

# The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Issue 5 - Term 1 - Week 10

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

<b>Office Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8:20am - 3pm	<b>Canteen</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:20am - 2pm
<b>Before &amp; After School Care</b>  Enrolments can be made online at: <a href="http://www.squiggler.com.au/enrol-now/">www.squiggler.com.au/enrol-now/</a> or for more information contact head office on 1300 778 444	<b>Uniform Shop</b> Uniforms are sold in the canteen Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:20am - 9am  Payment by cash & cheque at school OR prepay online using MasterCard or Visa 

## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 1, 2019

#### Week 11

Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Scripture Assembly 9:15
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Hat Parade 11:40am
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Longneck Leadership Excur.
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day Service 11:30am
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer PSSA

### Important Dates in Term 2, 2019

#### Week 1

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Students Return to School
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Cross Country Carnival

#### Week 2

Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day High Tea

## Principal's Message

### End of Term Events!

Next week is the final week of Term 1 and we have plenty to look forward to!

Next Tuesday morning at 9:00am we have our 3<sup>rd</sup> P&C meeting for the year. The P&C Meetings are held in the staffroom and we would love to see some new faces there as well as the very committed group of regulars who do such a great job for our school.

Our Easter Scripture Assembly is on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April from 9:15 - 9:45am. Parents are welcome to attend. Later that same day, we will be having our traditional Easter Hat Parade with students assembling in the hall at 11:30am. At the conclusion of the parade, the P&C Easter raffle prizes will be drawn and the winning entry for the Easter Egg Count Guessing Competition will be announced.

Finally, on Friday, we will be having our annual ANZAC service commencing at 11:30am. If the weather is kind, this service will be in the lower playground facing our flagpoles. If it is wet, our service will be in the hall.

### Student Goal-Setting

All 246 of our students will be taking home a page titled **STUDENT GOALS** next week. Students in K-2 classes have spoken with their teachers about setting one key goal to achieve next term. This may be a learning goal connected to improving an aspect of English or Maths, or a social / behavioural goal. Students in Years 3-6 have set 3 goals to aim for next term. Be sure to speak with your children about their goals, pop them up on the fridge, and check in with your child throughout Term 2 to see how they are working towards achieving their goals.

### School Building Projects

We have lots of exciting building projects in the pipeline in the coming months. Following the completion of external painting in 2018 and the re-roofing of our Years 3-6 classrooms this term, we have more to be achieved with building maintenance and a major new project as well.

In the holidays, the administration block will also receive a roof upgrade with the old tiles being replaced by a colorbond roof. Next term, every single classroom, the library and the offices will receive a facelift through the installation of new carpet tiles throughout. Later in the term, we will have our multipurpose games court resurfaced in soft-fall. These projects are all funded by the Department of Education as scheduled maintenance or essential repairs.

However, the biggest project of all will be the construction of a large shade structure over the K-2 playground. We now have a scheduled start date – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the Term 3 holidays. All exciting times ahead for our great little school!

### Parent Workshops

We want our students at The Meadows to enjoy the very best educational opportunities possible. We also acknowledge that parents and teachers play a shared role in the education of all children. With that in mind, in the second half of Term 2, we will commence a series of parent training workshops to assist all parents in becoming the best possible 'homework helpers' at home, especially to support children in any reading, writing or mathematics tasks.

The final page of this newsletter contains an Expression of Interest Survey where you can help to determine the key learning areas that we will endeavour to cover and whether you would find morning or afternoon sessions more suitable. If you're interested in being involved in a parent home-helper course, please complete the back-page survey and return it to the office by next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### Term 1 into Term 2

This is the final newsletter for Term 1 with the school term coming to an end next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all families for their contribution to a very positive start to the year. I'm always proud to say I belong to The Meadows Public School; that pride is a direct result of the community spirit we continue to build. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing time with your children over the next few weeks. Teachers return on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April while **all students in K-6 return for Term 2 on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.** A term planner for Term 2 has been included in this newsletter.

### Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

***Have you downloaded our School App onto your Smartphone?*** If you haven't, you will need to!

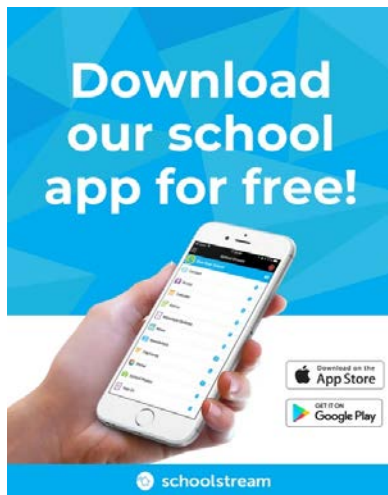
This week's Students' Fun Page doesn't appear in the newsletter! Instead, in an effort to raise awareness of our School App, the quiz for students will appear via the App across the course of the holidays.

