

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 7

Monday, 2 nd September	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Thursday, 5 th September	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday, 6 th September	Winter PSSA

Week 8

Monday, 9 th September	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Monday, 9 th September	3-6L CARES Bike Safety
Tuesday, 10 th September	P&C Meeting 9am
Tuesday, 10 th September	BFOPA Festival Night
Friday, 13 th September	NO PSSA

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

Principal's Message

NAIDOC Day

I wasn't exaggerating last Thursday when I declared our 2019 NAIDOC day celebration was the best one I have been involved with in my 30 years in Public Education. Every student and a large number of parents enjoyed the range of great activities on the day including boomerang throwing, an artefacts display, painting, singing and dancing. The day commenced with a traditional smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country by our visitors from Muggera and the absolute highlight of the whole event was the assembly in the afternoon involving an outstanding display of Aboriginal dance which had every student and every teacher up on their feet joining in. What a sight to behold! Thanks to Miss Reyes, Miss Sammut and Miss Brooke for their organisation of this memorable event and also to our P&C parents for their hard work on the BBQ providing a delicious lunch!



Attendance

We currently have 248 students enrolled at The Meadows. Unfortunately, when attendance records were monitored last week, we had 42 students with 10 or more unexplained absences in 2019. There is a clear expectation at The Meadows PS that on the first day of return following an absence, children will arrive at school with a note explaining their absence. Teachers will send home a reminder note if required and it is expected that these are returned the following day.

Absenteeism from school is not to be taken lightly. It has an INCREDIBLE IMPACT on student learning. We have a larger than average number of students with attendance rates less than 80%. Indeed, on Monday I issued over 20 notes to those students whose attendance rates have slipped below 80%. This basically means these students are missing one day every week.

ONE DAY EVERY WEEK! Let's think about that for a moment:

- 1 day per week = 10 days per term.
- 10 days per term = 40 days per year.
- 40 days per year = 280 days across K-6.

So if your child misses 1 day per week, they are missing almost one and a half full years of school before they get to high school! Even if they are missing one day per fortnight, this equates to 20 days per year or 140 days across the primary school years, equal to almost 3 full terms of education.

If you're keeping your child home, are you giving them the very best opportunity for a bright future? We all get sick but it's important to have your child return to school with a note explaining their absence upon their return.

Multicultural Day Update



Good News! Our list of countries to be represented at Multicultural Day on Thursday, 26th September has grown considerably in the past week from two to seven! Stalls for India and Sri Lanka will now be joined by stalls for the Philippines, China & Vietnam, Tonga, Bangladesh and Sudan. If you are interested in

running a stall, please register using the official Multicultural Day Expression of Interest form. This form has been sent home twice but if you need another, please see the ladies in the office.

We also have the opportunity for parents to lead some cultural entertainment at lunchtime. So far we have received expressions of interest from members of the Sri Lankan and Tongan parent community to add to the atmosphere of the day by providing a display of cultural music and dance.

We look forward to hearing from ALL of the cultures in our school. Please advise the school by the end of next week (Friday 6th September) if you wish to be involved in some capacity.

SASS Recognition Week / Student's Fun Page

This week has been School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition week. Our SASS staff at The Meadows PS do an outstanding job with administration, financial management, grounds and building maintenance and supporting students and families in our classrooms, playground, canteen and Schools as Communities Centre. We are blessed to have such a fine team. To get to know our SASS staff a little more, check out our 'Things You Didn't Know About our SASS Team' page further into the newsletter.

To all of our student readers, there's a competition quiz page at the back of the newsletter but you'll have to read the SASS page first to find out all of the answers!

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

At the time of writing this, 43 of our students and our three 5/6 class teachers are in Canberra for their 3-day, 2-night excursion to the nation's capital. We look forward to hearing about their adventures in the next edition of the Meadows Mag. Additionally, one of our Year 6 'Strongmen', Strantz Schaumkel has this week had the honour of representing Sydney West PSSA in the NSW Primary Schools Rugby Union Championships. We know that Strantz would have done his region, his family and his school proud!

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 at the front office.

Happy Father's Day

We were joined this morning by a great number of Dads and other significant male carers with their children for our annual Father's Day Big Breakfast. A great time was enjoyed by all! Wishing all of our dads a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley



P&C Corner



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.



We are asking 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!



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 5

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Crystal Ravi

KR Chris Elina

1/2L Jasmine Kaidyn

1/2R Albert Luke

1/2S Rua Seshanthkumar

3/4B Abby Maddison

3/4H Mason Suyandee

3/4J Rayan Ryan

3-6L Jordon

5/6D Allissa Dylan S

5/6H Ethan Rachel

5/6S Jacob L Rawson

Week 6

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO Malakai Vasundhara

1/2L Devansh Roaa

1/2R Isha Zachary

1/2S Mele Pratyush

3/4B Jasmine Jaydn

3/4H Shania Trinity

3/4J Jaxson Shaza

3-6L Lauren

5/6D Jhayde Muddthir

5/6H

5/6S Grace Zeel

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 5 & 10

Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten Dheav

Year 1 Katie

Year 2 Adhiraj

Year 3 Trinley

Year 4 Aleyna

Year 5 Hari

Year 6 Mahi

Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten Sam

Year 1 Zyana

Year 2 Hezekiah

Year 3 Akid

Year 4 Amal

Year 5 Jarod

Year 6 Jorden R

Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

Blue

Arshpreet Akid

Yellow

Ackland Hezekiah Luke Eilaf Jacob R.

