

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:20am – 3:00pm

Canteen

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:20am – 2:00pm

OOSH – Out of Hours School Care



Enrolments can be done online at:
www.squiggler.com.au

or for more information contact
Dianne on 0403-379-724
or dianne@squiggler.com.au

Uniform Shop

Uniforms are sold in the canteen
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:20am – 9:00am

Payment by
cash & cheque
at school
OR
prepay online using
MasterCard or Visa



Calendar

Important Dates in Term 2, 2019

Week 9

Monday, 24 th June	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Tuesday, 25 th June	NAIDOC Day
Thursday, 27 th June	Yr 1/2 Muru Mittigar Excursion
Friday, 28 th June	Winter PSSA

Week 10

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

Important Dates in Term 3, 2019

Week 1

Monday, 22 nd July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 23 rd July	Students return to school.
Friday, 26 th July	Winter PSSA

Principal's Message

NAIDOC Day

This year's NAIDOC celebrations are being held next Tuesday, 25th June with a full day of Aboriginal cultural activities planned including art sessions, dance sessions, an Aboriginal artefact exhibition and boomerang throwing! The day starts at 9:00am and all parents and carers are welcome. The P&C have organised a sausage sizzle for lunchtime. A separate note with full details was sent home earlier this week.



Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Katherine McKnight who has been appointed permanently to the key position of Learning and Support Teacher at The Meadows. Katherine will be an outstanding addition to our team with a wealth of experience in providing support to students with a variety of academic and social learning needs.

In additional staffing news it's 'Welcome Back' to Miss Jennifer Hassmann who has returned to The Meadows after relieving in the role of Assistant Principal at Kingswood Park PS for the past 2 years. Miss Hassmann has several years of experience as a teacher here at The Meadows and will become the new teacher of KO from Monday 1st July. Miss Hassmann will also be Relieving in the Assistant Principal role.

With Miss Hassmann's arrival, it is time to bid farewell, at least for the time being, to Mrs Alyssa O'Neil. Mrs O'Neil is weeks away from becoming a first-time mum and we thank her for her dedication to TMPS this year and wish her well as she embarks on this very exciting stage of her life!



More Baby News!



As many readers are already aware, our Assistant Principal Mrs Pho Kirkland gave birth to a beautiful daughter, Eliah Jennifer, back on 25th February this year.

Eliah was born very prematurely at just 24 weeks and 5 days gestation. She wasn't meant to come into the world until 12th June and she had a very tough first few months spent in hospital. Indeed, Eli spent a total of 113 days in hospital!

The truly wonderful news is that Eli was taken home on Monday, a genuine little miracle. We wish Mrs Kirkland and her family all the best at this special time.

Rugby Union Star!

Congratulations to Year 6 student Strantz who has been successful in gaining selection for the Sydney West Regional Rugby Union team. Strantz will now compete at the New South Wales Primary Schools State Championships at Richmond in the final week of August. We wish Strantz all the best for the Championships!



P&C News - Second-hand Uniform Shop

At a recent meeting, our P&C made the decision to set up a Second-hand Uniform Shop. To make this idea a reality, we need supplies of second-hand uniform items including shirts, shorts, tracksuit pants, fleecy tops and jackets. Our P&C will only be selling items originally bought from our school uniform shop featuring the official school crest. We request that any items donated to the stall be in good to very good condition, without stains or tears. If you have any items to contribute, please send them in with your child before the end of term. A second-hand uniform donation box will be placed at the front of the assembly each morning in the final two weeks this term.

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will open on various mornings and/or afternoons in Term 3. Announcements will be made on our website Facebook, the school app and at morning assemblies in regards to sale dates and times.

Cyber-Safety Session

Thank you to the group of 16 parents who attended last Friday's Cyber Safety session with our Police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Nathan McDonald. Nathan's presentation was excellent and the parents left the session very well informed about the need for close monitoring of the online world that our children may now participate in.

Some very relevant and important information can be found on the following website: thinkuknow.org.au

I highly recommend all parents visit this site to maximise your awareness of online safety for your children.

