Welcome

It has been a smooth start to the 2012 school year. So far we have welcomed 14 new students to our classrooms. We have commenced the year with 48 students from 33 families in the 2 classes.

On behalf Meadow Flat Public School community I extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. Throughout the year there are many opportunities to be involved in the school activities and encourage everyone to be involved as much as possible.

Staffing

There have been some changes in the staffing at Meadow Flat Public School.

Principal
- Mr Michael Wood

Infants classroom
- Monday to Thursday Mrs Gael Harvey
- Friday – Mrs Suellen Nagy

Primary classroom
- Monday to Thursday Mr Michael Wood
- Friday – Mrs Betty Murphy

Librarian and Part-time teacher
- Thursday – Mrs Betty Murphy

General Assistant
- Mrs Petra Brassington

School Administration Manager
- Mrs Hayley Kelly

Music Teacher
- Tuesday - Mr Aaron Hollier

School Learning Support Officers
- Monday to Wednesday – Mrs Nicole Lloyd
- Thursday and Friday – Mrs Tania Robins

Scripture
- Mrs Miriam Palmer

Class Sizes

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The school is only 4 students away from an additional teacher.

Swimming Carnival

The students from Years 2 to 6 who are turning 8 or older this year have received a permission note to attend the Bathurst Small School swimming carnival. This will be held at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre on Friday 17th February 2012. If parents require assistance to travel to the carnival they are asked to contact the school office. Students need to able to swim 25m freestyle.

Camps

The students from the Bathurst Small Schools attend overnight excursions during the year. The location, date and approximate amounts are:

- Years 3 and 4 – Sydney $175 14th and 15th June
- Years 5 and 6 – Canberra $375 21st to 23rd May

Parents are able to commence making small payments for these at the school office.

P and C Meeting

Monday 20th February 2012 4pm in the library
**Student Attendance**

**Reasons for Removing Students Early**

From time to time there may be periods when the students need to be picked up early from school. Such reasons include needing to take your children to town for a medical appointment which cannot be made out of school hours. All situations when students are taken out of school early or when they commence school late are recorded against the student’s name on the official school roll. These rolls are made available to Home School Liaison officers who check on the student’s attendance patterns.

It is not acceptable for parents to take students away from school early because of canteen duty finishing at the end of lunch time. The teachers plan their lessons in sequential manner with the lessons needing prior knowledge from previous activities.

I would appreciate your assistance with this matter.

**Notes**

All absences need to be followed through with a note from the parent.

**Family Holidays**

Sometimes parents take advantage of taking their children away on family holidays during the school term. Parents are requested to speak to the Principal so that arrangements can be put in place around Exemption from Attendance Certificates can be organised.

**Media Permissions**

All families will be receiving a new form to complete to indicate parent permissions around the use of their children’s photos in school and media publications.

The students in Kindergarten and our school leaders had their photos taken for the Western Advocate features that will be in the next 2 Wednesdays.

**Uniform Reminders**

Please ensure that your child/ren come to school with their school hat. With the way the weather has been so far this term you just never know what the weather will be like later in the day.

Students have been wearing their polar fleece jumpers to school already this year. In some case it has been difficult to return items to their correct owners as there is either no name or the past owner’s name of the item on it. Please update them. Be on the lookout for items of clothing that have been taken home by mistake.

**Car Park Safety**

With the increase in the school population please keep in mind that the school car park needs to be kept safe for all users. We have buses, cars, bicycles, pedestrians, and 4WD cars each morning and afternoon. Users are expected to drive slowly and keep an eye out for students and adults. The area that staff and parents park is not school land as it is a Public Reserve. All users use it at their own risk. It is better to use the council land at the front of the school, especially during wet periods.

**Rydal Show**

Many of our students received recognition of their outstanding artworks, cooking, vegetables and written materials at the Rydal Show. Their entries are on display in the foyer of the classroom building.

**School Newsletters**

There has been a change in the day that the newsletter is sent home. The school newsletter will now be sent home with the child that is the oldest in each family on most Fridays. It will be emailed to parent accounts too. It is otherwise available on the school website.

**Dates**

**Term 1 2012 - February**

Wednesday 15th – Western Advocate Kinder photos in the paper

Friday 17th – Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Friday 24th – Bathurst District Swimming Carnival

Friday 9th – Regional Swimming Carnival – Dubbo

**March**

Thursday 15th – Year 6 Student leaders to Wattle Flat Public School

Monday 19th – Evans Crown Horse Day