

The Meadows Mag

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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



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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 3

Monday, 5 th August	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Tuesday, 6 th August	Education Week Open Day
Thursday, 8 th August	Westpoint Choir & Dance Performances - Education Wk
Friday, 9 th August	Winter PSSA

Week 4 – Book Week

Monday – Thursday	Book Fair Week !!!
Monday, 12 th August	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 13 th August	Book Week Character Parade
Tuesday, 13 th August	P&C Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, 14 th August	BFOPA Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 16 th August	Winter PSSA

Week 5

Monday, 19 th August	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday, 21 st August	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 26 th July	Winter PSSA

Principal's Message

Principal Haynes

I commenced a 7-day period of long service leave yesterday and in my absence, Mr Thomas Haynes will be Relieving Principal. I will return to school on Monday, 12th August.

More Baby News!



Congratulations to Mrs Alyssa O'Neil, former teacher of KO and Relieving Assistant Principal who has given birth to her first child, a strong little man named Xavier Michael O'Neil. Mrs O'Neil, her husband Tom and Baby Xavier are all doing well. Xavier came into the world on Tuesday, 23rd July. We wish the O'Neil family all the best at this very special time.

Our 4th and final 'staff baby' for 2019 entered the world last Friday, 26th July when our Aboriginal Education Officer, Miss Brooke, gave birth to a son, Alejandro (AJ) Richard Jose Duarte. AJ was in quite a hurry, meeting his mum and dad (also named Alejandro) after just 45 minutes of labour! Again, we wish Miss Brooke and her family all the best!



Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday our students enjoyed competing and simply participating in sprint races, 800m races, relays, long jump, high jump, shot put and a range of novelty events at our annual Athletics Carnival at CV Kelly Park. There was something for everyone! A big thank you to all of the parents who joined us on the day and a special thank you to our wonderful P&C team for their outstanding efforts in catering the event. All place-getters from competitive events at the carnival will be receiving their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons at next Tuesday's Open Day Showcase Assembly. Finally, I would like to thank the students for your 'Have A Go' attitude and also to Mr Caleb Hobby who led a terrific team of teachers to ensure the smooth running of this major sports event.

Education Week Activities

All parents and carers should have received a note last week promoting next week's **Education Week Open Day on Tuesday, 6th August**. After a regular, hardworking morning for our students, our gates will open at **11:30am** and all classrooms will be open for parents and carers to see their children at work in either English or Mathematics and possibly using some of our new technology. The Open Classrooms session will run for 45 minutes before the highlight of the day, our Showcase Assembly, featuring performances from our choir groups and dance groups as well as a look back over the first 6 months of the school year with a video highlights package. Ribbons for the Athletics Carnival will also be presented. The assembly commences at 12:15pm and all are welcome. Lunchtime will start at approximately 1:00pm and the P&C are having a sausage sizzle and drink stall to cater for your lunch time needs! There is no pre-ordering, simply buy on the day. Sausage sizzles are \$3, cans of drink are \$2 and water/poppers are \$1 each.

In addition to Open Day, some of our students from various choir and dance groups will be strutting their stuff very publicly as part of the Blacktown Learning Community's series of concerts on the outdoor stage on level 4 of Westpoint Blacktown. Our stars will step up onto the stage from **12:30pm on Thursday, 8th August**. Try to get along to Westpoint to cheer our students on!

Book Week

Book Week will be held during the week beginning Monday, 12th August. One key aspect of Book Week is the annual Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair is where students and parents can purchase books directly at our library during mornings and afternoons. It is being held from Monday, 12th to Thursday, 15th August. The Book Fair will be open at the following times:

Monday, 12th Aug. – 2:50-3:20pm

Tuesday, 13th Aug. – 8:20-8:50am, Recess, 2:50-3:20pm

Wednesday, 14th Aug. – 8:20-8:50am + 2:50-3:20pm

Thursday 15th Aug. – 8:20-8:50am + 2:50-3:20pm

Our annual Book Week Character Parade is being held straight after morning roll call (approximately 9:00am) on **TUESDAY, 13th August**.

