

# The Meadows Mag



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Issue 15 - Term 4 - Week 4

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

<b>Office Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8:20am – 3:00pm	<b>Canteen</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:20am – 2:00pm
<b>OOSH – Out of Hours School Care</b>  Enrolments can be done online at: <a href="http://www.squiggler.com.au">www.squiggler.com.au</a> or for more information contact Dianne on 0403-379-724 or <a href="mailto:dianne@squiggler.com.au">dianne@squiggler.com.au</a>	<b>Uniform Shop</b> 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 4, 2019

#### Week 5

Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Sport in Schools
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Grandparents Day
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Ready, Set, Kindy!
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Round 12 Summer PSSA

#### Week 6

Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Ready, Set, Kindy!
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Round 13 Summer PSSA Sport

#### Week 7

Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Ready, Set, Kindy! 9.30-11am (Includes Parent Info Session)
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Colour Run Sponsor Money Due

## Principal's Message



### Remembrance Day Service

A brief service to recognise Remembrance Day will be held next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November on the lower playground from 10.50am. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Grandparents Day

The due date for the RSVP for this year's Grandparents Day event has now passed with replies to the invitation due back to school yesterday. We are excited to welcome LOTS of grandparents to our wonderful school next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. At 10.00am, grandparents will have the opportunity to visit their grandchild's classroom. This will be followed by a delicious morning tea for our special visitors in the hall. We are looking forward to a lovely morning.

### Parent Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to the 39 parents who completed the 'Tell Them From Me' surveys online recently. The response, whilst relatively low in number, was very positive in terms of feedback to the school. A full summary of data will be discussed at our next P&C meeting and the key findings in terms of strengths and areas for improvement will be published in the 2019 Annual School Report at the end of Term One next year.

Our second and final means of gaining school evaluation from our parent community is in the form of the annual Parent Satisfaction Survey. This year's survey, which includes 15 multiple choice survey items, is the final page in this newsletter. All parents who complete the survey are eligible to go into the draw to win a \$50 Hoyts Movie Gift Card. We have two to give away. Please see the survey page for more details and please return all surveys by next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### P&C Meeting

Speaking of P&C Meetings, our next meeting will be held next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This meeting is an evening meeting commencing at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

### Road Safety

What school traffic offences are you risking? Hopefully none! We have had a small number of parents receive traffic infringement notices for illegal parking and other offences in

Fuller Street and, to a lesser extent in Carrington Street this year. I have attached a full page chart to this newsletter outlining some of the heavy penalties applied to some of these offences. It is imperative that we all obey road and traffic regulations in order to maximise the safety of ALL of our families and particularly our children.

**Halloween Disco**

On behalf of our Year 6 students, thank you to all of the students who attended last Friday's Halloween Disco. All funds raised from this event go towards the Year 6 Farewell evening. A big thank you to all of the staff who were able to attend to supervise our students and also to the P&C who supported this fundraiser in a big way by providing all of the drinks, popcorn and glow sticks which were supplied as part of the ticket cost on the night. Our students attending looked incredibly spooky! Some students added some props including fake weaponry to their costumes. While the Halloween Disco will remain on the calendar for years to come, a decision has been made to not allow any fake knives, guns, martial arts weapons or weaponry of any other kind. We appreciate your understanding with this matter and look forward to our next Halloween Disco in Term 4 2020.



Another wonderful opportunity for our students was provided last Tuesday with the Russ The Story Bus program, a key feature of the Sydney Writer's Festival. Students in Years 3-6 enjoyed presentations from author/illustrator Jules Faber. Miss B was super lucky, going home with her very own caricature from Jules.

**Russ The Story Bus - What an incredible hit!**

All students K-6 were excited by a visit inside Russ The Bus to select a book to keep forever! Jules signed over 200 books on the day and students loved having some very comfy reading time in the gardens on a colourful array of beanbags! A unique experience, enjoyed by all!



