HELP THE SCHOOL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

The NSW Department of Education - through School Infrastructure NSW - has contracted the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) to undertake a pilot research project as part of its Disability Strategy.

The research project is looking at the design and physical environment of schools and how they can better support learning and wellbeing outcomes for students with disability.

Your school was selected by the Department as it has a specific student profile, building age, size and/or location to support meaningful research on the strengths, and possible shortcomings, of current school environments likely to be in common with other NSW schools.

The UTS research team- led by the Institute for Public Policy and Governance - is using several research tools to study each pilot school (nine in total). These include surveys, focus groups, and interviews, plus an observational tool to record specific features of the school. The research also includes a review of the evidence base related to best practice school design for students with disability.

The survey responses will be returned directly to UTS and will not include any personal or identifying information.

This is an opportunity to put forward any concerns around the current school buildings and facilities and make suggestions on providing modern, inclusive and supportive environments to enhance student engagement and learning. We will be submitting all email contacts for all families. If you wish not to take part please send me a message on Class Dojo requesting to be excluded from the survey.

We will also be looking for parents willing to participate in online focus groups (3-4) lasting no longer than 60 minutes.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST HOLIDAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY

Client Care First is holding a 3-night camp tailored for children with disabilities aged 4-16. The camp will be held at Camp Breakaway between 13th -16th of July. Children are invited to bring along a carer, support worker or family member, as each booking will be tailor made for each child's need. The camp is fully secure, with lockable gates, wheelchair accessible cabins and facilities. Client Care First has organised registered Music and Art Therapists to visit the camp for exclusive sessions. All main meals and onsite activities are included in the cost of the camp. Offsite activities such as The Australian Reptile Park and Amazement Farm & Fun Park will be offered as an optional added expense and will needed to be paid for prior to leaving for the camp. Places are limited! Contact School on 42291922 if you would like a flyer.

Attention Canteen volunteers:

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



Thurs 22nd	Susanna
Fri 23rd	Tracy
Mon 26th	Adriana
Tues 27th	Jean
CLOSED	
Thurs 29th	Rita R
Fri 30th	Tracy
Mon 3rd May	Jean
Tues 4th	Nicole S
CLOSED	
Thurs 6th	Susanna
Fri 7th	Tracy













Week 1 Term 2 21/4/2021

Para Meadows School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday, the weather was definitely favourable for fun in the sun.

ANZAC DAY

Students will be commemorating ANZAC DAY this Friday with a SCHOOL ONLY ASSEMBLY. We will be listening to a service from the RSL delivered online. Classes attending the assembly will be encouraged to lay flowers (real and student created) on to the stage. If you are able to send in flowers from the garden to assist with this learning, much appreciated.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

They're back!!!!!

We are able to open the doors and invite immediate families back into the school to join us every fortnight for assemblies. We are restricted to 50 external adults coming into the school hall, as it is a small hall. We ask that we share access and prioritise students receiving awards or classes running the assembly.

Week two- HS 9
Week four- HS 4
Week six- Primary 7
Week eight- Primary 8
Week ten- HS 6

Every person entering the school must be able to sign in with the COVID app and then sign in the visitors book.

Please remember that when on the school site adults should still social distance where possible and DO NOT come to school if you or some one else is feeling unwell with cold and flu symptoms.

BUCKYS NEWS







Congratulations to Joshua and Bella and all the students in HS 4 for being proud and doing their best work. The students in Primary 7, as the previous class winners have chosen the Wellerman Pirates song for the next two weeks. "AArrrgh me hearties!!!!"

Over the next two weeks we will be working on being kind and using polite words. Please remind your child to remember manners and to only use words that support our friends. Looking forward to the song from HS 4.

Bucky will be making an appearance at our first assembly in week 2, Bucky is very excited to be able to interact with the students in person.

MOTHER"S DAY STALL

We will be holding a stall on Friday the 7th of May, please continue to send in gifts to be wrapped on Wednesday the 5th of May. Students will be able to purchase gifts for \$2 to \$5 on the day of the stall.

HOT POTATO Concert

On Tuesday, we are having a special performance from a band, who will work with all the students to encourage them to playing different musical instruments, ear muffs optional!

Best regards for the upcoming fortnight,

Gill Hendry.













We love the basketball hoop.



The students in High School 10 enjoying the fruits of their labour. These senior students worked hard during term 1, measuring then digging out the hole, mixing and pouring concrete to get our basketball pole in the ground. Everyone loves shooting hoops at recess and lunch. Thanks High School 10 students, Jo, Josh and especially Paul.





We love music with Jack.

We are so lucky every week Jack comes to school to play music, sing with us and encourage us to have fun with musical instruments. Thanks Jack













We love chocolate!!!!!

Primary Easter Hat Parade was a great success the students, teachers and families had a wonderful time











