

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Friday, 23rd February 2018

Canteen & School Uniform Shop



**Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Uniform Shop open only in the
canteen**

between 8:20 to 9:00am

**Payment by cash & cheque
only at school OR prepay online
by Visa or MasterCard.**



Calendar

Important Dates in Term 1, 2018

Week 5

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| Wednesday, 28 th February | K-6 Assembly |
| Thursday, 1 st March | Thirsty Thursday |
| Friday, 2 nd March | Summer PSSA Begins |

Week 6

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| Thursday, 8 th March | Zone Swimming Carnival |
| Friday, 9 th March | Summer PSSA |

Week 7

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| Tuesday, 13 th March | School Photos |
| Tuesday, 13 th March | P&C Meeting – AGM |
| Friday, 16 th March | Summer PSSA |

Week 8

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| Friday, 23 rd March | Summer PSSA |
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Week 10

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| Wednesday, 4 th April | K-6 Assembly |
| Friday, 6 th April | Summer PSSA Final Round |

Week 11

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| Friday, 13 th April | School ANZAC Day Service |
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Principal's Message

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all 100 of the parents and carers who found the time to attend our Meet The Teacher sessions on Wednesday afternoon. I am sure all of the parents and carers gained some knowledge and insight in regards to the expectations for our students throughout 2018 as well as enjoying a sausage sizzle in the playground.

Meet The Teacher and Parent / Teacher Interviews (late Term 2) are two of the formal means of face-to-face parent-teacher communication we offer at The Meadows. However, all of our teachers are available to talk about any concerns you may have, at any point during the year. We do request that parents and carers avoid talking to teachers after the morning bell as the learning of all students becomes the number one priority at that time each morning.

If you require a short 5-10 minute discussion, it can be useful to try to speak to your child's class teacher after the home bell at 2:50pm each afternoon, except for Wednesdays when teachers are always involved in Professional Learning.

If you need a longer amount of time to talk, it is best to make an appointment with the teacher. Please see your child's class teacher after school to make a longer appointment or call the office on 9631 3737 where your meeting request will be passed on.

P&C Meeting

Our Parents & Citizens (P&C) team meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Our first meeting was very well-attended with 29 parents and carers participating, the highest amount we have seen for many years.

Our next meeting will include the AGM (Annual General Meeting) where we will elect the 2018 P&C Executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The meeting will be held in the staff room at 9:00am on Tuesday, 13th March. **All financial P&C members who have paid their membership fees prior to the AGM date will be eligible to vote.**

As a result of the last P&C Meeting, two changes have already happened at our school. We now have vegetarian burgers as an option on our canteen menu and in the interests of better sun safety we now have sunscreen in every classroom. We will always listen to your ideas, they won't always come to fruition but the P&C provides the single best opportunity for YOU to have a say in the direction of YOUR school!

Girls' Uniform Possible Option

At a P&C Meeting last year, some discussion took place about the possible inclusion of a school dress as an optional item for our female students. There was considerable support for the idea, particularly if the dress was to be included as an optional item and a possible alternative to white polo shirts with blue shorts or skorts.

I have sourced designs from an Australian uniform supplier and a 'prototype' dress has been assembled featuring our school colours of royal blue, yellow and white. I will show this dress at morning assembly next week and also have it on display in our office area.

At this stage, I am just gauging interest to see if parents are open to the idea of having a dress as an optional item. The cost for the dress would be very close to matching the cost of a polo shirt and a pair of shorts / skorts. A note will be sent home on Monday to gauge the interest of the parents and carers of our female students. It is imperative that all parents respond to the note next week. If appropriate, please talk to your daughter(s) about their interest in wearing a school dress. As mentioned, the dress would be an optional item, not a mandatory part of daily uniform. There would still be an expectation that all students wear a yellow polo shirt on Fridays for Sport.

Aiden Garcia – Softball Success

Congratulations to our School Captain Aiden Garcia who has been selected in the Seven Hills / Wentworthville Combined Zone representative team to play in the Sydney West Regional Primary School Softball Championships. We wish Aiden every success in his sporting endeavours.

Mufti Day – Thank you

Thank you to all families for your support of our HeartKids Mufti Day. A very large proportion of our students enjoyed dressing in red or pink on the day and as a result \$290 was raised to support the HeartKids organisation.

Thirsty Thursday – Slushies are coming back!

Next Thursday, 1st March will see the return of Thirsty Thursday. To our new families, Thirsty Thursday happens once a term on a day where the P&C sell slushies (also called Snow Cones) to our students at recess. The slushies are just \$1 each and come in a choice of flavours – raspberry or cola. Look out for a reminder note being sent home early next week!

