

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 1, 2020

Week 5

Monday, 24 th February	CommBank Start Smart Prog.
Tuesday, 25 th February	CommBank Start Smart Prog.
Wednesday, 26 th February	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Thursday, 27 th February	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 28 th February	Summer PSSA
Friday, 28 th February	Colour Run

Week 6

Monday, 2 nd March	Halogen Young Leaders Day
Monday, 2 nd March	Clean Up Australia (TMPS) Day
Wednesday, 4 th March	Sport in Schools (3-6)
Thursday, 5 th March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, 6 th March	Summer PSSA

Week 7

Tuesday, 10 th March	P&C Meeting AGM
Wednesday, 11 th March	Sport in Schools (K-2)
Friday, 13 th March	Summer PSSA

Principal's Message

Meet The Teacher

Thank you to the 116 parents who attended Meet The Teacher night on Wednesday. I'm sure you found the experience worthwhile hearing about some of the programs and organisational matters pertaining to your child's class and stage. Thank you to Madhur from our School Community Centre and also to the Year 6 students who assisted with the selling of cold drinks and serving on our free sausage sizzle barbecue which was enjoyed by all. The 116 parents meant we had an average of about 9 parents per class which was a good response.

Our next formal opportunity to meet with teachers is Parent – teacher – student Interviews which will take place towards the end of Term 2. However, if you have concerns regarding your child's academic or social development, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

I truly value parent and carer participation in our family school and encourage you to become involved at every opportunity.

Tell Them From Me – 2019 Parent Survey Results

In Term 4 last year, parents were invited to participate in the online parent and school satisfaction survey known as Tell Them From Me. We had a strong response to the surveys with 57 parents providing important feedback. The results were extremely POSITIVE and I am very proud to report that **our parent community's responses exceeded the NSW Department of Education's average scores in all seven aspects of the survey!** The four strongest results, which were significantly above state average came in the following categories:

- Parents are informed
- Parents feel welcome
- The school is inclusive
- Parents support learning at home.

Strong results were also achieved in the other three areas which were all above state average:

- The school is safe
- The school supports positive behaviour
- The school supports learning

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who participated last term. Your feedback is always appreciated and certainly plays a key role in school planning.

Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) / Voluntary Contributions

Many Department of Education schools ask families for a Voluntary School Contribution (VSC) at the commencement of every school year. On average, this is approximately \$40-\$50 per child. One of the first things I did upon becoming Principal at The Meadows was to abolish the VSC, allowing parents some financial leeway to afford extra-curricular opportunities such as PSSA Sport, Dance programs, Choir programs and other sporting and cultural experiences as we strive to 'develop the whole child.'

With those thoughts in mind, thank you to the majority of parents who have paid for the Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) Program for this year. This mandatory program has been heavily reduced since 2018 from \$40 to just \$20 for the whole year, with the support of fundraising from last year's Colour Run. With the SISA program, students will enjoy a fortnightly 50 minute lesson which will alternate to include gymnastics, athletics skills, sports game ball skills and teamwork/social skills.

At this point in time, there is still a significant proportion of our families who have not yet paid for this program. Indeed, only 162 out of our 273 students are currently able to participate. Any parents or carers experiencing financial difficulty are asked to speak with Mr Staveley or complete an Application for Student Assistance form (located in the Office). Permission notes will be sent home again today with this newsletter. We aim and strive to have 100% participation in this program

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

As we enter the 5th week of the new school year, teachers are starting to establish clear understandings of student progress and the particular learning needs of individual students. Our teachers are trained to differentiate the curriculum to not 'teach to the whole' but teach to student groupings based on ability and in some cases plan whole sequences of learning for individual students. Following assessments in various areas, some students have been identified as requiring an Individual Education Plan (IEP) as they have demonstrated significant difficulty in an aspect, in particular, of English or Mathematics learning. Students requiring an IEP will have these sent home in Week 6 by Friday, 6th March. Parents of students who have not had an IEP before will be contacted by class teachers to request an interview to discuss the child's learning goals for Semester One.

Arrival at School: 'Be in line, on time, at 10 to 9!'

Great News! The year has started on a bright note in terms of punctuality to school. In the first few weeks of school we have averaged just 6 late students per day. Of course, we would LOVE to reduce that number to ZERO but this is a MASSIVE improvement on 2019 where we had, on average, 15 late students per day. Thank you everyone, let's continue this healthy trend! If your child is going to be late for school and you cannot arrive with them to provide an explanation to the office staff, please send your child to school with a short note explaining their lateness. Thank you.

