

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 or Visa 

Calendar

Important Dates in Term 2, 2019

Week 3

Monday, 13 th May	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Tuesday, 14 th May	P&C Meeting
Friday, 17 th May	Zone Cross Country Carnival

Week 4

Monday, 20 th May	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Friday, 24 th May	Winter PSSA Round 1

Week 5

Monday, 27 th May	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Wednesday, 29 th May	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 31 st May	Winter PSSA

Week 6

Monday, 3 rd June	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Wednesday, 5 th June	BFOPA Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 7 th June	Winter PSSA

Principal's Message

Staffing News

We have enjoyed a very settled start to what promises to be a busy and rewarding Term 2. We have had some staffing changes since the end of last term. Congratulations to Mrs Taleah Thornton who was successful in gaining the position of Classroom Teacher (Special Education) for our support class, 3-6L. As Mrs Thornton is going on maternity leave next month, she will not be taking up the position until the beginning of the 2020 school year. We welcome back Ms Naz Judd who will be teaching 3-6L this term. We also welcome Mrs Katherine McKnight who has joined us from Toongabbie East PS to fill the Learning and Support Teacher position. Mrs McKnight has a wealth of experience as a support teacher and will work closely with K-2 students on Individual Education Plans.

NAPLAN

Across the next fortnight, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the 2019 NAPLAN assessments. All of our NAPLAN tests will be online with the exception of the Year 3 Writing test which is our only 'pencil and paper' test. The full schedule of testing is listed below. Where two dates have been listed, each student will sit a test on just one of those dates.

Year 3

Writing – Tuesday 14th May

Reading – Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th May

Language Conventions – Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st May

Maths – Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd May

Year 5

Writing – Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th May

Reading – Thursday 16th & Friday 17th May

Language Conventions – Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st May

Maths – Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd May

We wish all of our students in Years 3 and 5 every success.

Cross Country Carnival



We completed our annual Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday after a partial washout last Friday. Our students are to be commended for their efforts to complete the 2km (Ages 8-10) or 3km (Ages 11-12) courses. The Top 5 students in all age categories have qualified to represent our school at the Seven Hills / Wentworthville Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 17th May at Glenwood. All placegetters from our carnival will be receiving their 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons at the next K-6 Assembly on Wednesday, 29th May. Thanks to Mr Caleb Hobby for his excellent organisation of this event.

Mother's Day Stall and High Tea

Congratulations to our P&C team for organising a successful Mother's Day Stall. This team of volunteers were present at school most of the day yesterday providing an excellent service to the school. Along the way, the P&C raised approximately \$870. These funds go back into your school to support your children so thank you for your contribution.

At the time of writing, our Mother's Day High Tea was being prepared with the knowledge that close to 200 mothers, carers and children would be in attendance for the 2:00pm event. A big thank you to all who attended, to all teachers for catering the event and to Miss Amy Reardon and Mrs Taleah Thornton for their organisation of this key celebration on our calendar.

Happy Mother's Day this Sunday to all of our Mums and female carers in our school community!

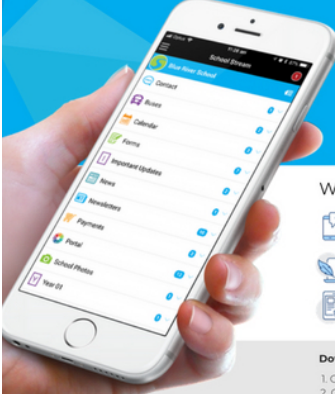


Student Reader's Prize

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, another quiz for students will appear via the App across the course of the next 2 weeks. There will be 6 questions to look out for and the answers can be written on the table below.

Congratulations to the Wallace family and Jasmin Martin who won the prizes from the previous newsletter, each claiming a \$30 Hoyts Movie Voucher.



Download our school app for free!

Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

facebook.com/SchoolStream
twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal

Answers to App Questions

Student's Name:

Student's Class:

Answer 1 -

Answer 2 -

Answer 3 -

Answer 4 -

Answer 5 -

Answer 6 -

Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$20	Immediately
Winter PSSA	Fridays in Terms 2 & 3	\$40 for Terms 2 & 3	Immediately
Synergy Dance Rehearsal	Thursday, 6 th June	\$12	Monday, 3 rd June
Synergy Dance Festival	Thurs, 6 th & Wed. 12 th June	Tickets are on sale now at www.ticketek.com.au	
Aquarium Excursion Stage 2	Tuesday, 18 th June	\$20	Tuesday, 11 th June
Muru Mittigar Excursion Stage 1	Thursday, 27 th June	\$15	Friday, 21 st June
Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp	28 th – 30 th August	\$100 – 2 nd Instalment	Friday, 31 st May



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 1

Teacher's Awards
(2 points)

1/2L Bahar
Lahtarnah

1/2S Destiny
Nicola

3/4B Havin
Khaled

3/4H Graeme
Trinity

3/4J Donald
Javin

5/6D Francis
Ojas

5/6S Simon
Shanika

Week 2

Teacher's Awards
(2 points)

1/2L Beverly
Joanna

1/2S Demirhan
Rua

3/4B Isabella
Maddison

3/4H Rettalia
Vinoth

3/4J Eli
Rushil

5/6D Hassan
Jorden

5/6S Grace
Hari

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

Mrs Tautz's Terrific Typists

Throwback to Term 1 where a number of classes from years 1 to 6 used their computer time to practice their typing skills. Students used the Typing Club website which teaches correct finger placement and measures accuracy and speed in words per minute. Here are some of our outstanding typists!



Mindfulness in 1/2L

Sometimes it can be tough being a kid! Mr Lambeth is always pushing us to work hard and do our best.

We use short little breaks to relax our body and mind ready for the next learning challenge.



Sometimes we use special stones called "Binji Stones" to help us think about our breathing.

It might look a bit funny... but it really works! 😊

What's Happening in 1/2R?



< Reading

We are learning to become great readers. We read during guided reading and have started to go outdoors to read as well.



^ TECHNOLOGY

We are learning to use a range of technology. Here we are using our new class laptops to watch some fairytales. Watching fairytales will help us write our own narratives. We have also started publishing our work on Microsoft Word and Microsoft Powerpoint.



^ Daily Mail

We are learning to write for a range of purposes. This week we have been writing letters to each other. Every student in 1/2R has their own address that we can write to. Once a week a designated postman or postwoman will sort the mail in the mail box and deliver it to each child.



TERM 2 - 1/2S




One of our favourite subjects is Creative Arts! We enjoyed exploring how different materials can make different effects on paper. We used crate paper and water to create colourful prints. At the end of the lesson, we looked at our artwork and named it like real artists. Make sure to check them out in the hall!



We had so much fun in the hall with 1/2R! We played games that incorporated problem solving, negotiating and communicating with peers. The aim of the game was to dance until the music stopped. Miss Reyes would then call out a number and everyone had to make a group with their peers representing the number that was called.





www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open!

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** (PRC) itself is not a competition, but instead challenges students to read a certain amount of books as a way to foster a love of reading for pleasure and provide students with the opportunity to experience quality literature. The Premiers Reading Challenge booklist features over 11,000 titles for students to choose from, many of which are available in our school library and are marked with coloured dots on the spine of books (**K-2: green dot, 3-4: red dot, 5-6: yellow dot and 7-9: blue dot**).

Students can access their personal reading log by using their Department of Education login details on the following website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

- Students in **K-2** are allowed to read the books on their own, with someone, or have someone read the books to them. Classroom teachers will also add books to the students' reading logs.
- Students in **3-4 and 5-6** must read the books on their own, but someone can help them choose their books. They are expected to add books to their own reading logs.

Here is the number of books each student is required to read:

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge				
Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

You can access this year's reading list from the *Discover books to read* section in the **PRC student website**. If you require more information, please see Miss Byun.

Happy Reading!


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

Navigating the School Years

(Kindergarten - Year 6)

**FREE
EVENT**



Topics included:

- Homework - Why do we do it? What do we do?
- Strategies to engage your child in homework and make it interesting
- How to help your child with Maths and English skills.
- What if your child needs extra support? Who to talk to and what does this look like.


