

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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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 9

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

Week 10

Monday, 1 st April	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 2 nd April	The School Dentist
Wednesday, 3 rd April	The School Dentist
Thursday, 4 th April	The School Dentist
Friday, 5 th April	The School Dentist
Friday, 5 th April	Summer PSSA

Week 11

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

Principal's Message

Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs

Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to be a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. At The Meadows Public School, we truly embrace multiculturalism and recognise that together we are so much richer for what each of us brings and contributes to our community. Find a time this afternoon or on the weekend to speak with your child about what they learnt on Harmony Day.



P&C Executive

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C Executive Committee for 2019:

- * President – Aly Giordano
- * Vice-Presidents – Jess Garget, Jaime Ison
- * Secretary – Abigail Bunyi
- * Treasurer – Adam Giordano

I'm very proud of the commitment of our P&C and their strong presence in the school. In my 30 years of teaching, I haven't been involved with a more committed group than those who have served the school so well across the past few years. The P&C provide a service to the school as well as a fundraising role. Just recently, the P&C donated \$4000 to the school for the purchase of additional maths equipment. These funds were raised at the 2018 Movie Night.

The P&C meet on the second Tuesday of every month during school terms. The next meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 9th April at 9.00am. All welcome!



Road and Bicycle Safety

It has been brought to my attention that a small number of parents and carers have been breaking road rules within the vicinity of our school at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. A number of parents have been stopping illegally to drop off or collect children in areas clearly marked as 'No Stopping'. Put simply, please do not stop in signposted No Stopping zones. This includes parts of Fuller Street blocked by bollards (see photos) and even the actual crossing itself. Additionally, be aware of bus zones on the Carrington Street side. Finally, please ensure that children only leave vehicles from the kerbside. I urge parents who witness instances of illegal stopping or parking to report information to myself. It is imperative that ALL parents follow these rules to ensure the safety of all of the children and parents in our community.



Aside from some of the abovementioned issues, I have noted a number of students have travelled to school on bikes or scooters without an approved safety helmet. These students have been issued with red letters asking for parental support to ensure that all bike and scooter riders wear a helmet every time they choose to ride to and from school. I appreciate your support and cooperation as we work together to ensure child safety.

Roofing Complete!

All 3-6 classes have returned to their normal home bases after substantial roofing projects have been carried out across the past 4 weeks. The roofing above all seven Years 3-6 classrooms has been updated and the fresh new Colorbond roofing looks fantastic!



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 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. Stay tuned for more information and your opportunity to have a say in the types of workshops we will put in place.

Stewart House Envelope

Please remember to return your child's 2019 Stewart House Donation Drive envelope which was sent home with the last newsletter on Friday, 8th March.

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, 5th April**.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Congratulations to Shaun Soans who was the major prize winner of our most recent Meadows Mag Reader's prize! Shaun simply completed a find-a-word found in the last newsletter and had his page drawn out of the lucky bag to claim a \$50 Hoyts Movie Voucher! Five other lucky students claimed vouchers to Lollipops Playland.

Once again this fortnight, 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

Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$20	Immediately
Summer PSSA	Fridays in Terms 1 & 4	\$40 for Terms 1& 4	Immediately
The School Dentist	2 nd – 5 th April	Refer to Paperwork	Form due in Now
CAP Money Course	Term 2	Expression of Interest	Form due in Fri., 29 th Mar
Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp	28 th – 30 th August	\$100 Deposit	Friday, 12 th April



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 7		Week 8	
Teacher's Awards (2 points)		Teacher's Awards (2 points)	
KO	Brian Johaan	KO	Adharna Shu Chen
KR	Dheav Tai	KR	Maddison Sam
1/2L	Arshpreet Kaidyn	1/2L	Gurveen Sienna
1/2R	Jaziar Zyana	1/2R	Adhiraj Vedanshi
1/2S	Mele Sahayata	1/2S	Demirhan Hezekiah
3/4B	Jasper Kane	3/4B	Vishwa Tiahna
3/4H	Ana-Leah Rettalia	3/4H	Graeme Kayhan
3/4J	Jaxson Kaleisha	3/4J	Christian Shaza
3-6L	Noah	3-6L	Lauren
5/6D	Hugo Jacob	5/6D	Allissa Enez
5/6H	Ethan Mahi	5/6H	Dominic Luc
5/6S	Matilda Simon	5/6S	Naomi Jordan C

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

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.

