

The Meadows Mag

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Calendar

Important Dates in Term 3, 2018

Week 5

ALL WEEK	Book Week & Book Fair
Tuesday, 21 st August	Pyjama Day – Yr 6 Fundraiser
Wednesday, 22 nd August	K-6 Assembly
Thursday, 23 rd August	Group Photo Day
Friday, 24 th August	Book Week Character Parade
Friday, 24 th August	Winter PSSA

Week 6

Thursday, 30 th August	Father's Day Stall
Friday, 31 st August	Father's Day Brekkie & Soccer
Friday, 31 st August	Warner Youth Education
Friday, 31 st August	Winter PSSA

Week 7

Tuesday, 4 th September	Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts
Thursday, 6 th September	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday, 7 th September	Winter PSSA

Week 8

Tuesday, 11 th September	P&C Meeting
Thursday, 13 th September	Whole School Performance
Friday, 14 th September	Footy Colours Mufti Day
Friday, 14 th September	NO PSSA !!!

Principal's Message Education Week Wrap

Last week was Education Week across New South Wales, a time to celebrate and acknowledge all of the great things about Public Education. I wish to personally thank all of the parents and carers who found some time to join us for Open Day, experience some time with your child or children in their classroom and enjoy our showcase assembly. Special thanks again to our P&C team for coordinating the BBQ sausage sizzle lunch on the day.

Education Week made me very proud. I'm always so proud of the 'have-a-go' attitude of our 235 students. A lot of our students don't play sport outside of school, don't dance outside of school and, aside from sing-alongs in the car, they probably don't sing to an audience outside of school. Yet, despite being relatively inexperienced in some of those areas, our students shone on the stage and on the sporting fields during Education Week. Our dance groups were lively and energetic and our choirs, junior and senior, were in good voice, having a go at performing to a large audience of over 300. In Friday PSSA sport we experienced wins in all three sports, League-Tag, Netball and a history-making first win in soccer this season. And in all three sports we played against schools with much larger student populations!

The absolute highlight of the week was the performances of our choir and dance groups at the Westpoint Blacktown Education Week Concert. Our guys simply rocked and all in front of an excellent number of our parents and carers. Thank you for your support of our extra-curricular programs. It is all about providing opportunities for your children.

If you haven't as yet LIKED our official school Facebook page, (over 350 people have), NOW is the TIME! So many photos of events across Education Week have been published along with a video with highlights from the first 6 months of the year. LIKE our page and take a look for yourself!

Staffing News

As the parents of 3/4H have been aware, Mr Hobby has been away these past two weeks eagerly awaiting the birth of his first child. It's my pleasure to share the news that Mr and Mrs Hobby welcomed a son into the world on **Monday, 13th August** with the safe arrival of Clifton Luis Hobby. Congratulations to the Hobby family. Mr Hobby will be enjoying some special time with his family over the next few weeks and Mr Joel Lofong (Monday-Thursday) and Mrs Sera Dawson (Fridays) will continue to teach 3/4H in his absence.



Today, we farewell our Learning and Support Teacher Mrs Suchita Andrews, who has gained a permanent position at Barnier Public School at Quakers Hill. We wish Mrs Andrews every success in her new position and thank her for her contribution to The Meadows Public School across the past 18 months. Ms Naz Judd will replace Mrs Andrews for the remainder of the 2018 school year.

This term we have welcomed another new member of staff, Mr Tim Gleeson as our Student Wellbeing Support Officer, also known as a School Chaplain. Tim will be working with classes, small groups and individual students who need some extra support with social skills, anxiety and some extra guidance and simply someone to talk to every Tuesday and Friday. You can also meet and greet Tim at Breakfast Club each and every Tuesday morning.

Whole School Performance

All teachers and students are FULL STEAM AHEAD right now as we enter the final few weeks of preparations before our much-anticipated Whole School Performance on Thursday, 13th September. As was the case in 2014 and 2016, this will be an evening performance held at The Hills Sports High School. Every student is expected to participate and tickets have been on sale for a week with excellent sales to date. Additionally this year, a professionally-produced DVD showing the entire concert will be available to purchase for \$25. Next Tuesday, all families will receive a special order envelope so keep an eye out for it!

Group Photos

A separate note was sent home today to all families regarding special group photos. These will take place next Thursday, 23rd August and will involve all student leadership groups, sports teams, choirs and dance groups. Mr Hobby will also come in for a photo as the permanent teacher of 3/4H and the Year 6 Group photo will also be taken.

