

The Meadows Mag

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Before & After School Care  Enrolments can be made online at: www.squiggler.com.au/enrol-now/ or for more information contact Urvashi Barot on 0481 229 280	Uniform Shop Uniforms are sold in the canteen Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:20am - 9am Payment by cash & cheque at school OR prepay online using MasterCard Visa or 

Calendar

Important Dates in Term 3, 2018

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	<u>NO</u> PSSA !!!

Week 9

Wednesday, 19 th September	Regional Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 20 th September	P&C Thirsty Thursday
Friday, 21 st September	Summer PSSA

Week 10

Wednesday, 26 th September	K-6 Assembly
Thursday, 27 th September	Stage 3 Excursion
Friday, 28 th September	Summer PSSA

Principal's Message

Happy Father's Day

I would like to wish all the dads and male carers in our school community a very Happy Father's Day for this Sunday. We recognised our dads this morning with a Father and Child BBQ Breakfast followed by some Father and Child soccer fun on our top fields. A huge thank you to the excellent number of dads (over 60 at last count) who joined in the fun and games. Your role in the life of your child can never be underestimated. Please see our Facebook page across the weekend for some action photos from this event.

SASS Staff Recognition Week

Schools across NSW will be celebrating SASS (School Administration and Support Staff) Recognition Week next week from 3-7 September. We are blessed to have an outstanding SASS staff team at The Meadows consisting of our office team, Michelle Harrison, Wendy Anderson and Karen Smith, our teachers' aides (SLSOs) Georgina Crepaz, Tash Holden and Julie Cook, our Aboriginal Education Officer Brooke Burton, our General Assistant Phil Bryan, our Student Wellbeing Officer, Tim Gleeson and our Canteen Supervisor Sandra Warren. Take the time to thank these individuals on a regular basis for the key roles they play in our school team. A special series of profile pages for our SASS staff appear further into this newsletter. Enjoy getting to know our SASS team by reading their profiles!

Book Week

Our Book Week was a MAJOR SUCCESS! The Scholastic Book Fair in the library was the most successful in recent memory. Thanks to all who purchased a book as our school will receive a healthy commission based on total sales. The absolute highlight of Book Week was our Character Parade last Friday. We have the BEST STAFF at The Meadows and all contributed to the atmosphere of the day with a unified team effort presenting a costume tribute to the written work of JK Rowling and the Harry Potter series of modern classic novels. A big thank you to all students – you too looked wonderful in your book character costumes, and a final thanks to the 100+ parents who witnessed a wonderful parade and a dash of A-class acting as well!

Whole School Performance

All teachers and students are FULL STEAM AHEAD right now as we enter the final two 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 fortnight with excellent sales to date. Indeed, approximately three-quarters of the 360 seats have been sold already!

Additionally this year, a professionally produced DVD showing the entire concert will be available to purchase for \$25. Last Tuesday, all families received a special order envelope. Please place your order with Mrs Anderson at the front office.

Notes sent home

I spoke at length to our students at assembly this week to encourage all of their parents to please improve the response to notes sent home.

Generally, your child will receive notes on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please check your child's bag on these days. We NEED information and permission notes for various events and your promptness in returning notes really helps with our organisation. Teachers simply do not have time to continually be giving out notes and calling home to chase up student permission forms.

On a very bright note I must CONGRATULATE EVERY STUDENT in 5/6D. All 30 students in Mrs Dawson's class have already returned their permission notes to walk up to the Hills Sports HS for our rehearsals in the next two weeks. EVERY STUDENT in the school needs to return this permission note as EVERY STUDENT is involved in our Whole School Performance. Please return this note next Monday or Tuesday at the very latest.

We appreciate your cooperation in regards to the prompt return of ALL notes from this point on.

Stewart House Clothing Bags

Each family has been sent home a Stewart House clothing bag today. Please return any unwanted clothes that are still in good condition in the bag to school by Monday, 24th September. The bags can be left each morning in front of the bi-fold door of the assembly hall. They will be collected by Year 6 students to be stored until they are collected by Stewart House.

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 2 newsletters, there is a series of 5 Maths questions. These questions complete 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 for the Week 2 and Week 4 newsletters? Simply write the answers to all 15 questions on a separate piece of paper and hand it in with your name on it by next Friday, 7 September when a draw for the winner will take place!

Here's this week's 5 questions:

How many seconds in a minute? _____

How many minutes in an hour? _____

How many hours in a day? _____

How many weeks in a year? _____

How many days in 2018? _____

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal

HAVE YOU TOLD US?

