Dear Parents,

It has been pleasing to see the number of parents visiting the school over the last few days to meet their child’s teacher for 2013. For the most part, the teachers have been well supported with many of our students being represented by their parents for these sessions.

As I have mentioned before, the partnership that is formed between school and home is a critical one. Mums and Dads must feel as though the teacher is approachable and can knowledgeably discuss the progress of your child. Remember, the first point of contact with the school where your child is concerned is the class teacher. Meetings can be arranged by visiting the school's Administration Office.

Staffing is an area of school life that has seen quite a few changes recently. At the beginning of this year we received advice that a panel could be formed to choose a permanent teacher. We have followed a rigorous selection process and have made that appointment on the basis of merit. I am pleased to announce that our new teacher is Mr Jarret Napper.

Jarret comes to us with a record of success as a permanent teacher. He brings, not only exceptional skills and abilities in teaching our Key Learning Areas, especially English and Mathematics, but also a passion and love of his job. Students are thrilled to be placed into Mr Napper’s class where they are engaged in their learning by an energetic and enthusiastic teacher.

My recent negotiations lead me to believe that Mr Napper will commence duty at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School on Monday 4th March and will teach LT18, our class of Year 5/6 students.

This brings me to Mr Swan. Over the last few years Ben has had many differing roles throughout the school. He has worked as a short term relief teacher replacing teachers on short leave on a day to day basis, he has been our Teacher/Librarian, he has taught Kindergarten and Year 3 over extended periods of time and he has donated much time and skill to maintaining computers and music systems. On each occasion he has excelled. Ben is a young talented teacher and has a tremendous grounding across many areas of primary school. With some degree of sadness, I wish Ben all the best for the remainder of 2013 as he takes up a position at Pleasant Heights PS again, beginning on March 4.

John Thorne
Principal

PBS NEWS

The PBS Committee is already busy organising Fairy Meadow Demonstration School first rewards day for 2013. As usual we will be having our famous raffle.

We are asking, one again, for your donations to make this a success. Any donations can be given to the front office. Examples of prizes: novelty stationary items, stickers, hair accessories, balls, small activity games. All items should be age appropriate and only a few dollars in cost.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

PBS Committee
P&C NEWS

Thank you everyone that attended last week’s P&C meeting. At the meeting it was decided that the school will hold a FETE at the end of the year. The Community Festival that ran 2 years ago was very successful, showcasing our school to the community. Arranging an event like this is a large task. Therefore, we will need whatever help families within the school can give. In next week’s newsletter I will be asking for volunteers to be part of the committee to help organise and coordinate the fete. Your ideas, assistance and enthusiasm are vital to making this event a success.

Delphine McLachlan
P&C President

CANTEEN

From Wednesday this week beautiful Glenbernie Royal Gala apples will again be available in 2kg bags at a cost of $6.00ea. Apples will be delivered every 1-2 weeks depending on sales. If you would like to purchase a bag just come and buy one over the counter at the canteen.

Also for sale from this week are our unique reusable lunch order bags that we developed to save paper and therefore the environment. The bags are of sturdy construction, big enough to hold any order, don’t fall apart when drinks are placed in them and can be used again and again. They have a clear front pocket which the order can be placed into and changed after each use. This year we have some great new designs which are on display in the canteen. They retail for $15.00ea. If you have already placed an order for bags please call in and pick them up.

We desperately need someone to help in the canteen on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Thursdays are becoming very busy and it is almost impossible for one person to manage on their own. Can you help? The dates to July are as follows 14th March, 11th April, 9th May and 13th June. Please call in and speak to one of our supervisors for more info.

Our amazing helpers this week are:

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CLOTHING POOL – Opening hours are 2.45 – 3.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays

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