Students' Fun Page & Reader's Prize

Once again in 2020, in an effort to increase the readership of our newsletter, I have included a Students' Fun Page. Please have your child / children complete this week's Fun Page activity at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag to be in with a chance of winning some very cool prizes!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



Excursions & Activities in Progress			
Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Summer PSSA	Terms 1 & 4	\$40 for <u>TWO</u> terms	Friday, 14 th February
Sport in Schools	Every Wednesday	\$20 <u>for the</u> <u>whole year</u>	Wednesday, 19 th February
BFOPA <u>Choir</u> Rehearsals	18 th March, 3 rd June, 12 th August	\$25	Friday, 13 th March
Taronga Zoo Stage 2	May Term 2	\$30 Deposit	Friday, 20 th March
Yrs 5/6 Milson Is. Camp	18 th – 20 th November	\$100 Deposit	Thursday, 9 th April



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!



Week 3		Week 4	
Teacher's Awards (2 points)		Teacher's Awards (2 points)	
KH	Johnathan Karma	KH	Kiyana Leon
KP	Ahmad Vivaan	KP	Rayyan Shenoor
KS	Andrew Mele	KS	Preetly Samuel
1/2B	Malakai Shamel	1/2B	Bihaan Kaidyn
1/2C	Joseph Raaga	1/2C	Dhvani Pellen
1/2R	Aman Kris	1/2R	Aaron Tai
2/3A	Issa	2/3A	Brooklyn
3/4R	Jasmine Sanah	3/4R	Darius Halima
3/4T	Japhia Maleah	3/4T	Sienna Sydney-Rose
5/6A	Aleyna Ana-Leah	5/6A	Jhayde Narges
5/6H	Kasius Rosemary	5/6H	Charmaine Paker
5/6S	Melisa Parul	5/6S	Remojan Ria

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



Canteen Special Try our NEW Pizza Wraps



Pizza Wraps
BBQ Chicken or Meat Cheese
+
Ice Mony TNT – Blue Raspberry or Chocolate
\$4 only usually \$4.30



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.

CommonwealthBank



School Banking

is on Wednesday

Speaking and listening games outside this week to improve our voice projection and choice of appropriate volume level to match our setting and audience. Preparing ourselves for speaking in public confidently!



Our hockey clinic was heaps of fun, learning to control the ball through small and specific movements.

5/6A

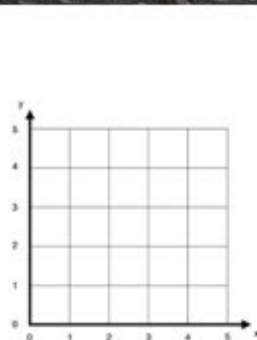
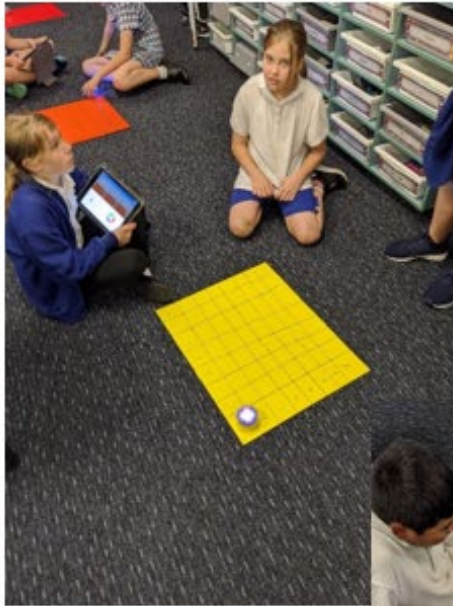
Science experiments already underway: first up was investigating how different surfaces and environments affect the growth and type of mould.



5/6A voted and decided on a Disney themed classroom for 2020!

5/6H Grid Coordinates Coding

5/6H have been revising how to read grid coordinates and use compass directions to describe the locations of objects. They have coded programs for small robots called Spheros to move to specific grid coordinates on maps and follow compass directions to get to a location.



5/6S Loves Hockey

5/6S participated in a hockey clinic run by Hockey Blacktown during Week 3. The students thoroughly enjoyed the high-intensity and social nature of this sport. The students were required to participate in different drills that assisted them to refine hockey skills including correct grip and movement of the ball. The students used their new skill set to play a highly competitive game of indoor hockey the following day. The students demonstrated excellent balance, coordination and sportsmanship throughout the game. 5/6S will continue to play hockey throughout this term to further refine their new hockey skills and build camaraderie amongst the students.