The theme of Book Week 2019 is 'Reading is my Secret Power.' We are encouraging all of our students to dress up as a book character with a secret power, or indeed a special hero! Heroes with secret powers come in many forms.....comic book heroes, kids' movie heroes such as Woody and Buzz or Harry and Hermione. Then there's real heroes such as our armed forces and emergency services as well as heroes from the world of sport. So many to choose from!

We look forward to seeing a HALL full of HEROES on Tuesday, 13th August!

NAIDOC Day



The new date for NAIDOC Day has been confirmed as Thursday, 22nd August. NAIDOC Day will be a full day of Aboriginal cultural activities including art sessions, dance sessions, an Aboriginal artefact exhibition and boomerang throwing. A separate note will be sent home closer to the event.

This new date creates a further change to our Term 3 Calendar – Special Group photos will now be held on Wednesday, 4th September.

School Building Projects



Three of our four major works projects for 2019 are now complete. We had an extensive roofing project carried out in Term 1 with new Colorbond roofing installed over our 3-6 classrooms and administration block.

Next up, in the holidays, our multi-purpose games court was completed with the addition of line marking and basketball/netball posts.

On Tuesday, the grandest addition of them all, our new K-2 COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) was completed. It looks FANTASTIC!

Eventually, we will also be re-surfacing the K-2 playground area as well.

Our current project is the installation of new carpet tiles to all classrooms, the library and the administration block, a project which is set to continue until Friday, 16th August.

Multicultural Day



A further reminder that our major whole-school event for the year, Multicultural Day is being held on Thursday, 26th September.

The biggest and best feature of the day is the FOOD! Like in previous years, we intend to have a range of stalls on our grounds serving a wide range of international flavours! That's where we need your help! If you are interested in running a food stall, please see Mr Haynes, Mr Staveley or the ladies in the office. Our most represented countries at The Meadows are Australia, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Philippines, Fiji, Malaysia, Turkey and Singapore. We would love to have the vast majority of those countries represented by a food stall on the day. We would also love a stall of Aboriginal food and stalls from any other nations not mentioned. A meeting will be arranged for all interested parents and carers. Thank you to some of the parents of our Sri Lankan and Indian communities who have been the first to respond. The challenge is out to all other nationalities to join the party!

P&C News - Second-hand Uniform Shop

At a recent meeting, our P&C made the decision to set up a Second-hand Uniform Shop. To make this idea a reality, we need supplies of second-hand uniform items including shirts, shorts, dresses, tracksuit pants, fleecy tops and jackets. Our P&C will only be selling items originally bought from our school uniform shop featuring the official school crest. We request that any items donated to the stall be in good to very good condition, without stains or tears. If you have any items to contribute, please send them in with your child. A second-hand uniform donation box will be placed at the front of the assembly each morning next week.

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will open on various mornings and/or afternoons in Term 3. Announcements will be made on Facebook, the school app and at morning assemblies in regards to sale dates and times.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Congratulations to Isha from 1/2R who won a \$50 Hoyts Movie voucher for her efforts to complete the Mission 100 Holiday Reading Challenge.

This newsletter's 'Fun Page' activity is a find-a-word with 24 Heroes to find! Complete the page, hand in to the office and go into the draw to be a winner!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 1

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Mackenzie
Alessio

KR Vincent
Braxton

1/2L Bahar
Joanna

1/2R Ankur
Taashi

1/2S Alex
Rubiya

3/4B Shaun
Isabella

3/4H Mohammed
Aleyna

3/4J Javin
Shaza

3-6L

5/6D Enez
Laurence

5/6H Ben
Levi

5/6S Priyanshi
Raina

Week 2

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Agastya
Daniel

KR Lauryn
Seth

1/2L Bayley
Gurveen

1/2R Abhinav
Neveah-Lea

1/2S Charlie
Kashvi

3/4B Mann
Sehejpreet

3/4H Halli
Ria

3/4J Maaz
Donald

3-6L

5/6D Kaylee
Jacob

5/6H Lorraine
Mahi

5/6S Prabin
Matilda

Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$20	Please pay immediately
Canberra Camp Years 5 & 6	28 th – 30 th August	\$50 – Final Instalment	Friday, 16 th August

1/2L are growing SNOW PEAS!

