Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very exhilarating few weeks at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School. The staff and student at our wonderful school have been involved in a huge variety of extra activities that have highlighted the dedication of our staff and the hard work and enthusiasm of our students. The past two weeks have showcased public education and our great teachers providing all kids with great learning experiences. The Athletics Carnival, the excursion to Canberra, the Dance Festival, the Keirabald Portrait Competition and the year six visit to Wollongong University reminds me of a quote from Alfred Mercier, “What we learn with pleasure we never forget.” All of these learning opportunities will provide very fond memories for all of us involved.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The weather was perfect and the atmosphere at Beaton Park was brilliant. The incredible organisation resulted in a very successful and FUN day for all involved. I would like to share with you an email our school received from Amy Child. Amy is the Head Teacher of Sport at Illawarra Sports High School:

“Please pass on my congratulations to staff who organised and ran the Athletics carnival yesterday. As someone who has been to and organised a lot of carnivals, I was very impressed! It was great to see so many kids present, enthusiastic and having fun! My students who helped out had a ball!”

A big thank you to Amy and the terrific group of students from Illawarra Sports High School she brought along to assist with the smooth running of our carnival.

KEIRABALD PORTRAIT EXHIBITION

I was very privileged to attend the opening of the Keirabald Portrait Exhibition last Friday Night. The exhibition was held in the Community Access Gallery of Wollongong City Gallery and showcased the wonderful work of stage three and four students across the Keira Community of schools. Congratulations to the students from Fairy Meadow who were selected to present their work in the exhibition and a very big thank you to Mrs Morris for all her support. Well done!

SOUTH COAST REGIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL

Some very excited dancers from all across the Illawarra met at the IPAC early on Wednesday morning for a dress rehearsal. The students from Fairy Meadow Demonstration School really demonstrated the best in education with their enthusiasm and mature approach to this wonderful event. I was lucky enough to be a part of the audience on opening night and although all of the schools presenting were great, Fairy Meadow really did shine. A very big thank you to Miss Pinkster, Mrs Toll and Mrs Sullivan for their amazing efforts in providing this wonderful opportunity for our children.

Susan Swindells
Relieving Principal
STAGE 3 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

What great ambassadors for our school our Stage 3 students were in Canberra. For three very full and exciting days our students managed to receive numerous compliments everywhere we went. (As we expected) From the time we started very early Wednesday morning until Friday afternoon we were constantly on the move. We saw Parliament in action, made new discoveries at the War Memorial and viewed treasures in the National Gallery. We jumped, ran and rowed our way through the AIS and set new records at the Bowling Alley. Perhaps the highlight for all wasn't Questacon but our visit to the Governor General's House where Tim played the Grand Piano and Sian sat at the official dining table. ....ready to be served!

Thank you to our parents for your support and students for being so wonderful and the teachers for all their hard work and time. Particular thanks to Mrs Kearns and Mrs Carpenter for everything above and beyond.

Mrs Kris Mawson Stage 3 Assistant Principal

KIDS IN 2 UNI PROGRAM – YEAR 6

On Wednesday, 11th June, Year 6 students took part in an exciting program run by the University of Wollongong. KidsIn2UNI is aimed at starting the conversation early with Primary aged children and their parents about the possibility of future study beyond high school. "I liked getting to do things we might do in our life", said Keera Allott. Children from a number of local schools were there on the day and in mixed groups took part in a variety of ‘taster sessions’. Alana Hamilton of LT16 said “The taster sessions helped me to choose what I want to do when I’m older”. Ranging from Engineering to Nursing, Performance to Law, children were exposed to university life, lecture theatres and practical labs. The day ended with a scavenger hunt around the University grounds, to further familiarise students and parents with the University facilities. A fantastic day was had by all that attended. Adrian Vescio summed it up nicely, saying "It was a fabulous day and we learned lots of stuff at the Uni Taster sessions”. Thank you to the University of Wollongong and Year 6 for a wonderful day!

Mr. Napper and Mrs. Mawson

P&C NEWS

There are only a few weeks left of Term 2, but there’s plenty happening in that short time!

*Celebrate the end of term watching the hilarious Chicken Run at the 6P Family Movie Night. Starting at 5.30pm on Friday 27 June in the school hall, spend the evening at the Pictures with a free slice of Pizza, a Popper and Popcorn. BYO Pillow and Pyjamas. Entry is only $10.00, or 3 tickets for $27.00. Order extra slices of pizza in advance, or buy lollies, chips and drinks on the night. Please return order forms and correct payment to the canteen by Friday 20 June. Spare order forms are also available at the canteen.

*Don’t forget our warning Winter Pie Drive. Order your pies, quiches, lamingtons, muffins or what tasty treats by Wednesday 25 June, and pick them up from the school hall at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday back in Term 3. Again, please return order forms and money to the canteen.

*Have you purchased your Entertainment Book yet? There are lots of great deals for local restaurants, cafes and fast food. Also lots of great deals for not-so-local travel, including lift passes at Thredbo and accommodation and attractions across Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Discounted Woolworths gift cards are a great way to do your grocery shopping cheaply. If you don’t want the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child, please return it as soon as possible to the school office.

*Finally, don’t forget the P&C meeting next week – 7pm in the staff room, Wednesday 18 June. We would love to see you there. If you can’t make it, please feel free to email ideas and suggestions to fm dspandc@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Don’t forget the Uniform Shop is now open on Wednesday mornings from 8.45-9.15am. If you find it hard to get to the afternoon opening hours, this is a great opportunity to come and check out our second hand uniforms – including a couple of caps, bucket hats, a library bag and black & yellow socks. We still need donations of long pants and long sleeve shirts – everything donated since the last newsletter has been snapped up. We are always short of everything in sizes 10 and larger, too.

Thanks to the families who have donated clothes recently.

Cath Chisholm
Uniform Shop co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

As the weather gets colder we are increasing our production of cheese toastsies. Remember they are ONLY available at recess and can be ordered so that you don’t miss out.

In fact all our hot food except pastas, burgers and sandwiches can be ordered for recess. Place all your orders before 9am at the canteen. If you have ordered recess you will need to collect it from the canteen. Lunch orders are picked up by the class lunch monitors.

The new canteen rosters will be going home very soon so keep a look out for them.

Our helpers this week and next are:

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