

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



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Calendar

Important Dates in Term 2, 2018

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, 8 th June	Winter PSSA

Week 7

Monday, 11 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday, 12 th June	P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 13 th June	Regional Cross Country
Friday, 15 th June	Winter PSSA

Week 8

Thursday, 21 st June	P&C Thirsty Thursday
Friday, 22 nd June	Winter PSSA

Week 9

Friday, 29 th June	Winter PSSA
Friday, 29 th June	Movie Night

Principal's Message

NAPLAN

Across the last 2 weeks, students in Years 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN Online tests in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy. Well done to all students for their positive attitude during these assessments. NAPLAN results will arrive later this year and parents will receive an individual report for their child.

Professional Learning – Coding and Robotics

Five members of our school staff participated in their second day of professional learning on Monday regarding Coding and Robotics. We have been successful this year in gaining a \$35000 grant from the Schools Plus organisation to spend on technology resources and teacher training. As a school we aim to broaden the understanding and capacities of our teachers to use emerging robotic technologies to engage students in their learning in English, Mathematics, Science and other key learning areas. In the second half of the year some of our students in Coding Club and in other classes will begin to experiment with the exciting, new technology. Stay tuned for further updates!

White Ribbon

As you may have read in an earlier newsletter, The Meadows Public School is now a White Ribbon School. So, what does that mean? As a school we are standing up, speaking out and acting to prevent men's violence against women. At The Meadows Public School, we recognise the equality and respect towards both females and males and take a strong stand against violence and abuse towards women. Together we want to build a future that is free from violence and abuse and replace it with respect and tolerance.

In Australia, one in four children are exposed to domestic violence and in a one-year period, one woman dies every week by a current or former partner in their own home. These are real issues that our society and community face every day. We want to break the gender stereotypes and promote equality and empowerment so that these statistics will not be our young women and men's reality.



Our White Ribbon launch will take place at next Wednesday's Whole School Assembly. Our Captain Aiden and Vice-Captain Ashton will lead the launch in our school. The following week, on Tuesday, 5th June there will be a black and white mufti day to further raise awareness. A separate note will be sent home about that event.

Asthma and Allergy Plans

We have a number of students at The Meadows Public School who identified upon enrolment as being asthmatic. It is imperative that the school receives updated information from each family of a student suffering from asthma. If your child suffers from asthma, please provide the school with a copy of your child's Asthma Action Plan from your family doctor.

Additionally, if your child experiences severe allergic reactions we also need to obtain as much information as possible in order to ensure all staff are informed about prevention and management of such allergies. Please provide the school with a copy of your current ASCIA Action Plan from your family doctor.

Mothers' Day High Tea



A VERY BIG Thank You to the 120 mums who supported our Mothers' Day High Tea on Friday, 11th May. This was an outstanding event and it is fast becoming one of the key social highlights on our calendar. I was thrilled to see so many parents on the day, all enjoying the feast before them, each other's company and the beautifully decorated hall, which many eagerly took photographs of upon their arrival in the hall.

Thanks to the wonderful staff of our school who all contributed to catering this event and especially to Mrs Thornton, Mrs Kirkland, Miss Baharoglu and Miss Sammut for their coordination of the afternoon.

Girls' Dresses

Our new school dresses have arrived! To make your purchase of this highly anticipated addition to our girls' uniform options, please visit the canteen (uniform shop) on Monday when the dresses will be available.

The dresses will cost \$40 each.



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. A number of parents still owe Term 2 instalment payments. Students requiring a reminder note received one this week.

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

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

3-6 (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 commenced today, 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 permission notes and registration payments of \$60 are due now.**

School Gardens

We are very fortunate at The Meadows Public School to have a General Assistant who is very passionate about keeping our school beautiful, and in particular, our gardens. Our GA Philip Bryan is beginning to establish some new garden beds in the school. Signs asking people to stay out of all garden beds have been positioned in some areas to ensure that the new plants have the best chance of thriving. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Movie Night – Sponsorship Opportunities

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our P&C Movie Night has been set for the Term 4 date of Friday, 16th November. The P&C has various expenses to meet in the lead-up to the event including the hire of a giant screen as well as hiring the rights to any movie we show. To assist with these costs, the P&C have canvassed the local community to seek sponsorship for our event. Westpac Seven Hills and Flight Centre Seven Hills have kindly jumped on board to sponsor our event. Now it might be your turn!