As part of our Science investigation about living things we planted snow peas outside our classroom.



We designed and created a structure for them to grow up and hoped for the best....



Today we harvested a few tasty snow peas and based on how many flowers we can see there WILL be more!

See? Learning can be fun...

& DELICIOUS! 😊



WRITING IN 1/2R

Don't
Let the
Pigeon
Drive
the
Bus!



In 1/2R we are learning to write persuasive texts to share our opinions and convince others to change their opinions. We read one of our favourite books: *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*



^ Here Abhinav is role playing the pigeon and walking through our opinion alley. He is deciding whether he (the pigeon) should or should not drive the bus. We had to give him reasons for yes or no. He decided that he would drive the bus because the yes side was more convincing.

^ We then created our own variations of the book. Some of our book titles are 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive Miss Reyes' Car' and 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sydney Trains.' In our books we have given reasons as to why the pigeon must not drive the different transport.

> When we finished publishing we got to share our books with 1/2L. We are learning to share our writing with different audiences.





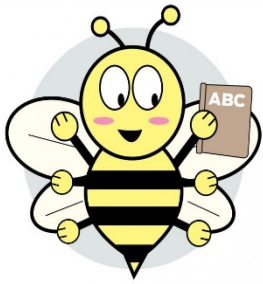
1/2S

1/2S always work really well together as a team. We enjoyed our afternoon playing games that require communication and team work. We played games such as Captain Ball, Tunnel Ball, passing the ball over-and-under and side-to-side.

In doing this we are developing our resilience and sportsmanship. It's not always about winning, it's about having fun and helping each other out.

#TeamWorkMakesTheDreamWork





Premier's Spelling Bee

On Friday, 27th July, TMPS held a Spelling Bee to select two Stage 2 and two Stage 3 students to represent our school at the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee. Congratulations and best wishes to our finalists: Shaun, Ana-Leah, Hugo and Muddthir who will represent our school in the regionals at Quakers Hill Public School later this term.

K-2 Parent Information Session with Dr. Noella Mackenzie

Help your child

DrawTalkWrite



Wednesday 14th August

1:50-2:40pm

The Meadows Public School Library

Commonwealth Bank



**Did you know that you can do your
brother or sister's banking
at The Meadows ???**

**That's right, if your brother or sister is in
high school, or if they haven't even
started Kindy yet,
as long as they have a Commonwealth
Bank account you can bring in their
banking too.**



is on Wednesday



P&C Corner



Thank you to everyone who supported our canteen at the Athletics Carnival and helped on the day. Together we raised just over \$1200 - a superb effort!

To give you an idea of how the money we raise is spent, recently we donated \$4000 towards Mathematics equipment for the school (\$1000 for each stage). We also secured a \$5000 grant which we gave to the school for the dance groups, sports uniforms and sports equipment.

On Tuesday, 6 August, we will be selling food and drinks at the Open Day. Watch this space for information about other fundraisers!

And finally, **everyone** is welcome at our next meeting, Tuesday, 13th August at 7pm in the staffroom.



This term the P&C has chosen to raise money for The Smith Family, as a way to thank them for supporting our school.



The Smith Family supports children all over Australia. In our school, many families have received Learning For Life Scholarships, and students have had equal access to camps, excursions and other opportunities outside the classroom.

For something a little different, we ask everyone to bring in their spare change - 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 or \$2. Each classroom will have a collection jar from Thursday August 1.

On Friday 13 September, each class will make a long line of coins from their jar. The class with the longest line of coins will win a prize from the P&C. ALL coins donated will be given to The Smith Family. We look forward to your support!





Name: _____



Students Fun Page

HEROES Word Search!

Can you find all of the HEROES in the word search below?

If you find them all, bring in the finished find-a-word to the office by next Friday to go into the draw for a range of special student prizes!