If you have changed:

- ◆ Your address,
- ◆ Your home phone number,
- ◆ Your mobile phone number,
- ◆ Your work contact number,
- ◆ An emergency contact if you are unavailable.



Please notify the school as soon as possible so our records are accurate and we can reach you in case of an emergency.



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 5

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Aaron Zyana
KR	Charlie Rua
1/2L	Ackland Javin
1/2R	Mohamed Sydney
1/2S	Abby Luke
3/4B	Beren Shaza
3/4H	Jaydn Ryan
3/4T	Hrishi Jordan
3-6L	Timothy
5/6KB	James Sierra
5/6P	Aarav Ashton

Week 6

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Sofie Katie
KR	Bahar Isha
1/2L	Kaleaha Imagine
1/2R	Siyana Mason
1/2S	Aiden Esha
3/4B	Nathan Raina
3/4H	Jayden Shanika
3/4T	Kaylee Savannah
3-6L	William
5/6KB	Harriet Thivakar
5/6P	Cody Sabhyata

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 5 & 10

Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Ysabelle
Year 1	Arshpreet
Year 2	Jaxson
Year 3	Lydia
Year 4	Anna
Year 5	Jacob
Year 6	Tithu

Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Roaa
Year 1	Vedanshi
Year 2	Sehej
Year 3	Maddison
Year 4	Nikiah
Year 5	Mahi
Year 6	Varsha

Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

Blue

Roaa
Jacob R.
Zane

Yellow

Vedanshi
Abby
Shiv

Purple

Jaxson
Vishwa

Orange

Anna

GOLD

Tia

**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 Ms Dawson'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.



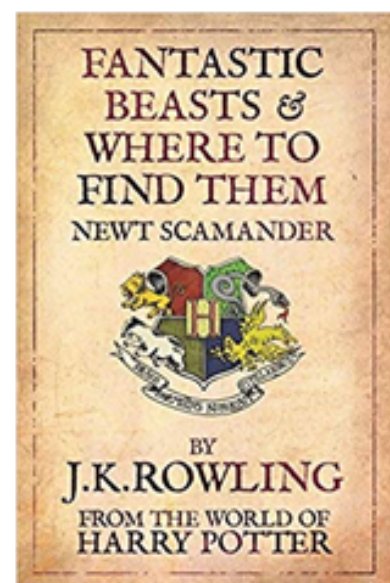
3/4B's Fantastic Beasts

Our class have been reading JK Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

We thought it would be a great idea to design and make our own fantastic beasts.

First we designed what we wanted our beasts to look like. Then we gathered materials and started building. We used papier mache to create the shapes and used paints, glitter and other materials to design our wings, tails and facial features.

We were really proud to display our fantastic beasts at the Book Character Parade and we think they look GREAT!





MULTIPLICATION CHALLENGE in 3/4T

In 3/4T we have started a Multiplication Challenge! The students have been learning to recall multiplication facts and when they have successfully memorised each set of facts, their name is added to the Multiplication Challenge wall.

Learning multiplication and memorising the times tables are building blocks for other math topics taught in school - higher learning such as division, long multiplication, fractions and algebra. Knowing your multiplication facts is helpful not only in academics; we frequently use multiplication in our daily lives. We might need it when doubling a recipe, determining a discount at a store or figuring out our expected arrival time when travelling.

3/4 T have made it a priority to practise their multiplication facts daily. Our ultimate goal is that each student will have their name added to each fact by the end of the year!



Celebrating SASS (School Administration and Support Staff) Recognition Week Getting to know our SUPER SASS STAFF at The Meadows PS!



Michelle Harrison
School Admin Manager

What I love about my job	The kids' innocence who have everything to achieve ahead of them.
The job I wanted as a child	Teacher/Nurse
Favourite Sports Team	Giants Netball
Favourite Movie	Brave Heart
Favourite TV Show	Big Bang Theory
Favourite Singer / Band	Bruce Springsteen
Favourite Book as a child	Charlotte's Web
Favourite Holiday Destination	Hawaii
Favourite Food	Anything I don't have to cook
An Autograph you really want to get	Admire people achieving great things but don't need their autograph.
What scares you most?	Not scared of anything haha



Wendy Anderson
School Admin Officer

What I love about my job	Helping the teachers, and when the students visit me in the office.
The job I wanted as a child	Air Force Pilot
Favourite Sports Team	Matildas
Favourite Movie	Forrest Gump and Grease
Favourite TV Show	Survivor
Favourite Singer / Band	INXS
Favourite Book as a child	A big book of Fairy Tales my aunt gave me.
Favourite Holiday Destination	I'm always looking to try somewhere new.
Favourite Food	Italian
An Autograph you really want to get	Roger Federer
What scares you most?	I'm not telling.



