

The Meadows Mag

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Calendar

Important Dates in Term 4, 2018

Week 5

Tuesday, 13 th November	P&C Meeting 9:00am
Tuesday, 13 th November	Grandparents Day 10:00am
Wednesday, 14 th November	K-6 Assembly
Thursday, 15 th November	Ready, Set, Kindy Session 2
Thursday, 15 th November	Yr 6 Seymour Centre Excursion
Friday, 16 th November	Summer PSSA
Friday, 16 th November	Movie Night !!!

Week 6

Thursday, 22 nd November	Ready, Set, Kindy Session 3
Friday, 23 rd November	Summer PSSA Final Round

Week 7

Monday, 26 th November	White Ribbon Day
Tuesday, 27 th November	3-6L Cares Bike Safety Excur.
Thursday, 29 th November	Years 3&4 Field of Mars Excur.
Thursday, 29 th November	Ready, Set, Kindy Session 4 & Parent Information Meeting

Principal's Message

2019 School Planning

Things are certainly gaining momentum in terms of planning classes and school structures for 2019. With that in mind, it is imperative that we are kept informed of any planned movement of families for 2019. If you know you are moving out of area or to another school next year, please ensure you have told the ladies in the front office. Likewise, if you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2019 and you are yet to enrol, please commence the enrolment process at the office now. Our Kinder orientation process started yesterday.

Movie Night!

Our P&C Movie Night is just 1 week away!!! 'Rock Dog' will be showing on a gigantic inflatable screen with a premium sound system on our top field on Friday, 16th November at 7:30pm.

The gates will now open at 5:30pm (originally advertised as 6:00pm) as we have several more rounds of the chocolate wheel to get through than first anticipated. We have an excellent range of prizes up for grabs in this popular form of pre-show entertainment!

There's also the chance to make a purchase from the outstanding range of food stalls we will have on the night including a sausage sizzle, hot chips, ice creams, lollies, popcorn, fairy floss, slushies and cold drinks as well as coffee, tea and hot chocolate. There will also be a range of glow products on sale on the night! So bring a blanket along or your favourite camp chair and get ready for the night of the year! Tickets are just \$3 each. A ticket order note was sent home earlier this week and you can also purchase your tickets in person in the school playground from one of the P&C ladies each afternoon.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors of this event. You can see full pages dedicated to our Movie Night Sponsors further into this newsletter!

Camping News

Congratulations to the 41 students from Stage 3 who enjoyed an epic 3 days of outdoor adventure at the Berry Sport and Recreation Camp last week. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school, demonstrating exemplary behaviour throughout their stay. All had plenty of 'have a go' spirit and were willing to

try lots of challenging outdoor pursuits such as water rafting and the high ropes course for the first time. We appreciate the efforts of Mrs Kirkland, Mrs Baker and our school chaplain Tim who worked tirelessly to ensure the 2018 camping experience was a real success!

Our proposed camping program across 2019-2020 looks as follows: In 2019, our Stage 3 students will enjoy a trip to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains, most likely in Term 3. In 2020, we will return to Berry in Term 4. While that all seems like a long time away, we all know how time flies!

Talented students out and about!

Congratulations to Leila, Zac, Naomi and Sadiq who represented our school with pride at the Blacktown Learning Community Public Speaking Competition Finals this week. Some great future leaders right there who have worked hard to really develop their public speaking skills!

Another awesome bunch of talented students attended Vardy's Road Public School on Thursday afternoon for the Blacktown Learning Community's Coding and Robotics Expo and Tournament. Congratulations to Zach, Tahj, Zane, Seth, Varsha, Timothy and Dylan for all of their efforts in preparation and also their excellent teamwork on the day. To really understand what these clever guys were involved in, Miss Reyes has written a more detailed report further into this newsletter.

Grandparents Day

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating Grandparents Day next Tuesday, 13th November. The gates will open at 10:00am and all grandparents are invited to visit the classrooms of their grandkids. At approximately 10:30am, all grandparents and grandchildren will come together for a wonderful morning tea in our school hall. We look forward to seeing LOTS of grandparents at this much-loved event!

