Dear Parents,

The staffing at Fairy Meadow Dem is pretty well finalised now for 2013. As I mentioned previously, the school has had the opportunity, through a merit selection process, to select two new permanent members of our teaching staff over the first four weeks of the year.

The first appointed teacher was Mr Jarret Napper, who comes to us from Mount St Thomas Public School, and will begin teaching LT18 next Monday. I’m sure students and their families will be very happy with what Mr Napper brings to our school.

The second permanent appointment is Mrs Peta Whalan. Peta has been working in our school over the last few years in a number of different roles. Up until now, however, she has either been employed as a casual or temporary teacher. Last Friday, at the conclusion of a merit selection process, Peta became a permanent teacher appointed to our school and will continue the fantastic work she is doing within the Support Unit.

Mrs Whalan’s appointment allows us the luxury of maintaining the fabulous skills and abilities of Miss Jacinta Pinkster, also teaching within the Support Unit.

Travel Safe

Last Monday morning I spoke to the assembled students about travelling to school safely. I paid particular attention to the fact that some of our students are stopping at the skate park, adjacent to the school, each morning. I would like all parents to address my concerns with their children. Some students are being dropped off at a school gate and, once the car has gone, they are walking over to the skate park and riding other students' bikes and scooters. Last Friday, our office staff was called to the skate park to provide first aid assistance to a student who had fallen.

The school, and each family, need to work together to ensure safe practices while our kids are travelling to school. With this in mind please ensure your child is aware that he/she:

- wears a helmet when riding a bike or scooter to and from school
- leaves skate boards at home
- only attends the skate park before or after school when in direct supervision of their own parent
- when dropped off at school by car, immediately enters the school grounds and remains there.

Have a great week everyone,

John Thorne
Principal

K-2 CAMPOUT

Our K-2 Campout will be returning in 2013. It has been scheduled for Friday, 5 April (Week 10). In order for it to run smoothly, I am asking for volunteers to help in the organisation. As such, a meeting of interested parents will occur next Thursday, 7th March at 3.15pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

A note regarding the Campout will be going home after that.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 teachers
P&C NEWS

The first meeting for the school fete committee will be held on Monday 11th March at 9.30am. This first meeting is during the day however, others will be held at night to enable those working families the opportunity to become involved. The aim of this meeting is to generate ideas as to the type of things we would like to see happen on the day and ask for volunteers to undertake specific tasks. Please come along and get involved to make this an exciting event for your children. Any questions please grab me in the playground or leave a note with the office with contact details.

Delphine McLachlan
P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that the canteen is unable to take recess orders for sandwiches or burgers, we just don’t have sufficient time to make them. Sales of scrolls have been very slow this term so from now on students can only purchase them by placing a recess order, this should reduce the wastage. Hopefully sales will improve in the cooler months and normal over the counter sales of scrolls will resume. Cheese toasties are still available over the counter at recess.

Check out our reusable lunch order bags - groovy new designs on display in store.

More bags of Royal Gala apples will be delivered this week fresh from the local orchard. – 2kg at $6.00ea.

Choc milk bits are still available only 20c ea.

We are still unable to get the small BBQ rice crackers, we have replaced them with seaweed until further notice.

Our fantastic helpers this week are:

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

The Clothing Pool is run by the P&C as a fundraiser and as a service to the school community. We try to keep the prices as low as possible, while still making sure we cover costs and can contribute a little to P&C funds to help support the school and the kids. We make a few dollars from each item we sell - in some cases less than a dollar per item - and provide second hand uniforms to help keep the costs of uniforms as low as possible for families.

Nobody other than the Clothing Pool has permission to supply our uniform or use the school's logo. We are aware of at least one business selling uniforms with our logo, after being asked not to, and we hope that you will choose to avoid purchasing from them. Apparently their version is more expensive anyway, so please use your uniform budget to support the school instead!

Good news for those wanting caps - they are back in stock. As are the polo shirts we had run out of. We will be ordering more jackets and other winter items soon, ready for the cooler weather arriving.

Cath Chisholm
Clothing Pool Co-ordinator

Community Announcement:

Free SOCCER GALA DAYS

5-A-SIDE SOCCER SUNDAY 3RD MARCH GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW

The Illawarra Football Academy is conducting a number of FREE Community Junior Soccer Gala Days in March. They are open to boys and girls aged 6 – 13 years. Players can sign up as individuals and will be placed in teams or grab some friends and enter their own team.

Time: 10am – 2pm ONLINE BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  www.illawarrafootballacademy.com.au  Contact Mark Tyssen 0412 401 631