STEWARD HOUSE FUNDRAISING
On Saturday evening I spent time with former Department and current staff at a Black Tie fundraising event that raised $25,000 for Stewart House. Below is a photo of the four past Meadow Flat Public School Principals.


2/3 ASSEMBLY

CANTEEN FUN DAY

GALA DAY
This Friday all students who are turning 8 years of age or older in 2015 will be going to Bathurst for the Small Schools Gala Day on the bus.

Each morning leading up to this the students will be training for the cross country. Please send to school a pair of joggers so your child/ren can train in them so they will be ready for Friday's competition.

9.45am Session 1 - Cross Country
11.15am Morning Tea and Presentation approx. (15 mins)
11.30am Rotation 1 – Hockey (Girls) and Rugby League (Boys) approx. (1hr)
12.30pm Lunch approx. (30mins)
1.00pm Rotation 2 Touch Footy (Girls) and Soccer (Boys) approx. (1hr)
2.00pm Presentation
2.30pm Back to School

MINI-FEAST
Twice a year the parents are invited to join the students in a mini-feast. This will occur on Thursday week 9 commencing at 1.00pm.

All parents and family members are invited to bring to school cooked items to share with the students and other visitors.

You are asked to share a main or a dessert. Following the feast you are invited to join us at the Meadow Flat Hall for a performance.

PARENT MEETINGS
All parents are invited to come to the school to have a 10 minute meeting with your child's classroom teacher. These will be held after school hours in Week 9. Please request a time using the attached form.

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY TIMES
Commencing this week the school assemblies will start at 2.30pm. The change is to have them finish closer to home time. Thank you for your support of them. The students put in a lot of time preparing them for their performance.
ARTWORK VOTING

The voting for the 2014 student artwork to be framed and hung in the staffroom is now live on the school’s Facebook site. You are encouraged to share the voting page with your Facebook friends.

You are encouraged to vote for as many works you consider to be worthy of this prestigious competition. The winner will get their artwork back when they complete Year 9.

Voting closes at 5pm Monday 16th March 2015. Click here.

STATE ELECTION

During the upcoming NSW State Election parents are encouraged to cook a cake or slice to be sold at the P and C cake stall. This cake stall will not be staff and an honesty box will be left on the table.

Parents are encouraged to drop their items to be sold early on the morning of the elections or left in the school office on the Friday prior.

P AND C FUNDRAISING

The P&C need your assistance in an upcoming fundraising activity where we will be feeding 500 to 600 cyclists at the rydal showground. There will be a working bee to cook the items.

SOFTWARE DOWNLOADS

All NSW Department of Education and Communities School students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software from the following website.

http://nsw-students.onthehub.com

This software is only available to download onto personally owned devices. Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register on their first visit. To register, click on the “Sign In” link at the top of the page and then click on the REGISTER button. A verification email will be sent to your DEC email address. To complete the registration please select the link provided in the email. Individual students are eligible for one download per application only.

The following software is available:

- Adobe Creative Suite 6 Design
- Adobe Photoshop Elements 13
- Adobe Premiere Elements 13
- Adobe Presenter 10.

The NSW DEC also have access for the students to use Office 365. This is ideal for students to use Word on a mobile device.

BOOK COVERING

Thank you to all the parents who covered books for the library, there are still two boxes that can go home to anyone willing to help.

Mrs Gale will also need some K/Yr1 volunteers for the new classroom readers. The covering will be pre cut, so that we are able to send them home with as many as parents possible and get them back into the classroom for the students to benefit from.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The Meadow Flat Public School website is now up to date. The website is a great tool for parents to keep up to date on what has been happening at the school and upcoming events. The below list are things that can be found on the site.

- Newsletter
- Notes
- Calendar
- Photo gallery

Meadowflat-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

GOOD NUMBER SENSE

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

CALENDAR

Term 1

Week 7
Wednesday 11th March
Assembly 2.30pm

Week 8
Wednesday 18th March
Bathurst Library Van

Week 9
Monday 23rd March
Parent/Teachers interviews
Tuesday 24th March
NRMA science show
Parent/Teacher interviews
Tuesday 24th March
P & C AGM

Week 10
Wednesday 1st April
Triange Sports Day
Thursday 2nd April
Students last day

Term 2

Week
Monday 20th April
Staff development
Tuesday 21st April
Students return

NOTES

Attached are some notes that went home last week, if you have not done so already, please send them back to the school with payment.

