

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:20am – 3:00pm

Canteen

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:20am – 2:00pm

OOSH – Out of Hours School Care



Enrolments can be done online at:
www.squiggler.com.au

or for more information contact
Dianne on 0403-379-724
or dianne@squiggler.com.au

Uniform Shop

Uniforms are sold in the canteen
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:20am – 9:00am

Payment by
cash & cheque
at school
OR
prepay online using
MasterCard or Visa



Calendar

Important Dates in Term 3, 2019

Week 9

Monday, 16 th September	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Tuesday, 17 th September	Kindy Excursion
Friday, 20 th September	Summer PSSA Round Returns
Friday, 20 th September	Year 5 & 6 Excursion

Week 10

Monday, 23 rd September	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday 25 th September	K – 6 Assembly
Thursday 26 th September	Multicultural Day
Friday, 27 th September	Summer PSSA Rd 9

TERM 4 – Week 1

Monday, 14 th October	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday, 14 th October	Healthy Harold

Principal's Message

Staffing News

Our School Admin Officer, Mrs Wendy Anderson, has commenced a relieving position as School Admin Manager at Northmead Public School for the remainder of the 2019 school year. Mrs Anderson will still work at The Meadows each Monday before joining Northmead each Tuesday-Friday. Mrs Alesa Bryan will relieve as School Admin Officer Tuesday to Friday each week.

In additional staffing news, we welcome back Mr Michael Prants to our library on Monday after some time spent at home with his newborn child. We thank Mrs Cathy Germolus for her contribution as relieving librarian in that time and can now announce that Mrs Germolus will remain on our staff for the rest of 2019 as an EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) teacher. Mrs Germolus will support students in classes across Tuesday and Wednesday each week.



Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts

Another brilliant night was enjoyed on the stage on Tuesday night for our talented performers, this time at the Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts. Thank you to Miss Reardon (Dance) and Miss Byun (Choir) for their preparation of our performance groups, thanks to all of our parents for their support and the BIGGEST THANKS to our students. You were wonderful, AGAIN! Here's our dance group in action!

Tell Them From Me Surveys

As a school, we are always striving to improve what we do to give your children the very best learning and experiences in their primary school years. We are guided in our efforts to improve by the knowledge and insight we gain from our key stakeholders – our students and our parent community. All students in Years 4-6 will next week be participating in the Tell Them From Me survey for the second time this year and this time around, our parent community will also be surveyed. On Tuesday a note was sent home encouraging all parents to participate.

The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 10 September and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school go to:
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tmps2019>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Multicultural Day Update



Your official invitation to Multicultural Day, to be held on Thursday 26th September, will be sent home next Tuesday! Look out for the note in your child's schoolbag. We have a full day of activities planned with the highlight being our very multicultural lunch. I can now confirm we will have stalls representing: Australia, Aboriginal Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Bangladesh, Turkey, Sudan, China, Vietnam and even the United States!

We still have the opportunity for parents and students to lead some cultural entertainment at lunchtime to add to the atmosphere of the day by providing a display of cultural music and dance. If you are interested in sharing this aspect of your culture with our school community at lunchtime, please speak with Mr Staveley as soon as possible.

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 7th November, 1.50-2.50pm; Thursday 14th November, 11.30-1.15pm; Thursday 21st November, 9.00-11.00am; Thursday 28th 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.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 7

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Hadizatu
Arpith

KR Lauryn
Dheav

1/2L Hriya
Arshpreet

1/2R Gabriel
Adyaan

1/2S Raaga
Raksha

3/4B Jasper
Lydia

3/4H Maleah
Rettalia

3/4J Anthony
Kaleisha

3-6L Monika

5/6D Zoe
Hugo
Rosemary

5/6H Dominic
Shaniq

5/6S Anika
Adam

Week 8

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Bihaan
Adharna

KR Vincent
Elina

1/2L Issa
Kavya

1/2R Abhinav
Shamel

1/2S Destiny
Demirhan

3/4B Vishwa
Kane

3/4H Nathan
Srivitha

3/4J Javin
Parul

3-6L Michael

5/6D Ojas
Remojan

5/6H Taleaha
Seth

5/6S Anna
Matilda

P & C CORNER

We continue to be very grateful for your support of fundraising events, including at the recent NAIDOC day, the Father's Day stall and the Smith Family coin collecting drive.

On Monday a group of parents from The Meadows ran a canteen at the Tony Lockett Shield AFL knockout finals. Families from as far away as Wagga and Griffith appreciated the service we provided. Through the day's sales we made a profit of just over \$1000 for our school.

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	Tuesday, 17 th Sept.	\$25	Friday, 13 th Sept.

