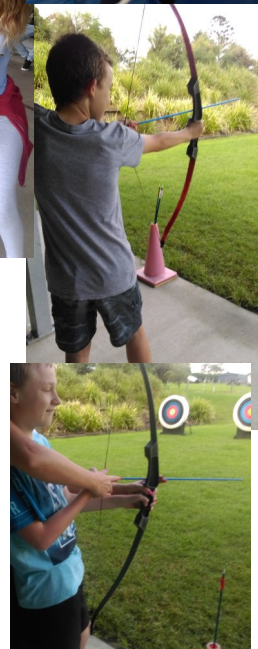
Can you please provide a reminder in your school newsletter for parents to ensure that students have had their breakfast on the morning of the clinic. This is to reduce the risk of the child feeling unwell following vaccination.

Berry camp

Some of the fun had at the Stage 4 camp. Thanks Leah; Angie; Di and Sheryl for taking the students. Please contact Leah to get SEESAW password for all the great photos.



Have a great fortnight,
Gill
Hendry



P & C NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING DAY—FRIDAYS

Next Meeting: 8/3/17 @9:30am

All Welcome

CAREERS CORNER

Lots of activities have been happening this term. The main one is the **IDO Expo** at the **Fraternity Club this Thursday (9/3/2017)**. All parents and carers who have children at Para Meadows should attend the **NDIS seminars** to be held during the day at the Frat. In July 2017, NDIS commences in Wollongong. To learn more about the NDIS, this is the place to go. *See the brochure attached for more information.*

Para Meadows will have a table at the Expo where we will be selling various jams and preserves made by our Stage 6 students. The students (and teachers) have been working hard during their TAS lessons preparing the jams, designing labels for the jars, washing and sterilising the jars and making decorative covers for the lids. **A huge thank you to all the parents for sending in the jars and to Alison Smith for co-ordinating the project.**

Some of our senior students have already started attending taster courses this term. They have been participating in various activities with the clients from EET in Wollongong. On Friday, 4 of our Year 10 students are participating in the FVP (Flagstaff Vocational Pathways) at Flagstaff for 4 consecutive Fridays. They will experience what it will be like to work at Flagstaff, having a go working in the various departments. Well done to the four students selected, do your best and make Para Meadows proud.

The **WOW Programme commences on Friday 17 March**. Selected students will be going to TAFE one day per week (for 3 weeks) to familiarise themselves with work ethics, dress codes, interviewing techniques etc. More information to follow.

If you have any queries, please contact me at school, preferably on Fridays.

Deb



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



Thu 09Mar	Tracy
Fri 10Mar	Mareeana & Mum
Mon 13Mar	Paula & John
Tue 14Mar	Leyna & Jean
CLOSED	
Thu 16Mar	Jessica Gizzi
Fri 17Mar	Tracy
Mon 20Mar	Jo & Juliette
Tue 21Mar	Leyna
CLOSED	
Thu 23Mar	Tracy
Fri 24Mar	Mareeana & Mum

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:

15Mar/29Mar/12Apr/26Apr/
10May/24May/07Jun/21Jun/05Jul/19Jul/02Aug/
16Aug/30Aug/13Sep/27Sep/11Oct/25Oct/08Nov/
22Nov/06Dec (Xmas party)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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