

# The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 1, 2019

#### Week 7

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

#### Week 8

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

#### Week 9

Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March	BFoPA Rehearsal
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Summer PSSA

#### Week 10

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	The School Dentist Arrives
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer PSSA

## Principal's Message

### Congratulations Mrs Kirkland

Congratulations to our Assistant Principal Mrs Pho Kirkland who welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Elianah Jennifer, into the world on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Kirkland will not be returning to school this year as she enjoys maternity leave to spend with her family at this precious time.

### State Government Grant

We enjoyed a special visit yesterday from State Member for Seven Hills, Mr Mark Taylor MP. We were fortunate to be the recipients of a cheque for \$5000 to support our school sports and active lifestyle programs. These funds will be channelled into our PSSA sports and dance programs to acquire equipment, uniforms and resources to aid students involved in our AFL, League-Tag, Netball, Soccer and Blacktown Festival Dance programs. We are very appreciative of this gesture by Mr Taylor. Special thanks to our P&C member Mrs Aly Giordano who commenced communications with Mr Taylor's office earlier this term, indicating our need for additional resources and support in this area.



### New COLA

BIG NEWS! I'm pleased to announce that I have applied to Schools Infrastructure NSW and now have approval to build a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) in our K-2 playground. The covered steel structure will be approximately 30 metres in length and 20 metres wide. The COLA will provide much-needed shade and it will be positioned over the asphalt surrounded by the library block and the blocks used for K-2 classrooms. Construction should commence later in the year.

## Technology Update!

School satisfaction survey results from 2017-2018 for parents, teachers and students all pointed towards access to technology as an area for improvement. We have responded to this need and the results are AMAZING! Every mainstream classroom from Years 1-6 now has access to their own set of 10 laptops and 10 iPads! That's almost one device per child! Additionally, each Kinder classroom has access to 10 iPads while our support class of 12 students, 3-6L, has access to 5 laptops and 5 iPads. In my 30 years in teaching I can definitely say that The Meadows Public School is now the best-equipped technology school I have worked in. We now have incredible opportunities to use these tools for effective collaborative learning in English, Mathematics and other key learning areas.

## Roofing Project – 3/4B and 3-6L

Our classrooms for 3/4H, 3/4J, 5/6D and 5/6H are all now fitted out with new Colorbond roofing. They look fantastic! Next week, starting Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, Block M will be the next block to receive the new Colorbond roofing. Whilst the project is in place for Block M, 3/4B will have classes in the library and 3-6L will have classes in the Connected Classroom, adjacent to the library.

## 5/6S – Our new 12<sup>th</sup> class

Our new class, 5/6S will start their learning together in the double classroom located in the Heritage Room block from next Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Our newly-appointed permanent teacher Miss Dominica Simmons will teach 5/6S. The 66 students in Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to enjoying their very spacious surroundings from Monday morning!

## The School Dentist

'The School Dentist' will be visiting our school from Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 were provided on the consent form which was sent home with every student with the previous newsletter. 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.

I'm pleased to report that so far 52 families have responded by returning their registration forms. It's not too late so please return your child's note if you are still interested in this service.

## Sports in School Australia

We still have approximately 25 students across the school who have not paid for this year's Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) program. The program involves a fortnightly 50 minute physical education lesson covering gymnastics, athletics skills and other sports fundamental movement skills. The cost for the entire year was set at \$20 for 18 lessons. If you have not completed payment and are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with Mr Staveley or send in a note to the school. We can provide financial assistance in some circumstances.

## Stewart House Envelope

Each newsletter today is accompanied by an envelope to support the 2019 Stewart House Donation Drive. Stewart House has been in operation since 1931. Every year 1,700 public school children attend the safe haven of Stewart House next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing to support Stewart House, which actually operates as a school site. All other costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations. Each family who makes a donation of \$2 or more will have a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday. Please give generously and return all donation envelopes **by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**.

## P&C News

Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting is being held next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in our staffroom at 9.00am. The meeting will commence with the AGM (Annual General Meeting) where all positions will be declared vacant and a new executive will be voted in. The March general meeting will follow directly after the AGM. Members who wish to vote in the election need to pay the annual membership fee of \$2 by next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to be eligible to vote and/or be nominated for a position.

The P&C will be supporting our next whole-school event, Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a national celebration of our multiculturalism, occurring on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March this year. The colour used to represent harmony is orange. As a result, on Harmony Day, the P&C will hold their first 'Thirsty Thursday' for 2019, selling orange slushies at recess for just \$1 each.