If you work for a community-minded business or company seeking to support our school and to gain some additional exposure in our newsletter, on our school sign and on our Facebook page, please get in touch with Mr Staveley on 9631-3737. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Would your child like to win a store 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

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



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Issa Madhu
KR	Biliv Sukhleen
1/2L	Isabella Rayan
1/2R	Siyana Pratyush
1/2S	Hezekiah Shania
3/4B	Ana-Leah Paker
3/4H	Shanika Uday
3/4T	Myra Hrishi
3-6L	Monica
5/6KB	Tia William
5/6P	Annika Jacob

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Dhruv Salvador
KR	Nicola Vihaan
1/2L	Ackland Kaleaha
1/2R	Sehej Sydney
1/2S	Mele Vedanshi
3/4B	Beren Narges
3/4H	Jacob Jayden
3/4T	Ria Emma
3-6L	Faisal
5/6KB	Shanelle Jacob
5/6P	Muddthir Kye

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





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some letters make a word

W R I T E

some words make a sentence

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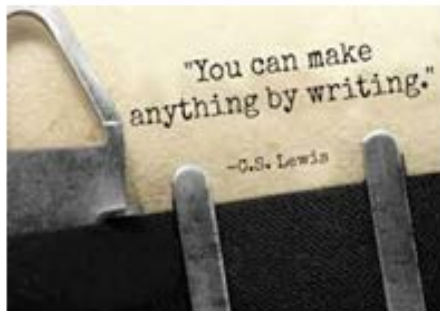
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W R I T E

some paragraphs make a chapter

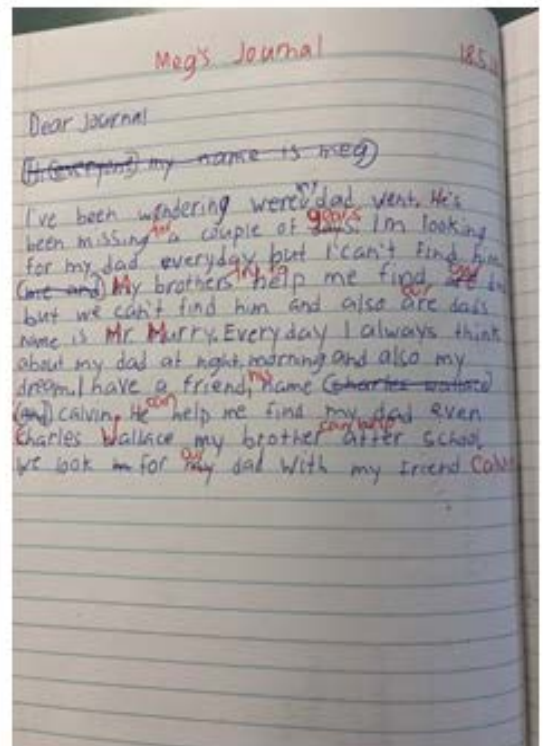
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some chapters make a book



**“The more
informative your
advertising,
the more persuasive
it will be.”**

David Ogilvy, “the father of advertising”



