

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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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 2, 2018

Week 3

Tuesday, 15 th May	Online NAPLAN starts.
Friday, 18 th May	Walk Safely to School Day
Friday, 18 th May	Zone Cross Country Carnival

Week 4

Thursday, 24 th May	Year 6 Cake Stall
Friday, 25 th May	Winter PSSA begins.

Week 5

Tuesday, 29 th May	Eels Cup Gala Day
Wednesday, 30 th May	K-6 Assembly
Thursday, 31 st May	Student Leaders at Longneck
Friday, 1 st June	Winter PSSA

Week 6

Wednesday, 4 th June	BFOPA Rehearsal
Friday, 25 th May	Winter PSSA

Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Term 2

A very warm welcome back to all families for what promises to be a busy and rewarding Term 2. A very special welcome to several new families who are reading our Meadows Mag newsletter for the first time. The

Meadows Mag, published each fortnight on a Friday, is a key source of news and information for our community. Our official school Facebook page is our other key channel of communication. Make sure you 'LIKE' our Facebook page if you haven't already done so.

Mothers' Day High Tea

As I write this article on Thursday we are looking very much forward to our Mother's Day High Tea, now a major event on our annual calendar. In 2016 we had about 40 mums attend a high tea in the Heritage Room. Last year, we moved the event to the hall to cater for the 70 mums we had present. In 2018 we have received positive RSVPs from no less than 102 mums! We thank you for your presence at this special occasion, hope you enjoyed the delicious feast catered for by our wonderful staff and wish all of the mums and special female carers in our community a wonderful Mothers' Day on Sunday!

Approaching Students on School Grounds – Parent Responsibilities

A general reminder to all parents and carers, whilst on our school grounds, not to approach or speak to other students who your child may have had an issue with.

Most importantly, I ask that all parents and carers refrain from using foul or inappropriate language at school. Thankfully, this is a rare occurrence in our community but I have been made aware of two instances this year nonetheless. If you believe your child is having a problem with another student, please see your child's teacher or speak with the Principal. As a team, our teachers will always follow up on issues for which we are made aware.

Our school is no different to the other five schools I have worked at in Western Sydney. With 235 different students, there will always be the possibility of a disagreement or an issue between students. If we are kept informed as things sometimes occur, we will act promptly and accordingly to each situation.

Entry onto this site at The Meadows Public School is a privilege, not a right. As Principal, I have authority under the provisions of the Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 to control the access of any parent or carer. This authority includes the capacity to impose conditions and/or prohibit entry to the school site of The Meadows Public School.

Sports in Schools Australia and Winter PSSA

Thank you to all families who have paid their \$40 annual fee for the Sports in Schools program and also to those parents who have already paid a second \$10 instalment per child for this term. Notes were sent home earlier this week to those parents who were still owing Term 2 instalment payments. Please ensure these are paid before your child's next session.

The dates for the Sports in Schools Sessions in Term 2 are as follows:

K-2 classes (4 sessions): 7th May, 21st May, 4th June and 25th June.

3-6 classes (4 sessions): 14th May, 28th May, 18th June, 2nd July.

Our school continues to grow in terms of sports participation in the Wentworthville Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) competition held on Fridays. The Winter competition will commence on Friday, 25th May and we have teams entered for Soccer, League Tag, and for the first time in recent history, Netball. Mr Polley is coaching our League Tag team, Mr Hobby is coaching soccer and Mrs Thornton is coaching netball. **Just a reminder that all registration payments of \$60 are due to the office by no later than Friday, 18th May.**

Painting of School

A team of painters will be onsite at The Meadows in approximately 2-3 weeks and they will remain until the end of term painting all previously painted exterior surfaces around the school as well as a number of classrooms and internal spaces assessed as requiring re-painting. There will be minimal disruption to classes at this time and all external zones being painted will be clearly marked with barriers in place. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, patience and understanding of any inconvenience due to this major work.

Whole School Performance!

As we are in an even year, 2018, we have scheduled a highly anticipated Whole School Performance to be held in the hall at The Hills Sports High School. For those families who were here in 2016, our last concert, 'Night at the Museum' was a roaring success. We aim to go even bigger and better in 2018. Miss Amy Reardon is the coordinator of this year's performance which promises to be a great spectacle, featuring a range of monster hit songs that everyone will know! I won't give too much away, other than to say **SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, 13th September.**

Your child or children may have come home this term on Tuesdays talking about Dance Fever and a dance teacher named Lauren. Dance Fever is an external dance teaching company which has been brought in each Tuesday to teach each class group their concert performance dance. The students have responded very positively to the popular program, as they did in 2016. The cost of Dance Fever has been covered by the school in 2018.