In the next 3 weeks, there will be 6 questions posted on the App. Write the answers to the questions in the box below and return this page to school on the first day to go into the draw to win a \$50 Hoyts Movie voucher or one of 10 vouchers to Lollipops Playland.

Answers to App Questions
Student's Name:
Student's Class:
Answer 1 -
Answer 2 -
Answer 3 -
Answer 4 -
Answer 5 -
Answer 6 -



To download the App, visit the App Store on your iPhone or the Play Store on your Android phone and download the School Stream app, the one with the blue house icon. Then search for The Meadows under the 'Add Profile' heading and you're done, it's that easy.



Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

**Principal**



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Award Winners!**

### K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 10

#### Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Habishika	Kindergarten	Joshua
Year 1	Lahtarnah	Year 1	Vidwath
Year 2	Sienna G.	Year 2	Kashvi
Year 3	Tiahna	Year 3	Hali
Year 4	Myra	Year 4	Hrishi
Year 5	Jhayde	Year 5	Nikiah
Year 6	Prabin	Year 6	Enez

#### Principal Awards (5 points)

### Week 9

#### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Aaron Akin
KR	Vasundhara Vincent
1/2L	Domonic Kavya
1/2R	Jaziar Vedanshi
1/2S	Destiny Dhruv
3/4B	Akid Shaun
3/4H	Mason Mishaal
3/4J	Maaz Trinley
3-6L	Lauren Monica
5/6D	Mabeng Ojas
5/6H	Shania-Lee Tah
5/6S	Arunkani Raina

### Week 10

#### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Crystal Ravi
KR	Chris Malakai
1/2L	Beverley Katie
1/2R	Aakanksha Taashi
1/2S	Mele Sukhleen
3/4B	Leila Sehejpreet
3/4H	Aleyna Mohammed
3/4J	Faizan Ryan
3-6L	Elexi William
5/6D	Christopher Isabella
5/6H	Manuth Strantz
5/6S	Hari Jared

### K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 10

#### Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

##### Blue

Demirhan  
Kashvi  
Sienna R.  
Faizan  
Jhayde

##### Yellow

Vidwath  
Aleyna  
Ryan

##### Purple

Mohammed  
Omar

**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	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Winter PSSA	Fridays in Terms 2 & 3	\$40 for Terms 2 & 3	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp	28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> August	\$100 Deposit	Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April

## **Payment Options available at The Meadows**

Please note that payment options for all excursions, sport and other activities are listed below. This is also stated on all notes sent home.

**CASH & CHEQUE PAYMENTS** - Please place the correct money/cheque and permission note in a secure envelope or zip plastic bag marked with your child's name, class and excursion, activity, etc. and give to your class teacher at the beginning of class or place in the letterbox in the office foyer. **NO CHANGE will be given.** Cheques made payable to The Meadows Public School.

**OR**

**ONLINE PAYMENTS** - to pay online, log onto the school website at:

[www.themeadows-p@schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.themeadows-p@schools.nsw.edu.au).

Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa, MasterCard or debit card. In the Payment Description please enter: Excursion Name, Activity, etc. stated on the note.

Please give the permission note to your class teacher at the beginning of class, remember to enter the receipt number.

Thanking you for your support in this matter.

## **NEW Letterbox in office foyer for Payment & Notes**

We have installed a letterbox in the office foyer opposite the counter clearly labelled **PAYMENTS AND NOTES**. Can all payments and notes please be put into this letterbox, which will be cleared daily. Notes with payments should be placed into a plastic bag or envelope. All notes sent home to students needing a payment or reply can also be found in the office foyer.



## **Student Absence notes**

Student Absence notes can be written at home on any piece of paper, sent electronically via the School Stream app or you can email the school at [themeadows-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:themeadows-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Student Absence notes can also be found in the office foyer (light green note).

# P&C News

The Annual P&C Monster Raffle is being drawn next week at the Easter Hat Parade.

Have you sold all your raffle tickets and sent the money back to school?

I hope you wrote your name on the back of your tickets.

Tickets are 50c each or 5 for \$2.

