

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Issue 3 - Term 1 - Week 6

Friday, 9th March 2018

Canteen & School Uniform Shop

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Uniform Shop open 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 7

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

Week 8

Friday, 23 rd March	Summer PSSA
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Week 9

Friday, 30 th March	Easter – Good Friday
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Week 10

Monday, 2 nd April	Easter Monday
Wednesday, 4 th April	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 6 th April	Summer PSSA Final Round

Week 11

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

School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos for 2018 are taking place next **Tuesday 13th March**. All students are expected to wear full summer school uniform including the WHITE polo shirt.

P&C News

Our next P&C 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**.

Please be aware that in order to vote at the 2018 election, you needed to be present (or have given apologies) at the first P&C meeting in February and you also need to be a financial member, paying the 2018 membership fee of \$2. Please see Mr Staveley or our P&C Treasurer Aly Giordano to pay the membership fee by no later than next Monday, 12th March.

Our P&C Easter Raffle draw is fast approaching. The draw will take place at our annual Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 29th March. Families have been asked to bring in a small donation of chocolate eggs, lollies or even a small soft toy to go into our raffle prize baskets. Raffle tickets will be sent home next Monday. They will cost 50 cents each or 5 for \$2.

National Day of Action against Bullying

Let's get ready to say 'Bullying. No Way!' on Friday, 16th March 2018. Our school will proudly stand united with schools across Australia on this day to mark the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

The NDA provides our school the opportunity to stand together on this important issue and help ignite thoughtful and positive discussions about bullying and ways we can work as a community to address it.



I'm proud our school community will be sending a powerful message, along with other Australian schools, that bullying and violence in or outside the classroom, are not okay at any time. Through positive action we can make a real change. Teachers are planning some key lessons and discussions to lead on the day to ensure our students work together to eliminate any instances of bullying at school. Look out for further news on how we promoted this National Day of Action in the next newsletter and also on Facebook.

NAPLAN Online

In 2018, our school moves from pencil and paper NAPLAN tests to NAPLAN Online. The official NAPLAN Online assessment will take place in Term 2. However, this term, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing a coordinated practice test between 20-22 March. Please note that results will not be provided for this practice test.

Girls' Dress

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to the survey regarding the possible inclusion of a new **optional** uniform item for girls – a school dress. 96% of families voted in favour of the inclusion of the dress and the dresses have now been ordered. The dress (pictured below) will be on sale at our school canteen uniform shop from the start of next term for \$40 each.



Aiden Garcia & Tithu Saha– Rugby League Success

Congratulations to Aiden Garcia and Tithu Saha who have been selected in the Seven Hills / Wentworthville Combined Zone representative team to play in the Sydney West Regional Primary School Rugby League Championships. We wish Aiden and Tithu every success in their sporting endeavours.

Rugby League

Congratulations to Mr Lambeth and his team of SUPERSTARS who had a successful day at the Peter Wynn 7-a-side Rugby League Gala Day. Check out Mr Lambeth's report further into the newsletter.

Student Medications

This is just a reminder to all families that under no circumstances are students to bring medications to school in their bags. This includes Panadol and Nurofen, or anti-biotics they may be taking. Medications left in students' bags may accidentally be taken by other students causing serious illness. If your child does require medication to be administered by school staff, a form must be completed and signed then returned to the office.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Would your child like to win a Toys R Us voucher valued at \$30? Taylen from 3/4B knows that feeling of success after he claimed the voucher prize from our last edition of the Meadows Mag!