Indeed, the best outcome from this experience came the following morning when a number of students, including some reluctant readers, were reading their new novels in the playground, commenting on how great they were and how awesome it was to receive a free book with an autograph from a real author/illustrator. For future reference and possible ideas for requests to Santa, consider the Max Crack series of books from Jules Faber!



**Kinder 2020 Enrolments – Incredible growth!**

Do you have a younger child ready to start Kinder at The Meadows PS next year? Or do you know someone in the neighbourhood who has? If so, please come along or invite your neighbours to come along and commence the enrolment process NOW!

After entering Term 4 with 37 Kinders for 2020, we are very close to confirming 60 enrolments. Yes, SIXTY!

The Kinder Orientation 'Ready-Set-Kindy!' sessions started yesterday and the final 3 sessions have been planned for the following dates and times:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 11:30 - 1:15pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 9:00 - 11:00am
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30 - 11:00am

**Students Leaving TMPS**

If you are already aware that your family is leaving the area before the start of the 2020 school year, please ensure you let the school office staff know as soon as possible. This certainly allows for more accurate planning of classes for next year.

Look after each other.

*Scott Staveley*

**Principal**

**Excursions & Activities in Progress**

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Our Place Kindergarten	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	\$25	Please Pay Immediately
Grandparents Day	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Nil	Nil
Colour Run	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Donations	Sponsor Money Due Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November



## CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3		Week 4	
Teacher's Awards (2 points)		Teacher's Awards (2 points)	
KO	Daniel Hadizatu	KO	Habishika Shu Chen
KR	Walter Sam	KR	Ryan Diva
1/2L	Neha Hriya	1/2L	Lahtamah Brooklyn
1/2R	Zyana Vid	1/2R	Adyaan Albert
1/2S	Raksha Demirhan	1/2S	Darius Kashvi
3/4B	Mann Isabella	3/4B	Lydia Taylen
3/4H	Maleah Aleya	3/4H	Lachlan Mason
3/4J	Jaxson Maaz	3/4J	Javin Anthony
3-6L	Zuhail Exlexi	3-6L	Keane Noah
5/6D	Rosemary Jacob R	5/6D	Muddthir Zac
5/6H	Lorraine Dom	5/6H	Mahi Shihab
5/6S	Raina Anika	5/6S	Adam Jarrod

## 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.



## Christmas Raffle Reminder

Dear Parents and Carers

The P&C's final fundraiser for 2019 is a Christmas raffle. And we need your help! Below is a class list showing a category for each class. Examples are given for inspiration. We will be making 12 Gift Hamper prizes based on these categories. Tubs will be placed in each classroom to collect donated items.

We ask that each child donates an item based on the theme for their class, up to the value of \$5. Please send in your donations by Friday 6 December. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Day, Thursday 12 December. Tickets will be sent home soon!

Thank you in advance,  
The P&C

KO	Confectionery (chocolate, gummy lollies, candy)
KR	Confectionery (choc coated nuts, lollipops, shortbread)
1/2L	Water play (sunscreen, hat, water pistol, water balloons)
1/2R	Boys' Toys (cars, nerf products, logic puzzles)
1/2S	Girls' Toys (scrunchies, card games, nail art)
3/4B	Sporting (handball, frisbee, hat, tennis balls)
3/4H	Home Decor (candles, hand towel, soap, wall art)
3/4J	Gardening (seeds, pots, trowel, gloves, watering can)
3/6L	Arts and Craft (sketch book, textas, pencils, gel pens, colouring-in)
5/6D	Women (nail polish, hair or skin products, candles)
5/6H	Men (logic puzzles, baseball cap, keyring, cashews, lollies)
5/6S	Car care (sponge, air freshener, car wash, first aid kit)

### Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

Tickets are now selling in the P&C Christmas Raffle  
50c each or 5 tickets for \$2

