Dear parents,

The School Swimming Scheme commences on Monday 27 October. May I recommend this program to you? We live in a country surrounded by water and we live very close to its edge. It is most important that our children can feel safe in the water. If your child cannot swim 25m confidently and with good stroke, tread water and then return to the side of the pool all in deep water then this program is for them.

The program targets students from Years 2 – 6 with a priority for students in Years 2 and 3. The lessons are provided by swimming instructors employed by the DEC and are free. The cost of $75 is to pay for bus travel and pool entry ($7.50 per day).

If you would like your child to participate please contact the school for an information and consent form.

FRIDAY
17TH OCTOBER

The loudest day of the year, ‘LOUD Shirt Day’, is fast approaching! Loud Shirt Day is committed to changing the lives of deaf kids across Australia by providing vital funds to First Voice Centres in every state. First Voice Centres such as our local Shepherd Centre, only receive a portion of their funding from State and Federal Governments, and so rely heavily on corporate and community support.

Raising funds through Loud Shirt Day generates the money necessary to deliver intensive therapy services to those families who need them. Your donation will help us give these children the gift of speech and sound, changing their lives forever. We invite everyone at FMDS to search the depths of their closet for the loudest, most outrageous shirt they have! Whether it’s fancy stripes, floral, polka dots or paisley, as long as your clothes have colour and pizzazz, it will be perfect for Loud Shirt Day!

We ask that everyone bring a $2 coin to donate to ‘The Shepherd Centre’. For more information see http://www.loudshirtday.com.au.

Phone: 4284 2009
COUNT US IN

The children and staff of Fairy Meadow have been busily rehearsing for this year's whole school music performance of the song, "Paint You A Song". Thanks to the Department of Education and Training, and The NSW Arts Unit, the "Count Us In" music program allows every child to participate in the learning and performing of musical concepts in an enjoyable and exciting manner. Not only are we singing, but there will be a drummer, guitarists, a pianist, a smooth Saxophonist, and, an amazing group of kazoos!

Fairy Meadow - you are amazing !!!
Michelle Nowotny

LIBRARY NEWS

The Book Fair is returning! Our last Book Fair for the year will start on Monday, November 3rd and finish on Friday, November 7th. Parents and families are welcome to come. The Book Fair will be in the library and open before school, at lunchtimes and after school. A portion of all sales goes back to the school so it is a great way for us to celebrate reading and raise money for more books in the library. I hope to see you there.
Mr Prior

TEENY BEARS PICNIC

On Wednesday the 29th of October there will be a Teddy Bears Picnic. You will be able to bring any of your teddies, for example any animal, shape, size or colour. There will be a prize for the cutest, most loved and best dressed teddy, also the SRC Social Justice team will be selling Gummy Bears for fifty cents a bag, please bring a coin donation as well. This will raise money for the Guide Dogs Association.
By Maddie Toll & Claire Butterworth

UNIFORM SHOP – Opening hours are 2.45 – 3.30pm on Tuesdays and 8.45 – 9.15am on Wednesday

As an introductory offer for the first 100 hats sold, the school has been subsidising our new broad brim hats. We have now reached that milestone! This is great news since so many of our kids now have a hat that will really protect them from the sun this summer. Unfortunately, it does mean the price will now go up to $15 - but it’s a small price to pay for excellent sun protection.

Kindergarten students starting in 2015 can still get a broad brim hat for only $10.

P&C NEWS

The P&C is once again providing sunscreen for all classrooms this summer. Please encourage your children to make use of this. Applying sunscreen before school and then at lunch time will protect them throughout the day.

*** The read-a-thon has less than three weeks to run. Keep reading and collecting sponsors! The Sensory Playground is going to be a lot of fun!!

CANTEEN

All our stock has now arrived. Our fresh fruit and vegetable promotion has finished and all completed entry forms have been sent away. Good luck to everyone who entered, hopefully one of our students will win a prize. Of course there are still lots of fresh fruit and veg available from the canteen including whole fruit, salad sandwiches, wraps and frozen fruit bags.

Now that the warm weather has arrived only a limited amount of cheese on toast will be available over the counter at recess. If you want to make sure you get some, place an order before school. The same goes for scrolls.

We need more help in the canteen on Thursdays. A separate note will be going home to each family explaining why. It’s for next year’s roster; however we do need someone to cover Thursday 30th October and Friday 28th November this year as well. If you can help out could you please call in at canteen and see Sharon or Cheryl.

Our wonder helpers are:

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