As mentioned in the last newsletter, Fairy Meadow students from Years 4-6 are being asked to complete a survey which focuses on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey will be done at school on the internet. Please inform the school via the return slip, that accompanied the last newsletter, if wish your child not to be involved, by tomorrow 13 March. Some classes will complete the survey next week.

Harmony Day

What better place to celebrate Harmony Day than at Fairy Meadow Dem. Firstly, FMDS is proudly a Public School delivering excellence, opportunity and success to its students. Secondly, we have 30% of students from over 30 different language or dialect backgrounds other than English. This school epitomises the best in harmony across cultures and we are extremely proud of that.

Next week, classes will participate in lessons around the theme of harmony. Stage Three will have a guest speaker as they did last year. This year the talk will be on the Muslim culture. I hope to have the time to be able to sit in on that interesting session.

School Plan 2015-2017
This morning the first of two forums focusing on the school plan was timetabled for the School Hall. The second of these forums will be held tonight at 5:30pm in Room 15, directly above the Library. I will endeavour to add detail to the Strategic Directions that were listed in the last newsletter. Again, please feel free to provide feedback via the email address at the bottom left of this page.

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John Thorne
Principal

**PBS News:**
Focus of the week: Moving quietly around the school, inside foyers and hallways.

PBS rewards day this term will be a school disco held on Thursday 26th March. The disco will be held during school hours so uniform is to be worn. Could you please inform your child’s class teacher if they are not able to have a ‘zooper dooper’ iceblock.

PBS Committee

**P&C News**
Orders have started to come in for yummy hot cross buns and easter eggs. Be quick getting your form and money back to the canteen - we have limited numbers of easter eggs, so they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. All order forms are due by Friday 20 March.

The P&C will very soon be selling raffle tickets for our raffle, to be drawn on Thursday 2 April. First prize is a giant 4.5kg Toblerone! We also have two Easter baskets full of goodies for second and third prizes. Tickets will be $1 each or 3 for $2.

We are still looking for helpers for the Election Day BBQ on Saturday 28 March, especially for some of the later time slots. If you are available to help, please return the Election Day BBQ Helpers slip to the canteen or office as soon as possible. If you can’t commit to a shift, please come on down and buy a sausage sandwich while you are voting! And grab a few tickets in our raffle for a chance to win the massive Toblerone!

The school cross country is being held on Monday 23 March. The P&C will be supplying drinks for the kids. If you’re there to watch the races, and have a few spare minutes, please lend a hand at the drink station.

**Save the Date! Sunday 3 May** we are holding a Working Bee for the Sensory Playground area. If you have tools, gloves or any other equipment, please bring it along. Otherwise, just bring yourself! Your hard work will be rewarded with a free sausage sizzle.

**Uniform Shop News**

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Delivering excellence, success and opportunity
Looking for a bargain? Everything in the second hand boxes is only $2 each! At the moment the one-size-fits-all box has socks, caps, and bucket hats. In size 16, we have black culottes, shorts, and long girls’ pants. There are size 14 jumpers (some of them in excellent condition) in black or gold, girls’ long pants and a long sleeve black school shirt. The size 12 box only has two black jumpers and a pair of black girls’ long pants. The size 10 box is a little fuller, with jumpers, polo shirts, sports shirts, culottes, shorts and boys’ long pants.

It is always difficult to get donations in these larger sizes - if you have anything you can donate, please do so! There are plenty of parents who ask for these sizes, and it would be great if we could fill all of the orders we receive. If you would like to buy any of the items listed above, please pop in to the Uniform Shop to have a look.

Canteen News
We are unable to get our usual pies and sausage rolls at the moment. The large pies and sausage rolls we have sourced are similar however the party pies are smaller than usual. Because of this we have reduced the price of party pies to $1.20ea.

Banana bread is out of stock this week as are milk bits.

We are in need of someone to help in the canteen on a Thursday (hotdog day) once a month. If you think you could help please call into canteen and speak to Sharon or Cheryl. The canteen closure that was announced last week is now cancelled and the canteen will be open on 24th March after all.

In honour of St Patrick’s Day next Tuesday 17th March, the canteen will be selling green treats priced from 20c to $2. They include green milk bits 20c, shamrock juice $1, pot o gold trifle $2. This a one day only special event, so don’t forget....

Our fantastic helpers this week are:

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Election Day BBQ Helpers
Please return slip to school office or canteen, or email details to fmdspandc@gmail.com

Name:________________________________________________ Phone Number:_______________________

Child’s Name:________________________________________________ Child’s Class:_________________

Preferred Time to Volunteer: 7am-9am 9am-11am 11am-1pm 1pm-3pm

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