## Non-Attendance Follow-up

A number of students have received letters today to report that their attendance has dropped below 80%. This equates to missing, on average, one day of school every week.

Let's think about that. 1 day absent per week = 40 days absent per year.

40 days absent per year = 280 days absent from primary school. That's the equivalent of missing almost one and a half full years out of the 7 critical, formative years our children spend in primary school.

A number of students have an attendance rate between 80-90%. While these students didn't receive letters today, it is significant to note that even with a 90% attendance rate, your child is missing, on average, one day per fortnight, 20 days per year or 140 days in their primary school years, amounting to a loss of almost 3 terms worth of education.

Improved attendance and punctuality has been a school target for a number of years now. While we have had marginal improvements in the last few years, we still have a long way to go. Please ensure your child attends school every day, unless they have a justified reason for absence. Please ensure your child always returns to school following any length of being away with a note explaining the absence. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this area.

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

Once again in 2019, in an effort to increase the readership of our newsletter, I have included a Students' Fun Page. Please have your child / children complete this week's Fun Page activity at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag to be in with a chance of winning some very cool prizes!

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

Principal

### K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 5

#### Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Kamel
Year 1	Sofie
Year 2	Brooklyn
Year 3	Michael
Year 4	Beren
Year 5	Zoe
Year 6	Prabin

#### Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Aaron
Year 1	Ysabelle
Year 2	Isla
Year 3	Rayan
Year 4	Paker
Year 5	Zeel
Year 6	Muddthir



## CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

### Week 5

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

KO	Lakshet Mackenzie
KR	Manvika Zumra
1/2L	Roaa Yuna
1/2R	Adyaan Vidwath
1/2S	Esha Michael
3/4B	Jasmine Savannah
3/4H	Maddison Suyandee
3/4J	Rushil Sydney
3-6L	Jordan Zuhail
5/6D	Dylan Eilaf
5/6H	Azlan Danny

### Week 6

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

KO	Alessio Dylan
KR	Diva Joshua
1/2L	Issa Joanna
1/2R	Taashi Ankur
1/2S	Darius Rua
3/4B	Teacher Absent
3/4H	Nathan Shania
3/4J	Eli Omar
3-6L	William
5/6D	Jhayde Jorden
5/6H	Jacob Levi

### K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 5

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

##### Blue

Aloysius  
Beren  
Lydia  
Maddison L.  
Paker  
Zac

##### Yellow

Brooklyn  
Isabella D.  
Mohammed  
Myra

##### Purple

Amal  
Christian  
Havin  
Sydney  
Zoe

##### Orange

Monica  
Rayan

**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
Summer PSSA	Fridays in Terms 1 & 4	\$40 for Terms 1 & 4	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

# School Photos and uniforms



Please make sure that all school uniform purchases are made on or before the Monday the day before School Photo day, Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. No uniforms will be sold on the day of the photos.

The Uniform Shop is run from our canteen and the hours are 8:20am – 9:00am, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

## The Meadows Public School 2019 CANTEN MENU

Open: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - Uniforms sold only at the canteen  
between: 8:20 to 9am



### The Meadows Public School CANTEN MENU

The canteen aims to provide a selection of enjoyable and nutritious foods and drinks at a reasonable price for the children and staff of our school community.

#### LUNCH & RECESS ORDER PROCEDURE:

- Lunch and recess orders Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
- Paper bag orders should be on a suitably large paper bag. Please write your child's recess/lunch order with NAME and CLASS clearly marked on the front of the bag.  
Canteen order bags .10c
- Please provide one bag for recess (marked RECESS) and one bag for the lunch order.
- Bags and money are to be placed at the canteen by 8:50am.
- Recess orders are to be collected from the Canteen.
- Frozen items ordered are to be collected from the