Community Grant Opportunity

Telstra Store at Seven Hills Plaza are already on board as one of our Gold Sponsors for our upcoming P&C Movie Night on Friday, 16th November. But wait, there's more!!

We have been selected as one of our three organisations up for voting in the Connected Community Grants program. As Principal, I nominated our school to be considered for a grant to aid the provision of new Mathematics resources for 2019.

On Friday, 16th November, in the Telstra Store at Seven Hills, voting for the most popular cause will kick off. We are up against Parklea Public School and the Common Groundz Community Café.

Telstra Store Seven Hills will have an iPad instore at which shoppers can select the organisation that they would like to win \$1000. All the computers in the store will rotate images of the three organisations. After the voting period is over, Telstra Store will calculate the responses and the organisation/cause with the highest number of votes will win \$1000. The second highest wins \$300 and the organisation with the third highest will win \$200. So everyone wins!

Remember, voting opens on Friday, 16th November and closes on Friday, 14th December! So get into the Telstra Store at Seven Hills Plaza and Vote for The Meadows Public School!

P&C Meeting

Just a reminder that our final P&C Meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday, 13th November at 9:00am in the staffroom. If you're considering joining the P&C next year, why not come along next Tuesday to see what we discuss at our monthly meetings! We always love to see new faces! Indeed, I challenge all of our regulars to bring a 'new friend' to this final meeting of the year!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



Excursions & Activities in Progress			
Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Grandparents Day	Tuesday, 13 th Nov.	FREE	RSVP by 12 th Nov.
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$10 Term	Now
Seymour Centre Yr 6	Thursday, 15 th Nov.	FREE	Now
P&C Movie Night	Friday, 16 th Nov.	\$3 beforehand \$5 on the night	Friday 16 th Nov.
3-6L CARES Bike Safety	Tuesday, 27 th Nov.	FREE	Now
Field of Mars	Thursday, 29 th Nov.	\$30	Friday, 23 rd Nov.



Have you registered yet???

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on 7th December 2018 starting at 1:30pm

Create a **Student Profile Page** at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are some great features - record your sponsorships and select your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising (the average amount raised per student who has done the Run4Fun in Australia is \$120). This is the easiest way to help your child raise money for our school and reach their fundraising prize goals.



Watch this video and see how much fun you can have.

There will be ten obstacles set up for MAXIMUM FUN !!!

<https://starlight.org.au/events/the-color-run>

Any questions please see Mrs Baker or Mr Hobby

3/4B – Beep Test Training!

We have been doing the Beep Test 3 times per week to increase our fitness levels. It is loads of fun!



We start with so many!

Then we drop off like flies!!



4... 3... 2



And then there was 1...

We are exhausted but it is so much fun!!



3/4 T – Beep Test Challenge!

3/4 T has been taking on the beep test 3 times per week to increase our fitness and challenge ourselves.

The great thing about this challenge is that it is not a race and the only competition is against your previous personal best score!



Everybody has a go and the students are so proud of themselves, and each other when they achieve a new personal best.



Slowly the running group gets smaller and the cheer squad gets bigger! We love to cheer each other on and share our achievements with each other!



3/4H



We have been doing our first coat of paint for our life-size egg carton Christmas tree project! Come and see our finished product at the end of the term!



Aunty Stella visited our class to share some inspiring and motivating thoughts and ideas. She shared some Aboriginal stories and perspectives and answered our questions about Aboriginal culture.



We have been exploring the idea of different types of communicators in our PBL lessons this term. Students now know the difference between Passive, Assertive & Aggressive communication. They have been identifying characters that display these communication types in the books we have been reading.

Integrating our 3D objects unit with our creative art by making a spooky 3D character chain for Halloween.



To finish off our 3D objects unit, we had a number of rotations to consolidate our understanding. This dominoes game was a hit!

Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Expo



On Thursday the 8th of November, seven students from The Meadows Public School Coding Club attended a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) expo. They also participated in a robotics tournament.



We got to try new robotics and virtual reality technology



We had to design and build a battle robot with limited resources to pop the balloons of other schools we played against in the tournament

We were so supportive of each other during our tournament



Last Thursday K-2 went on an excursion to The Maritime Museum Pirate School.



The students learnt how to be a pirate for the day. They attended a Prate school where they learnt a Pirate jig and some key pirate words. Each student also got given a Pirate name.





After Pirate School the students went on a treasure hunt throughout the museum and the Tall Ship.



Lastly we went on the Vampire Ship where students saw the big guns and sat in the captain's chair!



It was a fun, but exhausting, day had by all!





Stage 3 Camp

Berry Sport and Recreation Camp

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 1st, 41 Stage 3 students attended the Berry Sport and Recreation Camp. We were fortunate enough to have beautiful weather during our time there. Students participated in the 'ROAR' program. This program is designed to help students work together as a team, collaborate, problem solve and make decisions through hands on, active out-door challenges and activities. Students faced their fears on the High Challenge Ropes and Cable Gliding.

During our three days, we also shared the facility with another school, Broulee Public School, who had already been there for a week. The activities students participated in over the three days included: orienteering, biscuiting (raft challenge on the creek), archery, cable gliding, bicycle riding, cookout and high challenge ropes. It was lovely to see our students interact and socialise with students from other schools.

Students were placed into two groups for activities and duties. Breakfast duty started at 7:30am and students were required to set up and pack away the dining hall, place out utensils and cutlery as well as serve all the hungry students and teachers from both schools.

Mrs Baker, Mr Gleeson and I were super proud of the outstanding behaviour displayed over the three days. Both the staff and students had an enriching experience.







Movie Night 2018
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Dear Families,

We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a 10"x13" family portrait and keyring (of your family – valued at \$90!) by Laura Jean.



HUGE 10"x13" FAMILY PORTRAIT PLUS KEYRING



How long has it been since you had your family together for a group photo? Update your family pics with their relaxed and fun photographers.

laurajeon.com.au

facebook.com/laurajeonfundraising

Every family can receive this personalised photographic service, close to home. Flexible options include posing choices and obligation free additional portraits to suit your needs.

We will receive 100% of funds raised from your donation, plus bonuses (including a portrait pack plus digital images, which you may win!) when 25 families participate.

So please help us by inviting an extra family to our fundraiser.

FREE 3-Pose Portrait Pack

When 25 families are photographed, one lucky family receives a complimentary portrait package + images.

How can you help us get there?

- Return your voucher ASAP **OR** Invite a friend with additional voucher below
- Encourage more families to book

INSTRUCTIONS

If you see a link provided to the right, click on this to make payment and choose your booking time.

OR Complete voucher and return to office with your donation and an appointment time shall be confirmed soon.

ORGANISATION:

The Meadows Public School

RAISING FUNDS FOR:

Classroom resources

CONTACT:

Kathryn Brennan - 0407 114 745

kathrynbrennan76@gmail.com

www.trybooking.com/431453

DONATION:

\$20 and receive a 10x13" family portrait + keyring

PHOTO DATE:

Saturday 24th November



PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN TO OFFICE



Voucher for 1x 10"x13" Family Portrait + Keyring at special Fundraising Price

Oldest child's full name: _____

Class: _____

Mobile or home no: _____

Email: _____

Preferred time: _____

***Very special limited offer – please see back for details**

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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 ALLERGY CLINIC NOW OPEN!

