

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Issue 1 - Term 1 - Week 4

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

Calendar

Important Dates in Term 1, 2019

Week 5

Monday, 25 th February	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday, 27 th February	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 1 st March	Summer PSSA

Week 6

Monday, 4 th March	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Thursday, 7 th March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 8 th March	Summer PSSA

Week 7

Monday, 11 th March	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Monday, 11 th March	Halogen Young Leaders Day
Tuesday, 12 th March	P&C Meeting – AGM 9:00am
Friday, 15 th March	Summer PSSA

Week 8

Monday, 18 th March	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 19 th March	School Photos
Friday 22 nd March	Summer PSSA

Principal's Message

Staffing Update

Great news! Our enrolment numbers have increased to 246 and with that, we are now in the position to form a 12th class. Miss Dominica Simmons, a targeted graduate teacher has been appointed to The Meadows PS and will commence here next Monday, 25th February. Miss Simmons will team teach with Mr Haynes and Mrs Dawson for the next 2 weeks while we have some of our classrooms vacated due to our roofing project. On Monday, 11th March Miss Simmons will officially commence on 5/6S. We look forward to Miss Simmons being a valued member of our school community and I'm sure you'll all join me in making her feel welcome next Monday on her first official day as a teacher!

Meet The Teacher

Thank you to the 130 parents who attended Meet The Teacher night on Wednesday. I'm sure you found the experience worthwhile hearing about some of the programs and organisational matters pertaining to your child's class and stage. Thank you to Madhur from our School Community Centre and also to the parents from the P&C who assisted with the selling of cold drinks and serving on our free sausage sizzle barbecue which was enjoyed by all. The 130 parents meant we had an average of about 12 parents per class which was a terrific response.

Our next formal opportunity to meet with teachers is Parent – Teacher – Student Interviews which will take place towards the end of Term 2. However, if you have concerns regarding your child's academic or social development, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

I truly value parent and carer participation in our family school and encourage you to become involved at every opportunity. Stay tuned towards the end of the term in regards to some parent workshops that we will run across Term 2 to enable all parents to maximise their effectiveness as our partners in education.

The School Dentist

'The School Dentist' will be visiting our school from Tuesday, 2nd April to Friday, 5th April. This is an innovative mobile dental service created to meet the needs of the fast-paced and time-poor lifestyles of many parents. 'The School Dentist' will bring their dental team and equipment to TMPS to provide onsite dental services to our students.

Full details of the service have been provided on the consent form which has been sent home with every student today. Children from families eligible for *Family Tax Benefit (A)* may be eligible for up to \$1,000 worth of free dental care over a 2-year calendar period. Those families not eligible for *Family Tax Benefit (A)* can be seen in the clinic for an examination, clean, scale and fluoride treatment for the heavily discounted price of \$99. If you are interested in these services, please return your permission note as soon as possible. We need a minimum of 30 students attend the service to secure the booking for the school this term.

Voluntary School Contributions - Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) Program

Many Department of Education schools ask families for a Voluntary School Contribution (VSC) at the commencement of every school year. On average, this is approximately \$40-\$50 per child. One of the first things I did upon becoming Principal at The Meadows was to abolish the VSC, allowing parents some financial leeway to afford extra-curricular opportunities such as PSSA Sport, Dance programs, Choir programs and other sporting and cultural experiences as we strive to 'develop the whole child.'

With those thoughts in mind, thank you to the majority of parents who have paid for the Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) Program this term. This mandatory program has been heavily reduced in 2019 from \$40 to just \$20 with the support of fundraising from last year's Colour Run. With the SISA program, students will enjoy a fortnightly 50 minute lesson which will alternate to include gymnastics, athletics skills, sports game ball skills and teamwork/social skills. Parents who had not completed payment by Monday received a reminder note on Tuesday. Any parents or carers experiencing financial difficulty are asked to speak with Mr Staveley or write a note requesting assistance. We aim and strive to have 100% participation in this program

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

As we enter the 5th week of the new school year, teachers are starting to establish clear understandings of student progress and the particular learning needs of individual students. Our teachers are trained to differentiate the curriculum to not 'teach to the whole' but teach to student groupings based on ability and in some cases plan whole sequences of learning for individual students. Following assessments in various areas, some students have been identified as requiring an Individual Education Plan (IEP) as they have demonstrated significant difficulty in an aspect, in particular, of English or Mathematics learning. Students requiring an IEP will have these sent home in Week 6 by Friday, 8th March. Parents of students who have not had an IEP before will be contacted by class teachers to request an interview to discuss the child's learning goals for Semester One.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Alyira Arpith
KR	Sienna Thasvika
1/2L	Jasmine Katie
1/2R	Luke Smit
1/2S	Charlie Nicola
3/4B	Kaleaha Lydia
3/4H	Ria Vinoth
3/4J	Javin Ryan
3-6L	Monica
5/6D	Grace Muddthir
5/6H	Shihab Zemeeka

