Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that were able to come up to the school during our celebration of Public Education this week.

Education Week is an opportunity for the school to highlight just a sample of the learning activities that are on offer at Fairy Meadow Dem. This year we have decided to focus on Performing and Visual Arts. Any families walking through the school would have been impressed by the artwork adorning the walls of the administration area and corridors. We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Sonia Morris working with students across the school to create these artworks.

Our choirs, after performing at a packed Wollongong Town Hall last week, were able to share some of their talent with our community. Miss Lisa James and Mr Michael Dill along with the students of the Junior Choir were wonderful both last week and on last Tuesday morning.

Mrs Michelle Nowotny along with support from Mrs Jahna Sullivan and Mrs Pauline Bull was a wonderful conductor of the Senior Choir. She brings a great sense of fun to a performance. The students enjoy themselves and this is demonstrated each time they sing.

Continuing the theme of performing arts, the school’s dance group had a rare opportunity to perform for the school community and their friends on Wednesday. The hall was transformed into a wonderful dancing garden for the minutes of the dance routine. Congratulations to the dancers and their teachers, Mrs Adelle Toll and Miss Jacinta Pinkster.

BE PREPARED TO BELIEVE IN SOUTHERN STARS 2014

With the recent media launch of Southern Stars for 2014 we are happy to announce the theme for this year’s show is #webelieve2014.

The show’s theme is about a child’s journey through to adulthood – believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education, believing in a better world.
The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years to adulthood. Again almost 2,800 students will take part in the show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion. Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support Southern Stars by going to see one of the shows. It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30 - make sure you are one of them! Get together a group of friends, or your family, and make sure you get to the show. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

Senior Choir, with Mrs Nowotny, bring their fun performance to the school hall yesterday.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR SUCCESS @ FMDS

The focus for the next 3 weeks in the playground is:

“Be aware of other peoples playing space”
and “Follow the rules of the game”

WHAT THIS MEANS............................

- Ensuring everyone has enough room for all games to be played in the playground
- If a ball goes into someone else’s game walk around their game to collect it
- Try not to interfere in other peoples games
- At the beginning of all games ensure everyone knows the clear rules of the game

This will help to make our playground a safer and happier place.

Thankyou, The PBS Committee

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been sent home to families earlier this week. The following photos will be on display in the school administration office and may be ordered by completing a Re-Order envelope available there. Please place payment either cash or cheque in the envelope provided. Credit Card payments can be made online through the School photographer website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please enter your order number on the envelope and return to the schoolboy 26 August 2014.

Photos for order: School Presidents Junior Choir
SRCSenior Choir

The photos are $14 each, 2 for $26, 3 for $36, 4 for $44 or 5 for $50. Any additional orders over 5 photographs are $10 each. This discount is only available per family order.
UNIFORM SHOP – Opening hours are 2.45 – 3.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays

Friday, 1 August, will be the last Friday afternoon for the Uniform Shop. After that date, the Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays 2.45-3.30pm and Wednesdays 8.45-9.15am. If these times don’t suit, order forms can also be taken to the school office (with correct money, please), or you can email fmdsuniforms@gmail.com to place an order.

We have had lots of requests for second hand uniforms in sizes 10, 12 and 14 lately, but we don’t receive many donations in these sizes. If you have anything your child has grown out of, please donate it!

Cath Chisholm
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

NEWS from the P&C Committee

An order form for Disco tickets accompanies today’s newsletter. The Disco will be held on Friday 29 August. There will be two sessions: K-2 at 5.30-6.30pm, and 3-6 at 7.00-8.30pm. A BBQ and cake stall will be running between the two sessions. Please return your order form to the canteen by Friday 22 August. Tickets will be sent home early in the week of the Disco.

If you can help with the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 13 September, don’t forget to return the roster slip from last week’s newsletter. If you haven’t got a copy, just call in at the canteen (or send a note, or email fmdspandc@gmail.com) and let Sharon or Cheryl know what time you are available to help - we need helpers from 8am until 4pm.

Finally, another reminder to return unwanted Entertainment Books to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you

CANTEEN

For those in the community who have special dietary requirements we can assure you there is plenty to eat at the canteen. There are gluten free snack foods, and plenty of vegetarian options. We make sure our chicken pizzas only contain chicken (some chicken pizzas contain bacon), our chicken patties and chicken wedges are Steggles products that have halal accreditation and we have special halal sausage rolls as well. The sausage rolls are $3ea but can also be ordered by the half for $1.60ea. Although it is too expensive for us to supply more substantial gluten free foods parents/carers are more than welcome to leave a small supply with us for their child. Unfortunately due to health regulations we cannot reheat food that is brought from home.

Our canteen help seems to be dwindling and with kinder orientation coming up it will soon be time to organise next year’s roster. If you like a laugh, serving cute, well mannered kids and can spare 1 day per month 9am – 2pm why not consider helping us out at canteen. All training and lunch provided. Drop in and speak to our supervisors Sharon or Cheryl if you’re interested.

Bottle Top Mural

Work has started on our fabulous bottle top mural with the sorting of colours by some of our younger students. We are awaiting delivery of the wood for the backing before we can go any further. Hopefully in the next few weeks work can really get underway. Many thanks to everybody who sent in bottle tops you did a great job, we have thousands.

Our wonder helpers are:

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BUNNINGS BBQ

***HELPERS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR OUR BBQ***

As some people didn’t get last week’s newsletter I’m putting this in again. The P&C are running a fundraising BBQ at Wollongong Bunnings on Saturday 13th September. We are looking for volunteers to cook and sell on the day at the following times. If you can assist please circle your preferred time and send the form back to the canteen.

BUNNINGS BBQ ROSTER
Saturday 13th September 2014

Name: .......................................................... Phone: .................... Childs name & class: ..................................................

8.00am – 10.00am 10.00am -12 noon 12noon – 2.00pm 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Please circle the best time that suits you.

Return to the canteen ASAP.

Thanks for your support.