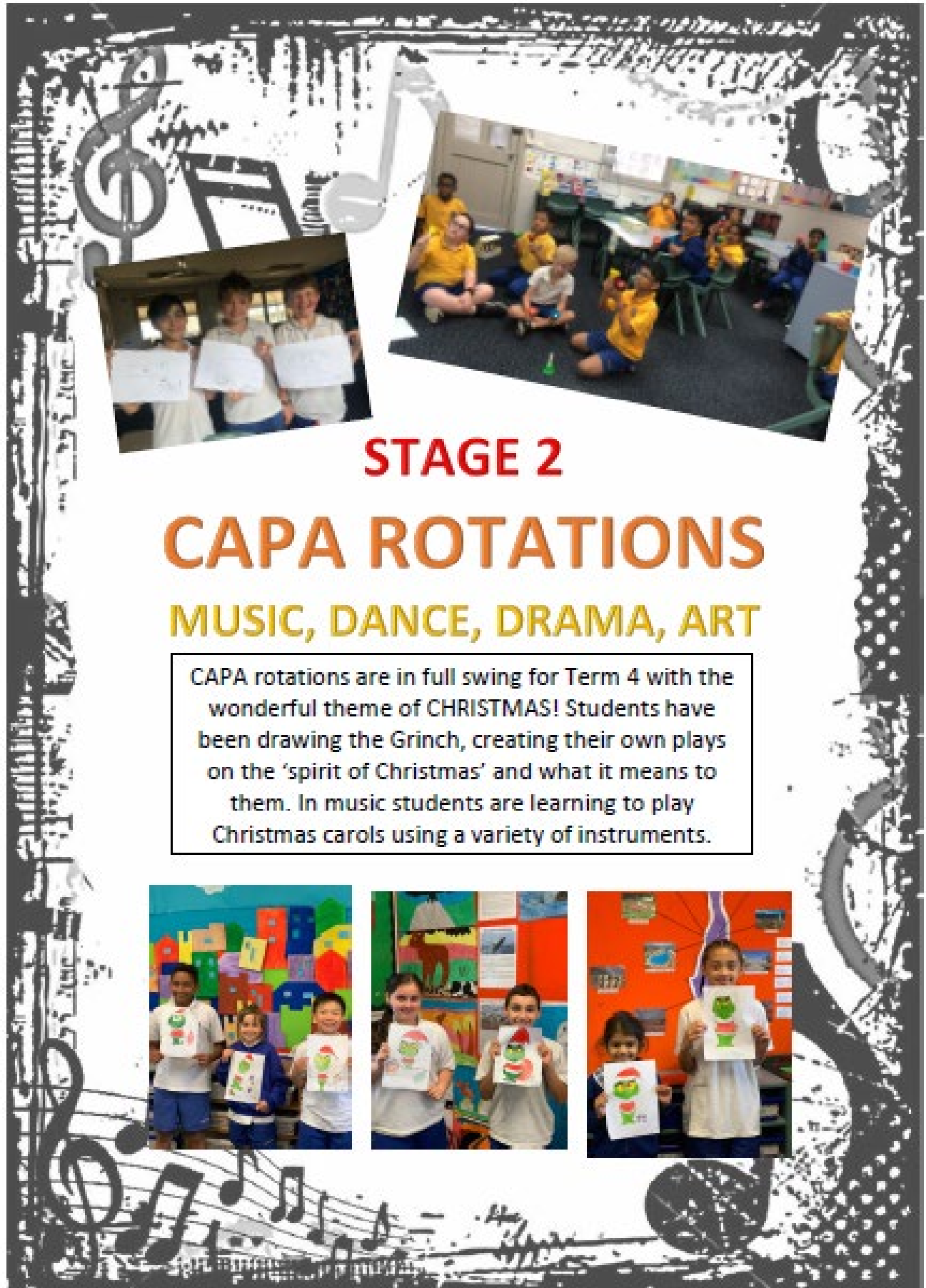
Please return tickets and money to the office by Friday 6 December  
Prizes will be drawn at Presentation Day, Thursday 12 December

