Dear Parents and Carers,
I’d like to begin today’s newsletter with an important safety message for all parents. It relates to late arrivals at school and early leavers.

Firstly, students should be in attendance at school between 9am and 3pm. This is the expectation of the school and NSW State Government law. Students should not attend if they are too sick to do so.

At times, there are valid reasons for students to be late or to be picked up early. In these circumstances parents or carers must attend the Admin Office and provide the reason for the change of times. Please do not send your children into the school alone when they are arriving late. If leaving early, parents must move directly to the Admin Office, students will be called down and will meet you there. Please do not approach the classroom, the teacher or your child during these times.

Of course, during the Kindergarten transition to school period, the arrangements made between parents and teachers of Kindergarten students will remain in place.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I was delighted to be able to attend the Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. The only disappointing part of the day was that only 65 students competed. Races at the FMDS carnival are not only organised for the competitive PSSA swimmers but also for those that don’t seek to represent the school at a higher level. Many races are fun events of only 25 metres. I would love to see many more swimmers at the carnival next year.

Congratulations to our Swimming Age Champions for 2015:

Junior Girl: Ari DeBoynton  
11Yr Girl: Isabel Tegart  
Senior Girl: Sophie Foerstner

Junior Boy: Memphis Johnston  
11Yr Boy: Caleb Trotter  
Senior Boy: Houston Johnston

For those that were there, I’d like to congratulate you on your efforts, behaviour, friendliness and skill. It was wonderfully organised by Mr Dill and the Sports Committee and ran very smoothly. This can’t happen without the assistance of parents. I’d like to thank Jo Trotter, Aaron Biela, Kelly Johnston, Ryan Neich, Alicia Brookes, Ken Lawrence, and Nicole Arnold for your help as timekeepers. We need more swimmers so those timekeepers in the outside lanes stay busy next year.

I’m sure Mr Dill can get all the information students need if they are progressing to the Brokers PSSA Carnival on 16th February. Good Luck!

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ANTI-BULLYING MESSAGE

I talk to parents a lot regarding ‘bullying at school’. Personally I believe the word bullying to be over-used in many instances and in some other instances used incorrectly. Bullying is the consistent and prolonged targeting of another person. It is not a one-off event, an argument or a disagreement in a game. Fairy Meadow Demonstration School will not tolerate bullying of any kind and the Student Peer Group Meetings which commence on Friday 20th February will assist all students to recognise bullying, give them strategies to stop bullying and ‘Say No to Bullying’ at this school.

Congratulations to the following children for their selection as:

**Sport House Captains 2015**

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As mentioned last week you will find on the back page of this newsletter a complete staff list for 2015.

**MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS**

All classes will hold Meet-the-Teacher Sessions next week. Please keep an eye out for information from your child’s teacher on the day and time.

John Thorne  
Principal

**ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL**

Will be holding their Year 5 & 6 Open Night in their school hall on Monday 16th February 2015.  
All parents and carers are welcome to attend the information sessions and the tour of the school.

**PRE SCHOOL VACANCIES**

Our Preschool has vacancies in both the Mon-Wed am and Wed pm – Frid sessions.  
If you or your family have a child that will be commencing Kindergarten next year and are looking for a Pre School placement, please call into the Pre School or contact the office.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

*The Uniform Shop has had a busy start to the school year! More than 50 families have bought uniforms so far, and we are now running low on a few items. The most important of these is polo shirts in sizes 8 and 10, and sports shirts in size 6. More will be ordered soon, but it could take a few weeks for them to arrive.

*Lots of second hand items have been donated (thank you!) and sold, too. If you have any wearable uniforms that your children have grown out of over summer, we can help them find a new home. All of our second hand uniform items are only $2 each. As well as the usual shirts and shorts, we have a couple of second hand library bags, some

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black socks with two yellow stripes around the top, and a couple of caps and hats. Come and have a look and see if you can grab a bargain!

*There have been a couple of price changes for 2015. Adult size sports shirts are now $34, adult jackets are $40, children’s standard jackets and Dry & Cosy jackets are all $37. We have reduced the few remaining black track pants to $2 – only available in sizes 12 and 14. All other prices remain the same.

