

# The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Issue 8 - Term 2 - Week 6

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 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 2, 2019

#### Week 7

Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – Long Weekend
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Movie Night Fundraiser

#### Week 8

Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Stage 2 Sea Life Excursion
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Winter PSSA

#### Week 9

Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	NAIDOC Day
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Stage 1 Muru Mittigar Excursion
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA

#### Week 10

Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Student Reports sent home.
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Parent/Child/Teacher Interview
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Parent/Child/Teacher Interview
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA

## Principal's Message

### Staffing News

Today was the final day for 2019 for our current Librarian, Mrs Taleah Thornton. Mrs Thornton will rest up as she commences maternity leave in readiness for the arrival of her first child. We wish Mrs Thornton and her husband David all the best as they embark on life's greatest adventure!

From next week, we will welcome Mr Michael Prants into the Librarian role. Mrs Thornton will return at the start of the 2020 school year as the full-time teacher of our support class.

### Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – A Night for All – Movie for the Kids, Cyber-Safety for the Parents!

Every year, our Year 6 students and teachers embark on a mission to raise enough funds through the year to make the Year 6 Farewell a 'free' event. The major fundraiser event this term will be the traditional 'Kids' Movie Night' in the hall. The movie night for all K-6 students will be held next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Also booked in on the same night, we will have a special guest speaker for all parents. Our Police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Nathan McDonald will be presenting an informative talk on Cyber Safety for your children at home. Nathan presented a similar talk in 2017 and the online and social media world has changed in the past two years meaning this presentation is a must for every parent in our school. This Cyber-Safety session will conveniently run from 5:30-6:45pm, while our students are attending the movie session. The parent session will also be catered with pizza on the menu!

At this point in time we have just 11 parents registered to attend the information session, compared to the group of 30 we had in 2017. Please find a spare copy of the note at the back of this newsletter and respond by next Thursday for catering purposes.

### Student Reports

Teachers are very busy working on Semester One progress reports for all students. These will be issued to families on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please be aware that, as the name suggests, these are 'progress reports' indicating your child's progress as they work towards end-of-year learning outcomes for their current grade. As a result, many parents and carers may notice what may appear as 'backward' movement for students. A child who received a 'Sound' grade at the end of last year may now be a 'Basic.' A child who may have received a 'Basic' grade may now be a 'Limited' and so on. This is somewhat due to being just under halfway through the school year when we are actually reporting on learning outcomes for the whole year.

This trend may be particularly noticeable in report grades for writing. Our teachers have been involved in an extensive amount of professional learning to allow for more consistent teacher judgement of writing. On the whole, writing has been 'marked hard' as the expectations of our students have increased.

The best way to find out the intricate details of your child's progress and to hear first-hand about the next steps in their learning will be to attend our Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews for students in Years 1-6 on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. A note will be sent home next week with information and a booking request form. Kindergarten interviews are being held next Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*



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

#### Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Braxton
Year 1	Adyaan
Year 2	Esha
Year 3	Vishwa
Year 4	Ria
Year 5	Hassan
Year 6	Arungkani

#### Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Mackenzie
Year 1	Sukhleen
Year 2	Beverly
Year 3	Sehejpreet
Year 4	Rushil
Year 5	Luc
Year 6	Emily



### CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

#### Week 5 Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Adharna Habishika
KR	Diva Walter
1/2L	Aaron Julius
1/2R	Adhiraj Ankur
1/2S	Bailey Darius
3/4B	Akid Lydia
3/4H	Lachlan Srivitha
3/4J	Maaz Shaza
3-6L	
5/6D	Remojan Eilaf
5/6H	Taleala Strantz
5/6S	Priyanshi Zeel

#### Week 6 Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Alessio Sam F.
KR	Diva Vasundhara
1/2L	Kaidyn Gurveen
1/2R	Sienna Vidwath
1/2S	Sofie Pratyush
3/4B	Abby Taylen
3/4H	Ana-Leah Mohammed
3/4J	Chloe Amal
3-6L	
5/6D	Ryly Zoe
5/6H	
5/6S	Adam Isaiah

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

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

Blue	Yellow	Purple	Orange
Bailey Trinity Ojas	Destiny Sukhleen Decoda Vinoth Hassan	Eli Kaleisha Sehejpreet Hrishi	Mann

**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	Please pay immediately
Winter PSSA	Fridays in Terms 2 & 3	\$40 for Terms 2 & 3	Please pay immediately
Synergy Dance Festival	Thurs, 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Tickets are on sale now at <a href="http://www.ticketek.com.au">www.ticketek.com.au</a>	
Aquarium Excursion Stage 2	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	\$20	Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Muru Mittigar Excursion Stage 1	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	\$15	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp	28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> August	\$100 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Please pay immediately

## Movie Night

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 5 - 7:30pm

We are watching

Wreck it Ralph 2

\$5 entry fee

Chips and drink included



## earn & learn

Does your family shop at Woolworths?  
Do you collect the earn & learn stickers?  
Did you know that you can deposit them in the  
boxes at Toongabbie & Seven Hills Woolies  
or bring them to school?

Let's stick together The Meadows and make  
this year the biggest one yet!