Book Week

Next week is BOOK WEEK. The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library next week with books available to purchase from our Magical Librarian Miss Byun from 8:20-8:45am and 2:50-3:20pm each day next week. The absolute highlight of Book Week will be our Character Parade next Friday, 24th August at 9:30am in the hall. The teachers have a BIG surprise this year and we hope all parents and carers can make it to this much-loved event!

Kinder Enrolments for 2019

Do you have a younger child ready to start Kinder at The Meadows PS next year? Or do you know someone in the neighbourhood who has? If so, please come along or invite your neighbours to come along and commence the enrolment process NOW! We already have over 30 students enrolled for Kinder in 2019 but we are eager to make it to at least 40 before Kindergarten Orientation starts in Term 4. Please make all enquiries through Mrs Anderson at the front office.

Student's FUN Page

There is no fun page this week, but just like the previous newsletter, there is a series of 5 Maths questions. There will be 5 more questions in Week 6, completing a total of 15 questions that need to be answered to have the chance of winning a Hoyts Movie Voucher valued at \$50. Did you write the answers to the questions in the Week 2 newsletter? Simply write the answers to all 15 questions on a separate piece of paper and hand it in with your name on it after the release of this term's 3rd newsletter!

Here are this week's 5 questions:

$$15 + 7 =$$

$$20 - 6 =$$

$$4 \text{ groups of } 6 =$$

$$\text{Half of } 16 =$$

Finish the pattern: 100, 99, 97, 94, 90, _____ .

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Salvador Vidwath
KR	Adyaan Sienna
1/2L	Chloe Sahayata
1/2R	Damien Pratyush
1/2S	Isla Jaxson
3/4B	Jhayde Shiv
3/4H	Mishaal Zac
3/4T	Melisa Hassan
3-6L	Nikiah
5/6KB	Jordan Telykah
5/6P	Ella Muddthir

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Dhruv Kavya
KR	Vihaan Mina
1/2L	Darius Khaled
1/2R	Mohammed Sienna
1/2S	Domonic Tiahna
3/4B	Allissa Taylen
3/4H	Kaleisha Marcus
3/4T	Azlan Riley
3-6L	Monica
5/6KB	Shihab Zane
5/6P	Dominic Sadiq

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



Lost Property

Have you lost a jumper or jacket?
Have you checked in Lost Property?
There's a good chance it's there.

Lost property is located outside the hall
or on Mr Polley's verandah (Block L)
each morning and afternoon.

If you find something in your size
without a name on it you may take it,
wash it and write your own name on it.



CommonwealthBank



**Did you know that you can do your
brother or sister's banking
at The Meadows ???**

**That's right, if your brother or sister
is in high school, or if they haven't
even started Kindy yet,
as long as they have a
Commonwealth Bank account
you can bring in their banking too.**



is on Wednesday

Education Week Highlights!

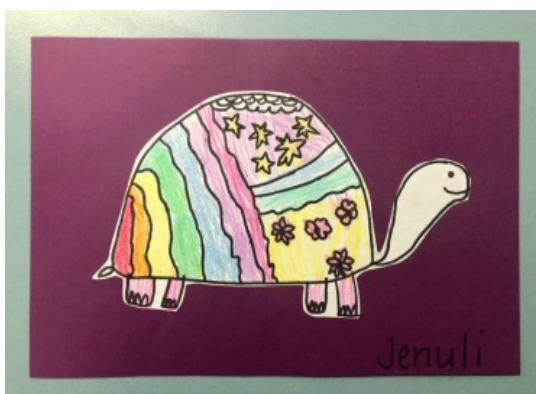


Operation Art Update

In Term 2, students participated in creating artworks for Operation Art.

Artworks by four of our students- **Jenuli** (KR), **Jared** (3/4B), **Melisa** (3/4T) and **Harriet** (5/6KB) - were selected to be displayed in exhibitions across NSW. These artworks will be on display at the Armory Gallery from **15 September** until **4 November**, **10am to 4pm** daily.

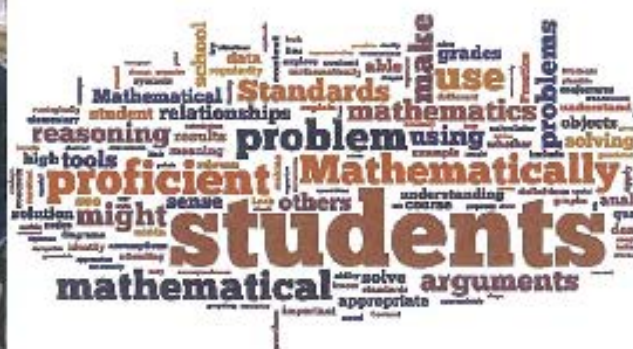
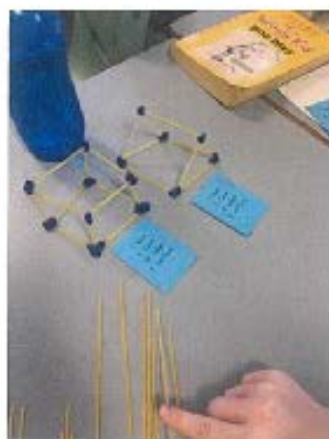
Armory Gallery Address:
Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park