Notes can also be found and printed off from the website – they are attached to the calendar items.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Poultry & Cage Bird Auction
Cash & Carry system

Sunday 15th March Rydal Showground
Also accepting rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and small animal accessories!
All animals must be in own cages/boxes & of adequate size with own food and water.
Bookings in from 5:30am –9:00am
Sale commences at 9:30am
Starting with cage birds etc followed by poultry & accessories
Fully functional canteen
Further enquirings contact
Lance 0434 145 764 or Mark 0418 661 921
Email: bvpartnership@outlook.com

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY

Join us and show your support for Indigenous Health Equality

Thursday 19th March, 2015
11:00 am – 3:00 pm @ Lithgow Information & Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Padley St & Railway Pde
Free Health Screens by Mootang Tarimi Health Bus
Free BBQ supplied by Lithgow Lions Club

For more information contact Sonia Aboriginal Liaison Officer NBMLHD 63502750
Or Kim Community Hub Manager LINC 63545910
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

| PARENT NAME: ______________________________ |
| CLASS:  K/1  2/3  4/56 |

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If none of these times suit please contact the office so we can make a time.
Dear Parents,

For the 5 days of Week 2, Term 4 2015 the students in Stage 3 will be attending the Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber on the Central Coast with the other students in Years 5 and 6 from the Bathurst Small Schools group. A costing has come through which will assist with budgeting.

**Aussie Bush Camp – 5 days, 4 nights**

- **Food** $ 82.50
- **Accommodation and Activities** $ 225.00
- **Bus** $ 63.00

**TOTAL** $ 370.50

Small Schools Hat $ 10.00 ** (If needed – please inform below)

The $370.50 is the cheapest the cost will be. The only set amount is the food, accommodation and activities costs. There would be an increase to the bus amount if the number of students attending falls below 87 as the bus component is shared amongst all students.

This camp is not a compulsory excursion and activities will continue at school for students not attending it.

To secure your child’s position at the camp you are requested to pay a non-refundable $50 deposit by the end of Term 2 2015. When the numbers are confirmed the final outstanding amount will be calculated. Notes and information will be sent home to the students who are attending in Week 1 Term 3 2015.

Yours sincerely
Michael Wood
Principal
Meadow Flat Public School

I would like my child/ren ______________________ to attend the Bathurst Small Schools camp at Kincumber on the Central Coast.

I have included a non-refundable deposit of $50 to secure my child’s position on the camp.

Do you need a Small Schools Hat? ______________

My name ______________________ My signature ______________________
Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 24th March 2015 the school will be visited by the National Roads and Motorists Association (NRMA) who will be conducting a NRMA Science and Road Safety Day with the students. We will be hosting the event with students from Sofala Public School also visiting.

Where: Meadow Flat Hall
When: Tuesday 24th March 2015 from 9am
What: During the day the students will visit the hall and watch a Science presentation from NRMA

Allergy advice: The Road Safety Show involves the **breaking of eggs**. Students will not eat or be asked to handle any egg or egg products. For students with **egg vapour allergies** we can use an egg alternative. Please let the school know if this is a concern.

What to bring: Full school uniform
Bike and helmet (depending on who can bring bikes, what does come into the school may have to be shared)
Bike helmet (for the Science Show)

Who: All students
Parents are invited to visit the Science Show

Science Shows:
Years 3 and 4 9am to 10am
Kindergarten/Year 1 and 2 10am to 11.00am
Years 5 and 6 11.30am to 12.00

Cost: Free (unless your child would like to order from the BBQ)

Lunch: Bring your own or $1.50 for a BBQ sausage

Recess: Bring your own

Michael Wood
Principal
17/03/14

I give permission for my child/ren __________________________ to participate in the NRMA presentation being held at the Meadow Flat Hall on Tuesday 24th March 2015.

I would like to order ____________________ (number) of sausage sandwiches @$1.50 each.

My name: _______________________ My signature: _______________________

I am able bring a bike in       I am unable to bring in a bike   ☐  ☐
Dear Parents,

On Friday 1st May 2015 the students in Years 4 to 6 will be visiting the performance of *Storm Boy* by the Sydney Theatre Company in Sydney.

Where: The Warf Theatres Hickson Road Walsh Bay

When: Friday 1st May 2015

Transport: Public Train – It is the parent’s responsibility to get their children to and from each train station. Please inform the school which station you will be joining the train.

*To Sydney from Bathurst* – be at the Bathurst train station at 5.20am as the train leaves Bathurst at 5.49am

*To Sydney from Lithgow* – be at the Lithgow train station at 6.30am as the train leaves Lithgow at 6.57am

*From Sydney to Lithgow* – we will be returning on the 3.18pm train from Central that terminates at Lithgow at 6.05pm. All parents need to pick their children up from Lithgow.

What to wear: Full school uniform

Contact details: Mr Wood on 0437595259

Who: All students in Year 4 to 6

Cost: $25 which includes entry, tour of the theatre and train

What to bring Bring your own – recess, lunch, afternoon tea and drink bottle

Backpack, raincoat, cold weather clothing, a book to read

Michael Wood
Principal
17/03/14

I give permission for my child/ren __________________________ to visit the *Storm Boy* performance on Tuesday 1st May 2015 at Walsh Bay, Sydney. I understand that the students will be transported by public transport to and from Lithgow or Bathurst. I understand that it is my responsibility to get them to and pick them up from the station.

My child/ren will be boarding the train at _______________________ (Lithgow or Bathurst).

My name: _______________________ My signature: _______________________