

# The Meadows Mag

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Issue 10 - Term 2 - Week 10

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018



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## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 3, 2018

#### Week 1

Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Students Return
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Backyard League
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Dental Checks
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Winter PSSA

#### Week 2

Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Backyard League
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Athletics Carnival
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Winter PSSA

#### Week 3

Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Backyard League
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Yr 5 Science Festival
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Pyjama Day – Yr 6 Fundraiser
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Winter PSSA

#### Week 4

Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August	BFOPA Rehearsal No. 3
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Winter PSSA

## Principal's Message

### NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Our school community came together yesterday for a wonderful celebration of NAIDOC Day. Our 33 Aboriginal students were the stars of a special assembly featuring a traditional dance and a beautiful video presentation connected to the 2018 NAIDOC theme, 'Because of her, we can!' In the video, our Aboriginal students expressed their love for their mothers, their grandmothers, their aunts and any other significant female figures in their lives. Following the assembly, our students were split into five groups and they enjoyed a variety of activities including modern urban Aboriginal Dance, boomerang painting, kangaroo tasting, traditional Aboriginal storybook reading and traditional Aboriginal games replicating hunting activities.



Another feature of the day was a free sausage sizzle for everyone at school. Thanks to Richard and Sharee Cook, parents of our Aboriginal Educational Officer Miss Brooke, for providing all of the sausages and bread for the BBQ and also for giving their time to cook and serve on the day. Thanks also to Miss Brooke for her excellent coordination of the event and to all of the parents, carers and other family members who joined in the celebration with their children. A full gallery of photos from the day has been posted on our school Facebook page.



**'Mission 100' Holiday Reading**

I have been so impressed in recent weeks with the news of very promising and rewarding progress in reading levels, particularly among our Kindergarten to Year 2 students. As we enter the winter holiday period, I have issued each student with a personal reading challenge for the holidays, a challenge known as *Mission 100*.

Your child's mission, should he or she choose to accept it, is to read aloud to a parent, a sibling or other family member for at least 10 minutes a day for 10 days of the holidays, completing a minimum of 100 minutes of face-to-face reading. Our students need the regular reading to maintain their skill level and to enable all to return in Term 3 ready for even greater levels of improvement.

This newsletter's 'Fun Page' activity is a record-keeping page for your child/children to fill out as they continue their reading journey through the holidays. Just 10 minutes a day, and what a difference this will make for your child! Happy reading girls and boys!

**Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews**

Thank you to the parents, carers and students who attended formal Parent-Teacher-Student interviews this week. Your child's teacher truly appreciated the opportunity to share your child's achievements and learning goals with you.

Overall, 143 students were represented at this year's interviews. This makes up 67% of our student population which is very favourable data compared to the 51% of students who were represented in 2017. We will always be partners in your child's education.

Just a reminder, interviews for 1/2L students will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of July. At this point in time, the class with the highest percentage of interviews was 3/4H with 86%. Will they be outdone by 1/2L? Whatever the outcome, the class with the highest percentage of interviews will receive a free sausage sizzle lunch early next term. The winning class will be notified on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**'Engine Room' Tables**

Last Tuesday afternoon, our P&C was presented with a cheque for \$2500 from the NSW State Minister for Multiculturalism and Disability Services, Ray Williams MP, along with the state member for Seven Hills, Mark Taylor MP.

The funds have already been allocated to the purchase of 12 'Engine Room' semi-circular tables for intensive small group instruction in literacy and numeracy. The tables feature a 'white-board' surface on the top, allowing students and teachers to work together in close collaboration and to record their ideas directly onto the table's surface. Look out for these tables the next time you step into your child's classroom.

**Term Planner**

Our ever-popular Term Planner is attached to this newsletter. Please place it up on the fridge or in a prominent place at home as a handy reference for all of the big events in what promises to be a busy and rewarding term.

**Term 3 Start date**

Just a reminder, that all students return to The Meadows on Tuesday, 24th July to start Term 3. Wishing all families a safe and relaxing time over the next fortnight.

