Dear parents,

Yesterday the school held its final Whole School Assembly. At this assembly I, along with some proud parents and grandparents, were able to present some very prestigious awards.

**Double Gold Awards** (these students have been awarded their second Gold Certificate):

- Mustaqeem from LT17
- Kane from LT17
- Paul from LT25
- Lilijana from LT19

**Sports Awards**

- Aleks from LT19 received a medal for his team’s efforts in the Junior PSSA Cross Country Carnival
- Drew from LT16 received a certificate recognising his achievement in representing South Coast School Sport in Softball for two years running. His certificate read: … *the Helen Fuller/Mal Mow Award for outstanding Contribution to South Coast School Sport.*

Congratulations go out, from the whole school community, to all of these great kids.

**“BULLYING”**

My address at the assembly was about the use of the words ‘bully’ and ‘bullying’. The school community uses these words quite regularly. I wanted to get across to the students that conflict, arguments or even fights IS NOT always bullying.

Bullying is defined as “repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons”. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

The DEC definition of bullying goes on to say: “Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying behaviour is not:

- Children not getting along well
- A situation of mutual conflict
- Single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation”.

I’m not saying that bullying doesn’t exist. It exists among adults in work places and among kids on playgrounds but, sometimes, what is reported as bullying is just kids growing up and learning social boundaries. (Feedback or comment is welcomed; the school email address is printed in the bottom right of this page)

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The **Book Fair** continues in the Library until tomorrow Friday 8th November. Great kids’ books at great prices! Suitable across primary school ages - little ones to nearly high school ones! **GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!**

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PBS FOCUS – Weeks 6 & 7

- Follow rules of games
- Playing appropriate game
- Be aware of other peoples playing space
- Please wear hats…..

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP – Opening hours are 2.45 – 3.30pm on Tuesdays and 8.45 – 9.15am on Wednesday
We have just had a big delivery of 100 broad brim hats. These hats provide fabulous sun protection and are only $15. They come in sizes S, M and L, and are adjustable around the crown for a perfect fit so they won’t blow away. Unfortunately, my son is proof that they can still be lost… but they do have a spot on the tag for your child’s name, to help the hat make its way home. We also have a few bucket hats left, but all caps have been sold and we won’t be getting more.
The Uniform Shop currently has plenty of stock for most items. If you will be needing adult sizes for next year, please let us know in time to order them as we only have a small number of these. Adult sizes are generally a few dollars more than the prices listed on the order form. Adult polos are $28, adult sports shirts are $32 (going up to $34 next year), and adult jackets are $38 (going up to $40 next year).
Cath Chisholm
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

P&C NEWS

The P&C's financial year runs from 1 Nov to 31 Oct, so now seems like a good time for a run-down on some of the things we have done during the last financial year. As well as spending money on everything needed to run the canteen, uniform shop, and events and fundraisers, we have:
- donated to the library
- donated to the school to paint handball courts, snakes and ladders, and other fun things on the concrete
- made donations to the SRC and Year 6 Farewell
- paid for our affiliation and insurance with the P&C Federation so that volunteers at P&C events are always covered
- provided commemorative pens for Year 6 as a memento of their time at FMDS
- held a Welcome BBQ for new families
- provided sunscreen for all classrooms
- provided free drinks at the Cross Country, and at the Junior Disco held by the school in Term 1
- plus a few other bits and pieces
In the past, the P&C was focused on raising funds for air conditioning in classrooms. After much investigation and discussion, we have decided not to pursue air conditioning - for many reasons, it isn’t the best way for us to support the school. Instead, we would like to focus on reinventing the playground, and we’ll have more news about this in 2015.
The P&C always welcomes ideas on how we can support the school as a whole, or support particular classes or year groups. If you have noticed something we might be able to help with, big or small, please bring it to our attention – at a meeting, by email (fmdspandc@gmail.com), or leave a note at the office.

Sensory Playground Read-a-thon
The Read-a-thon finished last Friday and so far we have raised $669.50! Every little bit helps make the Sensory Playground fabulous. Whether you read 2 books, or 20, please bring in your sponsorship money as soon as possible. A big thank you to everyone who has brought in their forms and money so far – you will be getting your Thank You certificates soon, and the prize winners from each class will be announced at the morning assembly on Thursday 13 November.

CANTEEN
Our supplier has deleted Moove Banana milk. As a replacement we now have Woolish Banana milk, it’s still the same price $2.20. We don’t have any mini JJs in stock this week.
If you require Halal sausage rolls ($3.00) please write Halal Sausage Roll on your order bag, otherwise you will receive a standard sausage roll ($2.30). Halal sausage rolls are also available by the half $1.60 ea.
Our wonder helpers are:

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Is there anyone who is able to work in the canteen on 28th November. It’s a Thursday, it gets busy and we have no help. Drop in and see us if you are available. Thank You.

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