Movie Night!

The other major event for which you simply must **SAVE THE DATE** is our P&C Movie night to be held in Term 4 on **Friday, 16th November**. We last held this highly successful community event back in 2016 and we are anticipating another great night out for all of our families this year. Once again we will transform our top field into an outdoor cinema setting complete with GIANT inflatable screen, popcorn, fairy floss, show bags, glow product sales, sausage sizzle, drinks, slushies and coffee. Pre-show we will have a range of prizes up for grabs on the ever-popular chocolate wheel! So let's all keep the 16th of November free on our family calendars!

Breakfast Club

We are fortunate to have a Breakfast Club provided at The Meadows every Tuesday and Thursday morning, on the days when our canteen is not open. The service relies on the support of community volunteers and we are always looking for more assistance. If you are free on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings and can give 30-40 minutes of your time from 8:20am, it would be greatly appreciated. The Breakfast Club is always set up on the verandah of the heritage building, so please stop by and say hello.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Would your child like to win a Hoyts Movie voucher valued at \$30?

Once again in 2018, in an effort to increase the readership of our newsletter, I have included a Students' Fun Page. Please have your child / children complete this week's Fun Page activity at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag to be in with a chance of winning!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 1

Teacher's Awards
(2 points)

KO	Katie Manroop
KR	Jenuli Sukhleen
1/2L	Javin Havin
1/2R	Sienna Vishwa
1/2S	Asna Domic
3/4B	Zoe Levi
3/4F	Shania Hugo
3/4T	Keeley Awrang
3-6L	William
5/6KB	Kianna Shihab

Week 2

Teacher's Awards
(2 points)

KO	Michael Smit
KR	Charlie Bailey
1/2L	Gurveen Joanna
1/2R	Vinoth Jasmine
1/2S	Maddison Jaxon
3/4B	Suyandee Jhayde
3/4H	Zeel Manuth
3/4T	Aleya Remojan
3-6L	Seth
5/6KB	Hazel Enez

**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	\$30 Year \$10 Term	Friday, 4 th May
Winter (T2 & T3) PSSA	Every Friday	\$60	Friday, 18 th May
Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts	6 th June, 15 th August	\$25	ASAP
Year 5/6 Berry Camp	31 st October – 2 nd November	\$100 2 nd Instalment	Friday, 25 th May

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School Banking

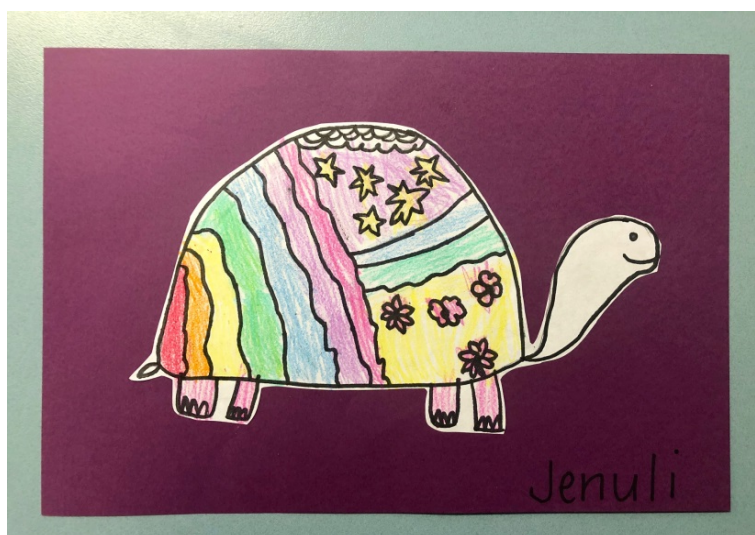
is on Wednesday

Operation Art

Operation Art provides opportunities for K-10 students and demonstrates the standards of excellence in visual arts through major exhibitions across NSW. During the year, students from K-6 created artworks and four students were chosen to present their artworks in an art exhibition. Out of the works submitted, 50 will be selected to become part of the permanent art collection of The Children's Hospital at Westmead. Congratulations Jenuli (KR), Jared (3/4B), Melisa (3/4T) and Harriet (5/6KB) on your wonderful artworks!

More updates to come!

Miss Byun





Active Kids are Healthy Kids

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 18th MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be,
but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too.

So that's why this year our school is participating in
National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18 May 2018.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and
try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us,
it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school,
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop,
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems
like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes.
It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids

So get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for

Friday 18th May 2018!!!