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

A reminder that we have Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews coming up in Week 10. Students in Years 1-6 will have interviews on Tuesday, 2nd July (between 3:00-5:00pm) and Wednesday, 3rd July (between 3:00-7:00pm). Interview time request notes were due back to class teachers today. Next Wednesday, all parents and carers who have requested an interview time will receive notification of their timeslot.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

In an effort to increase the readership of our newsletter, I once again offer a Reader's Prize. A Students' Fun Page can be found towards the back of the newsletter. Children, you have until next Friday, 28th June to complete the activity and return it to the office to go into the draw to win a Hoyts Movie voucher!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

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
Athletics Carnival Years K - 6	Wednesday, 31 st July	\$5	Friday, 26 th July
Canberra Camp Years 5 & 6	28 th – 30 th August	\$100 – 3 rd Instalment	Friday, 5 th July



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 7

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Arpith Lakshet
KR	Thasvika Vincent
1/2L	Arshpreet Kavya
1/2R	Isha Smit
1/2S	Destiny DJ
3/4B	Kane Shaun
3/4H	Halli Mishaal
3/4J	Jayden Trinley
3-6L	Christian
5/6D	Hugo Muddthir
5/6H	Mahi Rachel
5/6S	Arunkani Zeel

Week 8

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KO	Agastya Bihaan
KR	Arnav Ishaan
1/2L	Domonic Roaa
1/2R	Isla Luke
1/2S	Esha Sahayata
3/4B	Jasper Savannah
3/4H	Mason Nathan
3/4J	Omar Rushil
3-6L	Jordan
5/6D	Allissa Ella
5/6H	Dylan Kasius
5/6S	Raina Matilda

Rugby League Eels Cup 2019

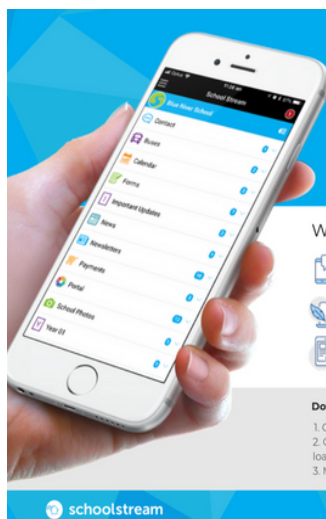
On Wednesday 12th June, I had the honour of taking 15 school representatives to Kellyville Park for a Rugby League Gala Day. Despite the fact that many of our players were new to Rugby League, our school did quite well across the day and the students seemed to enjoy the opportunity very much. As expected from a Blue Ribbon School, student behaviour and sportsmanship was of a high standard. It was particularly good to see all students being given a chance to play the game with the more experienced players making a deliberate effort to include the less experienced. Some very impressive attacking and defending against Toongabbie Public School, St Angela's Primary and St Michael's Primary left us short of the finals but grateful for such a positive and enjoyable day.

A special thank you to the parents and friends who came to support our school team, brought snacks, and provided player transport. These kinds of experiences simply could not happen without your assistance.

Great Work boys and girls!

Mr Lambeth
Footy Fan ☺





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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5/6D are Out Of This World !

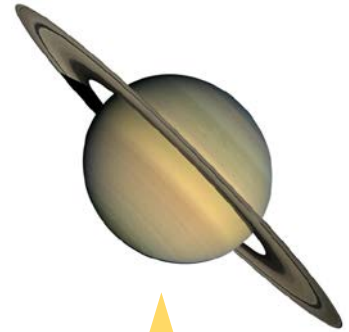


This Term, 5/6D, along with Stage 3, have been exploring the concepts that Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the sun). Students explored the circumstances and processes that led to the formation of the solar system and the role of the sun as an energy source to the Earth. Students also identified Jovian and Terrestrial planets and compared their sizes and orbits. Students explored other celestial bodies that are present in our solar system and were very interested in the Kuiper Belt, Pluto, Ceres, Asteroid Belt and Comets.





5/6H

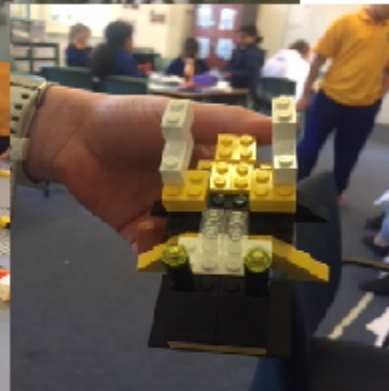
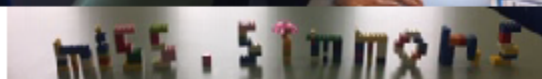
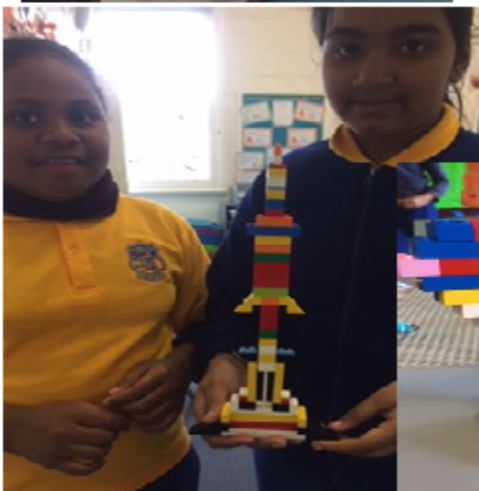


5/6H along with the rest of Stage 3 have been learning about Earth's place in the solar system. Students are in the process of building an interactive diorama of the solar system to demonstrate how planets revolve around the sun and the distances between planets and the sun. Students will use coding software and hardware to make their displays interactive.