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

**Principal**



# CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

## Week 9

### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Sofie Michael
KR	Biliv Bailey
1/2L	Sahayata Khaled
1/2R	Jasmine D Christian
1/2S	Abby Isla
3/4B	Beren Levi
3/4H	Adhi Marcus
3/4T	Awrang Hassan
3-6L	Seth
5/6KB	Jordan Martin
5/6P	Danny

## Week 10

### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Samrin Smit
KR	Jenuli Julius
1/2L	Esha Joanna
1/2R	Sydney Pratyush
1/2S	Demirhan Luke
3/4B	Malok Nathan
3/4H	Zeel Jayden
3/4T	Kayley Kiri
3-6L	Will
5/6KB	Telykah Isaiah
5/6P	Mabeng

## K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 6 & 10

### Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Issa
Year 1	Isla
Year 2	Mason
Year 3	Taylen
Year 4	Shanika
Year 5	Priyanshi
Year 6	Faisal

### Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Isha
Year 1	Rudra
Year 2	Chloe
Year 3	Mishaal
Year 4	Melisa
Year 5	Tahi
Year 6	Sabhyata

## Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

### Blue

Luke  
Isabella  
Malok  
Faisal

### Yellow

Sienna  
Christian  
Jaydn  
Mishaal

### Purple

Jasmine  
Trinley  
Graeme  
Rayan  
Kane  
Nathan  
Taylen  
Shanika  
Zeel  
Jayden

### Orange

Jared



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

## Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$20 Year \$10 Term	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July
Dental Checks Yrs K, 2, 4, 6	Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July	FREE	Return form ASAP
Athletics Carnival	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	\$5	Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July
Year 5/6 Berry Camp	31 <sup>st</sup> October – 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	\$100 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Overdue

**CommonwealthBank**



**School Banking  
is on Wednesday**



### Year 6 Fundraiser Movie Night

Thank you to all the students and families who supported the Year 6 Movie Night on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. A total of 140 students paid to watch 'Ferdinand' and enjoyed a popper and popcorn with their movie. Students displayed exemplary behaviour and a total of \$700 was raised. A huge thank you must go to all the teachers who gave up their evening to support this event. Many hands make light work and here at The Meadows Public School, our families and teachers are fantastic at working and supporting each other to achieve this.

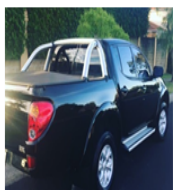


### DVDs For Sick Kids

The next School Holidays is a great chance to clean out your DVD cupboard and donate them to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

We are running a DVD UTE CHALLENGE. Please help us collect enough DVDs to fill up the back of the ute and donate them to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Our school is a collection point for any unwanted DVDs.



Please no copies and DVDs should be in their cases.

Please drop your DVDs to the school office.

Thank you for your kindness towards helping a sick child in hospital.

**Pick up Day: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

# Jollybops

It goes without saying that the Professor and Rusty gave our school a science show that we will never forget! Jollybops was a huge success and every student who attended spoke about what a BLAST the show was. We experienced so many things from seeing balloons burst into an explosion of flames, to watching toilet paper fly across the hall, and learning how aeroplanes fly. Some students even had the opportunity to play some traditional Aboriginal instruments. Learning about science from an Aboriginal perspective was great fun and the interactive nature of the show meant that so many of our students from Kindy all the way to Year 6 got to participate.





# Whats Happening in 1/2R?

In 1/2R we read EVERY day. The more we read, the better we get.

We read to each other during reading groups.



We bring books to read during crunch and sip

We are developing the ability to listen to instructions, speak clearly and use our manners when ordering from restaurants. We are learning to be respectful outside of school too.



Look at our puppet theatre! We **read** fairytale scripts and perform them to the class. Soon we will be writing our own story scripts to perform.



### Mathematics

In 1/2R we are using a range of **MENTAL** strategies to add and subtract numbers. Mental strategies will help us add two-digit and three-digit numbers.