For more information,
Visit www.walk.com.au





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...

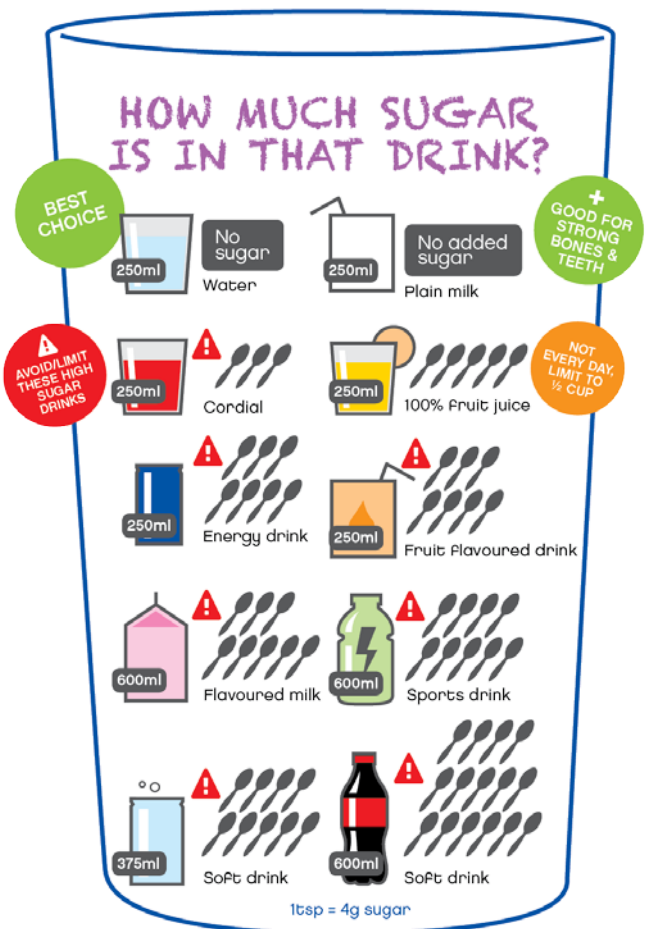
Dr. Nasim Ahmed, MBBS, FRNZCGP, FRACGP

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.

To make an appointment with Dr. Ahmed,
go online at kildaremedical.com.au,
download the free HotDoc App or call Reception on 8822 3000

BULK BILLING OPEN 7 DAYS

36 Kildare Road, Blacktown, NSW, 2148
kildaremedical.com.au



Is your child starting school?

Would \$500 help pay for primary school costs like uniforms, books, stationery and excursions?

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Domenic Rosina
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

0466 745 311 / 0466 745 311

or domenic.rosina@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Blacktown and Penrith area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at saverplus.org.au.

What is Saver Plus?

A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.

Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.

Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.

Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey

Goal
Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months

Saving
Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits

Education
Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator

Matching
Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

Benefits for participants¹

87% continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program

81% were better equipped for unexpected expenses

93% reported increased self-esteem

85% had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 32,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2004¹:

32,000+ participants

\$17.3m - total amount saved by participants

\$14m - matched funds paid by ANZ

\$753 average amount saved per participant

Find out more

1300 610 355

saverplus@bsl.org.au

www.saverplus.org.au

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¹ RMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.bsl.org.au for more information.

Blacktown City Council

BLACKTOWN CITY FESTIVAL




SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE 18 MAY - 27 MAY 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DOWNLOAD A PROGRAM, VISIT WWW.BLACKTOWN.NSW.GOV.AU/FESTIVAL

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Students Fun Page

Meadows Mag Quiz

Read Mr Staveley's report to get all of the answers. Get some help from Mum or Dad or a carer if you need some!

Complete the answers and hand in to Mr Staveley by next Friday morning for a chance of winning a \$30 movie voucher!

1. What is the cost of Winter PSSA? _____
2. When are payments due for Winter PSSA? _____
3. Who is our school's netball coach? _____
4. What is the date for the Whole School Performance? _____
5. What is the date for P&C Movie Night? _____
6. Which days do we have Breakfast Club at TMPS? _____
7. How many mums indicated they would attend the Mothers' Day High Tea? _____
8. How many students do we currently have attending The Meadows PS? _____
9. List 3 things that you will be able to buy at Movie Night in Term 4?

10. If I win the \$30 movie voucher, which brand of cinema is it for? _____

FINAL EXTRA BONUS QUESTION – A Maths problem to solve!

If a mum at school has two children who both play PSSA Sport in Winter, and she goes to the Office with three \$50 notes, how much change will she receive from Mrs Anderson? _____