

The Meadows Mag

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Calendar

Important Dates in Term 4, 2019

Week 1

Monday, 14 th October	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 14 th October	Sport In Schools (K-2)
Monday, 14 th October	Healthy Harold
Friday 18 th October	Round 8 Summer PSSA Sport

Week 2

Monday, 22 st October	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Friday, 25 th October	Round 9 Summer PSSA Sport

Week 3

Monday, 28 th October	Spo9rt in Schools (K-2)
Friday 1 st November	Round 10 Summer PSSA Sport
Friday 1 st November	Halloween Disco
	Year 6 Fundraiser

Principal's Message

Multicultural Day



Yesterday was quite simply a wonderful celebration of the amazing cultural mix we enjoy on a day-to-day basis at The Meadows Public School. Multicultural Day was a success thanks to the commitment of the entire school community. Our teachers prepared brilliant displays in their classrooms filled

with artefacts and information to inspire plenty of learning about different cultures from around the world. Children enjoyed visiting each room throughout the mid-morning, participating in a wide variety of cultural learning experiences.

This 'World Tour' around the school was preceded by a brief Welcome Assembly in the morning where we were welcomed by various students in the language of their country of origin. The senior choir also performed along with a whole-school rendition of 'I Am Australian'.

The absolute highlight of the day was the International Banquet enjoyed by all. Students, staff, parents and carers enjoyed sampling the cuisine of Australia, Aboriginal culture, Bangladesh, China, India, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tonga, Turkey and the United States. A HUGE thank you to all of the WONDERFUL parents who organised food stalls. A BRILLIANT effort!

All in all it was a most enjoyable day. A range of photos will be published in our first newsletter next term as well as on our school's official Facebook page. We look forward to our next Multicultural Day in 2021.



Smith Family Fundraiser

WOW!!! Thank you for the efforts of our whole school community in supporting the P&C's selected external charity for 2019. Our coin collection for The Smith Family raised a phenomenal \$1150, topped up by the P&C to \$1250!

This is an enormous help to The Smith Family!

A special 'giant cheque' presentation was made to a Karina from The Smith Family during Wednesday's K-6 assembly. The students in 1/2L were also presented with gold medals for being the class with the longest line of coins!

Every dollar donated helps create a better future for disadvantaged Australian children, so thank you everyone for your valued contributions!



Tell Them From Me Surveys

Thank you to those families who have completed this survey online. At the time of writing, we have had 21 responses so far. But we need MORE, especially considering we currently have 190 families and 245 students!

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and constructive criticism will always make us stronger. We all want to be the BEST school we can possibly be!

If you have not yet completed this survey and would like to please do so online.

Again, thank you to those who have completed the survey. I will communicate the results once they are in. This survey can be completed online by entering the following url:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tmps2019>

The survey is available in 23 languages

FREE whole-school co-curricular activities in Week 1!

Without any cost to students, in the first week of next term, we are providing two excellent programs for all students. Starting on Monday 14th October, we will have 'Healthy Harold' visiting the school in the much-loved Life Education van. Students in K-2 classes will visit the van for 1 hour while students in Years 3-6 will enjoy a 90-minute session. There is no permission note for this activity as it is part of the regular Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum. Students will be involved in the following programs:

Kindergarten - *My Body Matters*: This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including healthy food choices, the importance of physical activity and safety.

Stage 1 - *Safety Rules*: This module helps children to problem solve, learn about personal safety in different environments, seeking help, how to care for others and talk about behaviours that maintain friendships.

Stage 2 - *All Systems Go*: Students explore and discover how magnificent the human body really is. They learn the functions of various body parts and the actions required to keep these systems working well.

Stage 3 - *Relate, Respect, Connect*: Teaches the knowledge, skills and attitudes that children need to develop and maintain safe and respectful relationships both on and offline, including effective communication skills, development of empathy and conflict resolution skills.

Also in the first week back, on Wednesday afternoon from 1.40pm, the entire school will enjoy a free anti-bullying show. The *Backflips Against Bullying* show will utilise performers' incredible acrobatic skills to captivate and engage audiences, in order to spotlight important issues that children face when it comes to bullying. The show itself is a hilarious, fun, and interactive experience – it features awe-inspiring tricks & flips from the performers and interactive scenes that depict the different forms of bullying. Students are empowered to be effective bystanders, with the ability to take action against bullying and victimising,

Spelling Bee

Four of our students proudly represented our school on Thursday 12th September at the Western Sydney Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee held at Quakers Hill PS.

Ana-Leah, Shaun, Hugo and Muddthir performed extremely well against tough opposition. Shaun did particularly well, surviving right through to become runner-up in Year 4 from a field of 48 students!



Learning Goals

All students would have brought home their new Learning Goals page for Term 4 this week. Please have a read through with your child and discuss how you and your child can work together next term to ensure the achievement of those goals before the end of the year.