Purple

Mele Savannah

Orange

Amal Donald Trinley

Gold

Isabella

Platinum

Enez

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

Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$20	Please pay immediately
BFOPA Rehearsal Day	Tuesday, 10 th Sept.	\$8	ASAP
CARES 3-6L	Monday, 9 th Sept.	FREE	Permission note by 5 th Sept.
Our Place Kindergarten	Tuesday, 17 th Sept.	\$25	Friday, 13 th Sept.



**Our amazing
teachers on
Father's Day duty**





SAS STAFF
RECOGNITION WEEK

In celebrating SAS Staff Recognition Week, we present to you

3 Things We Didn't Know About.....



Michelle Harrison - School Admin. Manager

- Mrs Harrison has a husband and 3 children. Two of her children are teachers.
- Mrs Harrison has 5 amazing grandchildren under the age of 4.
- Mrs Harrison has been working at The Meadows for 17 years.



Wendy Anderson - School Admin. Officer

- Mrs Anderson's first job was as an Apprentice Chef.
- Mrs Anderson loves to go camping,
- Mrs Anderson has been married 3 times just joking, she just wants to see if anyone is really reading this 😊



Alesa Bryan - School Admin. Officer

- Mrs Bryan loves to travel.
- Mrs Bryan LOVES Christmas. She has 2 giant trees and every room in her house gets decorated.
- Mrs Bryan has been happily married to Mr Phil our GA for 27 years.



Georgina Crepaz – SLSO (Teacher's Aide)

- Mrs Crepaz loves collecting antique bears.
- Mrs Crepaz enjoys gardening.
- Mrs Crepaz loves seeing bands playing live.

3 Things We Didn't Know About.....



Tash Holden – SLSO (Teacher's Aide)

- Mrs Holden used to be in the navy.
- Mrs Holden is currently teaching herself to crochet.
- Mrs Holden is scared of frogs!



Julie Cook – SLSO (Teacher's Aide)

- Mrs Cook likes to care for and help people.
- Mrs Cook likes fishing and boating.
- Mrs Cook has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.



Sandra Warren – Canteen Supervisor

- Sandra was born in Mudgee in country NSW.
- Sandra moved to Sydney in 1994.
- Sandra knows how to play the guitar.



Phil Bryan – General Assistant

- Mr Phil is the NUMBER 1 Supporter of the SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS in the world!



Madhur Vani – SaCC Facilitator

- Madhur has always wanted to be a musician.
- Madhur's favourite TV show is 'The Big Bang Theory'
- Madhur is scared of honey bees!

What's Happening in 3/4B



We had a great time with KO! We showed them how we sing each morning and they joined in with us. Then we spent some time reading together. To top it off, we were learning to juggle! It was crazy and fun!



3/6L love literacy lessons

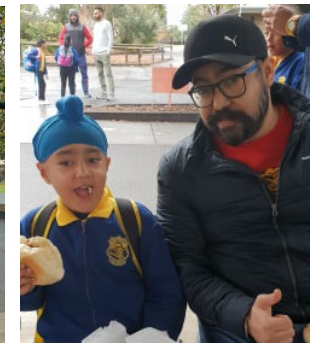
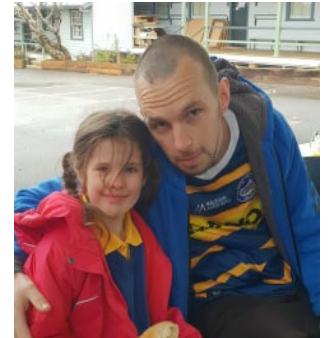


We complete literacy activities on the laptops. We engage our readers by using adjectives in our stories.

Happy Father's Day



I ❤️ Dad



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

FAMILY FUN DAY

at the
NSW Parliament
October School
Holidays!

**FRIDAY
11 OCTOBER
10 am to 3 pm**

MEMBER FOR A 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



FREE ENTRY • All Welcome
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

GROUP BOOKINGS FOR
10 OR MORE ESSENTIAL
9230 2047

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, aunts 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.

The kids And Parents Learning Playgroup

Offering high-quality, free fun, structured learning & play space for families with children from 0- 5 years

Play based learning aimed at supporting & enhancing positive early childhood experiences & development before children start school.



Information for Parents & Carers

Games, outdoor play, story time, excursions, and helpful information for parents & carers during program sessions to help support positive child development.

Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Caregivers are all welcome

So Come along and join us.

**Where: THE MEADOWS PUBLIC SCHOOL on Fuller Street Seven Hills
(Block I) The Meadows Schools as Community Centre**

When: Friday 9:00 am - 11:15 am (During School Terms)

For more information & registration, please phone 9896 7514 or 96881084

Or, simply turn up on the day



STUDENT FUN PAGE!

Did you read all about our SAS Staff? What did you find out? Answer these questions and return the page to Mr Staveley by Friday of next week to go into the draw to win a \$50 HOYTS Movie Voucher!

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

1. Which SAS staff member is scared of frogs?	
2. Which SAS staff member is scared of bees?	
3. Which SAS staff member has been married 3 times? (But she was only kidding!)	
4. Which SAS staff member has worked at TMPS for 17 years!	
5. Which SAS staff member loves collecting antique bears?	
6. Which SAS staff member knows how to play the guitar?	
7. Which SAS staff member used to be in the Navy?	
8. How many grandchildren does Mrs Harrison have?	
9. Which team does our GA Phil support in the NRL?	
10. Which SAS staff member is crazy for Christmas?	