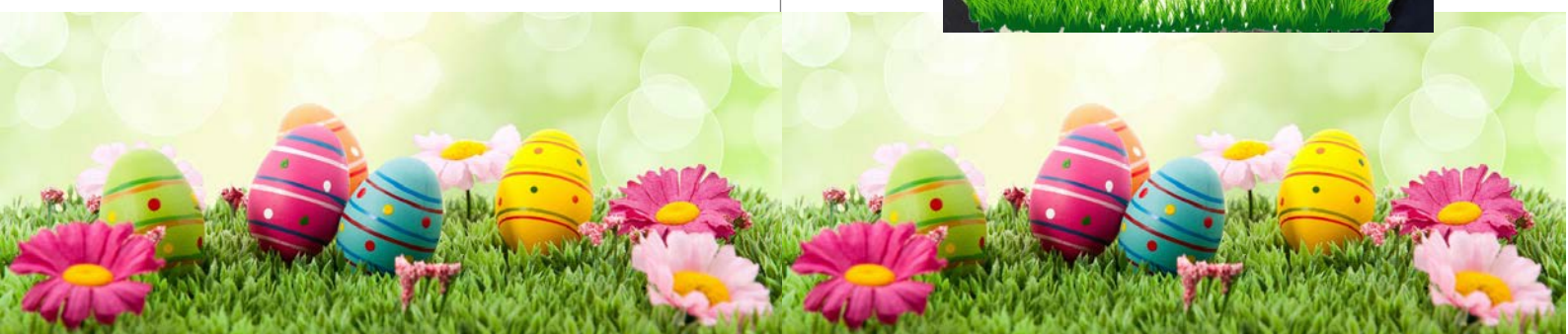
The P&C will accept any last minute donations for the Basket Prizes on Monday morning (April 8<sup>th</sup>)  
At this stage they are looking amazing !!!

The P&C are also running a Guessing Competition.

If you can guess how many eggs are in the jar then you could win the entire jar of eggs!

Guesses are 50c each or 3 for \$1.  
Get in quick because there aren't many guesses left!

Guesses can be bought each afternoon from the P&C who will be located near the play equipment each afternoon.





## Making Easter Hats in Kindergarten



Kindergarten  
loved using a  
variety of  
resources to  
decorate  
Easter Hats  
for their very  
first Easter  
Hat Parade  
at The  
Meadows!

We can't  
wait to wear  
them next  
week.







## 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

### AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH PRESENTS

#### A SELF DEFENCE KARATE AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

For boys and girls  
Ages 5 – 16  
In Sydney Since 1994

Website - [karate-kids.com.au](http://karate-kids.com.au)

DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE

INSTRUCTORS TRAINED SPECIFICALLY  
FOR TEACHING CHILDREN AND TEENS

IMPROVE CONCENTRATION

SELF DEFENCE ONLY IS TAUGHT

BUILD COORDINATION

CLASSES DIVIDED BY AGE  
AND EXPERIENCE

BUILD SELF ESTEEM

FROM BEGINNER TO  
BLACK BELT

IMPROVE STUDIES

MAKE FRIENDS



Only \$14.00 Per Week  
With a \$2.00 Rego per term  
No Extra Grading Fees!

Location: Metella Road Public School

Metella Rd., Toongabbie

Classes are every Friday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Friday, 3 May, 2019

New Students can also join on: Fridays, 10 May, 17 May.

New and Returning  
Students

Ages 4-6

Class Time 4:15 to 4:55 PM

New Students

Ages 7-16

and Returning Students

Class Time 5:00 to 5:40 PM

Returning Students please see website at [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY, JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).

## The Meadows Supported Playgroup

A Free Playgroup for families with children from 0 – 5

Early Childhood Specialist provides onsite support for parents.

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, aunties and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: The Meadows SaCC Community Centre  
(Located at Fuller Street on the school grounds of The Meadows Public School Block 1)

When: Wednesday 9:30am – 11:30am OR Friday 9am–11am

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

## Reading Corner



A program run by school staff that aims to promote literacy.

*Reading helps the mind grow.*

**Reading is fun!**

*Children can learn about the world through reading.*

Through reading, children develop confidence and their imagination.

*Stories help children cope with feelings*

*and problems that they may experience in their day.*

Encourage your child to attend Reading Corner.

*Help your child develop a love of reading.*

*It's the greatest gift a parent can give their child.*

**Let's enjoy reading.**



When: Wednesdays

Time: 8:20am – 8:45am

Where: Heritage Building





## CIRCLE OF SECURITY

The circle of Security is a relationship based intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children.



