

The Meadows Mag



A vibrant and caring learning community

2C Fuller Street, Seven Hills NSW 2147 T 9631 3737 F 9896 3281
E themeadows-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.themeadows-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Issue 15 - Term 4 - Week 8

Friday, 6th December, 2019

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 4, 2019

Week 9

Monday, 9 th December	Sport in Schools (K-2) Final Session
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Farewell
Thursday, 12 th December	Presentation Day

Week 10

Monday, 16 th December	Reports sent home
Thursday, 18 th December	Last Day of School

Important Dates in Term 1, 2020

Week 1

Tuesday, 28 th January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, 29 th January	Students Years 1-6 Return
Thursday, 30 th January	Kindergarten Students Begin

Principal's Message

As the end of the year fast approaches we would like to pass on our best wishes to our Year 6 students as they prepare for high school. We hope that they take great memories of The Meadows Public School with them as they embark on their new adventure! Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who have completed their first year of "big school". They have had an incredible year and it has been an absolute delight for their teachers to see their growth and development!

Outgoing Student Leaders 2019

Thank you to our departing Leaders of 2019. Our School Captain Naomi Till, Vice-Captain Dylan Smith and our two Prefects, Emily Randal and Prabin Ojha. You have been outstanding in all of your leadership responsibilities and represented our school in the best possible way. We wish you all the best as you enter into your high school years.

Student Leaders 2020

Thank you to all the students who participated in the 2020 student leadership process and presented their speeches at the Student Leadership Assembly on Thursday, 5 December. The quality of their speeches, their confidence and commitment to making The Meadows Public School a great place to learn is wonderful! We look forward to congratulating the incoming 2020 Leaders.

Bon Voyage, Welcome Aboard and Tying the Knot!

As the end of the 2019 draws to a close, it is time to bid farewell to a number of classroom teachers who will be moving to new schools in 2020. Mrs Sera Dawson first commenced working at The Meadows Public School in July 2010 and has been a highly valued member of staff. Her contributions to the school have been countless and she will be missed greatly. We also bid farewell to Mrs Vicki Lyon, our incredible Learning and Support teacher who has gained a position at Doonside High School, and Ms Naz Judd who has worked hard on class 3-6L this year. Welcome aboard to Mrs Jenn Hassmann who has gained a permanent position as Assistant Principal, we are very lucky to have her join the school as a member of the executive staff. Finally a MASSIVE congratulations to Miss Amy Reardon who will be married in early 2020. We wish you all the best for your future and hope that you enjoy a wonderful wedding and honeymoon and we look forward to hearing all about it when you return to school.



COLOUR RUN early 2020 date to be advised.

Student Reports

I had the great pleasure of reading student reports over the last week and I am so impressed with the high standard of work being achieved and the positive comments I have read about all our students. They have worked hard to achieve personal learning goals throughout the year, and it will be exciting for teachers to watch their further development in 2020!

Students Leaving

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 office staff know as soon as possible. This allows for more accurate planning of classes for next year.

Last Day of School for 2019

The last day for students will be Wednesday, 18 December. The school year will begin for students in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 29 January, 2020. Kindergarten students commence on Thursday 30 January, 2020.

Finally...

Thank you so much for welcoming me so openly into your community over the past few weeks. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at The Meadows and the sense of belonging and school spirit that makes this school such an incredible place to work. Wishing you a safe and restful holiday! Enjoy spending time with your families and friends and get ready for an even bigger and better 2020.

Nicole Parker

Relieving Principal



Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)		
<i>Blue</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Purple</i>
Rettalia Mithra Vasundhara Seth Vincent Sienna Josh Alessio Akin Sam.F Jerekai	Paker Ria Sahayata Domonic Zac Smit Zyana Gabriel Isha Shamel Sahayata Adyaan	Vinoth Bahar Allissa Aakanksha Albert Luke
<i>Orange</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Platinum</i>
Shania Thivakar Kaylee Ryly	Jayden	