Karen Smith
School Admin Officer (Tuesdays & Fridays)

What I love about my job	Every day is different
The job I wanted as a child	Sports Journalist
Favourite Sports Team	Giants Netball
Favourite Movie	Calamity Jane
Favourite TV Show	Ninja Warrior – I love to watch it with my children
Favourite Singer / Band	U2
Favourite Book as a child	Baby Sitter's Club
Favourite Holiday Destination	Anywhere where there is a beach!
Favourite Food	Italian
An Autograph you really want to get	JK Rowling – I love the Harry Potter books ☺
What scares you most?	Spiders!!

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Georgina Crepaz
School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

What I love about my job	I love seeing students achieve their goals.
The job I wanted as a child	Teacher
Favourite Sports Team	Parramatta Eels
Favourite Movie	Wizard of Oz
Favourite TV Show	The Brady Bunch
Favourite Singer / Band	AC/DC
Favourite Book as a child	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Favourite Holiday Destination	Disneyland
Favourite Food	Thai
An Autograph you really want to get	Oprah Winfrey
What scares you most?	Great white sharks



Tash Holden
SLSO

What I love about my job	I love seeing kids achieve something for the first time, that moment when they finally understand how to do a problem in Maths, write a story they are proud of or just get up and have a go.
The job I wanted as a child	Police officer
Favourite Sports Team	Sharks (Rugby) Port Adelaide Power (AFL)
Favourite Movie	As a child it was The Neverending Story
Favourite TV Show	Any sport
Favourite Singer / Band	Pink
Favourite Book as a child	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Favourite Holiday Destination	Anywhere in Asia
Favourite Food	Pasta
An Autograph you really want to get	-
What scares you most?	Losing my kids



Julie Cook
SLSO

What I love about my job	I love helping people
The job I wanted as a child	Flight Attendant
Favourite Sports Team	NSW Blues
Favourite Movie	Thor Ragnarok
Favourite TV Show	Red Dwarf
Favourite Singer / Band	Metallica
Favourite Book as a child	Grimm's Fairy Tales
Favourite Holiday Destination	The Cook Islands
Favourite Food	Barramundi and chips
An Autograph you really want to get	The Queen
What scares you most?	Heights

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Meiha Cheung
School as Community Centre (SaCC)
Facilitator

What I love about my job	Connecting to families, sharing their life experience and the positive changes in life.
The job I wanted as a child	Nurse
Favourite Sports	Table Tennis, Swimming
Favourite Movie	E. T.
Favourite TV Show	Modern Family
Favourite Singer / Band	Fleetwood Mac
Favourite Book as a child	Cinderella
Favourite Holiday Destination	South America
Favourite Food	Curry
An Autograph you really want to get	The Pope
What scares you most?	Snakes



Brooke Burton
Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO)


What I love about my job	I love that I get to know lots of students very well.
The job I wanted as a child	I wanted to be a teacher
Favourite Sports Team	North Queensland Cowboys
Favourite Movie	The Blind Side
Favourite TV Show	Keep Up with the Kardashians
Favourite Singer / Band	Kanye West
Favourite Book as a child	Possum Magic
Favourite Holiday Destination	Hawaii
Favourite Food	Fettuccine Boscaiola
An Autograph you really want to get	The Queen
What scares you most?	Crocodiles



Phil Bryan
General Assistant

What I love about my job	Improving our School
The job I wanted as a child	School Principal
Favourite Sports Team	South Sydney Rabbitohs
Favourite Movie	The Hangover
Favourite TV Show	Have You Been Paying Attention
Favourite Singer / Band	Mark Gable / Choirboys
Favourite Book as a child	Jungle Book
Favourite Holiday Destination	U.S.A
Favourite Food	Anything my wife cooks
An Autograph you really want to get	Peyton Manning
What scares you most?	My wife being unable to cook

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 <div> <h3>Tim Gleeson</h3> <h4>Student Wellbeing Support Officer</h4> </div>	
What I love about my job	1. Investing my time in students who need encouragement and support. 2. Laughing.
The job I wanted as a child	I wanted to make video games
Favourite Sports Team	Essendon Bombers (AFL) Boston Celtics (NBA)
Favourite Movie	Men in Black
Favourite TV Show	Adventure Time
Favourite Singer / Band	Emery
Favourite Book as a child	Goosebumps
Favourite Holiday Destination	South Pacific Islands
Favourite Food	Pizza!!!
An Autograph you really want to get	Lebron James
What scares you most?	The unknown