3-6L COMMUNITY AND ROAD EDUCATION SCHEME

On Monday 9th September, 2019 3-6L attended the Community and Road Education Scheme (C.A.R.E.S.) at Prospect.

Cares is a purpose built bicycle safety education facility run by the Blacktown Police Force for schools in the Blacktown district.

On the day, 3-6L received education about safety and road rules. They completed a riding skills course to enhance their skills and prepare them for the challenges on the road.

They then had the challenge of riding a bicycle on the made up road track while respecting all road rules. The children that got the least amount of points taken off their bike licence were rewarded with extra time on the track.

It was a fun and enjoyable day. Please remember to wear a helmet and be safe on the roads.



STAGE 3 CANBERRA TRIP

In Week 6, Mr Staveley, Mr Haynes, Miss Simmons and Mrs Dawson took 43 Stage 3 students to Canberra for this year's Year 5 and 6 camp.

The students had an incredible time and participated in many different activities. The three days were jam packed with visits to the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and Mount Ainsley all on Day 1. The next day was an early start with visits to Old Parliament House, the electoral office, visits to different embassies, a visit to the Institute of Sport, Geoscience and then a trip up to Corin Forest for some fun in snow.

One of the student's highlights was seeing Miss Simmons, Mr Haynes and Mr Staveley slide down the snowy mountain on toboggans. Mrs Dawson kept warm with a hot chocolate by the warm fire. Day 2 ended with a night tour of the Dinosaur Museum, another highlight.

On the last day we visited Questacon and got our science on before entering the bus and returning to school. Of course, a school camp is not complete without a stop at Mc Donald's, a definite highlight for some of the students.

The students were so well behaved and we were so proud of the way that they conducted themselves. We even had teachers from other schools and general members of the public commenting on how polite our students were. We look forward to planning next year's camping trip.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



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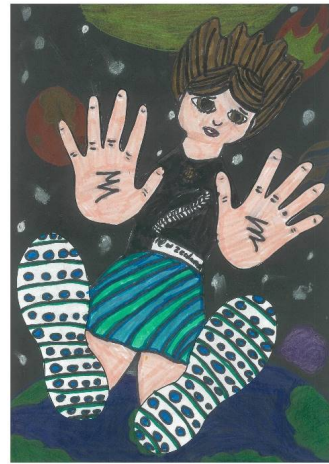


Operation Art Update

The wonderful artworks by four of our students: **Savannah (3/4B)**, **Ana-Leah (3/4H)**, **Jayden (3/4J)** and **Ella (5/6D)** will be on display at the Operation Art exhibition at the Armory Gallery.

The exhibit will be on display from **14 September** to **16 November, 10am to 4pm** daily.

Armory Gallery Address:
Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park



YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

On Friday, 27th September (Week 10) students are invited to wear their footy colours as part of the Year 6 Fundraiser. We are asking that all students who wish to wear mufti on that day to donate a gold coin towards subsidising the cost of the Year 6 Farewell.

Thank you for your support,
Year 6 Teachers,
Mr Haynes, Mrs Dawson and Miss Simmons



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.



School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

For boys and girls in Kindergarten and above

Come and experience the fun and excitement of
gymnastics

- Fun in a safe and structured environment
- Qualified and Professional Coaches
- Olympic Standard Equipment
- Foam Filled Landing Pits
- Trampolines
- Affiliated with Gymnastics Australia and NSW



Full Day Sessions (9.00am-3.00pm)

\$50.00 per day

Half Day Sessions (9.00am-12.30pm)

\$40.00 per session

30th Sept – 4th Oct and 8th Oct – 11th Oct

Term 4 2019

Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydacgym@hotmail.com

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills

Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills

The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds

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

The Meadows Supported Playgroup

A Free Playgroup for families with children from 0 - 5

Playing helps learning – Playing is children's work!

Playgroup is a place designed to provide the opportunity for children to play, interact with other children, develop social skills and enhance early childhood development before they start school.



Games, outdoor play, story time, excursions, and lots more!

Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other
Parents and children in a friendly environment!

Grandparents, uncles, aunties and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centre
(Located at Fuller Street on the school grounds
of The Meadows Public School Block I)

When: **Wednesday** 9:30am – 11:30am

For more information, please phone 9896 7514.
Or simply turn up on the day.



Member for a Day:
What would you say?

Free fun educational activities at
Australia's oldest Parliament for
children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the
guessing competition, participate in the
arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative
chambers and places rarely open to the
public; give your first speech as a
Member of Parliament in the chambers;
be entertained by roving musicians.

FREE ENTRY
Activities
10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location
6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

The public café
will be open.

Sausage
Sizzle
\$3.00
per person



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