Selective High School Information - For parents of students currently in Year 5

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 must be made ONLINE between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Parents must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

A separate note with further information will be sent home to Year 5 students at the beginning of Term 4.

Community Planner

A comprehensive community calendar for Term 4 is attached conveniently to the back of this newsletter. Be sure to stick this up on the fridge for easy reference to keep up to date with all the big events in our final term of the year!

Operation Art



Congratulations to Ana-Leah, Savannah, Jayden and Ella who have enjoyed the honour of having their artworks displayed at the Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park for the 2019 Operation Art Exhibition. Each produced beautiful artworks and all four students and their families visited the gallery to check out their work on display. Special recognition to Ella whose superhero-inspired artwork is part of the 'Touring 50' which will be on display at various locations around the state before settling in to a final destination on the walls of Westmead Children's Hospital.



Kinder 2020 Enrolments

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 35 students enrolled for Kinder in 2020 but we are eager to make it to at least 40 before Kindergarten Orientation starts in Term 4. Please make all enquiries at the front office.

The Kinder Orientation 'Ready-Set-Kindy!' sessions have been planned for the following dates and times:

Thursday	7 th November, 1:50 - 2:50pm
Thursday	14 th November, 11:30 - 1:15pm
Thursday	21 st November, 9:00 - 11:00am
Thursday	28 th November, 9:30 - 11:00am

All families with students enrolled for Kinder 2020 will receive a postcard and letter in the mail with further information before the end of term.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

In an effort to increase the readership of our newsletter, I once again offer a Reader's Prize. A Students' Fun Page can be found towards the back of the newsletter. Children, you have until next term to complete the activity and return it to the office to go into the draw to win a Hoyts Movie voucher!

As we enter the Spring 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 4 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!

Term 4 Return

There is NO pupil free day in Term 4. As a result, all staff and students return to commence Term 4 on the same day – Monday 14th October. Please enjoy a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday over the next fortnight!

Look after each other.

Scott Staveley

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!



Week 9

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Aman Kunaldeep
KR	Arthur Ryan
1/2L	Bayley Domonic
1/2R	
1/2S	Hezekiah Michael
3/4B	Leila Hrishi
3/4H	Habishan Trinity
3/4J	Sydney Rushil
5/6D	Thivakar Ella Ryly
5/6H	Levi Tahi
5/6S	Prabin Naomi

Week 10

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Aaron Shu Chen
KR	Tai Josh
1/2L	Sanah Aaron
1/2R	Luke Aakanksha
1/2S	Sofie Darius
3/4B	Tiahna Havin
3/4H	Mishaal Rettalia
3/4J	Chloe Jayden
5/6D	Hassan Melisa
5/6H	Narges Zemeeka
5/6S	Jordan Coomber Charmaine

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 5 & 10

Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Brian
Year 1	Smit
Year 2	Sahayata
Year 3	Vinoth
Year 4	Maddison
Year 5	Manuth
Year 6	Dylan

Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Maddison
Year 1	Zachary
Year 2	Devansh
Year 3	Mithra
Year 4	Lachlan
Year 5	Raina
Year 6	Ethan

Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

Blue

DJ Lee
Aaron Rai
Maddison Wallace

Yellow

Dylan Smith
Maddison Lee

Purple

Lachlan Huggins

Orange

Nathan Chang
Sydney Rose
Jasmine Martin
Vishwa Prabhakar
Tiahna Ross

Gold

Platinum

Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$5	Please pay immediately
Our Place Kindergarten	Thursday 5 th December	\$25	Please pay immediately.



P&C CORNER



Thank you so much to our school community for your fabulous contribution to the Smith Family Coin Drive. On Friday of week 8 the children had fun lining up their class's coins to see how far they stretched down the playground. There were some extremely long lines of coins, with 1/2L having the longest line!

Altogether we were able to give the Smith Family \$1250 from our school. This can support 2 children through a whole year of school costs. As a P&C we feel so proud of your efforts!!



Gruß Vom KO



This term KO have loved learning all about Germany in preparation for multicultural day.

Students have been practicing counting to 10, trying different food, and creating German inspired art works to display around the classroom.



Students in KO have also enjoyed building friendships and skills through their group work in numeracy and developmental play.



KR have been learning about the United States of America



We have been painting away as we are making the Disneyland castle in our classroom!