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## STAGE 2

# CAPA ROTATIONS

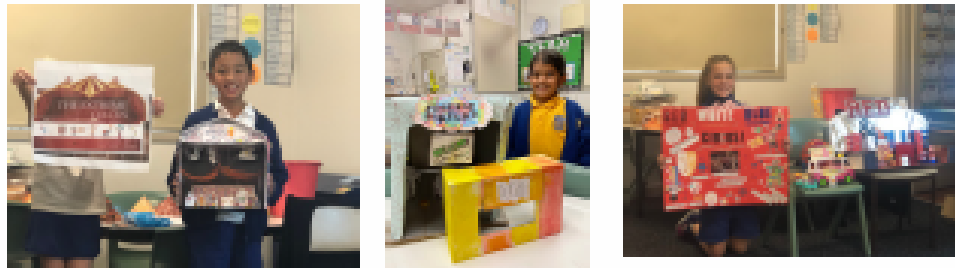
## MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA, ART

CAPA rotations are in full swing for Term 4 with the wonderful theme of CHRISTMAS! Students have been drawing the Grinch, creating their own plays on the 'spirit of Christmas' and what it means to them. In music students are learning to play Christmas carols using a variety of instruments.

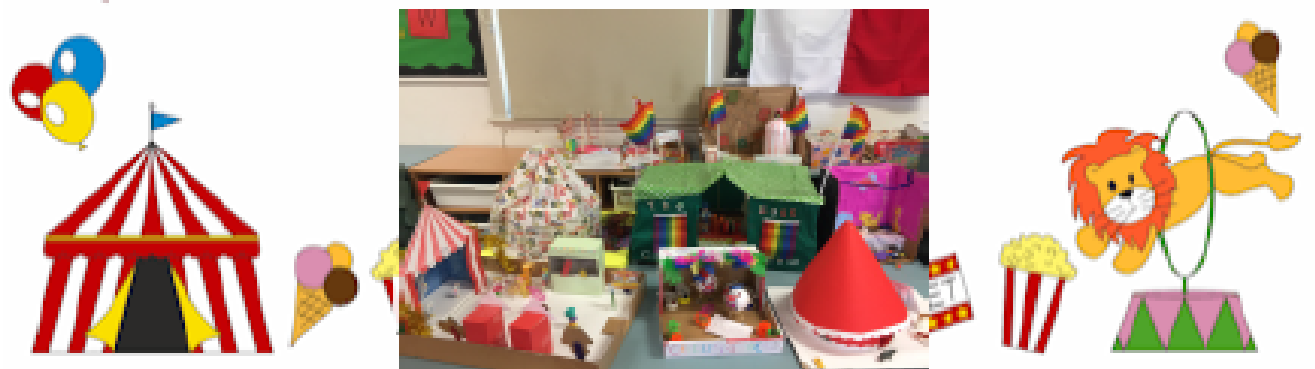
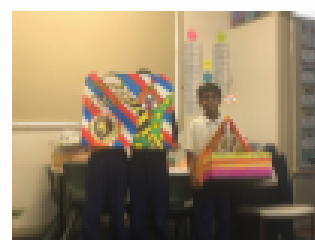
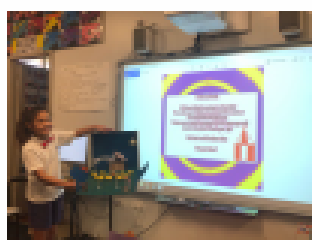
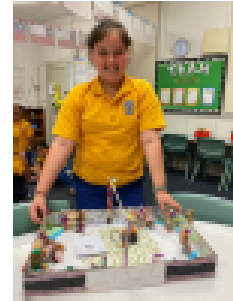
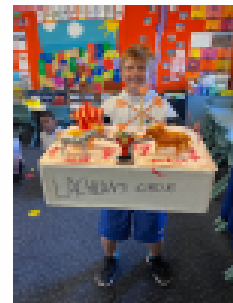




# STAGE 2 CIRCUS PROJECT



In Term 3, Stage 2 learnt about Material World in Science, 3D objects in Mathematics, persuasive texts in English, and participated in circus themed CAPA rotations. Students combined all of this knowledge to complete their homework project of designing their own 3D circus model and preparing a persuasive presentation to convince their class to visit their circus. Students presented confident, well-rehearsed and detailed presentations at the start of Term 4.