**CONGRATULATIONS
Award Winners!**



Week 7

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

- KO Dylan
Ravi
- KR Ryan
Malakai
- 1/2L Bahar
Kavya
- 1/2R Zyana
Smit
- 1/2S Alex
Nicola
- 3/4B Akid
Havin
- 3/4H Vinoth
Ria
- 3/4J Mithra
Jayden
- 3-6L Sione
Christian
- 5/6D Hugo
Thivakar
- 5/6H Seth
Shihab
- 5/6S Tia
Jordan C

Week 8

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

- KO Akin
Sam.F
- KR Vasundhara
Arnab
- 1/2L Ackland
Julius
- 1/2R Jaziar
Aakanksha
- 1/2S Charlie
Dhruv
- 3/4B Tiahna
Maddison
- 3/4H Maleah
Rettalia
- 3/4J Omar
Donald
- 3-6L Lauren
William
- 5/6D Kaylee
Hassan
- 5/6H Dylan
Lorraine
- 5/6S Zeel
Naomi

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Weeks 8

Assistant Principal Awards
(3 points)

Principal Awards
(5 points)

- | | | | |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| Kindergarten | Adharna | Kindergarten | Sienna |
| Year 1 | Neha | Year 1 | Smit |
| Year 2 | Sienna | Year 2 | Alex |
| Year 3 | Sydney | Year 3 | |
| Year 4 | Nathan | Year 4 | |
| Year 5 | | Year 5 | Allissa |
| Year 6 | Ryly | Year 6 | |

5/6D Science: Making Slime

This term, Stage 3 have been learning about Matter. They have had the opportunities to experiment with gases, liquids and solids.



We were able to make slime and explore its properties. The students classified whether slime was a liquid or a solid.

The students were able to see that not everything fits into one category and sometimes things can change classifications according to the

temperature they are exposed to (E.g. water is a liquid but exposed to cold temperatures turns it into a solid).

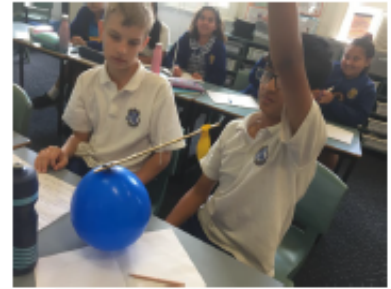


(FYI, slime is a non-Newtonian liquid!!!)

The Science of Matter in 5/6S:

5/6S has had a very busy and scientific semester. Stage 3 is currently studying different types of matter in science. The students have conducted numerous experiments to test the different properties of gas, liquid and solids. The students tested the properties of gas by experimenting with the weight of gas in different and exciting ways. The students affixed a dry piece of tissue paper to the bottom of a plastic cup and submerged the cup in a body of water during the first experiment. The students removed the cup from the water and discovered the tissue had remained dry. This is because the gas trapped in the cup had created a protective layer that restricted the water moving toward the tissue. This experiment proved that gas is a matter that has weight and takes up space. The students further explored the properties of gas by constructing a balance scale made from a ruler, string and balloons. The students affixed a deflated balloon to each end of the ruler and tied a piece of string around the middle of the ruler. This created a balanced balloon scale. The students then proceeded to blow up one of the balloons that was attached to the ruler. They watched in awe as the scale tipped significantly with the weight of the gas trapped within the inflated balloon. Further indicating that gas is a matter that has weight and takes up space. The final experiment required the students make a miniature catapult from a ruler and a pen. The students placed a coin on the lowered end of the ruler and smacked the heightened end of the ruler with a deflated balloon. This caused the coin to be catapulted a very small distance from the ruler. The students then smacked the heightened end of the ruler with an inflated balloon. This caused the coin to be catapulted a significant distance from the ruler. This was due to weight of the gas in the inflated balloon. These simple yet effective experiments clearly demonstrated the weight and existence of gas to the students in 5/6S. These experiments also facilitated much scientific research and discussion in our classroom and helped the students consolidate their understandings of this complex subject.

In other exciting news, 5/6S' silkworm moths have laid eggs and nearly completed their life cycle. 5/6S have loved watching this natural phenomenon unfold within their classroom. The students have observed their unique life cycle, researched the features of silkworms and completed an informative text on the silkworms.



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



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.



Music,



Painting,



Stories,



Craft

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 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.