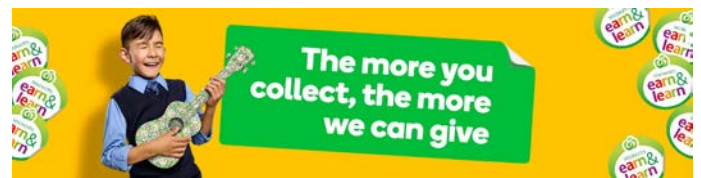
For every \$10 you spend\* you'll get  
an Earn & Learn sticker



Collect as many stickers as you can  
between now and 25th June



Give your stickers to local schools so  
they can redeem them for new  
equipment



### 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:**

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

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facebook.com/SchoolStream  
twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp





*Last night Miss Reardon's amazing troupe of dancers performed at the Evan Theatre in Penrith Panthers Leagues Club, at the Synergy Schools Dance Festival. It was an incredible performance and Miss Reardon could not be prouder of our dance group students who gave it their all.*

*The Meadows Dance Group has one last performance at Penrith Panthers, next Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Come and support our dancers and enjoy a night of quality performances by some very talented school students from all over Sydney. Tickets can be purchased for the performance through [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)*

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# What's happening in 3/4B!



Singing each morning helps pump us up for a day of learning. It is also helping to improve our reading by reading the lyrics.

After recess each day, we do a brief mindfulness activity to refocus us after playing. We have lots of different activities to choose from and we really notice the difference it makes with our learning. Here are some of our mindful activities:



Shark Fin



Star Breathing



Belly Breathing



Mindful Colouring

Mindful  
Not  
Mind  
Full

Mindfulness makes learning better!

# Road safety

## Keeping children safe in and out of the car

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

National child restraint laws require your child to be restrained in the car as follows:

### 0 – 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat.

### 6 months – 4 years

Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.

### 4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

### 145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash belt.

For more information and to find and compare a range of child car seats, visit

[childcarseats.com.au](http://childcarseats.com.au)

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safe in and out of the car:

- Children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in the car.
- Assist your children to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.

- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
- Always help your child get in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'.

Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. Children may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and organ failure if left unattended, especially on hot days.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Messages to share with your children

- Click, clack, front and back
- Always buckle up
- Get in and out of the car on the footpath side



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
Our goal is zero.





# Road safety

## Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across



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## 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.

## earn & learn



For every \$10 you spend\* you'll get an Earn & Learn sticker



Collect as many stickers as you can between now and 25th June



Give your stickers to local schools so they can redeem them for new equipment

## Would you have an hour a week to spare?

Breakfast Club needs your help!

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

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

**Helpers are required between 8am to 9am, but anytime you have available to help would be truly appreciated.**

**Please return the completed Reply Slip to your class teacher.**

### Breakfast Club Helper

**Please indicate below the days you could be available:**

**Please circle:                      Monday      Tuesday      Thursday**

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

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No.:** \_\_\_\_\_





### PARTIES

Starting at just \$289 for 8 children  
Party host & room for 1 hour  
Unlimited playtime  
Platters & extras available  
We clean up the mess!

### NERF NIGHT

Friday Nerf open until 8pm  
FREE with booked parties  
Game & meal combos available  
Call reception  
Bookings required

### DISCO NIGHT

Friday Disco open until 9pm  
Parties or casual entry  
Music, singing, dancing, games  
Cafe open until 7:30pm  
16th Aug & 25th Oct

### SENSORY PLAY

10am Thur during school terms  
Messy & Sensory activities  
Ages 0-5 years  
\$5 after normal entry  
Bookings essential

Lollipop's Playland & Cafe Castle Hill  
10 Hudson Ave, Castle Hill - 9680 8868

## JULY 2019 HOLIDAY EVENTS

Baby Animal Farm  
Magic Show, Plaster Painting

All events commence 11am  
See our website and Facebook for the dates of all our events!  
Normal entry fees apply

## HOLIDAY OFFER

Purchase one casual child entry and get another the same or lesser value FREE. **Simply print & present** this voucher at the time of entry.

Conditions apply. Offer valid 8/7/19 to 21/7/19. Please see our website for full conditions.  
One offer/coupon per entry. Not valid with any other offer.  
Must be redeemed at entry. Voucher must be PRINTED and presented. No exceptions

## FRIDAY NERF OFFER

Pre book your nerf games and receive a free upgrade to the NERF + Meal Deal. **Simply mention** this voucher at the time of booking.

Conditions apply. Offer valid 21/6/19 Nerf Night. Please see our website for full conditions.  
One offer/coupon per entry. Not valid with any other offer.  
Must be redeemed at entry. Voucher must be PRINTED and presented. No exceptions

### NEW TODDLER AREA AND AIR-PLAYFRAME



### LOTS OF PARKING! AIR CONDITIONED!



## 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.

## 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:** Friday 9am-11am Or Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am

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



## Cyber Safety Information Session

Conveniently timed on the same evening as Children's Movie Night, there is an opportunity for all parents and carers to attend a special information session on CYBER SAFETY presented by our local area Police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Nathan McDonald.

The session will be held in the library. At 5:15pm, all attendees will be treated to an early pizza dinner before Nathan commences his informative presentation all about online safety for children at 5:30pm. The presentation will conclude by 6:45pm, close to the finishing time of the children's movie event in the hall.

For catering purposes, please complete the form below and return it to school by **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** if you intend to attend this session.

Kind Regards

Scott Staveley  
Principal

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## Cyber Safety Information Session

Mr Staveley

I / we wish to attend the Cyber Safety Parent Information Session on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June from 5:00pm – 6:45pm in the library.

Name of Parent Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of eldest child attending The Meadows PS: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pizza Toppings: Please Circle up to 2.

BBQ Meatlovers

BBQ Chicken

Supreme

Ham & Pineapple

Vegetarian

Plain Cheese



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

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