Parramatta Legends Gala Day

13th March 2019 Binalong Oval, Toongabbie.

Last Week, I was privileged to take a group of 9 students to play Rugby League as representatives of The Meadows Public School. The day was an opportunity to play tackle football against other teams without the pressure of intense competition. Throughout the day we played against various teams from Toongabbie and Kings Langley Public Schools and did very well.



Although many of our players were not experienced in Rugby League, they learned a lot, tried their best and enjoyed the games as part of the team.



Thanks to the parents and friends who came down to Binalong Oval to support the team and assist with student transport.

I am now looking forward to the Eels Cup Competition on 12th June where we can showcase our school's exceptional sportsmanship and skill once again.

Mr Lambeth ☺
Proud Rugby League Coach.



5/6D

This term, Stage 3 has been exploring sustainability with a specific focus on food.

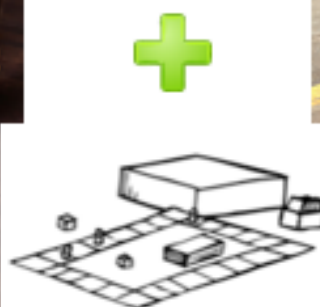
Students had the opportunity to construct mini greenhouses as an investigation to simulate what happens in a greenhouse when wet soil is exposed to sunlight.

Students performed mathematical calculations and collected data through observations. This was a great learning experience and we all had a great time.



5/6H Have Our Heads in the Game!!

Students in 5/6H designed board games to teach students in Stage 2 all the different words that mean addition or subtraction. They then played the games with some Stage 2 students and got their feedback on the game from these students.



Clean Up Australia Day!

The Meadows Public School

At The Meadows Public School, we are advocates for a clean environment. All students participated in our annual clean-up day. Each class was paired with a buddy class and an area in the playground to clean up. They were provided with gloves and rubbish bags to collect rubbish floating around in the playground.



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



SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DAY 2018



**SATURDAY
JULY 21, 2018
FROM 1PM TILL 5PM**
Registration starts at 12.30pm

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
SYDNEY
HIGH ST. KENSINGTON, NSW 2052
AUSTRALIA

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE SCIENCE
CHALLENGE TEAM:
SCICHAL@ROBOGALS.COM

RSVP: <http://espurl.com/dmQSO9>

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



Free English Classes



At The Meadows Public School we are offering Free English conversation classes in school, for parents of all levels who would like to improve their language skills. Learn English with other parents from the school community in a friendly environment. The group will be supported by a trained 'English as a Second Language' (ESL) teacher.

Come and join us - let's break the language barrier, gain confidence, enhance support for your child's education and be part of the community! And if you know parents in the school community would benefit from it, please spread the word.

When: Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Heritage Room (F-Block)

Cost: Free

Child Care: Free child care available on request.

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
Helpers are required to set up and run the program from 8am - 9am.

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: _____

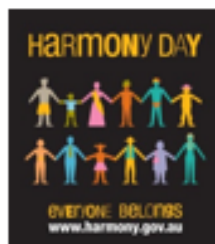
Email Address: _____

Contact No.: _____ Date: _____



Name: _____

Students Fun Page



Using any of the letters from the words **HARMONY DAY – EVERYONE BELONGS**,

write a list of **at least 24** words containing 3 or more letters! You can jumble up the letters in any order to form new words. The 4 really easy words have been done for you! Hand this in to Mr Staveley by next Friday to have a chance of winning a HOYTS Movie Voucher valued at \$50.

1. harmony	16.
2. day	17.
3. everyone	18.
4. belongs	19.
5.	20.
6.	21.
7.	22.
8.	23.
9.	24.
10.	25.
11.	26.
12.	27.
13.	28.
14.	29.
15.	30.