The aim of this program is for parents and carers to:

- Become more aware of their child's needs.
- Understand how children communicate needs through their behaviour.
- Expand parenting choices.
- Strengthen relationships with children.

When: Monday 03/06/2019—01/07/2019  
 Duration: 1 morning a week for 4 weeks  
 Time: 09:30am – 12:30pm  
 Who: Parents & Carers  
 Where: The Meadows Public School  
 2C Fuller St, Seven Hills  
 Cost: **FREE**

Please keep the top section and return the reply slip below to the school office for registration.

### *CIRCLE OF SECURITY* Registration Reply Slip

Name of Parent /carer \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require childcare? Yes/No (please circle)

Name Child 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Child 2.) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ caregiver's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Term 2 2019      The Meadows Public School - Community Calendar

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S/S
1	29 April Staff Development Day	30 April All Students Return	1 May	2 May	3 May School Cross Country Carnival	4 5 May
2	6 May Sport in Schools 3-6	7 May	8 May	9 May Mothers' Day Stall (11.30am)	10 May 2.00 Mothers' Day High Tea	11 12 May
3	13 May Sport in Schools K-2	14 May NAPLAN Online Test Window (14-24 May)  P&C Meeting	15 May	16 May	17 May Zone Cross Country Carnival	18 19 May
4	20 May Sport in Schools 3-6	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May Winter PSSA Rd 1	25 26 May
5	27 May Sport in Schools K-2	28 May	29 May K-6 Assembly	30 May	31 May Winter PSSA Rd 2	1 2 June
6	3 June Sport in Schools 3-6	4 June	5 June  BFOPA Choir Rehearsal Session	6 June	7 June Winter PSSA Rd 3	8 9 June
7	10 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11 June P&C Meeting	12 June	13 June	14 June Winter PSSA Rd 4  Year 6 Fundraiser: Movie Night	15 16 June
8	17 June Sport in Schools K-2	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June Winter PSSA Rd 5	22 23 June
9	24 June Sport in Schools 3-6	25 June NAIDOC Day 	26 June	27 June	28 June Winter PSSA Rd 6	29 30 June
10	1 July Sport in Schools K-2 Reports Home	2 July  Parent / Child / Teacher Interviews 3.00-5.00pm	3 July K-6 Assembly  Parent / Child / Teacher Interviews 3.00-7.00pm	4 July	5 July Winter PSSA Rd 7	6 7 July



# EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

**NOW OPERATING AT KARABI ON  
WEDNESDAYS**

ADDRESS: KARABI, Neighbourhood Cottage 29 Aleta Way Seven Hills  
96881084

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:**

THE SERVICE PROVIDES ASSISTANCE  
FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL  
DIFFICULTIES  
ASSISTANCE IS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL  
ASSESSMENT

(PARTNERSHIP WITH: THE HILLS COMMUNITY AID & K)

## 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

**Term 1 Newsletter Snippet for Parents.**  
**Strategies for Screen Time**

[Reduce Screen Time Snippet png](#)

[Reduce Screen Time Snippet pdf](#)



MARCH 2019

## Wanted Under 10 Rugby Players

HOME OF THE BLACKTOWN SCORPIONS

GRANTHAM RESERVE, SEVEN HILLS

Contact Mr Ofefa Sikahle 0402 814 648, Mr Teki Tuipulotu 0404 133 913 or Registrar Marama 0421 920 960

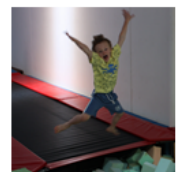


## School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

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

**15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April,**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April and 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Term 2 2019**

**Enrolments Now Being Taken**  
**Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above**

Book now on 9620 8323 or [sydcgym@hotmail.com](mailto:sydcgym@hotmail.com)

**Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills**

**Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills**

**The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds**



# Parent Survey

## Parent 'Homework Helper'

### Workshops

Are you interested in finding out more about how your children are learning in reading, writing and maths and how your help at home can make an impact?

We are planning to hold some parent 'Homework Helper' Workshops later in Term 2. For now, we would like to hear from those parents and carers who may be interested. If that's YOU, please complete the survey and return back to the office by next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Thanks  
Scott Staveley  
Principal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students attending TMPS: (Names and classes please)

\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in finding out more about:

☐

Reading

☐

Writing (includes spelling)

☐

Maths

In terms of session times, I would prefer:

☐

Mornings between 9.00-10.00am

☐

Afternoons from 1.50-2.50pm.

☐

Either timeslot would be suitable

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_