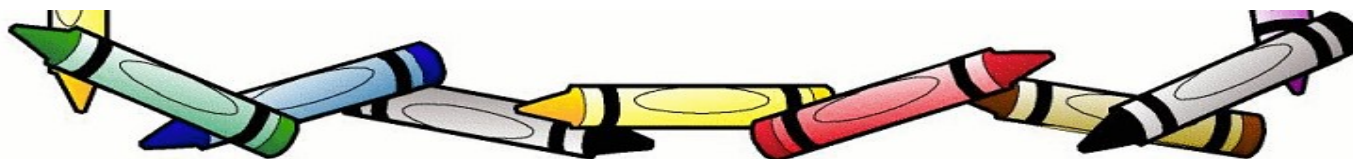




Week 1 Term 4 16/10/2019

Para Meadows School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Four, where has 2019 gone!

Over this term teachers will be very busy working through student personal learning and support goals and finding out all the things the students have learnt in our classes.

It is a busy term celebrating our successes with Bucky, graduating from Primary to High School and for our senior students getting ready to move on to the world after school.

DEADLY AWARDS

Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group proudly rewards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are achieving deadly results within their schooling. This Thursday 4pm at Waniora School, Bulli the celebration will take place. Please feel free to come along and support Emma and Shaylah who have made great improvements in 2019 and are receiving the awards for Para Meadows.

SWIM SCHOOL

Our primary students will again be involved in the intensive swim school starting in week 4, Monday the 4th of November. All student involved will need to bring an additional towel and jumper, as there will be times that they will be sitting waiting to go into the water.

MINI OLYMPICS-Beaton Park

Every year a selection of High School students participate in a mini Olympics with students from across the Illawarra. We will be sending eighteen students over the age of sixteen to represent Para Meadows school, we wish them well. This year it is on Thursday the 24th of October. Initiations will be sent home later this week.



Bucky



News



Weeks 9 & 10

Congratulations to Joseph and Domonic and the students in Primary 1 for being proud and wearing their school uniform.

For the next two weeks we will be working on being kind by being a good friend.

END OF AN ERA

Unfortunately Sister Joan has retired and moved out of the area. She has provided scripture for the Primary students for the last fifteen years. We wish her a happy and full retirement and hopefully we will resume scripture in 2020.

P&C News

The canteen volunteers are being rewarded today with a luncheon in Wollongong, it is wonderful to thank them for coming in and helping the students to eat new foods and practise money skills.

Hot dog day in week 10 last term raised \$208.00, thank you for your support.

Assisted School Transport Program

Parents please update your contact details with the ASTP, such as a current active email address and telephone numbers. Emailing transport arrangements to parents in mid-January 2020 allows us to quickly inform parents about their transport service. Parents without an active email address will still receive a posted letter confirming transport details.

Best regards for the upcoming fortnight,

Gill Hendry



HS12

High school 12 has been busy preparing our students for their transition out of school and into the 'real world'! Jackson and Nathan will be leaving us at the end of the year. It's been a pleasure savouring this last few months with these young men and working on the communication and independent living skills they will require after school. Seth still has another year with us, and as we do at Para Meadows we continue to support him in learning valuable communication skills and harnessing his energetic and fun-loving personality in ways he can use once he leaves school.

We must give a special mention Daniel Tresidder who left Para Meadows last term to find out of school options. Daniel's creative and friendly personality really shone through during the last couple of terms, showing us that he was eager to learn and engage in positive relationships with staff and peers. It's been a blast working with Dan. We already miss him here in high school 12 and wish him all the best in the future!

Thanks. High School 12.



Jackson had an awesome time on snow camp. He was a star, lapping up the excitement of the snow for his first time, and doing a great job of helping out wherever he could. (above)

Jackson has been enjoying mixing up his morning walks with a little ride from time to time.

Nathan loves pool games, especially when he knows he get to relax in the warm corner afterwards! (right)





Student Pages



HS12



Understanding Seth's sensory requirements has allowed us to create very enjoyable experiences for him at school and helps him focus on his school work.



Daniel enjoying literacy games with Nick.



Nathan loves numeracy.

“Heads Up” from Merry!

“Heads Up” is a quick reminder or hint that families may find useful.

The NDIS Local Area Coordinators (Uniting) are running a series of Pop Up Information Desks.

No appointments necessary.

Figtree Grove – 9.00am – 4.00pm October 22, November 19, December 17

Wollongong City Library – 9.30am-1.00pm October 24, November 14 and 28, December 12

Dapto Mall – 9.00am – 5.00pm – October 29



Invitation

Council is developing a new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

This Plan will guide Council to create a more accessible and inclusive City that supports people with disability to be included in the life of the City.

Council would like to invite people with disability and their carers to attend workshops with Council Officers to discuss priorities for the Plan.

The workshops will provide an opportunity for Council Officers to hear first-hand from people with disability and their carers about their experience of accessing the City of Wollongong. The information collected at these workshops will be used to help Council develop priorities and actions to be included in the Plan.

Workshop Dates:

22 October 2019 at 10:30am - 1.00pm

Dapto Ribbonwood Centre - Kurrangong Hall One

or

25 October 2019 10:30am – 1.00pm

Corrimal Community Centre - Grevillia Room

A light lunch will be provided at the workshops.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements?

The workshops are being held in accessible venues. Please let us know of your access needs.

For more information or to RSVP by 17 October 2019 contact Sarah Leussink on 4227 7238 or email sleussink@wollongong.nsw.gov.au



Attention Canteen volunteers:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER



Thu 17th Oct	Jessica
Fri 18th Oct	Rita & Rita
Mon 21st Oct	Juliette & Jo
Tues 22nd Oct	Amy
Closed	
Thu 24th Oct	Susanna
Fri 25th Oct	Tracy
Mon 28th Oct	Jean
Tues 29th Oct	Adrianna
Closed	
Thu 31st Oct	Jessica
Fri 1st Nov	Rita & Rita

THE LORD MAYOR'S

Picnic in the park

FOR 2020 SCHOOL STARTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

FREE entertainment and giveaways for all 2020 school starters. Join in the fun while finding out more about starting school!

Sunday 3 November, 10am-12pm
@ MacCabe Park (southern end)
Cnr Church & Ellen Sts, Wollongong

www.transitiontoschool.com.au

For more information or to RSVP contact:
 Emma Montalti on 4283 9943, or transitiontoschool@bigfatmile.com.au
 Tracey Kirk-Downey on 4227 7158, or tkirk-downey@wollongong.nsw.gov.au



kickstart SKILLEDnSOCIAL

Do you want to hang out with friends, learn new skills and have fun?

If you are a high school student in years 8-11 with an NDIS plan, SkillednSocial sessions have been created just for you.

Monday Session: 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Shoot hoops with Illawarra Hawks basketball legend, Tim Coenraad, before heading back to the Kickstart Kitchen to cook a two-course meal and then chill out with your SkillednSocial crew and eat together.

Saturday Session: 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Get busy in the Kickstart Kitchen cooking (and eating!) a two-course lunch with your new friends, then together choose an awesome activity for the rest of the afternoon. Art, bushwalking, games, movies... trying to decide is half the fun!

If you are interested in trying a session of SkillednSocial contact Greenacres on 1800 Imagine | 1800 462 446, email info@greenacres.net.au or drop in and see us at 4 Ralph Black Drive, North Wollongong.