LEARNING IN 5/6KB

This term, students in 5/6KB have been investigating the properties of 3D solids. During Open Classrooms, in Education Week, students had to use their prior knowledge to create 3D objects based on their characteristics and features. Students worked in pairs to collaborate, communicate, think critically and create their objects using playdough and spaghetti.



Worms, worms and more worms!



With the warmer weather approaching, it is time to start our worm farm by providing these friendly little wrigglers with food. All classes across the school will start filling up their compost buckets with food scraps to feed the worms. Students in s/c/b have been investigating the process of composting and that worms play a crucial part in turning food scraps into compost that can be used in our garden beds.



1. Mixing up coir peat and soil to create the ideal environment.



2. Pouring the base mixture into the bins to create a bed.



3. Placing shredded paper on top of the bed base.



4. Putting in the worms.



5. Sorting out the food scraps.



6. Feeding the worms.



7. Ensuring there is enough food for each bin.



8. Washing and drying out the buckets ready for distribution on Monday.





To the Book Fair and Beyond!

The Meadows Public School Book Fair is coming soon, so get ready for some out-of-this-world excitement! You'll go where no reader has gone before as you explore the coolest array of books in the cosmos. We'll be launching this stellar reading celebration in the Library during book week from **Monday, 20th August to Friday, 24th August**, before and after school. We're also having a special Book Character Parade on **Friday, 24th August**. This is one far-out event that you won't want to miss! All purchases go towards raising reward funds to add new books to our Library. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Miss Byun
(Book Fair Organiser)



Save the Date!

The Meadows Public School

will be holding a

Book Week Character Parade

WHEN: Friday, 24th August 9.30 a.m.

WHERE: Hall

WHO: Students, Parents, Friends & Grandparents

WHAT: All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

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



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PENRITH OBSERVATORY

What's On

Working and Observing at the Largest Telescopes in the World

Dr Caroline Foster

A personal story of my experience working and observing at some of the largest optical facilities in the world. I will discuss my time observing at the Keck, Subaru and Gemini telescopes on Mauna Kea, the Magellan telescopes on Las Campanas, Gemini on Cerro Pachon and the Very Large Telescope on Paranal in Chile; and ours truly (as well as a personal favourite), the Anglo Australian Telescope in Coonabarabran. I look forward to telling you what it's like having spent hundreds of sleepless nights under some of the most pristine skies, at brain numbing altitudes with lunar landscapes!
Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

Saturday
8 September
7pm - 9pm
Astronomy Night

Saturday
22 September
7pm - 9pm
Astronomy Night


From Chaos to Cosmos: How the Ancient Greeks saw the Universe

Dr Chris Matthew

Every ancient culture gazed up into the night sky and tried to understand what they were seeing. Yet despite this widespread form of enquiry across history, the foundations of modern astronomy are predominantly Greek in origin. Even the very word 'astronomy' is Greek. This presentation examines what some of the ancient Greeks did to not only understand what they observed in the heavens, but also the ways in which some of the conclusions reached by the ancient Greeks are very 'modern' in terms of understanding our place in the universe.
Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

FAMILY FUN DAY
at the New South Wales Parliament
October School Holidays!


FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER
10 AM TO 3 PM



Sausage Sizzle
\$3.00
per person

Free fun educational activities
at Australia's oldest Parliament
for children from 4 to 12 years.


Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.



FREE ENTRY
Activities
10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location
6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

The public café
will be open.

 **FREE ENTRY • All Welcome**
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6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

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THE GERM PATH

Help reduce the spread of germs by proper hand washing and communicating to children and families how germs are spread.



IT'S IN YOUR HANDS

Hands to Food: If a food preparer does not wash their hands after using the toilet, germs are passed along to the people who eat the food.

Hands to Self: Germs are picked up every day — from doorknobs, toilet seats, objects or other people. They pass onto you when you touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Food to Hands and Other Food:

Germs can be transmitted from raw, uncooked food to hands and other food, if they share the same preparation surface and tools. This is called cross-contamination.

Hands to Others: Germs can be spread to the hands by sneezing or coughing and then touching other people or surfaces.