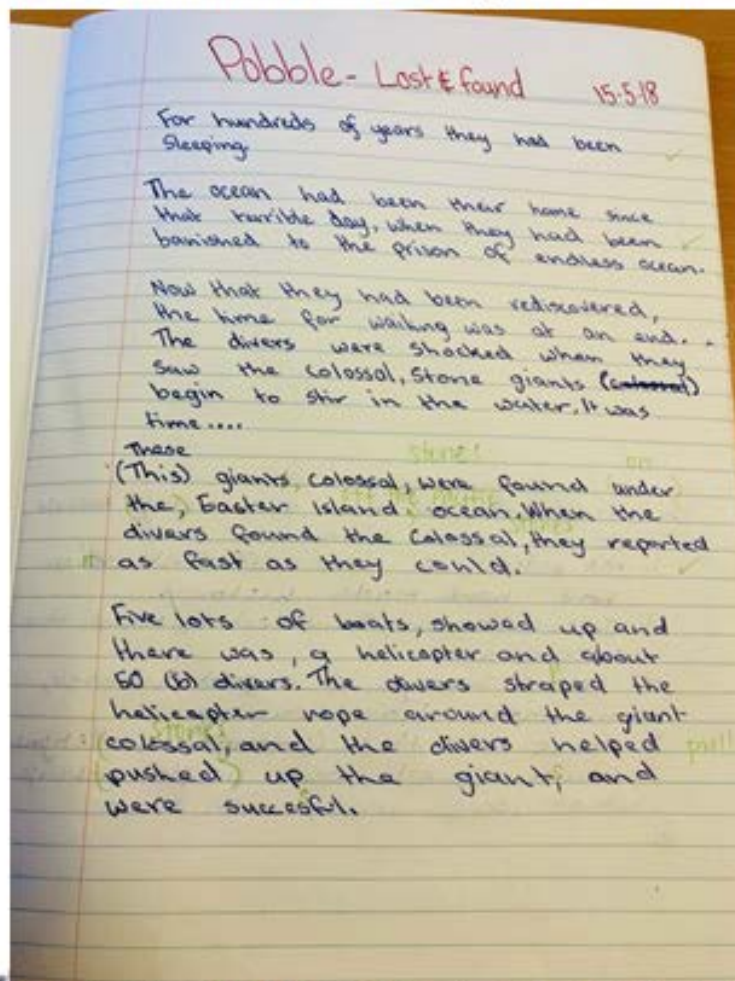
5/6KB

**Read, Write and Talk
About It!**



This term in 5/6KB, students have been learning to write for sustained periods of time. Opportunities for writing occur every day in class. Students are encouraged to be creative thinkers and to compose text using a range of skills. They make inferences to text using their background knowledge and create texts that are informative and appeal to the audience they are writing for.

Using digital technologies, students then check, edit and publish their work.



What's Happening In 5/6P

In Literacy, students have been learning about 'point of view'. The quality texts that will be explored this term include 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, 'The Tale of Two Beasts' by Fiona Robertson, 'Me and You' by Anthony Browne and 'King Pig' by Nick Bland. Understanding point of view is a critical reading practice because point of view is often inferred rather than explicitly expressed and its exploration leads to an appreciation of the constructed nature of the text. Experimenting with point of view allows students to explore other ways of seeing the text.



In Mathematics, the students have been learning and applying mathematical strategies such as the lattice method and algorithm to solve complex equations. The concepts to be explored this term include area, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, angles, decimals, percentages, position and 2D space.

LI: I can confidently solve a formal algorithm for division

$$1) 48 \div 4 = 12 \checkmark$$

$$2) 77 \div 6 \rightarrow 12 \text{ r } 5$$

$$3) 89 \div 5 \rightarrow 17 \text{ r } 4$$

$$4) 296 \div 3 \rightarrow 98 \text{ r } 2$$

LI: I can use the lattice method to solve multi digit multiplication

$$68 \times 91 = 6188 \checkmark$$

$$345 \times 87 = 30015 \checkmark$$

In Creative Arts, students have been practicing and refining their dance moves for the upcoming school performance in Term 3. The class is dancing to 'Uptown Funk' by Bruno Mars and it's looking awesome!



In Visual Arts, students designed and created spectacular art pieces for Mother's Day. Special mention to Ella Champion for this beautiful art piece that any Mother would be proud of. Go Ella!

In 5/6P, we are proud learners that strive for personal growth and lifelong learning. Keep up the brilliant work and effort 5/6P.



Zone Cross Country

Last Friday Mr Staveley and I were lucky enough to take 28 students out to Alwyn Lindfield Reserve for the Zone Cross Country Carnival. All of our students were on their very best behaviour and showed excellent sportsmanship in their interactions with their peers. They all completed their events with enthusiasm and determination, representing our school with pride. It was lovely to have the support of some of our wonderful families who came to cheer on their children and all of The Meadows competitors.

Unfortunately we did not have any competitors qualify for the Regional Carnival this year. Congratulations to all of the students who competed last Friday.

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 2 of Term 3 on Thursday, 2nd August.



Have Your Details Changed ???

- Does your family have a new address?
- Do you have a new mobile phone number?
- Have the Emergency Contacts for your children changed?

If you have answered YES to any of these questions or think you need to update any details relating to your children, please come and see the ladies in the office.

It is important we are able to contact you if your child is sick or there is an emergency.



Lost Property

If your child has lost a jumper or hat, the first place to check is their classroom.

If it is not their classroom then all clothing items that have been left in the school will be in the Lost Property Box which is out the front of the Hall each morning and afternoon (or on Mr Polley's 5/6P verandah).

The office has a small amount of keys & glasses that have been left at the school and remain unclaimed.

Please make sure that ALL items that your children bring to school are labelled. This includes clothes, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles.



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

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Name: _____

Students Fun Page Teacher Search!



Can you find the 20 SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES listed below?

If you find them all, bring in the finished find-a-word to Mr Staveley by next Friday to go into the draw for a special student prize!

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LEAGUE TAG	SWIMMING	WALKING
SOCCER	CROSS COUNTRY	SHOT-PUT
NETBALL	ATHLETICS	HANDBALL
AFL	SPRINTING	HOCKEY
CRICKET	BASKETBALL	TRIATHLON
DANCING	SOFTBALL	CYCLING
SURFING	ARCHERY	Score = out of 20

One last thing! There's a mystery question hidden in the Find-a-word!
What is the answer to that question???

_____ **F.C.**