

# The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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<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>  OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE ACADEMY <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 4, 2020

#### Week 5

Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	NAIDOC Day
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Student Banking Day
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	SISA – K-2
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Ready, Set, Kindy!
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Stage 3 Milson Is. Camp

#### Week 6

Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Student Banking Day
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	SISA – 3-6
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Ready, Set, Kindy!
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Tropical Getaway Mufti Day

#### Week 7

Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Student Banking Day
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	SISA – K-2
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Ready, Set, Kindy!

## Principal's Report

### COVID-19 Impacts – What's on and what's changed?

There is still no change regarding the rules about parents being asked to remain off-site on a day-to-day basis.

However, guidelines for schools have been updated today with the scope to invite a 'Covid-safe' number of attendees to our end of year Presentation Day Awards and Year 6 Graduation Assemblies. More advice will be provided in the coming weeks. We are certainly all hoping to return to our regular operations with parents allowed on site daily in 2021.

### Tell Them From Me Survey

A HUGE thank you to those parents and carers who responded to requests and completed the 2020 Tell Them From Me Parent Survey. In 2019, we had 39 respondents and that number has increased significantly to 71 parents completing the survey this year between September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The findings from parents are particularly positive. For the second year in a row, our parent community's responses have been more positively scored than the NSW average for ALL SEVEN aspects of the survey. Parents have indicated they feel welcome, they feel the school is inclusive, they see safety is a priority of the school, our parents are informed, they support learning at home, they believe the school supports learning and they believe the school supports positive behaviour. There are still areas for improvement and development, and these will be responded to in our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan.

### Punctuality to School

Usually, when records are broken, there is a reason to applaud and celebrate. But not last week. In my time as Principal, since March 2016, attendance and punctuality data has been collected weekly. Last week a very concerning record was broken with 151 students recorded as late for school across the 5-day period. That's an average of just over 30 late students every day. That is simply not acceptable for a school of our size.



For security reasons, particularly during this time of the pandemic, our gates are locked promptly at 8:50am each morning. The expectation is to be at school BY 8:50am. Our gates are open with teachers on supervision duty from 8:20am each morning.

I thank those families who continually abide by the school expectations of arriving inside the gates by 8:50am each and every day. Your efforts throughout the year are appreciated. The vast majority of late students are arriving between 8:51-9:00am. For the majority of late students, it shouldn't be hard to make a minor adjustment at home to the morning routine, enabling an on-time arrival EVERY day.

Yes, I have high expectations, and yes, a minute late is still late. We are endeavouring to create successful habits for all of our students and excellent standards to live by, setting up future success.

Late students miss vital early instructions, impact the functioning of the front office and can be disruptive to students already in class.

Please be considerate of these expectations and endeavour to have your child or children arrive IN LINE, ON TIME at 10 to 9 every day. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

### Book Covering 'at-home' Working Bee

We need your help!



We have recently purchased 1700 new books for our guided reading programs. These books require covering in Contact before the end of the school year. If you are willing and able to cover 20-30 small books, please contact the school office. We will organise for the supply and collection of books and contact.

So far, approximately 20 families have responded to our Facebook post regarding this. Thanks so much! Many hands make light work!

### Big Week coming up!

We certainly have a big week approaching next week in Week 5 as we speed ahead towards the mid-point of our final term for the year.

After a cancellation earlier in the year, we are celebrating NAIDOC Week with a very full day planned to embrace Aboriginal culture next Tuesday, 10th November. A separate note has been sent home regarding NAIDOC Day with information about it being a mufti day as well as information about the sausage sizzle on the day.



Then on Wednesday, over 40 of our Stage 3 students and their teachers will venture about 90 minutes north of Sydney to enjoy their long-awaited and greatly anticipated 3-day camp at Milson Island. We wish them a safe journey, a great time and perfect weather!



### Kinder 2021 Enrolments and Orientation

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! We have 60 students in our current 2020 Kinder cohort and we are eager to at least match that figure heading into 2021!

As of today, we have 56 confirmed and enrolled students. Please make all enquiries through Mrs Anderson at the front office.

Our new Kinders for 2021 commenced their 'Ready, Set, Kindy!' orientation program yesterday with a session from 1:50-3:00pm. The next session will be held next Thursday, 12th November from 11:30am-1:15pm. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to get to know next year's students and also for the students to get to know their new surroundings, as well as each other.