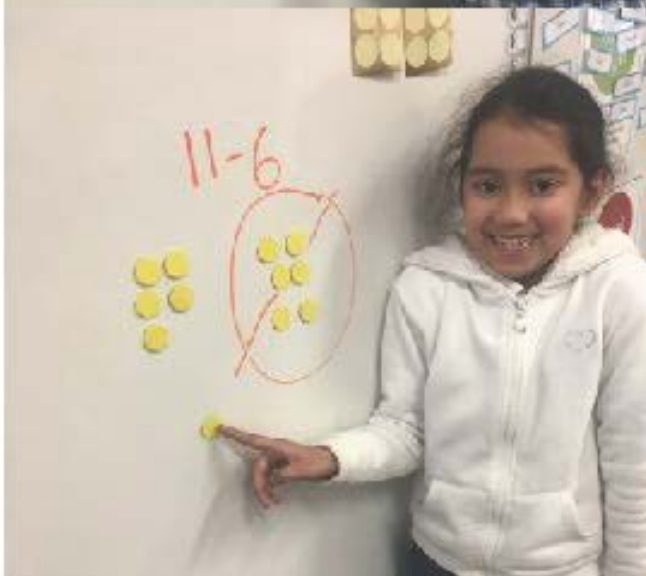
## WHAT is 11-6?



I CAN COUNT BACK. In my head I said 10,9,8,7,6,**5**



I CAN USE MY ADDITION FACTS TO HELP ME SUBTRACT. I know that  $5+6$  is 11 so if I take away 6 I am left with 5. Addition and subtraction are the opposite



I CAN USE MY HALVES and DOUBLES. I know that  $12-6$  is 6. But I have to take away one more because I am taking away from the number 11 which is one less than 12





What's been  
happening in  
1/2S?

### IMAGINATIVE WRITING!

We have been learning about the structure of narrative writing by deconstructing lots of different stories. We investigated what aspects are in the beginning, middle and end of a story and compared this information with other books. We noticed that stories usually have characters, setting, time and what is happening at the beginning. We also found out that there is a sequence of events which lead to problems in the story and that the problems are solved at the end.



### PEN PALS!

We have teamed up with 1/2R to write and post letters to each other. We enjoy asking a lot of open-ended questions to get to know our peers better.

We know that our writing has to be neat and we need to try our very best to spell unfamiliar words so the reader can read our letter.



### MATHEMATICAL THINKING!

We have been engaging in number talks which support students in learning different strategies to solve number problems. They have been communicating their strategies during independent work.







Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# Students Fun Page

## Mission 100!

Can you find the time to read for 100 minutes in the holidays? Complete the challenge and hand this in to Mr Staveley on the first day of Term 3 to have a chance of winning a HOYTS

Movie Voucher valued at **\$50**. Up to three children can use this form.



Try to read for 10 minutes a day, for 10 days, giving you 100 minutes of reading in total!

Date	Minutes of Reading	Child's Name:	Child's Name:	Child's Name:
		Please list titles of books read.		

## 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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Location: Metella Road Public School

Metella Rd., Toongabbie

Classes are every Friday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Friday, 27 July, 2018

New Students can also join on: Fridays, 3 Aug., 10 Aug.

New and Returning  
Students  
Ages 4-6  
Class Time 4:15 to 4:55 PM

New Students  
Ages 7-16  
and Returning Students  
Class Time 5:00 to 5:40 PM

Returning Students please see website at [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY, JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).



## KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

INTRODUCING...

**Dr. Nasim Ahmed, MBBS, FRNZCGP, FRACGP**

Dr. Ahmed graduated from Chittagong Medical College, Bangladesh and soon after moved to New Zealand where she completed her internship, relocating to Australia this year. Dr. Ahmed is very focused on continuity of care for the patient, their family and the community as a whole and is interested in all aspects of family practice, mental health, paediatric medicine and women's health. Dr. Ahmed speaks Bengali and Hindi.

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## FEES

BSC: \$18

ASC: \$23

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# SQUIGGLER

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE ACADEMY

Inclusions:

All Entry fees

3 meals (Morning Tea, Lunch &amp; Afternoon Tea)

Transportation for Excursion

Cost:

Regular day = \$80\* per child

Child Care Benefit / Child Care Rebate Available!