Attendance / Lateness

School attendance and punctuality to school are once again targeted areas for school improvement in 2018. If your child is absent from school, please ensure you provide a note explaining the absence upon your child's return. Parents and carers who fail to do so will be issued with a pink Unexplained Absence note to return to school.

Additionally, if your child is late to school without an explanation, your child will be issued a yellow note informing

you of the unexplained late arrival to school. Let's work together to make a difference this year. "In line, on time, at 10 to 9!"

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Would your child like to win a Toys R Us voucher valued at \$30?

Once again in 2018, in an effort to increase the readership of our newsletter, I have included a Students' Fun Page. In this edition of the Meadows Mag, students have the opportunity to unjumble the names of some Aussie Animals and answer a quiz about this newsletter! All of the answers to the quiz are found in this report! Please see this week's Fun Page at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley
Principal





CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Manroop
Katie

KR Biliv
Ysabelle

1/2L Ackland
Michael

1/2R Sienna
Bol

1/2S Esha
Isla

3/4B Zoe
Anna

3/4F Jaydn
Kaleisha

3/4T Hassan
Lydia

3-6L Noah
Abigail

5/6KB Tahi
Alexandra

5/6P Tithu

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Shamel
Lakshiya

KR Bahar
Isha

1/2L Spike
Jaylaa

1/2R Vishwa
Sehej

1/2S Domonic
Maddison

3/4B Paker
Taylen

3/4F Isabella
Jacob

3/4T Kirushanthan
Aleya

3-6L Shyeka
Jordan

5/6KB Precious
Liam

5/6P Sabhyata

**At The Meadows we are
Safe, Responsible Learners!**



Excursions & Activities in Progress

| Excursion/ Activity | Date of excursion/ activity | Amount due | Payment due by |
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| Sport in Schools | Every Monday | \$40 Year \$10 Term | Friday, 16 th February |
| Summer PSSA | Every Friday | \$60 for Terms 1 & 4 | Monday, 26 th February |
| Zone Swimming Carnival | Thursday, 8 th March | \$8 | Thursday, 1 st March |
| Longneck Lagoon | Thursday, 8 th March | \$8 | Friday, 2 nd March |
| Year 6 Shirts | | \$30 | Friday, 16 th March |
| Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts | 27 th March, 6 th June, 15 th August | \$25 | Friday, 23 rd March |
| Year 5/6 Berry Camp | 31 st October – 2 nd November | \$100 Deposit | Friday, 16 th March |

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on FACEBOOK!**



What's Happening in 3/4B?

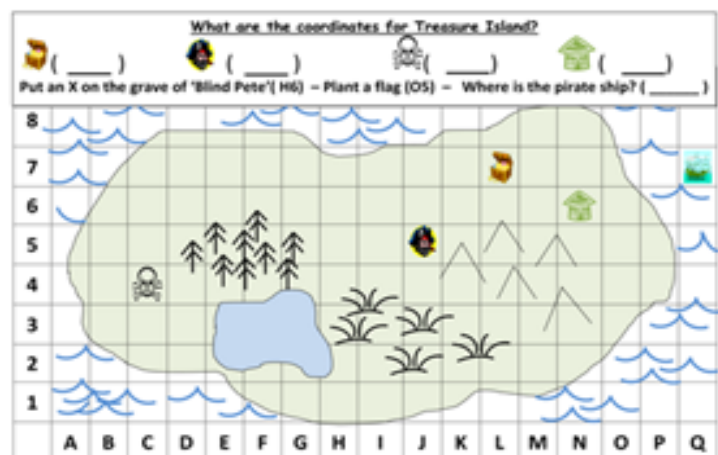


Our class has been working incredibly hard in maths to learn all about position. We have been learning to use grid maps, to find objects on a map, and to follow compass directions.

To consolidate our learning we played Battleship and were able to sink each other's ships through calling out grid references. A special mention goes to Jared for being undefeated against all his opponents. Well done, Jared!