5/6S LEGO MASTERS



5/6S has been channelling the 'Lego Masters' television series during STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) lessons this semester. The students have been placed into pairs and each pair has been given thirty-five pieces of Lego and a different task to complete each week. The students are expected to write a plan and evaluate their Lego constructions using a planning worksheet. The students are also expected to verbally present their Lego creations to the class at the end of each STEM lesson. Each pair is awarded points based on specific marking criteria and the pupils in each class select a weekly winner. The students are awarded points for creativity, completion of the task, teamwork and for the planning and evaluation of their constructions. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed working with Lego and the activities have many educational benefits. This is because Lego develops problem solving and mathematical thinking. Lego also actively encourages collaboration and experimentation amongst the students. Ideas of symmetry, balance, shapes and sizes are also promoted during play with Lego. Each week the class is set a new task and this has ensured that the students have remained motivated and curious during STEM lessons.





Road safety

Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.







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.

Winter School Holiday Activities



Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students



Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Cost: Free
Registrations of interest are now open. To register your child please visit the Museum Website www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

Important Information:
Offers for attendance to School Holiday sessions will be sent 5-10 business days out from the event. As this is a highly subscribed event we cannot guarantee all registrations will be offered a place for this school holiday period.

Email: museum@rba.gov.au
Phone: (02) 9551 9743
Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000

Sessions for Kindergarten – Year 2
Monday 8th July, 10.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 10th July, 10.00am – 11.30am
Friday 12th July, 10.00am – 11.30am

Sessions for Year 3 – Year 6
Monday 8th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 10th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Friday 12th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm



The more stickers you earn, the more kids learn



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?



Shop

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



Collect

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



Give

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



The more you collect, the more we can give



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
18th 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 6/7/19 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!



The Meadows Supported Playgroup

A Free Playgroup for families with children from 0 – 5 years

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, aunties and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centre (SaCC)

Located in the school grounds of The Meadows Public School - Block I (main access Fuller Street)

When: Wednesday, 9:30am - 11:30am or Friday, 9am - 11am

For more information phone 9896 7514 or simply turn up on the day.



School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

For boys and girls in Kindergarten and above.

Come and experience the fun and excitement of gymnastics!

- Fun in a safe and structured environment,
- Qualified and Professional Coaches,
- Olympic Standard Equipment,
- Foam Filled Landing Pits,
- Trampolines,
- Affiliated with Gymnastics Australia and NSW.



Full Day Sessions (9:00am-3:00pm)

\$50.00 per day

Half Day Sessions (9:00am-12:30pm)

\$40.00 per session

8th – 12th July and 15th – 19th July

Term 3 2019

Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above.

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydacgym@hotmail.com

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills

Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills

The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds



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 include: mediation, floral arranging, art and craft, guest speakers or sometimes just chat over a cup of coffee.

When: Tuesdays

Time: 9:00am - 11:30am

Where: Meet in the Schools as Community Centre (SaCC) room - Block I

(Located in the school grounds of The Meadows Public School, 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.



Reading Corner

Is a program run by school staff that aims to promote literacy.

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 the Reading Corner.

Help your child develop a love of reading. It's the greatest gift a parent can give their child.

When: Wednesday mornings

Time: 8:20am - 8:45am

Where: Heritage Building - Block F



Students Fun Page

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Quiz

Read Mr Staveley's report to get all of the answers. Get some help from Mum or Dad or a carer if you need some!

Complete the answers and hand in to Mr Staveley by next Friday morning for a chance of winning a \$30 movie voucher!

1. What are the 4 activities being arranged for NAIDOC Day at TMPS?

2. Which teacher is replacing Mrs O'Neil on KO? _____

3. What is the name of Mrs Kirkland's baby girl? _____

4. When was Mrs Kirkland's daughter born? _____

5. Which sport will Strantz represent Sydney West in? _____

6. For the P&C Uniform Shop, can you donate any items that are stained? _____

7. How many parents attended the Cyber Safety session? _____

8. Which website can parents look up to find out more about online safety?

9. Which dates are parent / teacher / student interviews on for students in Years 1-6?

10. **FINAL QUESTION – A Maths problem to solve!**

How many hours will each teacher stay at school for interviews? _____

How many minutes is that altogether? _____