**School Leavers**

If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 5 and you know you are leaving our school by the end of 2020, please let the office know or complete the form on page 6 of this newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible, we are beginning to plan class structures for 2021.

**Students' Fun Page**

The winners of the special 'The Very Cranky Bear' book and bear prizes were Aakanksha, Mackenzie and Aariv. Congratulations! There's another chance to win some cool prizes this week with a special NAIDOC-week inspired Find-A-Word.



*Scott Staveley*  
Principal



**CONGRATULATIONS  
Award Winners!**

**Week 3**

**Week 4**

**Teacher's Awards** (2 points)

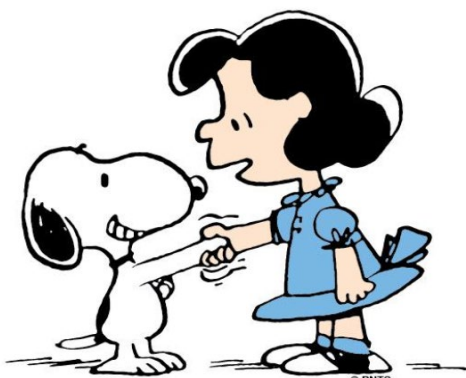
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KS	Aariv Preety	KS	Krishna Kirralee
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1/2C	Pellen Johaana	1/2C	Ravi Levine
1/2R	Brooklyn Jerekai	1/2R	Kris Krishnavi
2/3A	Vid Eddie	2/3A	Issa Brooklyn
3/4R	Srivitha Mason	3/4R	Halli Adhiraj
3/4T	Kashvi Maleah	3/4T	Sienna Ilija
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5/6A	Raina Hari	5/6A	Ana-Leah Christopher
5/6H	Ben Savannah	5/6H	Francis Zoe
5/6S	Isabella Anna	5/6S	Hassan Ria

**Positive Behaviour  
for Learning**

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning  
Focus for **Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6** is:  
**Treating others with respect**

We keep our hands and feet to  
ourselves and speak kindly to others.

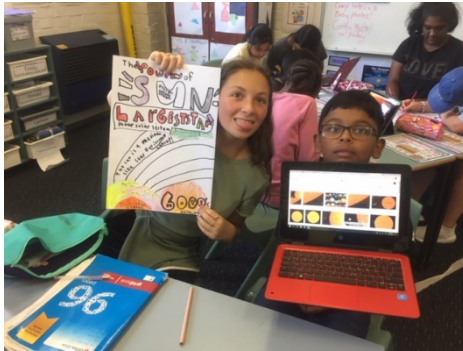
**Treat others with respect.**



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



# STAGE 3



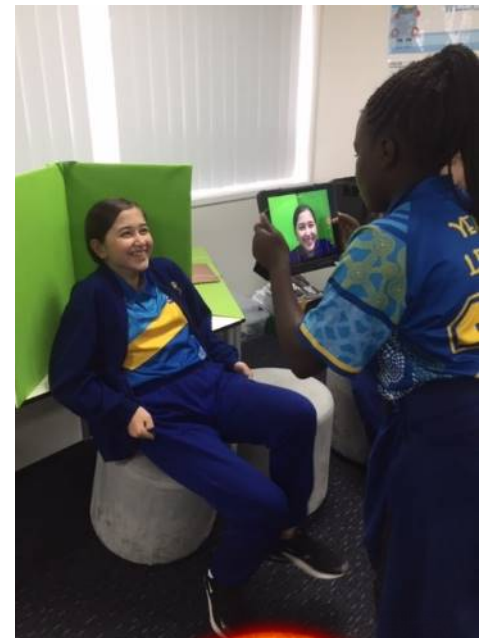
Stage 3 have had an action-packed, exciting, and educational return to school in Term 4.

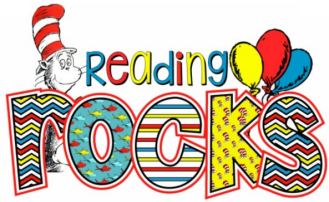
During Science students in Stage 3 have been studying a unit that centres on the sun's place in our solar system.



The students of 5/6A and 5/6S have collaborated and created infographics that detail the power of the sun and explored the different characteristics of dwarf planets.