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Bihaan Hadizatu
KR	Braxton Seth
1/2L	Beverly Isabella
1/2R	Aloysius Jerekai
1/2S	Mina Sahayata
3/4B	Akid Maddison
3/4H	Halli Lachlan
3/4J	Asna Decoda
3-6L	Sione
5/6D	Melisa Remojan
5/6H	Ethan Jared

**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 th February
Summer PSSA	Fridays in Terms 1 & 4	\$40 for Terms 1& 4	Monday, 4 th March
Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp	28 th – 30 th August	\$100 Deposit	Friday, 12 th April

3/4B

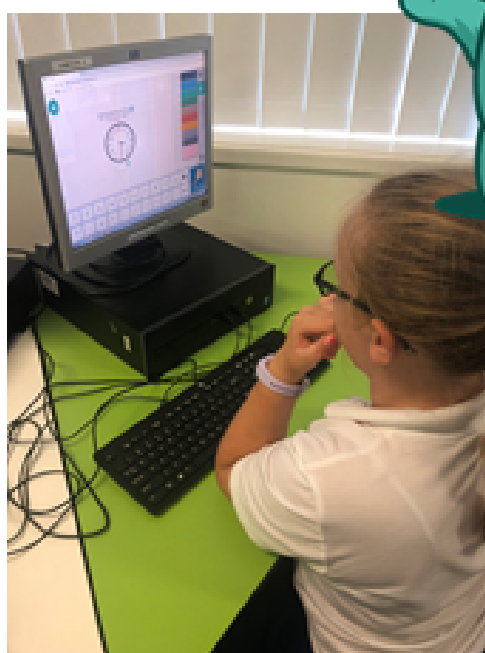
Prodigy Superstars



Our class has been developing our Maths and computer skills by playing Prodigy in the Connected Classroom and on the iPads.

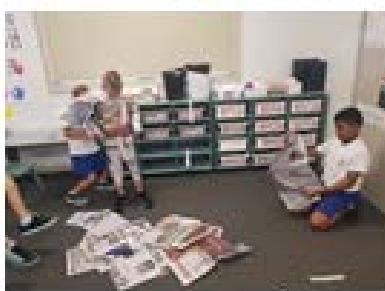
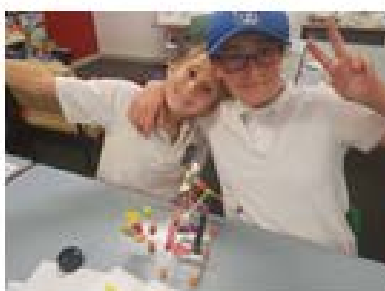
We love to battle our friends in the class by casting magic spells when we answer lots of different types of questions.

It is loads of fun!



3-6L Team Building Activities

In 3-6L we used the first 4 weeks of the New Year to complete fun and active team building activities. These activities helped to promote social skills, belonging to a class, working together and getting to know each other, while having fun, creating, using thinking skills and physical skills.



NEW letterbox in office foyer for PAYMENTS AND 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 Absences

Student Absence notes can also be found in the office foyer. Please note that Student Absence notes can be written at home on any piece of paper or emailed to themeadows-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

HAVE YOU TOLD US?

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.

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



DANCE • INSPIRE • CREATE • EMPOWER

- ✓ 1 combination class a week includes jazz, tap, ballet & some magic!
- ✓ Convenient monthly payments for families
- ✓ All Inclusive price packages, NO MORE to pay at concert time.
- ✓ A studio that makes things easy for you
- ✓ Offering a holistic approach to dance letting children explore all the performing arts has to offer.

CONTACT

WHERE Shelley Primary School
Blacktown

WEBSITE innovativedance.com.au



Registered providers for the
Active & Creative Kids Schemes

**A NEW APPROACH
TO DANCE IS
WAITING FOR
YOUR CHILD.**

**ENROL ONLINE
TODAY**

Would you have an hour a week to spare?

Breakfast Club needs your help!

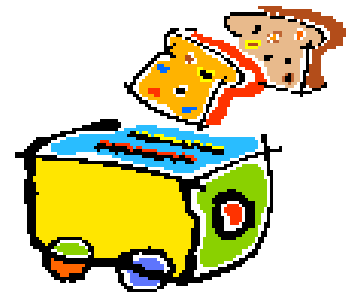
Just an hour a week can make a big difference to our students.

Breakfast Club is a healthy eating program and 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, giving just one hour a week can make a difference to our students and the community.



Simply fill in the reply slip below and return it to the school office.

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

Please return the completed Reply Slip to school

Breakfast Club Helpers Expression of Interest

I am interested in helping the breakfast Club and will be available at 8am for (Please tick/circle):

One morning a fortnight _____ Please circle the day you prefer: Monday Tuesday Thursday

One morning a week _____ Please circle the day you prefer: Monday Tuesday Thursday

Two mornings a week _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact No.: _____ Date: _____

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



Free GetStarted Zumba

A Social Group for Women



GetStarted Zumba is a social group designed to enhance health and general wellbeing for women and their families.