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 simply complete a find-a-word to have a ticket in the prize draw. Please see this week's Fun Page at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



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on FACEBOOK!**





CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 5

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Aaron Issa
KR	Charlie Gabriel
1/2L	Havin Javin Rayan
1/2R	Aakanksha Jasmine M.
1/2S	Abby Aiden
3/4B	Allissa Levi
3/4F	Leila Hugo
3/4T	Savannah Shaun
3-6L	Shyeka Jordan
5/6KB	Precious Liam
5/6P	Aarav Priyanshi

Week 6

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Samrin Vidwath
KR	Adyaan Nicola
1/2L	Gurveen Sahayata
1/2R	Jasmine D. Vishwa
1/2S	Demirhan Luke
3/4B	Hari Shiv
3/4F	Jayden Shanika
3/4T	Kaylee Keane
3-6L	Monica William
5/6KB	Alex Tahi
5/6P	Cody Dylan

Kookaburra Pins

(Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

Blue

Ackland
Levi
Varsha

Yellow

Havin
Tiahna

Purple

Michael

Gold
Timothy

Platinum
Elexi

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 6 & 10

Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Heli	Kindergarten	Sofie
Year 1	Domonic	Year 1	Ackland
Year 2	Christian	Year 2	Jasper
Year 3	Uday-Sing	Year 3	Ria
Year 4	Jhayde	Year 4	Jared
Year 5	Elexi	Year 5	Mahi
Year 6	Varsha	Year 6	Kianna

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



Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
School Photos	Tuesday, 13 th March	Please complete envelope provided.	Friday, 9 th March
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
Year 6 Shirts	Term 2	\$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

School Photographs

Our school photos will be held on Tuesday, 13th March for all students.

All classes will have a group photo and each student an individual photo taken during the day, whether they have paid for photos or not. Please complete your child's envelope, if you wish to order a photo package and return it sealed to the office as soon as possible, with the correct money.

All envelopes MUST be returned even if you do not wish to order a photo package.

If you would like to order sibling photos please see the front office ladies for a separate order envelope.

All students must wear their school summer uniform - white shirt and blue shorts.

NO sports uniforms please.



The Meadows Public School will celebrate Harmony Day on **Thursday, 22nd March.**

This year students will be participating in mixed whole school activities, such as sport, art, music, dancing all day, finishing off with a special whole school ceremony at the end of the day.

As part of the celebration, students are asked to dress in Orange, the colour which represents Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are looking forward to a wonderful day.

P&C Easter Raffle

Tickets are now selling in the P&C Easter Raffle for 50c each or 5 tickets for \$2

Please support the P&C by selling as many of your raffle tickets as you can to your friends, family and neighbours.

All funds raised go directly to our school.

Return all tickets (sold and unsold) with the money to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, 28th March.**



Prize winners will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade in the school hall on March 29th.

Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, and lollies are still being gratefully accepted by the office ladies.

CommonwealthBank



School Banking

is on Wednesday

Peter Wynn 7s Gala Day

Wednesday, 7th March 2018

The Meadows have done it again! Undefeated despite being a brand new team including a number of students who had not played Rugby League before.



Great success against Rouse Hill, Bert Oldfield, Toongabbie and Granville South Public Schools with excellent defence and determined attacking on the field.

Our "off field" performance was also recognised by teachers, parents and NRL Staff who complimented TMPS on their positive, supportive attitude and exceptional behaviour.

It was such a privilege to accompany these players to Binalong Oval and a special thanks to the parents who came to support our school representatives.

Mr Lambeth ☺



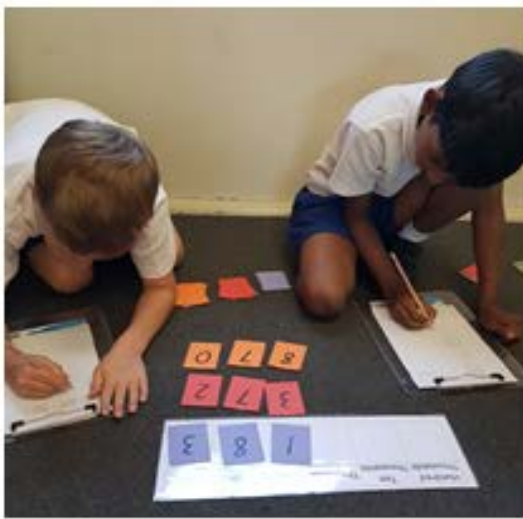
Clean up Australia Day 2018

The staff and students at The Meadows spent last Friday out in the playground collecting rubbish within the school grounds. Students showed great enthusiasm towards this task and enjoyed working in groups with their peers from other classes.