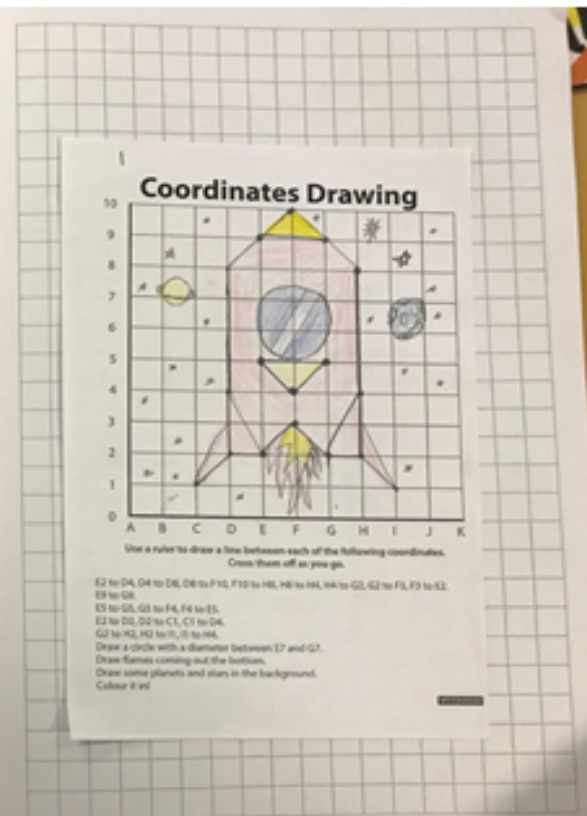
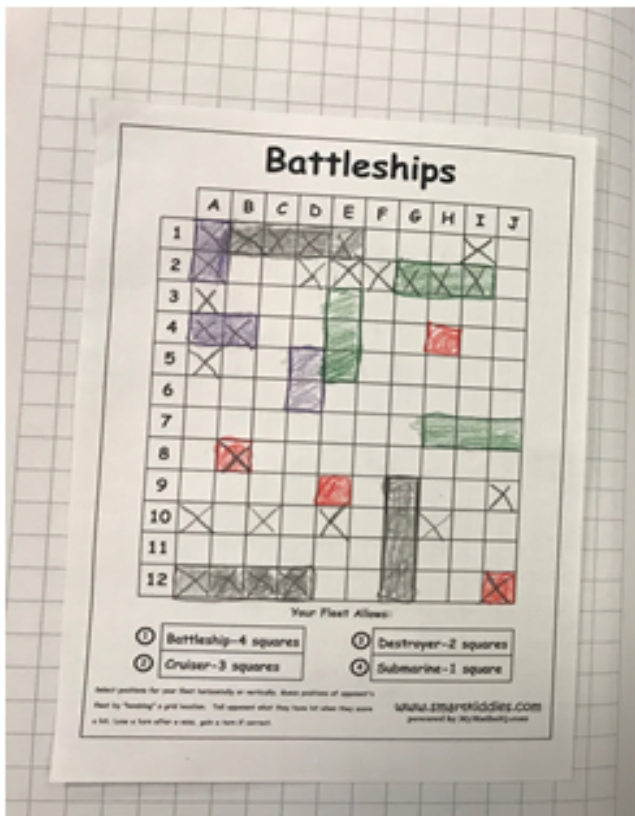
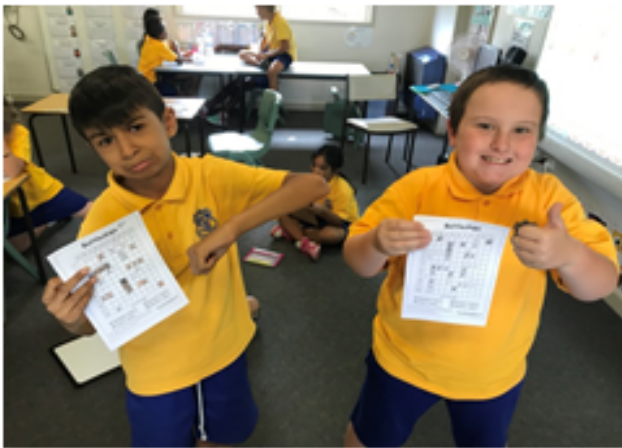
We also completed some mystery picture activities and had to follow a series of directions on a grid map to reveal an image. We then whispered to Miss B what the picture was to show her that we could follow the directions correctly.





Our class has really been enjoying taking part in different maths activities and games, as it has helped to further our understanding about real world concepts.

There is no way we can ever get lost now! We are brilliant map readers and can't wait to explore some more!



What's Hip-Hop Happening in 5/6KB

Students in 5/6KB have been keen mathematicians over the past few weeks. In Mathematics, they have been investigating everyday maths questions using a range of problem solving, mental computation and oral skills to solve them. Students have worked **collaboratively** and **communicated** effectively in a range of learning situations.





Community Noticeboard

The Meadows Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

The Meadows Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events



KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

INTRODUCING...

