

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 5

Monday, 19 th August	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday, 21 st August	K-6 Assembly
Thursday, 22 nd August	NAIDOC Day
Friday, 23 rd August	Winter PSSA

Week 6

Monday, 26 th August	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 27 th August	Father's Day Stall
Wednesday, 28 th August	Years 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Thursday, 29 th August	Years 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Friday, 30 th August	Years 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Friday, 30 th August	Father's Day Big BBQ Breakfast & Father/Son Soccer
Friday, 30 th August	Winter PSSA

Week 7

Monday, 2 nd September	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday, 4 th September	Special Group Photo Day
Thursday, 5 th September	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday, 6 th September	Winter PSSA

Principal's Message

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 30 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 through Mrs Anderson at the front office.

Education Week



Last week was Education Week across New South Wales, a time to celebrate and acknowledge all of the great things about Public Education. I wish to personally thank all of the parents and carers who found some time to join us for Open Day, experience some time with your child or children in their classroom and enjoy our showcase assembly. Special thanks again to our P&C team for coordinating the BBQ sausage sizzle lunch on the day.



A special thanks also to Miss Reardon, Miss Baharoglu, Miss Byun and Miss Sammut for their leadership of our performance groups. Our choirs and dance groups have much to be proud of following their performances on our own stage as well as the bigger stage for the Westpoint Blacktown Education Week Concert. Our guys were STARS and all in front of an excellent number of our proud Meadows parents and carers. Thank you for your support of our extra-curricular programs. It is all about providing opportunities for your children.

Book Week



Our Book Week was a MAJOR SUCCESS! The Scholastic Book Fair in the library was well-attended and Mr Prants and his group of helpers were kept busy each morning and afternoon selling a wonderful array of books and other items.

Thanks to all who purchased a book as our school will receive a healthy commission based on our sales which totalled \$1926.



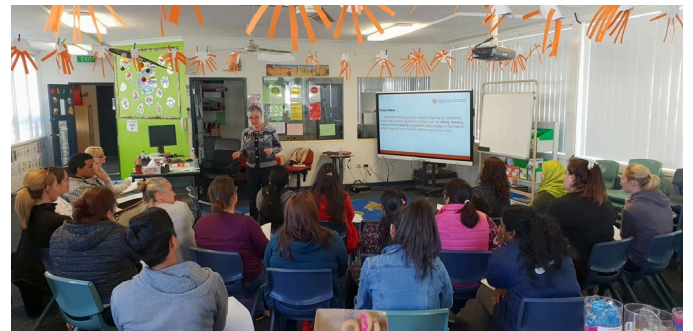
The absolute highlight of Book Week was our Character Parade on Tuesday. We have the BEST STAFF at The Meadows and all contributed to the atmosphere of the day along with most of our students who looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite heroes or characters with secret powers. We had Superman, Batman, Spiderman, Aquaman, Wonder Woman, Harry Potter, Indiana Jones, the gang from Toy Story and a host of other special guests joining in the fun. After the parade, every student in the school read for 20 minutes, many students enjoying the special experience of reading with a parent or carer. Special thanks to the 100+ parents and carers who found the time to enjoy this special time.

Writing Focus

We have been privileged in 2019 to have the outstanding support of Associate Professor Dr Noella Mackenzie from Charles Sturt University in Albury. Noella has passed on her expertise in the teaching of writing to our Stage 1 teachers throughout the year and on Wednesday after school, our whole staff benefitted from a professional learning session with Noella.

Prior to this, a group of 25 parents from our school, our playgroup and surrounding pre-schools joined a session with Noella in our library. We are one of just six schools across NSW to have this level of support from Noella.

The strong message from Noella's sessions was to highlight the importance of talking and, in particular, drawing, as major stepping stones to becoming successful writers at school.



So I ask you to try the following: After your next family day out, ask your child to talk about what they did and then ask your child to draw a series of pictures to show the sequence of the day. From there, encourage your child to add some words and sentences to help tell the story. Your child's pictures will become a great stimulus for writing!

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 variety of international flavours! That's where we need your help! If you are interested in running a food stall, please see 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 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! A second reminder note has been sent home today.

Student's Fun Page

Congratulations to Jordan Doorey who has won a \$50 Hoyts Movie Voucher for being drawn out as the first winning entry in the Superheroes Find-a-word in the previous newsletter. Look out for another opportunity to win in the next newsletter!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Alyira
Lakshet

KR Kamel
Maddison

1/2L Ackland
Arshpreet

1/2R Jerekai
Shamel

1/2S Bailey
Nicola

3/4B Taylen
Tiahna

3/4H Lachlan
Srivitha

3/4J Amal
Mithra

3-6L Lauren

5/6D Christopher
Eilaf

5/6H Shihab
Strantz

5/6S Arunkani
Simon

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Akin
Habishika

KR Ishaan
Walter

1/2L Neha
Roaa

1/2R Aakanksha
Isla

1/2S Dhruv
Mina

3/4B Aiden
Savannah

3/4H Habishan
Vinoth

3/4J Decoda
Omar

3-6L Jordan

5/6D Isabella
Zac

5/6H Dylan
Kasius

5/6S Adam
Tia



P&C Corner



Second-hand uniforms will be for sale Wednesday, 21st August from 2:30pm, after the K-6 assembly. Come along and grab a bargain!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Open Day canteen. We will be hosting a BBQ and drinks stall at The Meadows' NAIDOC Day celebrations, Thursday, 22 August. See you there!