\*before eligible Government Benefit

**Vacation Care Week 1**

- 9<sup>th</sup> July, Francis park
- 10<sup>th</sup> July, Movie day
- 11<sup>th</sup> July, Bungarrbee park
- 12<sup>th</sup> July, Inflatable World
- 13<sup>th</sup> July, Museum of fire

**Vacation Care Week 2**

- 16<sup>th</sup> July, Flip Out
- 17<sup>th</sup> July, Chipmunks
- 18<sup>th</sup> July, Picnic day
- 19<sup>th</sup> July, Clamsley hill farm
- 20<sup>th</sup> July, Movie day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Sports day

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# Term 3 2018 The Meadows Public School - Community Calendar

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S/S
1	<b>23 July</b> Staff Development Day	<b>24 July</b> Students Return	<b>25 July</b> Backyard NRL Session 1	<b>26 July</b> Free Dental Checks Kinder / Years 2-4-6	<b>27 July</b> Winter PSSA	<b>28 29 July</b>
2	<b>30 July</b> <i>Sport in Schools K-2</i>	<b>31 July</b>	<b>1 August</b> Backyard NRL Session 2	<b>2 August</b> Athletics Carnival	<b>3 August</b> Winter PSSA	<b>4 5 Aug</b>
3	<b>6 August</b> <i>Sport in Schools 3-6</i>	<b>7 August</b> <b>Education Week Open Day</b>	<b>8 August</b> Backyard NRL Session 3  Year 5 Excursion: Science Festival @ Sydney University	<b>9 August</b> Year 6 Fundraiser: Pyjama Day	<b>10 August</b> Winter PSSA	<b>11 12 Aug</b>
4	<b>13 August</b> <i>Sport in Schools K-2</i>	<b>14 August</b> P&C Meeting	<b>15 August</b> Blacktown Festival Choir Rehearsal	<b>16 August</b> <i>Athletics Carnival Back-up Date</i>	<b>17 August</b> Winter PSSA	<b>18 19 Aug</b>
5	<b>20 August</b> <b>Book Week Book Fair</b>  <i>Sport in Schools 3-6</i>	<b>21 August</b>	<b>22 August</b> K-6 Assembly	<b>23 August</b> Special Group Photos	<b>24 August</b> Book Character Parade  Winter PSSA	<b>25 26 Aug</b>
6	<b>27 August</b> <i>Sport in Schools K-2</i>	<b>28 August</b>	<b>29 August</b>	<b>30 August</b> Fathers' Day Stall	<b>31 August</b> Fathers' Day Big BBQ Brekky and Father/Child Soccer Games  Graffiti Education Sessions (Hall) Stage 2 – 10.00am Stage 3 – 11.30am  Winter PSSA	<b>1 2 Sept</b>
7	<b>3 September</b> <i>Sport in Schools 3-6</i>	<b>4 September</b> <b>Blacktown Festival Night</b>	<b>5 September</b> <i>Rehearsal Day for Whole School Performance</i>	<b>6 September</b> Seven Hills / Wentworthville Zone Athletics Carnival	<b>7 September</b> Winter PSSA	<b>8 9 Sept</b>
8	<b>10 September</b> <i>Sport in Schools K-2</i>	<b>11 September</b> P&C Meeting  <i>Rehearsal Day for Whole School Performance</i>	<b>12 September</b>	<b>13 September</b> <b>WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE NIGHT – The Hills Sports HS</b>	<b>14 September</b> NO PSSA Year 6 Fundraiser: Footy Colours Day	<b>15 16 Sept</b>
9	<b>17 September</b> CommBank Start Smart Financial Literacy Program  <i>Sport in Schools 3-6</i>	<b>18 September</b> CommBank Start Smart Financial Literacy Program	<b>19 September</b> Sydney West Regional Athletics Carnival	<b>20 September</b> P&C Fundraiser: Thirsty Thursday	<b>21 September</b> Summer PSSA	<b>22 23 Sept</b>
10	<b>24 September</b> <i>Sport in Schools K-2</i>	<b>25 September</b>	<b>26 September</b> K-6 Assembly	<b>27 September</b> Stage 3 Excursion: Hyde Park Barracks	<b>28 September</b> Summer PSSA	<b>29 30 Sept</b>