Zumba classes (9:15am - 10:15am) are designed for all levels and are led by a qualified Zumba instructor.

It is a fun way to keep fit and meet new friends, share ideas and experiences, learn new skills and receive relevant information!

Social group (10.15am - 11:30am), we focus on relaxation, self-care and creativity. Some of the activities we do include: meditation, floral arranging, art and craft, we have guest speakers, or sometimes just chat over a cup of coffee.

When: Tuesdays

Time: 9:00am - 11:30am

(Zumba 9:15am - 10:15am)

Where: Meet in SaCC Room (Block I)

(in the grounds of The Meadows PS,
Fuller Street, Seven Hills)



Limited free child care places are available upon request. Please phone for child care arrangement or just show up on the day if child care is not required.



For more information, please phone 9896 7514.



THE HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019, 3.30pm-6pm

2019 Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend The Hills Sports High School Open afternoon. Come along and meet staff, explore what learning opportunities are available, visit our specialist rooms including the Technology Centre and Science Laboratories for practical lessons.

Tours of the school will occur every half hour until 5.30pm.

Talented Sports Program

There will be an Information session hosted by the Principal and Director of Sports at 4.30pm and again at 6pm in the library for interested students & parents.



TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM OPEN NIGHT

An information evening will be conducted for students and parents interested in the Talented Sports Program for Year 7 2020 on Wednesday 6th March, 2019 at 4.30pm & 6:00 pm. Sports on offer are AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby "7's" (Girls), Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football, and Water Polo.

Sport Trials will be held in May/June 2019,

Talented Sports applications close Friday 17th May 2019.

ENJOY A REFRESHMENT AS YOU TOUR
THE SCHOOL, PROVIDED BY OUR
SENIOR HOSPITALITY STUDENTS



PRICES	
COFFEE	
SMALL -	\$3.00
LARGE -	\$3.50
MILKSHAKES -	\$4.00

SAFETY, TOLERANCE, ACHIEVEMENT, RESPECT.

Chase a ball with a stick this winter

Join Hockey Blacktown's 2019 Winter Programme

Local Training - Local Games

For 7 to 10 year old boys and girls, commencing Monday 30 April.

After more information?

Lyn - 0421 798 242

email@hockeyblacktown.org.au

<http://www.hockeyblacktown.org.au>





Uniform Shop Order Form



UNIFORMS SOLD ONLY in the CANTEEN

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:20 to 9:00am

Payment by: Cash or cheque at school OR Prepay online by Visa or MasterCard see below.

Student's Name:

The **School emblem** is embroidered on the polo shirts, sloppy joes, jackets and surf hats.
The **Meadows** is embroidered on the taslon & tailored shorts. **TMPS** is embroidered on the baseball caps.
All shorts, jackets & track pants have **zipped pockets**.

Description	Colour	Sizes	Size taken	Qty taken	Price each	Total
Polo shirts & shorts						
Polo Shirt	White	3 - Adult XL			\$20	
Polo Shirt	Gold	3 - Adult XL			\$20	
Shorts tailored (Girls)	Royal	4 - 16			\$20	
Shorts taslon (Boys & Girls)	Dark Royal	4 - Adult XL			\$20	
Girls check dress with white collar						
Dress	Check	4 - 22			\$45	
Fleecy tracksuits						
Sloppy Joe Fleecy V-Neck	Dark Royal	4 - Adult XL			\$22	
Jacket Fleecy (NO adult sizes)	Dark Royal	4 - 16			\$24	
Track Pants Fleecy Double Knee	Dark Royal	4 - 10			\$22	
Track Pants Fleecy (NO adult sizes)	Dark Royal	4 - 16			\$20	
Microfibre tracksuits						
Jacket Microfibre	Dark Royal	4 - Adult XL			\$35	
Track Pants Microfibre	Dark Royal	4 - Adult XL			\$25	
Hats						
Surf Hat	Royal	S, M & L			\$14	
Baseball Cap	Royal/Gold	One size fits all			\$10	
Beanie	Royal	One size fits all			\$8	
Other						
Tights	Navy	3 - 12			\$6.50	
Library Bag	Royal				\$12	
School Bag with school emblem Hi Viz	Bright orange	Small			\$30	
TOTAL						

Pay for uniforms online go to our website at: www.themeadows-p@schools.nsw.edu.au

The online payment portal linked to your school's website makes it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Click on "Make a Payment" then fill in the fields marked with an asterisk (*) which are mandatory then click on "Sales to Students" then in *Payment Description 1 enter "Uniform" then total amount to be paid. Enter the receipt no. below and bring in the order form and we will fill your order.

☐ I have made an online payment. My receipt number is: _____