Father's Day is fast approaching, with our gift stall being run on Tuesday, 27th August. Look out for a note closer to the day.

We have had parents offering help at various times. If you would like to be added to the P&C phone contact list so that you know when help is needed for different events, please speak with a P&C committee member: Aly Giordano, Jaime Ison or Jessica Garget.

And finally, don't forget 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 1st.

On Friday, 13th 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!

3/4H PERSUASIVE POWERS

3/4H have been learning to use high modality to make their arguments more convincing. High modality is using language to express that you are certain about your opinion or argument.

Doctors and nurses are **certainly** the best superheroes and that is **definitel**. They **always** help people and **undoubtedly** work together as a team to clear difficulties for their patients. They are **absolutely** real superheroes!



Supergirl is **definitely** the best superhero because she **always** helps people and **absolutely** has the best powers. She will fix any argument and save everyone!

Obviously the HULK **is** the best superhero since he is the **absolute** strongest character in Marvel.



Without a doubt, Dr. Strange is the best superhero because he can **always** freeze time and **completely** see the future. It is **definitely** easy for him to fight crime, and he has an infinity stone.



Police are real life superheroes. They are **undoubtedly** smart and brave and **certainly** try their best to catch people who commit crime. Policemen **have to** deal with dangerous things every day. They are **clearly** selfless.



3/4J are taking on new challenges!



This term, we are learning about the South Korean culture. In 3/4J, we are always willing to take on new and challenging tasks. We are becoming paper folding gurus and have mastered our skills to make the *hanbok* (Korean traditional dress) and the *norigae* (Korean traditional accessory).



We learned to play a Korean traditional game called *Yutnori*. Instead of dice, we use 4 sticks called *yut* to tell us how many steps we need to take with our counters. We are developing our problem solving and collaborative skills to work out the best strategies as a team for getting counters home. First team to get all 4 of their counters home wins!



We continue to strengthen our understanding of place value through number games.





Athletics Carnival 2019



Thank you again to all the students, staff, parents, carers, friends and P&C who made our 2019 Athletics Carnival so successful. Everybody had a fantastic positive attitude, and the team spirit was excellent!



Below are the Athletics Carnival house point totals and places. Congratulations to Paterson on taking the top spot!



1st	Paterson	412
2nd	Kendall	382
3rd	Laussan	317
4th	Gordon	257



We also had a number of school records broken in various events. Congratulations to the following students for making it into The Meadows Public School Athletics Carnival Record Book:

Name	Event	Time/Distance
Jaxson Reynolds-Hunt	9 years 100m	15.39 sec
Zuhail Kakki	12 years 100m	16.59 sec
	12 years 200m	36.89 sec
	Senior 800m	3.23 min
Muddthir Hassan	Senior 800m	3.19 min
Ella Champion	Senior Discus	11.9m
Ethan Changcoco	Senior Shotput	8.6m
Christopher Sales, Rawson Emanuel, Zuhail Kakki, Mohi Patel.	Senior 4x100m Relay	1.06 min



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

The Meadows Supported Playgroup

A Free Playgroup for families with children from 0 – 5 years

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.



Music,

Painting,



Stories,



Craft

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, aunts and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centre (SaCC)

Located in the school grounds of The Meadows
Public School - Block I (main access Fuller Street)

When: Wednesday, 9:30am - 11:30am or Friday, 9am - 11am

For more information phone 9896 7514 or simply turn up on the day.

TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.



This resource has been developed by
Western Sydney Local Health District,
published November 2018

TIPS TO GET YOUR KIDS EATING VEGGIES



ADD TO EVERY MEAL

Salad on sandwiches/wraps



Offer cut up veggies as snacks



Fill half the plate with veggies



ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD

Show them you enjoy eating veggies



Offer veggies with foods they already enjoy



Be positive and patient - it takes 10-15 times to like a new food



TRY A VARIETY

Fresh, Frozen, canned, raw or cooked



Different colours



Buy in season

EAT MORE VEGETABLES and fruit

Vegetables and Fruit taste great and keep us healthy. Everyone should eat Fruit and veggies every day. While most children eat at least 1 serve of Fruit each day, the majority don't eat enough veggies*.



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

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.: _____