3/4 F

3/4 F have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in well. Students have enjoyed playing lots of maths games to enhance their number sense and their ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with others.



We have been learning to read and order 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers from smallest to largest.



3/4 F

We have been learning to count on and off the decade and to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Students then consolidated this knowledge by creating games using a snakes and ladders format and negotiated the rules with each other.



They have enjoyed working with different people and in a flexible working space.

In 3/4 T we have been engaging in STEAM challenges. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. Through these challenges we are learning to take thoughtful risks, engage in experimental learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process.

We are the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

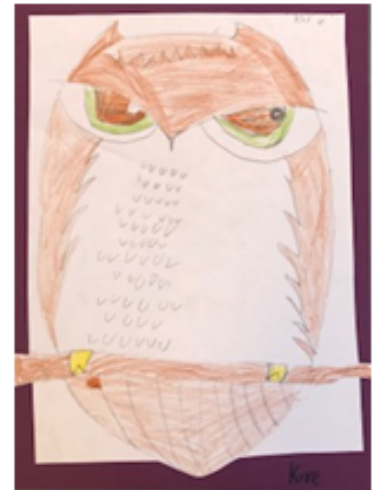


STRAW RAFTSTEM CHALLENGE

- Using ten straws and 25cm of cling wrap, can you make a boat that can hold 10 counters without sinking?

Students in 3/4 T testing to see if their straw rafts are successful!





3/4 T



3/4 T have been studying the book 'Owl Moon'.

We have used this book as our focus text in English and also as inspiration in Creative Arts for our sketches of an owl and a moon. We love bringing creativity and literacy together. It gives us the chance to bring the subject to life and really get involved in a story!

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

MONEY AT SCHOOL

We impress upon children not to leave money in school bags or classrooms as stolen money creates unhappiness and inconvenience.

PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS ETC.

When students are issued with a note for an excursion, carnivals, and other activities etc. they are to return the permission note & money in a plain envelope or plastic bag from home. Please write your child's name, class and what you are paying for on the envelope. We are happy to receive all your child's payments in one envelope, they do not need to be separate. We are also happy to receive sibling's payments in the same envelope.

If your child has not received a note due to being absent, please see your child's class teacher as they should have any notes that were not initially handed out.

All receipts for payments will be sent to your child's class during the day and handed back to the student the next day.

No change - no change will be given at the front office. As a school we bank daily, consequently we do not have change.

No late payments - please endeavour to make payments before the due date as paying on the due day could result in your child missing an activity. No late payments after the due date will be accepted.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Please proceed to the office for a late note before going to class.

EARLY LEAVERS

When signing children out early of an afternoon, for appointments etc., parents are asked to do so **before 2:40pm**. Students will not be signed out after this time as this causes disruption to the class teacher who is trying to finalise the day's lessons so students can leave on time.

MESSAGES REGARDING LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

Please phone **before 2:40pm** with any messages if you will be late picking up your child.


SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that the school car park is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. Parents are asked not to park in, or walk through the car park. The car park is a very busy place and we do not want to see any children or adults injured.

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 Appointment App or call Reception on 8822 3000

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Name: _____

Students Fun Page Teacher Search!



Can you find the 18 surnames of TEACHERS listed below?

If you find them all, bring in the finished find-a-word to Mr Staveley by next Friday to go into the draw for a special student prize!

S	A	B	C	D	O'	N	E	I	L	E	F	N	G	F
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STAVELEY	BAHAROGLU	DAWSON
CHOY	FOGG	ANDREWS
O'NEIL	THORNTON	REGAN
REARDON	LYON	BYUN
LAMBETH	KIRKLAND	Score = out of 18
REYES	BAKER	
SAMMUT	POLLEY	