



meadowbank Matters

Term 1 Week 3

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Diary Dates	FEBRUARY	Diary Dates	FEBRUARY
Wednesday 9 Thursday 10 Tuesday 15	Meet the Teacher Evening Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 P&C Meeting 7.30pm	Monday 21	Active After School Sport Begins

Principal's Report

I hope that you will all be able to take the opportunity to attend our *Meet the teacher Evening* tomorrow night. This is great opportunity to not only meet and introduce yourself to your child's class teacher but to also find out what your child will be doing this year.

If you haven't already returned your *Emergency Contact Sheet* please bring it with you tomorrow evening.

We are trying something new this year to give parents the opportunity to look at their child's texts for the year. Therefore for your convenience textbooks will be available for purchase and pick up from the office each morning this week from tomorrow 8.30am – 9.30am and on Wednesday evening from 6.15pm – 7.30 pm.

In regards to our lovely new hall I have been given the keys, there are a few items that need to be attended to both within the hall and the surrounds. I am currently working towards getting the grounds returned to its previous state with good turf etc. We are hoping to have our first assembly in the hall this week.

We are also planning an official opening of the hall later in the term where you will all be invited.

Jenni Cope
Principal

Meet the Teacher Evening Tomorrow night

6.30 – 7.00pm Bidgee and Bradley
 7.00 – 7.30pm Squire and Shepherd
 7.30 – 8.00pm Thorn and Whitton

Our office will be open during the evening for you to pay your school account and to pick up your child's textbooks. Payment can be made using cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Please note that Bowden's meeting has been postponed until next Tuesday (15th) evening at 6.30pm.

Meet our Captains for 2011



Alyssa Brancato and William Crawford are our 2011 Captains. Marcos Anagnostopoulos and Marissa Yourelis are our 2011 Vice Captains.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their class peers to be SRC (Student Representative Council) representatives for this semester. They will be presented with their badges at Monday morning's assembly under the COLA. Parents are invited to attend.

Claire Hudson and Willam Gahan
 Dina Zounis and Justin Rehborn
 Emily Hahn and Matthew Lee
 Katie Anagnostopoulos and EJ Reed

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Sports House Captains for this year. They will be presented with their badges at Monday morning's assembly under the COLA. Parents are invited to attend.

Thorpe: Emilio Didlick and Tori Masters
Savage: Matthew Lee and Ania Moxon
Freeman: Katie Anagnostopoulos and Daniel Wijngaarden

Volunteers needed for our Swim Carnival on Thursday

If you are attending our Swim Carnival at Epping Aquatic Centre Dence Park Pool and are available

to help out with timekeeping etc please talk to Mr Oddy, Miss Ko or Ms Roach. No experience is necessary but we would really appreciate some extra help.

Mr Oddy and Miss Ko
Swim Carnival Coordinators

Infectious Diseases: We need your assistance

As many of you would know we have a family within our school community, whose son is battling Leukaemia. This disease and the treatment causes a low immune system. Therefore the whole family needs to be careful of any illnesses or infections that they may come in contact with. For this reason we are asking your assistance in advising the school of any infections or illnesses that your family might have e.g. flu, chicken pox etc. and in turn we can advise the family and they can take the necessary precautions. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Whooping Cough

Whooping Cough seems to be out and about in the community and at the moment one of our students has been absent with a slight case. Included in this newsletter is information regarding Whooping Cough.

Ethics Classes

Primary Ethics will make philosophical ethics classes available in Years 5-6 in some schools from Term 1, 2011 and will progressively roll out the program across all primary school years. Philosophical ethics may be offered at Meadowbank in 2011, as an option solely for students who have opted out of SRE/scripture. St James Ethics Centre (SJEC) is the approved provider of classes in philosophical ethics. *Primary Ethics* (www.primaryethics.com.au), a new organisation established by SJEC for this purpose, is responsible for all aspects of course delivery, including providing trained volunteers and resources. In practice, the provision of ethics classes in any NSW State Primary School will depend upon there being:

- Children who have opted out of SRE (which will always be a discrete, first option for parents) and who wish to participate in classes in philosophical ethics,
- Available trained volunteers to teach classes during SRE time,
- Available curriculum material.

Notes have been sent home with students from Years 5 and 6 who opted out of Scripture classes in 2010.

Water fun day for Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2

On Thursday 10 February, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be involved in a Water Fun Day at school. Activities will include bubble blowing, sandcastle building and squirting with spray bottles. There will be no swimming activities. On this day the children may wear swimming costumes under their uniforms and should bring a towel, clean underwear, a rash shirt or t-shirt to wear over their swimmers, and sunscreen. School hats are also necessary. The children may also bring thongs to wear on the grass and a water spray bottle if they have one.

Pupil Information & Emergency Contacts

Your immediate attention in completing and returning this form to school will be greatly appreciated. This is an important point of reference when we need to make quick contact with parents or their nominated emergency contact person.

School Posting Box

All correspondence, notes, excursion money etc for the office, should be placed in the posting box located by the staff room door. These need to be in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Guitar Lessons

I will teach your children the fundamentals of guitar, cook tricks and licks. I will also teach them how to correctly read music. \$20 per lesson. If you are interested please call me on 0422 393 183.

Jackson Flecknoe