Students have also utilised the new virtual reality (VR) headsets to take a guided tour of our solar system. The VR headsets create an immersive, three-dimensional environment for students to break through the atmosphere and explore the outer reaches of our galaxy.





# Stage 3

**Book Week – Stage 3 had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week.**

**Students attended a theatrical performance and participated in the book character parade.**

**The Stage 3 students particularly enjoyed reading to the younger students at the completion of the parade.**



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# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	= 4 weeks	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	= 8 weeks	= Over 2.5 years missed


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# NAIDOC Day 2020

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of November**  
**Dress in red, black, yellow, blue, green and white.**

**Sausage Sizzle \$2**  
**Soft Drink can \$2**  
**Water \$1**

**Lots of fun activities !!!**



## NEW ENROLMENTS AND STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2021

To assist with planning, staffing, accommodation and other resources for next year, we would ask that if you have a child who is due to start Kindergarten in 2021, or know of someone in the area that has a child due to start Kindergarten in 2021, please make sure any enrolment forms are brought to the school as soon as possible.

Alternatively if you know that you will not be returning next year or that you will not be starting till later in the year because of a family holiday, please complete the following forms and return them to the school office. *If your child is in year 6 it is not necessary to complete this form.*

**To: The Principal, The Meadows Public School**

Pupils Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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### LEAVERS

My child/children will not be attending The Meadows Public School in 2021.

Last day of attendance: ..... Moving to..... (new school).

### LATE RETURNERS

My child/children will be returning to The Meadows Public School on ..... (anticipated date of return) after the commencement of Term 1, 2021. (Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021) because

.....  
 .....

Signed: ..... (Parent/Guardian)

# 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.

## A PLACE WHERE WONDER IS UNCOVERED



## A PLACE ToGROW

Girl Guides now accepting new members.  
#APLACETOGROW



**LOCAL GIRL GUIDES CONTACT:**  
Tongahia Old Guides  
 Junior Guides 6-9 years Mondays 6:00-7:30pm  
 Guide Unit 10-13 years Fridays 7:00-9:00pm  
 Senior Guides 14-17 years Sundays 6:00-8:00pm

Tracy Rydies, District Manager  
 P11 0420 205014 E:tracy@det.nsw.edu.au

REGISTER TODAY:  
aplacetogrow.org.au



## Kindy Playmates

Kindy Playmates is a five-week free program for children starting school in 2021.

The program will introduce parents/carers and their child/ren to a structured and fun learning routine to prepare them for a smooth transition into school. 

Children will experience many activities designed with the key areas of pre-kindergarten skills in mind, that are required for a positive start for kindergarten.



A parent/carer will need to accompany the child and be actively involved in guiding their child for some of the activities. 




**When:** 10/11/2020 – 8/12/2020 (5 Tuesdays)  
**Time:** 9:30am to 11:30am  
**Where:** **The Meadows Schools as Community Centre** (located in the grounds of The Meadows Public School, Fuller Street, Seven Hills – Block I)  
**Cost:** FREE

Childcare will be provided for younger siblings of participating children on request.

Places are strictly limited.  
 To secure a place for your child, please contact Madhur on 9896 7514 or madhur.vani@det.nsw.edu.au

## School Travel for 2021



### 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.



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

## Students Fun Page NAIDOC Find-a-word!



Can you find all of the famous Aboriginal names?

Some are **place names**, some are **people**.

If you find them all, bring in the finished find-a-word to Mr Staveley by next Friday to go into the draw to win some great prizes.

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<b>PARRAMATTA</b>	<b>WOLLONGONG</b>	<b>FREEMAN</b>
<b>GIRRAWEE</b>	<b>WOY WOY</b>	<b>GOOLAGONG</b>
<b>COOGEE</b>	<b>WAGGA WAGGA</b>	<b>ELLA</b>
<b>CRONULLA</b>	<b>ULURU</b>	<b>ADDO-CARR</b>
<b>BONDI</b>	<b>TRUGANINI</b>	<b>GOODES</b>
<b>KOGARAH</b>	<b>NAMATJIRA</b>	<b>MAUBOY</b>
<b>MARAYONG</b>	<b>LINGIARI</b>	<b>GURRUMUL</b>
<b>TOONGABBIE</b>	<b>MABO</b>	<b>CASSAR-DALY</b>

The left over letters will spell out a mystery questions.

**Answer 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer 2:** \_\_\_\_\_