Do you suffer from a runny nose, runny or itchy eyes or excess mucous production?
If so, you may be allergic to common airborne allergens such as:

- animal dander
- house dust mites
- mould spores
- pollens (grass, trees, weed)

To find out about diagnosis and treatment for these allergies book an appointment with Dr. Phil Humphris or Dr. Nabeel Makmahi today:

- online at kildaremedical.com.au
- via the HotDoc App (free from the App Store)
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- Free to join with Active Kids \$100 Voucher
- Meet new friends
- Have lots of fun
- Develop your confidence and self esteem
- Train to be a Junior Leader
- Be part of a team
- Take part in sporting, flying and camping activities
- Get involved in your Community
- Interstate competition trips
- Theory & practical classes in aviation, general interest and life skills
- Recognition for all achievements

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- All prospective members 3 week trial period at no charge
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- Full training program to become a Leader (Ladies)
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- Social family events
- Savings plan for camps and excursions
- Regular information updates in newsletters
- Annual Awards Ceremony
- All volunteers are NSW Working with Children Check compliant

if you'd like to learn more, visit [an operational Squadron](http://www.airleague.com.au) or call us today!

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PARENTS AND TEENS relationships and mental health

Do you have a teenager between 11 and 17 years old?
Help us understand how family relationships influence teen mental health



Complete a brief anonymous survey online at:
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/mentalhealth>

Who can participate?

- Parents with teenagers aged between 11 and 17 who are living in Australia.
- After completing the survey, parents can invite their teenagers to take part.

Chance to WIN \$100 gift voucher



For more information and to complete the survey, please visit our project website:
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/mentalhealth>
You can also contact our research team at parentingteens@uq.edu.au





Casual Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community
2 x Casual Position – Blacktown Local Government Area (0000GK6)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. You may be required to work morning, afternoon, both shifts and no shifts. As a casual you will be filling in for existing part-time staff as required. The base rate is \$23.02 - \$27.62 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

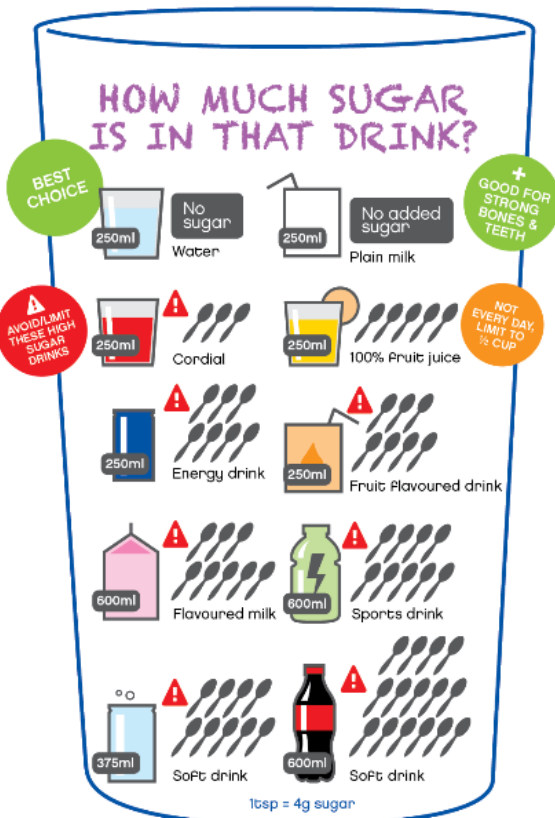
Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to workfor.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 4 November 2018

TNSW are committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the Transport cluster, planning for and promoting diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups. TNSW recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of NSW.



There are still plenty of spots available in the AFL AusKick program at The Meadows. Register now and join in the fun next Thursday.



The Meadows Public School (After School) Auskick Centre (School Oval)
Each Thursday starting 25th October – 15th November from 3.10pm - 4.10pm

Each child will receive: Auskick Headphones, Footy Cards, GIANTS Hat, Footy Pump AND an AFL Auskick Football!
Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only \$48!



Register Now

To register visit www.aflauskick.com.au and enter your postcode then click on "The Meadows Public School (After School) Auskick Centre" or register in person at the first session. Payment available online or at the program via credit card or debit card.

For more information contact: Anika Ferrari on 0431 900 881 Email: Anika.ferrari@afl.com.au

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