The only newsletter that asks the question... ‘Is there something wrong with my eyes?’

WALK TO SCHOOL

Here is a message from James McLachlan, President of the SRC:

“Walk Safely to School Day is a national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. We encourage students to participate and have fun.

Our school will celebrate Walk Safely to School Day on THURSDAY 22nd MAY.

There will be two meeting places for the ‘walking bus’:

- At the corner of Jardine Street and Princes Highway where you can join Mr Thorne and walk to school.
- Con’s Music and Drama on Balgownie Road where you can walk to school with Mr Dill.

Walkers leave these places and head off to school at 8.30am”. (Thanks James, Mr Thorne)

NAPLAN

For most of the students in Years 3 and 5, NAPLAN is finished and done with for another two years. I congratulate the students for their positive approach to the assessments this week. Based on past years reporting, the school and parents will receive individual student reports and whole of school and State data in September/October.

OUR NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN

The school’s new electronic sign, on the Balgownie Road corner, is up and running. I have received favourable reports so far. We’re still coming to grips with the operation of it but it will, both now and in the future, show our school in the best light possible (pun there). The sign was purchased using funds from the hire of the school’s facilities outside school hours.
ETHICS CLASSES
Classes began yesterday. Primary Ethics teachers are available for a Year 1/2 group and a Year 5/6 group. Classes began with 24 Year 1/2 students, and 10 Year 5/6 students in their respective classes. I hope the students enrolled in ethics classes will benefit from participating in this program which runs simultaneously with the school’s scripture classes.

THANK YOU, FAIRY MEADOW PHARMACY
I’d like to thank Fairy Meadow Pharmacy for the donation of a medical device which will assist our administration staff to better monitor the health of a student at the school. It was a generous offer and just another demonstration of our wonderful community working together in Fairy Meadow.
John Thorne
Principal

STAGE 3 NEWS FROM MR NAPPER

1. Year 6 KIDS In2UNI PROGRAM
In Term 2, students from Year 6 will be participating in a unique and exciting schools outreach program being run by the University of Wollongong. The program aims to encourage students to explore the possibilities and opportunities beyond school. The students will complete a unit of work delivered by Stage 3 teachers at school in conjunction with different faculties from across the University. This will be followed by a visit to the University of Wollongong campus by students, parents and teachers, giving students a ‘taste’ of what it is like to be university students.

2. STAGE 3 EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO CANBERRA - PACER REBATE
From Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th May, students from Stage 3 will be attending a three-day educational tour of Canberra, our national capital. While on the tour, the children will participate in a variety of educational experiences relating to Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.
Some of the places that we will visit are Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The Australian Institute of Sport, The Australian War Memorial, The National Gallery and Questacon.
The Australian Federal Government recognises the importance of all young Australian students being able to visit Canberra as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist with the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. The rebate for each student will be $20 and will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Parents will be notified as soon as this occurs.
We would like to thank the Australian Government for its support of the children’s education through this program.

UNIFORM SHOP – Opening hours are 2.45 – 3.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays
Please remember the School Uniform Shop when it comes to purchasing school uniform items. Fairy Meadow Dem is one of the few schools where the P&C make available a wide range of quality clothing that meets both uniform and sun safety standards for our students. If your child needs items of uniform please make the school P&C Uniform Shop your first option.
During Terms 2 and 3, we have a Winter Sale running with $10 off all jumpers, $10 off size 4 long sleeve shirts and jackets, and $10 off adult size S long sleeve shirts.

NEWS from the P&C Committee
The Fairy Meadow DS P&C will today send home the Entertainment Book to each family. The book contains many discounts and special offers from cafes, restaurants and other places located in Wollongong, Sydney and the broader Illawarra area.
The book costs $55 and the school P&C receives 20% of each book sold. This book is optional and if your family decides that you would not benefit from it, please, simply return it to the school.
John Thorne

CANTEEN
It’s winter and for a limited time only we have Spaghetti bolognaise for sale. It comes packaged the same way as our Pasta twirls and mac and cheese and is the same price as well, $2.70ea. Chocolate milk bits have sold out and will not be available until further notice.
Even though we don’t stock fruit (apart from apples) in the canteen it can still be ordered for lunch and recess as we pick it up from Woolies when needed. While on the subject of recess orders I have had a few enquiries of late as to what items can be ordered at recess. The answer is that everything except sandwiches, wraps and burgers is available on order. Cheese toasties and scrolls are ONLY available at recess. They can be ordered or bought over the counter.

Our helpers this week and next are:

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Bottle Top Mural
We are still collecting bottle tops so please keep sending them in. They must be round, plastic but can be any colour.