# STAGE 2 @ Russ the Bus!

Stage 2 enjoyed a morning of illustration and book reading with the incredible author and illustrator Jules Faber. He shared about his story, how he became an author/illustrator, and even drew a caricature of Miss B. Another highlight was having some time on the awesome Russ the Bus (the biblio-mobile), where they got to choose their very own book to keep! What an exciting event this was!





THANK YOU to all the students that have registered online so far and to those who have already been fundraising. We have just two weeks left until all fundraising payments are due (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Week 6). REMEMBER: the class that raises the most amount of money will get to have a dodgeball session against the teachers, as well as a pizza party!

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December starting at 1:45pm. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

#### Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

#### How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

#### Student Profile Page

Create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner.

**WIN A SHARE OF \$200,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS.** Create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you're an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

#### How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form.

You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au). Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s, **OR**
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

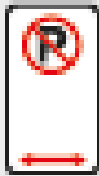
Mr Caleb Hobby  
Sports Coordinator

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



### Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.



### No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.



### Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



### Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



### U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.



### Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.



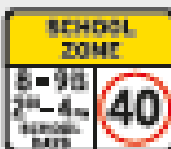
May be subject to Double Demerits

### Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



### Speeding Offences



40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



May be subject to Double Demerits

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL



\*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



**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.



**Casual Work**

1 X Casual Position – Blacktown Local Government Area (00007DD1)

**Help protect our vibrant school communities**

**Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!**

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

**Does this sound like you?**

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
  - ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit or go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) to apply today and quote 00007DD1!

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019



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**Sizzling Summer Hockey**

- ✓ **Blacktown City Games Event**
- ✓ **6 Thursday evenings commencing October 31**
- ✓ **Cavanagh Reserve Tennis Courts Lalor Park**
- ✓ **Primary school students 6.30pm to 7.30pm**
- ✓ **Secondary students and adults 7.30pm to 8.30pm**
- ✓ **Maximum 24 players / session**
- ✓ **Registrations open October 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ✓ **First family member \$30**
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent family members \$20**
- ✓ **All gear supplied**
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## Satisfaction Survey - The Meadows Public School

Thank you for participating in this important survey. Please respond to each statement below by ticking the box that you feel best relates to the statement. Please tick one box only.

Please return to the front office of The Meadows PS by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Thank you.

### Parent and Carer Survey

STATEMENT:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know / Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The Meadows PS is an attractive and well-resourced school e.g. classrooms, library and grounds					
2. The school is a friendly school that is tolerant and accepting of all students					
3. The students are the school's main concern					
4. The school has supportive welfare programs					
5. The school teaches and promotes values					
6. Fair discipline exists within the school					
7. Student achievements are recognised through the school award system					
8. The school promotes its uniform policy					
9. The school offers challenging programs for its students					
10. The school maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy					
11. A wide range of extracurricular programs are offered (e.g. sport, performing arts, public speaking)					
12. The Meadows PS has competent teachers who set high standards of achievement					
13. There is good student access to computers and strong technology programs and resources					
14. The school office responds to enquiries and requests in a friendly and prompt manner					
15. The fortnightly newsletter keeps the community informed about coming events and school achievements					

Tear-off slip: To maintain survey confidentiality, please detach before handing the survey in to your child's teacher. The tear-off slip is to be returned to the front office.



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

I have completed the parent survey and wish to be entered into the draw for a \$50 Hoyts Movie Pass.