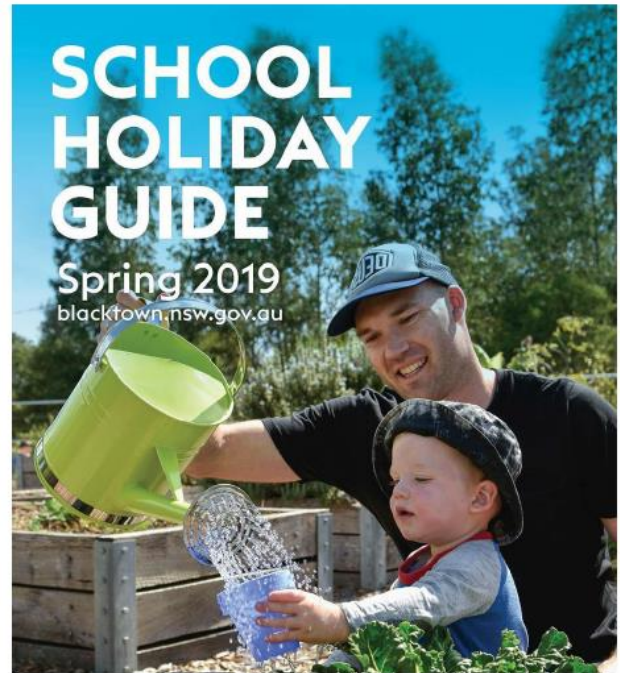
We have been studying New York and drawing pictures of some of the places we have learnt about!



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.



Blacktown City Council's School Holiday Guide has some great suggestions for families looking for activities and outings over these school holidays.

In this issue, find out how to make an apple car race snack, learn about becoming a responsible pet owner, and see our list of new playgrounds to visit these school holidays!

LEARN WITH THE BEST!

GUITAR LESSONS SEVEN HILLS

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Sizzling Summer Hockey

- ✓ *Blacktown City Games Event*
- ✓ *6 Thursday evenings commencing October 31*
- ✓ *Cavanagh Reserve Tennis Courts Lalor Park*
- ✓ *Primary school students 6.30pm to 7.30pm*
- ✓ *Secondary students and adults 7.30pm to 8.30pm*
- ✓ *Maximum 24 players / session*
- ✓ *Registrations open October 1st*
- ✓ *First family member \$30*
- ✓ *2nd and subsequent family members \$20*
- ✓ *All gear supplied*
- ✓ *Great coaching*
- ✓ *Beginners welcome*

Phone Lyn 0421 798 242
 email@hockeyblacktown.org.au
<http://www.hockeyblacktown.org.au>

Looking for a fun summer sport to play, let the SOFTBALL diamond become your best friend.

Softball is a sport that's fun and exciting which caters for all ages and abilities.

We cater for girls from 5 years of age in our junior sides. Mums and Dads can come and join also, ladies - from C Grade to A Grade and for the men we have a mixed competition.

All newly registered players under 14 years will receive a FREE backpack, glove and ball upon registering.

The season runs from October 2019 to March 2020 (excluding the Dec/Jan holidays).

Travelling each week is easy - we play at the same place and time every Saturday:

- Junior games and some senior games are played at International Peace Park (IPP) at Seven Hills
- Senior games are played at Stanhope Gardens (SG), Stanhope Gardens

For further information, please contact our Registrar - Robyn Burns on 0414 632 905 or send an email to phoenixsoftballclub@gmail.com

Term 4 2019 Community Calendar The Meadows Public School

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S/S
1	14 October Staff & Students Return Life Education 'Healthy Harold' Van Sport in Schools K-2	15 October Life Education 'Healthy Harold' Van	16 October Action Education Anti-Bullying Show 1.40pm.	17 October Life Education 'Healthy Harold' Van	18 October Summer PSSA Rd 8 Life Education 'Healthy Harold' Van	19 20 Oct
2	21 October Sport in Schools 3-6	22 October	23 October	24 October	25 October Summer PSSA Rd 9	26 27 Oct
3	28 October Sport in Schools K-2 Special Group Photos	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November Summer PSSA Rd 10 Halloween Disco Year 6 Fundraiser 5.00-7.00pm	2 3 Nov
4	4 November Sport in Schools 3-6 Kinder Enrolment Interviews	5 November Russ The Story Bus (Jules Faber – Illustrator)	6 November	7 November Ready, Set, Kindy! Session 1: 1.50 - 2.50	8 November Summer PSSA Rd 11	9 10 Nov
5	11 November Sport in Schools K-2	12 November P&C Meeting Grandparents Day	13 November K-6 Assembly	14 November Ready, Set, Kindy! Session 2: 11.30 - 1.15	15 November Summer PSSA Rd 12	16 17 Nov
6	18 November Sport in Schools 3-6	19 November	20 November	21 November Ready, Set, Kindy! Session 3: 9.00 – 11.00	22 November Summer PSSA Rd 13	23 24 Nov
7	25 November Sport in Schools K-2	26 November	27 November	28 November Ready, Set, Kindy! Session 4: 9.30 – 11.00 (incl. Parent Info. Session)	29 November Colour Run Sponsor Money due in	30 Nov 1 Dec
8	2 December Sport in Schools 3-6	3 December	4 December K-6 Assembly	5 December Student Leader Elections Kinder Excursion	6 December The Colour Run!	7 8 Dec
9	9 December Sport in Schools K-2	10 December Year 6 Graduation P&C Lunch Year 6 Farewell	11 December	12 December Presentation Day	13 December	14 15 Dec
10	16 December Reports home	17 December	18 December Last Day of School	19 December	20 December	21 22 Dec