



# meadowbank Matters

Term 1 Week 4

Tuesday 15 February 2011

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Diary Dates	FEBRUARY	Diary Dates	FEBRUARY
<b>Tuesday 15</b> <b>Thursday 17</b> <b>Friday 18</b>	P&C Meeting 7.30pm Bowden – Meet the teacher 6.30pm Mufti Day PSSA Sport begins	<b>Monday 21</b>	Active After School Sport Begins Life Education Program Begins

## Weekly Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Weekly Merit Awards

Bidgee	Tao Tao Fang & Ju Tao Cao
Bowden	Joel Williamson & Nevaeh Wacando
Bradley	Ashlyn Pullen-Bell & Matthew Dobrincic
Shepherd	Claire Hudson & Aiden Garey
Squire	Sabina Patawaran & Adrian Feng
Thorn	Dharmesh Desai & Catherine Edwards
Whitton	Ania Moxon & Enrico Tarquinio
<b>Citizenship:</b>	<b>Ashley Park- Squire</b>

## Wear maroon mufti on Thursday

On Thursday this week, February 17, our SRC has organised School Mufti Day "Maroon Day". On this day we will be raising money for the Queensland Flood Relief. Children can wear maroon colours to support this cause. For the privilege of wearing mufti, students are asked to please donate a gold coin.

## Life Education

Life Education has been successfully supporting primary school drug and health education since 1979. Life Education's comprehensive programs have been specifically designed with activities that are based on the Health and Physical Education outcomes. Research shows that the earlier we encourage children to develop positive self image, self esteem and a feeling of uniqueness, the better equipped they are to make positive healthy choices later in life.

Life Education assists student to:

- acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices
- develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions
- recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

Sessions are designed to be age specific and sequential.

Each class will participate in 1- 1 ½ hr lessons which take place in the Happy Harold Mobile Learning Centre which will be located in the school grounds next week. (See picture). Our students will visit the happy Harold van for these important lessons next week.



## Principal's Report

On Friday we had our first assembly in a our hall which was extremely exciting. Our captains I know enjoyed leading us for our assembly in such a wonderful space. We are currently organising the official opening of our hall which will happen nearer the end of this term.

Last week we had our Meet the Teacher evening which was very well attended. Thank you to all parents for taking the time to attend. Thank you also to teachers and Mrs Erickson in the office for giving up their evening to support our school. Remember that Bowden's meeting is tonight at 6.30pm.

Also tonight is our first P&C meeting for the year (7.30pm in the staffroom). All members of the school community are welcome to attend. There is always a "Principal's Report" which provides more detail about what is happening at school. There is also the opportunity to ask questions and to participate in discussions about issues of interest. It is a wonderful chance to get to know other parents.

Well done to all competitors and participants at last week's Swim Carnival. Our students all participated very well in both the races and activities. Thank you to Julianna Ellis, Yunhee Kim, Rebecca Mills, Monica Choi, Agnieszka Moxon and Pat Umopathy for assisting with time keeping. Thank you also to Mr Oddy and Miss Ko for organising such a well run day.

Jenni Cope - Principal

### Students textbooks

All students have now started using their textbooks please ensure that you have returned your child's textbooks to their class teacher so your child can use them in their classrooms.

### Active After School Sport Active (Term 1: Yrs 1 - 6 only)

Active After School Sport begins next week. Notes will be sent home with all students who have been successful in gaining a place this term. Names will also be posted on the notice board at the side of the canteen. For any information regarding Active After School Sport please speak to Mr Oddy who coordinates this program. Mr Oddy - Active After School Sport Coordinator

### Special School Swimming Scheme Swim School

Following our end of year picnic last year and our swim carnival it is obvious that many of our students are unable to swim safely and capably a minimum of 25 metres.. Notes have been sent home today with all Year 2 students and other registered weak swimmers for the School Swimming Scheme at West Pymble Aquatic Pool Monday, 14th March to Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. The total cost of the Swimming Scheme is \$80 which covers bus travel and pool entry. There is no cost for the ten lessons. If you wish your child to participate please complete and return with payment by 8<sup>th</sup> March. There are limited places so spaces are allocated on a first in first served basis.

### From the Office

Thank you to families for your wonderful response completing your payments for this term's accounts and returning emergency contact sheets. Your assistance in promptly attending to these matters helps our office immensely.

If you have not returned your Emergency Contact Sheets it would be appreciated if you could do so by Friday so that we can ensure that all details we have for your family are up to date.

Mrs Erickson and Mrs Sironen

### Congratulations to our newly elected Sports Monitors



\*Apologies for black and white copy of newsletter today, we are experiencing problems with our colour photocopier.

### Well done to our newly elected Class SRC members they are already busy organising their first event: Maroon Day.



### P & C News

Tonight is the first P&C Meeting for 2011. All welcome. It would be great to see new faces and of course the 'old' ones. The P&C is looking forward to a great year, with lots of ideas for up and coming events, and every idea considered. We hope that you can make it. 7.30pm in the staff room. See you there.

Gretha  
P&C President

### Orchestra News

Orchestra practice is on Wednesday morning at 8am in the Library.

Sarah Wijngaarden

### Are you aware....another 2,800 Units Coming to Shepherds Bay?

Developers have lodged a plan to develop the old industrial site on the waterfront between Faraday Park and Bay One (Shepherds Bay). This development features and 18-storey tower and 2800 units, with provision for 4500 car spaces. The traffic study commissioned states that this will have an insignificant impact on the surrounding roads! There is virtually no real usable open space for children and families to use. The developers are aiming at having this approved in early 2011, and public comment closes at the end of February. The development has been submitted under 3A Planning Laws – these laws allow developers to bypass local government regulations.

View the full proposal on line

[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=3746](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=3746)

and

[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=3745](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=3745)

All objections must be made prior to 28 February 2011

If you would like further information, please see Joy Robinson and Louse Haynes (Year 1 mums)

### Swimming Carnival 2011