Dr. Kabir Ahmed, FRNZCGP, FRACGP

Dr. Ahmed graduated from Dhaka Medical College, Bangladesh. He went on to study at the University of Otago, where he attained a Master of Immunology and worked in probiotic research at Massey University, before starting a career in General Medicine. Dr. Ahmed practiced in New Zealand for 14 years, mainly in internal medicine in a hospital setting before relocating to Australia.

Interests: Aboriginal health, chronic care management, emergency medicine and palliative medicine.

Languages: Bengali

To make an appointment with Dr. Ahmed, go online at kildaremedical.com.au, use the Appointuit App or call Reception on 8822 3000

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This adventurous & magical class will take your child on an exciting journey through dance & beyond.

"I just wanted to say THANKYOU for being such great teachers & role models for my girls over the years. It has been a pleasure to be part of the family over the past 10 years."
Carrie

INNOVATIVE



All styles of dance, for all styles of people! Classes held at Shelley Primary School
For more information please call 0411 486 347 / 0414 348 774

Students Fun Page

Meadows Mag Quiz

Read Mr Staveley's report to get all of the answers. Get some help from Mum or Dad or a carer if you need some!

1. How many parents and carers went to Meet The Teacher night? _____
2. When is it best for parents to speak to teachers – mornings or afternoons?

3. How many parents went to the first P&C Meeting this year? _____
4. What is the date of the next P&C Meeting? _____
5. What is a new item on our canteen menu that was suggested at a P&C meeting?

6. Which 3 colours would be part of our school dress if we get one? _____
7. Which sport has Aiden Garcia been selected in for a zone team?

8. How much money was raised for HeartKids? _____
9. How much will two slushies cost at Thirsty Thursday? _____
10. Name a slushie flavour beginning with R. R _____
11. Finish Mr Staveley's rhyme: "Be In Line, On Time at _____!"
12. Which toy shop is providing the prize for this Student Fun Page?



Name: _____

Students Fun Page



Jumbled Aussie Animals

Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Try to unjumble the names of these 10 Australian Animals. Please hand in your sheet to the office by Friday 2 March to go into the draw to win a \$30 Gift Card.

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| loaka | |
| rokogana | |
| suppytal | |
| chidean | |
| nworb kanes | |
| lennfu bew prides | |
| gondi | |
| batmow | |
| meu | |
| uble nugeto zildra | |

Now draw and colour your 4 favourite animals from the list above!

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Breakfast Club—Helpers Needed!

Breakfast Club is a healthy eating program for children!

Just an hour a week , you can make a difference to our kids.



Breakfast Club is a place where children socialise with their peers, learn information about nutrition or participate in activities while enjoying a free nutritional breakfast.

If you can spare an hour a week, please join us simply fill in the reply slip below and return it to the school office.

Good Start Breakfast Club runs from 8:20am to 8:45am on Tuesdays & Thursdays
Helpers are required to set up and run the program from 8am - 9am.

The Good Start Breakfast Club program is sponsored by Australian Red Cross and Sanitarium in conjunction with Threads of Hope.

Please return the completed Reply Slip to school

Breakfast Club Helpers Expression of Interest

I am interested in helping the breakfast Club and will be available at 8am for (Please tick/circle):

One morning a fortnight _____ Please circle the day you prefer: Tuesday Thursday

One morning a week _____ Please circle the day you prefer: Tuesday Thursday

Two mornings a week _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact No.: _____ Date: _____

Stepping Stones Triple P

Supports Families with Special Needs



Supermarket meltdowns?
Mealtime tantrums?
Bedtime battles?

When you're the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability, sometimes life can be extra challenging.

This three-week Stepping Stones Triple P parenting program gives you tips and strategies to manage the big and small problems of family life.

It helps encourage behaviour you like, cope with stress and teach your child new skills.



When: Monday, 5 March 18 (Total 3 weeks)

Time: 9:15am – 11:45am

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centre
(on grounds of The Meadows Public School, Fuller Street Seven Hills)

Cost: Free

Child Care: Limited free child care is available on request.

This program is brought to you by The Meadows SaCC in partnership with Northcott.
For further enquiries, please phone 9896 7514

For registration, please fill in the following Reply Slip and return it to your school office.
Places are limited places - First in first served

Stepping Stone – Triple P

Name of Parent/Carer: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Number: Mob _____ Home _____

Do you require child care? Yes / No (please circle)

Name: Child 1.) _____ Age: ____ Child 2.) Name _____ Age: ____