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



NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL Campbell Street NORTHMEAD 2152

OPEN DAY TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2020

For students in Year 5 entering Year 7 in 2022 and
Year 6 students entering Year 7 2021

Morning Session: 9.15am/10.15am - Hall presentation for Parents & students
10.15am/12.30 PM - Hands on activities for students
10.15 AM - 30 min short school tour for parents.
12.30/1.00 PM - BBQ lunch for students.
1.00 PM - Parents to pick up students.

Evening Session: 5.00pm/ 7.00pm - Open school tour for parents and students.
7.00pm /8.00pm - Formal presentation in the Hall

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

- **Central Location**
 - Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
 - Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
 - Experienced and Committed Teachers

- **Creative and Performing Arts**
 - Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
 - Elective classes in CAPA (Year 9-12)
 - Band, Vocal Ensembles, Company
 - Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music Ensembles, Companies, Circus

- **Vocal & Instrumental Tutorial Programs**

- **Focus on Academic Excellence**
 - Gifted and Talented Programs
 - Accelerated Courses
 - Extension Program for Year 7 Students
 - Support and Remediation Programs

- **Comprehensive Education**

- **Special Performing Arts Programs**
 - Broad Curriculum including STEM
 - Excellent Sporting Opportunities
 - Chrome Book Program
 - Support for Year 7 Students

- **Caring School**

- **Orientation Program, Year 6 to Year 7**
- **Peer Support**
- **Student Ambassadors**
- **Year 7 Camp**
- **Project Based Learning**
- **Proactive Learning Support Team**
- **Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition**
- **Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community**
- **Special Programs: Social Justice, Student Representative Council & Multicultural Committee**

- **Extra Curricula Activities**

- **Sport**
- **Debating & Public Speaking**
- **Mock Trials and MUNA**
- **Wakaiti**
- **Sister Exchange Visits:**
 - Kawaguchi Japan
 - Lots More

At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a memento of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
- Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore 'living' music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC



THE HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2020 3.30pm-6pm

2020 Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend The Hills Sports High School Open afternoon. Come along and meet staff, explore what learning opportunities are available, visit our specialist rooms including the Technology Centre and Science Laboratories for practical lessons.

Tours of the school will occur every half hour until 5.30pm.



TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM INFORMATION

An information session will be conducted for students and parents interested in the Talented Sports Program for Year 7 2021 at 4.30pm & 6:00 pm. Sports on offer are AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby "7's" (Girls), Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football, and Water Polo.

Sport Trials will be held in May/June 2020,
Talented Sports applications close Friday 15th May 2020.



ENJOY A REFRESHMENT
AS YOU TOUR THE
SCHOOL, PROVIDED BY
OUR SENIOR
HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

PRICES

COFFEE	
SMALL -	\$3.00
LARGE -	\$3.50
MILKSHAKES -	\$4.00



Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School

2021 CAPA AUDITIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
CAPA AUDITIONS FOR STUDENTS
WISHING TO BE A PART OF OUR 2021
CAPA PROGRAM IN DANCE, DRAMA,
VISUAL ARTS AND MUSIC.

Auditions 16th-20th March 2020



OPEN DAY/ EVENING

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2020



HAST

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR
THE HIGHER ABILITY SELECTION
TEST (HAST)

FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO BE A
PART OF OUR Year 7 ACADEMIC
GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM
for 2021

Please visit <https://northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> for more information and to register your interest in the CAPA Auditions and the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST). Open Day/Evening information will be updated on our website once details have been finalised.



Name: _____



Students Fun Page

Teacher Search!

Can you find all of the surnames of our staff members?

If you find them all, bring in the finished find-a-word to Mr Staveley by next Friday to go into the draw for a range of special student prizes!

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I	S	A	T	S	P	R	A	N	T	S	U	D	E	H
H	N	T	V	S	S	-	A	P	H	A	N	R	E	O
P	-	E	N	E	R	T	H	O	R	N	T	O	N	L
B	Y	U	N	L	L	O	L	N	L	D	E	D	-	D
C	R	E	P	A	Z	E	A	A	T	E	-	T	Y	E
H	L	E	-	C	H	O	Y	N	M	R	E	B	T	N
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STAVELEY	SAMMUT	KIRKLAND	REGAN
CHOY	BYUN	TAUTZ	McKNIGHT
HARRISON	HAYNES	PRANTS	ISOBEL
ANDERSON	SIMMONS	BROOKE	LINNEA
BRYAN	CASSEL	HOLDEN	GERMOLUS
PHAN	HOBBY	COOK	REYES
RUSSELL	CREPAZ	ARCHER	MADHUR
HASSMANN	THORNTON	KEENAN	PHIL

The left over letters will spell out a mystery question.

What is the answer to the mystery question?

(The answer you need is in the Principal's Report at the start of this Meadows Mag)

The answer is _ _ _