*A reminder that our opening hours are still Tuesday 2.45-3.15pm and Wednesday 8.45-9.15am. If you can’t make it to the Uniform Shop during opening hours, you can fill in an order form and leave it at the school office (with correct payment, please), or email fmdsuniforms@gmail.com.

*Payment can be by cash or cheque, or direct deposit into the P&C bank account can be arranged – please get in touch with the Uniform Shop co-ordinator for bank details.

**P&C NEWS**

*The P&C will be holding a welcome BBQ, for all new families to the school, on Wednesday 25th February. The P&C will invite all new families to come to a sausage sizzle at the school. Please bring the kids and relax for a while as you meet some of the teachers, other families and other students. All new families to Fairy Meadow Dem are welcome!

*We also have a small fundraiser running through the canteen for Term 1, a guessing competition. Guess the number of lollies in the jar to win the whole jar. Each guess costs 10c and the winner will be announced at the end of term.

*Our first meeting of the year is next week, Wednesday 11 February, at 7pm in the staff room. We hope that all the familiar faces will be able to make it, and we’d love to see as many new faces as possible, too. Parents of all students are very welcome, including new kindergarten families – so don’t be shy! If you’ve got ideas for the year ahead, or would like to know more about the P&C and the school, please pop in. We aim to be finished by 8.30pm, but you don’t have to stay for the whole meeting if you need to get home. Reports from the Principal, Treasurer, Canteen and Uniform Shop will be presented, and fundraising and other items will be discussed.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

P&C are currently re-forming our fundraising sub-committee. We welcome anyone in our school community who is interested in raising much needed funds for our school. The committee would meet during school hours usually about once a month. This is a great opportunity if you would like be involved, bring your fresh ideas, meet new people and contribute to the school whilst your child is in class. This is a relaxed, friendly meeting so come along and have a cuppa and give it a go.

If anyone would like to help us and be involved with fundraising, please leave your name and contact number at the office and we will definitely ring you.

Cheryl, Cathy, Renee and Lisa

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Principal: John Thorne

Teaching Staff:

LT01 Mrs Susan Swindells – Assistant Principal
LT03 Mrs Peta Whalan
LT07 Mrs Karen Wyers – Assistant Principal
LT08 Mrs Adelle Toll – Tuesday to Friday
           Ms Amy Chin – Monday
LT09 Mrs Sharon Hoban
LT10 Ms Kirili Saunders
LT16 Mrs Kris Mawson – Assistant Principal - Monday, Tuesday & Friday
           Mrs Michelle Nowotny – Wednesday & Thursday
LT17 Mrs Elizabeth Bannister – Until Week 7
           Ms Jahna Sullivan
LT18 Mr Jarret Napper
LT19 Mrs Jessica Harris – Until Week 3
           Mrs Pip Fenwick
LT20 Ms Cathy Kerr – Monday to Thursday
           Mrs Fiona Scott – Friday
LT21 Mr Michael Dill
LT22 Ms Sue Thorley – Assistant Principal – Monday & Tuesday
           Mrs Natalie Davis – Wednesday to Friday
LT23 Mr Mark O’Connor – Monday to Thursday
           Ms Lisa James – Friday
LT24 Ms Louise Alexander
LT25 Mrs Sharon Tomijenovic
LT26 Mrs Wendy Picton
Pre School Mrs Charmaine Whalluch
Library Mr Michael Prior
LAST Mrs Pauline Bull – Monday to Thursday
RR Mrs Terri Denion
RFF Mrs Sonia Morris
RFF Support Mrs Fiona Scott
ESL Mrs Debbie Miller
Counsellor Mr Tim Cartwright

SASS Staff

Office Mrs Joann Kearns
           Mrs Nadine Carpenter
           Mrs Helen Beattie
           Ms Deb Gillen (also LT01)
           Mrs Yasmin Ozturk-Akyol
           Mrs Jo Bentley (also LT04, LT20)
Pre School Ms Nicole White
LT01 Mrs Regina Monzine-Malone
LT04 Mrs Deb McRimmon
LT20 Mrs Meg Morosin
LT23 Ms Amanda Elliott
           Mrs Glenda Pinazza
           Mr Dave Swan – General Assistant
           Mr Brett Summerfield – General Assistant