DATE: Wednesday 22nd May 2019

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

VENUE: Blacktown - venue to be advised upon registration

- Refreshments provided
- Childcare not available

**TO REGISTER PLEASE
CALL THE OFFICE ON
02 9621 3922**



JUNAA
FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
ABN: 41 625 162 199

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.

TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME

 Eat together as a Family. No screens at meals. For parents and kids.	 Before screen time - sleep, play outdoors, read and enjoy Family time.	 No screens in bedrooms, especially at night.
 Take toys or books instead of screens when going out.	 Monitor kids' screen time. Set limits if needed.	 Sit less. Move more. Move every hour.
 Help kids sleep. Stop using screens 1 hour before bed.	 Parents - be a good role model. Reduce your screen time too.	 Dance to music or play video games that get you on your feet.









**MAKE
HEALTHY
NORMAL**

This resource has been developed by Western Sydney Local Health District, published November 2018



Could \$500 help with your child's start at school?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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|  uniforms & shoes |  lessons & activities |
|  books & supplies |  camps & excursions |
|  sports fees & gear |  laptops & tablets |

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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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.

Cool Kids[®] Program

Children's Workbook



Starting in Term 3, 2019

COOL KIDS PROGRAM[™] FOR CHILDREN

A program created and owned by Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health.

The Program is designed to provide children and their parents with tools to manage anxiety

Limited Spaces Available!

Call today for enquiries or to register

Talk to your GP about a referral

This group is eligible for Medicare rebates

FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Clear and practical skills to overcome anxiety for children and their parents

Boost your child's confidence!

Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Program



Presented by our experienced team of Child Psychologists
Crows Nest and/or North Parramatta

P: 9630 0559



As the new Sydney Metro Norwest will open on 26th May, 2019, there will be some changes to Hillsbus public routes.

- Route M60 will be renumbered to 600. The services remain unchanged.
- Route M61 will be renumbered to 610X. The services remain unchanged.
- Route 604 will operate through Hills Showground Station.
- New Route 617 operates between Adelphi St, Rouse Hill, Beaumont Hills and Kellyville Station.
- Route 619 will operate through Hills Showground Station.
- Route 626 will not operate to James Henty Dr and Jenner Rd, and it will be extended to Kellyville Station via Cherrybrook Station and Castle Hill.
- Route 633 will operate via Victoria Rd and Castle Hill Rd to Cherrybrook Station and Castle Hill Station. It will no longer operate via Thompsons Corner or Coonara Ave and Highs Rd.
- Route 635 will operate via Coonara Ave to Cherrybrook Station and Anglican Retirement Village to Castle Hill. It will no longer operate via Ellerslie Dr.
- Route 714 will commence and terminate at Norwest Station.
- Route T60 will operate through Norwest Station via Barina Downs Rd and Reston Grange.

For more details about the coming changes, please visit www.transportnsw.info

VIVID Sydney Access and Inclusion Partner

VIVID CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD

Tumbalong Lights play SPACE

24th May – 15th June 2019

In 2019, Vivid Sydney once again champions diversity and inclusion. Tumbalong Lights is back in Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour and is better than ever with an inclusive playground, playSPACE, that celebrates the art of play and the joy of discovery in honour of the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

The five space-themed installations allow children and their families to interact with creative, awe-inspiring light experiences that help produce a sense of empowerment, control and community, while at the same time inspiring fun and playfulness. The installations have been produced using the principles of 'universal design' so that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy a trip to outer space.

Tumbalong Lights Contributors

Cushman & Wakefield is delighted to be the Access & Inclusion Partner for Vivid Sydney for the third consecutive year. At Cushman & Wakefield we champion diversity and inclusion in our workplace, our thinking and our culture. We are excited to play a small part in helping break the barriers of social exclusion, by making Vivid Sydney 2019 a more inclusive event. We are a leading global real estate services firm that help the world's occupiers and investors be what's next.

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For more information on Tumbalong Lights and to plan your trip, visit cwtumbalonglights.com or email TumbalongLights@cushwake.com



CIRCLE OF SECURITY

The circle of Security is a relationship based early 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 part and return the following reply slip to the school office for registration. For more information call 98967514.

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 _____