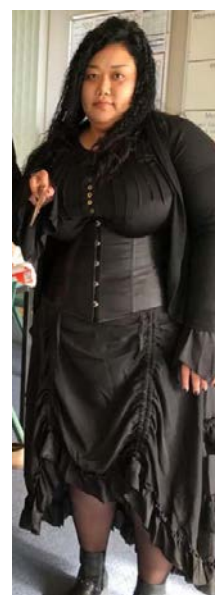
 <div> <h3>Sandra Warren</h3> <h4>Canteen Supervisor</h4> </div>	
What I love about my job	Communicating with the children
The job I wanted as a child	Pre-School teacher
Favourite Sports Team	South Sydney Rabbitohs
Favourite Movie	Dirty Dancing
Favourite TV Show	Mrs Brown's Boys
Favourite Singer / Band	Pink, Bon Jovi and many more!
Favourite Book as a child	Black Beauty
Favourite Holiday Destination	Gold Coast
Favourite Food	Chicken Caesar Salad
An Autograph you really want to get	Roger Federer
What scares you most?	The Dentist!!!

Thank you

Thank you to all of The Meadows Public School community for making the Book Fair an enormous success. \$1538 worth of books were sold during the week. A commission of \$384.50 has been credited and will be used to purchase more books for our library. It is with your continued support that we can instil a love of reading in all students.

Happy Reading!

Miss Byun





Farmers in Pyjamas

On Wednesday 29th August, our little school with a gigantic heart raised over \$400 to support our drought stricken farmers. Students dressed in mufti and donated money to this much needed cause. Year 6 students put their farewell to the side on this one occasion and selflessly as a stage decided to donate all money raised to fund drought relief. Thank you to all our wonderful families who supported this event.

Year 6 Teachers



NEW ENROLMENTS AND STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2019

To assist with planning staffing, accommodation and other resources for next year, we would ask that if you have a child who is due to start Kindergarten in 2019 or know of someone who is in area and has a child due to start Kindergarten please make sure to get your enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

Alternatively if you know that you will not be returning next year or that you will not be starting till later in the year because of a family holiday please complete the following forms and return them to the school office.

To: The Principal, The Meadows Public School

Pupils Name: _____ Class: _____

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Pupils Name: _____ Class: _____

LEAVERS



My child/children will not be attending The Meadows Public School in 2019. Last day of attendance:.....
Moving to..... (new school)

LATE RETURNERS



My child/children will be returning to The Meadows Public School on(Anticipated Date of Return) after the commencement of Term 1, 2019. (Tuesday, 29th January 2019) because.....

.....

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

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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The Meadows Supported Playgroup

It is free for families with children from 0 - 5.

Early Childhood Specialist provides onsite support for parents.

'Playing helps learning.' – Play is children's work.

Playgroup is a place designed to provide the opportunity for children to play, interact with other children, develop social skills and enhance early childhood development before they start school.



craft, outings, play and lots more.

Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other parents and children in a friendly environment.

Grandparents, uncles, aunts and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: The Meadows SaCC Community Centre
(Located at Fuller Street on the school grounds of The Meadows Public School Block I)

When: Fridays
Time: 9am - 11am

For more information, please phone 9896 7514. Or, simply turn up on a Friday.



Free GetStarted Zumba

A Social Group for Women



GetStarted Zumba is a social group designed to enhance health and general wellbeing for women and their families.

Zumba classes (10:30am - 11:30am) are designed for all levels and are led by a qualified Zumba instructor.

It is a fun way to keep fit and meet new friends, share ideas and experiences, learn new skills and receive relevant information!

Social group (9am - 10:30am), we focus on relaxation, self-care and creativity. Some of the activities we do include: mediation, floral arranging, art and craft, we have guest speakers, or sometimes just chat over a cup of coffee.

When: Tuesdays
Time: 9:00am - 11:30am
(Zumba 10:30am - 11:30am)
Where: Meet in SaCC Room (Block I)
(in the grounds of The Meadows PS, Fuller Street, Seven Hills)

Limited free child care places are available upon request. Please phone for child care arrangement or just show up on the day if child care is not required.



For more information, please phone 9896 7514.

Would you have an hour a week to spare?

Breakfast Club needs your help!

Just an hour a week can make a big difference to our students.

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

More than 50% of our students have participated and enjoyed a healthy Breakfast.



Please join this rewarding program, giving just one hour a week can make a difference to our students and the community.



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

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: _____