VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED

The school would like a parent to coordinate the construction of x2 outdoor chess sets to be installed in the playground. The P and C are keen to fund this project as long as we have parent support to see the project through. Please speak to Mr Wood about this opportunity.

LIBRARY VAN

The Bathurst library van will be visiting our school next Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July. Notes will be going home as to what books your child/ren need to return. Students can bring them back before or on the day.

P and C Meeting

The P and C meeting due for next Tuesday has been postponed to a future date. Details to follow.

NADOC CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Peter and Isabel who represented our school at the NAIDOC week public speaking competition in the last week of the term. They came 3\textsuperscript{rd} overall. Well done!

TERM 3 STAFFING

This week we welcome to our school Miss Lemcke who will be working as a School Learning Support Officer on a part-time basis for 3 weeks.

Next Monday there will be a Charles Sturt University pre-service intern commencing at our school. Mrs Johnston will be with the 4 to 6 class until the end of the term.
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
This Friday our school has two students competing at the PSSA Cross Country Championships being held at Eastern Creek. We wish Will and Isabel well for a fantastic experience.

COLD CONDITIONS
Please ensure that the students come to school with clothing appropriate to the current weather conditions. We expect a black jacket so the students can play outside if the play period is suitable.

All parents are expected to have their child’s contact details up to date in case the buses need to run early.

We are expecting another snow event on Thursday this week.

SNOW EVENT PROCEDURES
Background
Meadow Flat is located 1100 metres above sea level on the Blue Mountains and the school is in the top 100 coldest schools in NSW.

The school frequently has cold snaps and experiences heavy snow fall that effect the normal operation of the school. These can occur as early as May and as late as December. In 2014 there were 2 snow days that had an effect on the normal running of the school.

Impact

- Some areas around Meadow Flat get more snow coverage earlier than other parts. Sunny Corner is always an area of concern.
- The snow coverage may see the highway blocked to all traffic. The bus runs are then a main priority. The bus runs take an hour to complete.
- It is the main priority of the school to ensure that all students are adequately supervised by teaching staff and that students do not go home to a house without an adult present.

Snow Day Procedures Prior to School Opening:
**Procedures if there is snow covering the Meadow Flat/Yethlome/Sunny Corner areas before school opens:**
- Meadow Flat Public School will remain open unless teaching staff are unable to attend due to road closures. All teaching staff come from the Bathurst side;
- bus runs will operate at the discretion of the bus operator after assessing the local road conditions;
- parents to contact the bus driver to see if the bus will be operating (Sue Brooking – 02 6359 5525);
- listen to the local radio for any announcements (2BS, 2LT and ABC local radion);
- Principal to SMS each family if the normal operation of the school changes;
- Parents are requested to please contact the school at 8.30am to ensure that there is adequate supervision if parents choose to transport their child/ren to school on a snow day;
- the Principal’s mobile number is 0437595 259
- parents who deliver children to school must leave an emergency contact and updated procedures so that the school knows what their intentions are if the school needs to finish for the day.

**Snow Day Procedures During the School Day:**

Procedures to follow if there is snow covering the Meadow Flat/Yetholme/Sunny Corner areas during the school day:

- If snow is settling on the ground in the areas around Meadow Flat the school will contact other schools to determine how wide spread the snow is falling
- If any of these schools has considerable snow falls then Meadow Flat Public School could soon have a big fall. This means that the Great Western Highway will be closed
- Principal to SMS all families to notify them that the parents of students in the Sunny Corner and Dark Corner area have been asked to collect their children as the bus will soon be unable to travel on the Sunny Corner Road. All other parents to be on standby.
- Principal to contact the families that live in the Yetholme area and ask them to come and collect their children if that area is snow effected
- All other students to remain at school for normal lessons unless the buses need to complete their runs earlier due to the closure of the Great Western Highway and surrounding roads
- Liaise with the bus operator about their intentions around running to buses early
- If the buses run early then each student’s parents will be contacted to inform them that the buses are leaving early
- Prior to the buses leaving all parents will need to be contacted to ensure that they will be at home to collect their child/ren from the bus.
- Parents that cannot collect their child/ren will remain at the school with teaching staff unless other arrangements are made by their parents
- Principal and teaching staff will remain at the school until it is confirmed by the bus operator that all students made it home.
- Students that cannot go home early will need to be supervised by the Principal and teaching staff until the student is collected
- At least 2 teaching staff need to remain on the school site to supervise. Teaching staff will need to wait until all students have been collected prior to early departure

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE**

To appoint a parent member I request nominations from all parents to fill this position on the Uniform Committee. If you wish to consider being the parent member can you please forward your name to the school office by Friday 17th July 2015. There will be an information session at the next P and C meeting about the DEC’s review processes. All parents are encouraged to attend.

**2015 Woolworths Fundraising**

The school will be collecting the 2015 Woolworths Fundraising tokens. In the past our
community has supported this quite well. Please make sure you collect your stickers from the cashier from this Wednesday. We will provide each family with sticker charts.

Please share them with your family and workmates.

NOTES
- Attached to this newsletter is a note about Protective Behaviours.

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**CALENDAR – TERM 3**

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