### OVER THE COUNTER

### LUNCH ORDER ONLY – all orders placed by 8:50am

SNACKS		SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS		SALAD BOXES	
Fruit in season	\$1.00	White & wholemeal sandwiches & rolls available. White wraps only.		Salad box (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot & pineapple)	\$5.80
Fruit & jelly cups	\$1.50	Vegemite or honey	\$1.70	Egg & salad box	\$6.00
Bread Sticks	10c	Cheese	\$2.00	Ham & salad box	\$6.00
Popcorn	50c	Cheese & vegemite	\$2.10	Chicken & salad box	\$6.00
Ovalteanies	80c	Cheese & tomato	\$2.30	Salad dressing	30c
Mini Muffins	\$1.00	Chicken, lettuce & mayo snack wrap	\$2.60	<b>HOT FOOD</b>	
Banana Bread	\$2.00	Ham	\$3.00	Mini Spring rolls	80c
JJ's	\$1.20	Ham & Cheese	\$3.30	Hash Browns	\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Potato Chips (Original & Honey Soy Chicken)	\$1.20	Ham, cheese & tomato	\$3.60	Corn cobs	\$1.00
Grain Waves	\$1.20	Ham & salad	\$4.30	Meat pie mini	\$1.20
		Salad	\$3.50	Garlic Bread	\$2.00
<b>DRINKS – Recess &amp; Lunch</b>		Chicken	\$3.20	Chicken wedges (3)	\$2.00
Bottled Water – 350ml	\$1.40	Chicken & mayonnaise	\$3.50	Toasted ham & cheese pocket	\$2.20
Bottled Water – 600ml	\$2.00	Chicken & salad	\$4.50	Toasted cheese & tomato pocket	\$2.20
Juice Apple 110ml	\$1.00	Hot chicken tenders & mayonnaise	\$4.50	Toasted chicken & cheese pocket	\$2.50
Juice 200ml (Orange, Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$2.00	Hot chicken tender, lettuce & mayo	\$4.70	Pizza singles (Margarita and Cheese & bacon)	\$2.50
Up & Go (Chocolate, Vanilla Ice, Banana & Strawberry)	\$2.50	Egg & mayonnaise	\$3.20	Hot Dog	\$2.80
Hot Chocolate (Terms 2 & 3 only)	\$1.50	Egg, lettuce & mayonnaise	\$3.50	Sausage roll	\$2.90
Milo poppers (chocolate milk)	\$2.00	NEW Raisin Toast thick	\$2.00	Cheese & spinach roll	\$2.90
		<b>EXTRAS</b>	30c	Meat pie	\$3.60
<b>ICE BLOCKS &amp; ICE CREAM</b>		Toasted sandwich	30c ea	Chicken burger or Vege burger	\$4.00
Nice N Juicy fruit ice block	50c	Lettuce, carrot, tomato or cheese	30c ea	Beef & cheese burger	\$4.00
Zing	60c	Mayonnaise	30c	Nacho Dippers	\$4.20
Lemonade Ice blocks	\$1.00	Tomato or BBQ sauce	30c	Macaroni & cheese	\$4.20
Scoob Doo ice cream (caramel, choc & banana)	\$1.30	Pickles	30c	Twist bolognaise	\$4.20
Frozen Yoghurt cups	\$1.50			Beef lasagne	\$4.20

- Please note: Prices are subject to change without notice.
- Payment by CASH ONLY no credit will be given.
- Prices effective Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.







**Class Sport:** we had a #tennistastic time learning some ball and racket skills. For most of us it was our first time playing tennis!

# 3/4H

## Happy. Healthy. Hardworking.



**Science:** we have been exploring GEOLOGY. We have enjoyed examining different rocks and learning about the three different types: sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. We have started to examine the concepts of weathering and erosion and how they create and change natural landforms.

**Maths:** place value games and activities are setting us up for our maths learning for the rest of the year. Knowing the concept of place value will help us with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and much more!





We LOVE a good game of VOLCANOES & CRATERS!





# What's happening in 3/4 J?

In 3/4J, we all work as a team. There's nothing better than achieving things through a team effort.



In Maths, we are learning about place value. Working with concrete materials to represent numbers helps us to visualise what each digit of a number represents.

For Spelling we have been using different ways to construct our spelling words. Working with our friends helps us to learn from one another.



We have been examining rocks and rock formations in Science for our Geology unit. Our little geologists have enjoyed observing different types of rocks to describe what they look like and feel like.

## 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

### 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.



*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 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



## 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 1)

(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.





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



## Students Fun Page Teacher Search!

Can you find all of the surnames of our staff members?

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

S	A	B	C	H	A	R	R	I	S	O	N	D	E	C
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E	O	U	P	Q	A	R	S	T	U	N	S	R	E	V
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STAVELEY	SAMMUT	KIRKLAND
CHOY	DAWSON	TAUTZ
HARRISON	HAYNES	HANNA
ANDERSON	SIMMONS	BURTON
BRYAN	LYON	HOLDEN
O'NEIL	JUDD	COOK
REARDON	CREPAZ	BURCHETT
LAMBETH	THORNTON	GLEESON
REYES	REGAN	GILBERT