A	B	U	Z	Z	L	I	G	H	T	Y	E	A	R	B
S	C	D	E	H	A	R	R	Y	P	O	T	T	E	R
E	U	D	O	C	T	O	R	S	F	G	H	I	J	C
N	S	P	I	D	E	R	M	A	N	K	L	S	A	A
O	F	O	E	M	O	T	H	E	R	S	E	M	Q	P
I	A	L	N	R	O	P	Q	R	S	S	T	U	U	T
M	T	I	V	W	M	X	Y	Z	R	A	L	B	A	A
R	H	C	C	D	H	A	E	U	F	K	E	G	M	I
E	E	E	S	H	I	E	N	J	L	K	G	L	A	N
H	R	M	N	O	O	P	R	U	Q	R	E	C	N	A
S	S	T	U	V	L	W	H	O	X	Y	N	A	Z	M
B	A	T	M	A	N	D	A	B	E	C	D	T	D	E
N	E	F	G	H	I	J	I	K	L	S	S	W	Y	R
I	M	N	O	P	F	I	R	E	M	E	N	O	D	I
B	Q	R	T	E	A	C	H	E	R	S	S	M	O	C
O	P	A	R	A	M	E	D	I	C	S	T	A	O	A
R	U	W	O	N	D	E	R	W	O	M	A	N	W	V

SUPERMAN	CATWOMAN	BUZZ LIGHTYEAR
SPIDERMAN	CAPTAIN AMERICA	WOODY
HULK	SOLDIERS	DOCTORS
BATMAN	FIREMEN	MOTHERS
ROBIN	POLICE	FATHERS
WONDER WOMAN	PARAMEDICS	TEACHERS
AQUAMAN	NURSES	LEGENDS
HARRY POTTER	HERMIONE	HEROES

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.

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

CASTLE HILL indoorSports CENTRE

ACTIVE KIDS

NEW JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

ACTIVE KIDS

STARTING 4th SEPT – 7th SEPT 2019

REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday 24th August 2019 – 9am till 3pm
Saturday 31st August 2019 – 9am till 3pm

INDOOR SOCCER (6 a side)

U6's and U7's- Saturdays 8am to 10.30am
U8's and U9's- Saturdays 10am to 1pm
U10's and U11's- Saturdays 11am to 2pm
U12's to U14's- Saturdays 2pm to 5pm

5-A-SIDE

U15's to U17's- Fridays 5pm to 7:30pm
Girls Only Grades

U10's, U12's- Saturdays 12pm to 2.30pm
U14's- Saturdays 3pm to 5pm

INDOOR NETBALL (7 a side)

U7's and U8's- Saturdays 8am to 10am
U9 and U10's- Saturdays 9.30am to 12pm
U11's and U12's- Saturdays 11.30am to 2.30pm
U13's and U14's- Saturdays 2pm to 5pm
U15's to U17's (Girls & Mixed) Wednesdays 5pm to 7pm



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If you have changed:

- ◆ Your address,
- ◆ Your home phone number,
- ◆ Your mobile phone number,
- ◆ Your work contact number,
- ◆ An emergency contact if you are unavailable.



Please notify the school as soon as possible so our records are accurate and we can reach you in case of an emergency.

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BUILD CONFIDENCE
LEARN HEALTHY EATING HABITS
HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Register today to join your local program at go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900

Programs running in Cumberland, Parramatta, Hills and Blacktown local areas every school term

Would you have an hour a week to spare?

Breakfast Club needs your help!

Breakfast Club is a healthy eating program, a place where children socialise with their peers, learn information about nutrition and participate in activities, while enjoying a free nutritional breakfast.



More than 50% of our students have participated and enjoyed a healthy breakfast.



Please join this rewarding program, just one hour a week can make a difference to our students and the community.

Good Start Breakfast Club runs from 8:20am to 8:45am on Monday, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Helpers are required between 8am to 9am, but anytime you have available to help would be truly appreciated. If in need of any further information please contact Madhur on 9896 7514.

Please return the completed Reply Slip to your class teacher.

Breakfast Club Helper

Please indicate below the days you could be available:

Please circle: Monday Tuesday Thursday

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact No.: _____