

# 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>  <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 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!

#### Week 8

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December Student Banking Day

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December SISA – 3-6

#### Week 9

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December Presentation Day

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December SISA Gala Day

#### Week 10

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December Student Reports go Home

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of School

## Principal's Report

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

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

The good news that I can now confirm is that parents and carers can be invited to attend the following events onsite at The Meadows PS:

- Kindergarten Orientation Session 4 (Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30-11:00am) for drop-off and collection of students.
- Student Leader Election Speeches – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9:00am.
- Presentation Day – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. We will be having two separate and much shorter ceremonies in 2020. The K-2 session will be at 9:15am and the Years 3-6 session will be at 10:00am.
- Year 6 Graduation Assembly – Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9:15am.

Parents will receive invitation letters or notes to attend these events and numbers will be limited to no more than 2 members of each family. Parents will be expected to return an RSVP form including a signed Covid Safety Declaration.

We are certainly all hoping to return to our regular operations with parents allowed on site daily in 2021.

### NAIDOC Celebrations



Our students thoroughly enjoyed this year's NAIDOC celebrations last Tuesday. The visiting Muggera group commenced the day with a traditional smoking ceremony before groups of students rotated through a series of activities including spear throwing, beading, storytelling, weaving, rock painting and dance.

The day culminated in an assembly incorporating Aboriginal dance and song. A full album of photos was published on our official school Facebook page. Thank you to Miss Sammut and Miss Reyes for their coordination of this event.

### Stage 3 Camp



47 students and 4 teachers enjoyed beautiful weather last Wednesday to Friday for the Stage 3 Camp at Milson Island.

The children enjoyed a very full program of activities including canoeing / kayaking, BMX riding, orienteering, archery, raft building, swimming, basketball, tennis, bushwalking and cave-crawling!

I'm very proud to report our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school with excellent behaviour across the three days. Again, check out the many albums of camp photos posted to Facebook last week!

### Promotional Video

Be on the lookout on Facebook and our website in the next week or so for the launch of a special promotional video for our wonderful school. The parents and carers of our 2021 Kinder students will receive a link to the video



first as part of their Kinder Orientation program, before it is released 'to the world' via our Facebook page and website. The 4-minute clip tells the story of a day in the life of students at The Meadows and the story is told using voice-overs by the students themselves.

There's footage included depicting arriving and lining up for class, classroom learning, recess and lunch time, using technology, playing sports, dancing and enjoying our special occasions such as NAIDOC Day and the Book Parade. There's a special feature where several students provide a very multicultural Welcome to The Meadows message in the language of their family background. There's also considerable footage using drone cameras, capturing a bird's eye view of our beautiful grounds. Stay tuned, it's certainly worth a look and should fill you with pride about YOUR school!



### 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!

As of today, we have 62 confirmed and enrolled students for Kindergarten in 2021. Please make all enquiries through Mrs Anderson at the front office.

Our new Kinders for 2021 completed their third 'Ready, Set, Kindy!' orientation session yesterday. The final session will be held next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November from 9:30-11:00am. 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 8 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 NAIDOC Week book prizes were Samara from 1/2C and Devak from KP. Congratulations for completing the Aboriginal-themed Word Search and mystery quiz activity! There will be a final opportunity for 2020 for students to win a prize in the next newsletter.

The next edition of The Meadows Mag, issued on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, will be the final full newsletter for 2020.



Look after each other,  
*Scott Staveley*  
Principal



**CONGRATULATIONS  
Award Winners!**

**K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 4**

Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

<b>Blue (10 Points)</b>	<b>Yellow (20 Points)</b>	<b>Purple (30 Points)</b>
Achchudan	Charlie	Smit
Aariv	Alessio	Vidwath
Kristina	Demirhan	Darius
Preety	Pratyush	Srivitha
Ijaz	Akid	Halli
Shanen	Luc	Grace
Neveah-Lea		Ria
Elina		
Japhia		
Farida		
Tydirs		
<b>Orange (40 Points)</b>	<b>Gold (50 Points)</b>	<b>Platinum (60 Points)</b>
Leila	Michael	Hugo
Zoe	Raina	Isabella
Jaydn	Ana-Leah	
Isabella	Amal	
Lachlan	Christopher	
	Jared	
	Anna	

**Week 5**

**Week 6**

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

KH	Sheryl Legacy	KH	Lily Smit
KP	Devak Keerthan	KP	Prakhar Mustafa
KS	Mele Andrew	KS	Jasmin Senaya
1/2B	Brian Habishika	1/2B	Sam Michael
1/2C	Akin Vaishnodevi	1/2C	Arpith Aaron
1/2R	Sienna Braxton	1/2R	Alessio Lauryn
2/3A	Arshi Sophia	2/3A	Zac Sienna
3/4R	Demirhan Sanah	3/4R	Pratyush Ayushi
3/4T	Sydney Sarala	3/4T	Aiden Peyton
3-6TK	Jordan	3-6TK	Monica
5/6A	Tydirs Hugo	5/6A	Decoda Narges
5/6H	Delilah Isabella	5/6H	Shashvini Asipeli
5/6S	Lydia Donald	5/6S	Keeley Shaza

**K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 4**

**Principal Awards (5 points)**

**Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)**

Kindergarten	Achchudan Vivaan Kristina Shanen	Kindergarten	Therese Shehnoor Aaditya Bihaan
Stage 1	Vasundhara Aaron Smit	Stage 1	Mackenzie Fidel Hriya
Stage 2	Pratyush Javin Noah	Stage 2	Jasmine Japhia Nikiah
Stage 3	Grace Luc Kane	Stage 3	Taylen Leila Riley

# Stage 2 and 3-6TK at...



- We got up close & personal with a **Goliath Stick Insect**.
- **Blue Tongue Lizards** are ectothermic (cold blooded animals whose body temperature regulates based on external sources such as the sun or a rock).
- **Blue Tongue Lizards** are omnivores, live in woodland and the females carry eggs and birth live babies.
- We patted a **Shingleback Lizard** (also known as a two-headed lizard).
- Some brave students even stroked a **Woma Python** which is non-venomous, it squeezes its prey, and will flick its tongue to taste the air in order to work out what's going on around it. Woma is a threatened species because it lives in remote areas like the desert, farming and mining areas.



NSW Department of Education

# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

## 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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# Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus for **Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8** is: **We play safely**

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.



# Camp 2020



# 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**



**GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA  
NSW ACT NT**

**A PLACE  
to GROW**

Girl Guides  
now accepting  
new members.  
**#APLACETOGROW**



**LOCAL GIRL GUIDES CONTACT:**

Toongahia Girl Guides  
Junior Guides 6-8 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 Ryden, District Manager  
PH: 0425 205 024 E: toongahia@girlguides-nswact.org.au

**REGISTER TODAY:**  
[aplacetogrow.org.au](http://aplacetogrow.org.au)



**Their future starts here**

**Is your child starting kindergarten in 2021?  
Help them to start happy, smart and  
confident with Begin Bright!**

**School Readiness Intensive Program**

Mon 18th to Thurs 21st Jan  
Morning session 9.30am - 12pm  
or  
Afternoon Session 1pm - 3.30pm

**Primary Booster Program (5-6 year olds)**

Year long program over 4 terms

**Primary Tutoring**

Weekly tutoring  
Individual or small groups

★ **BOOK ONLINE NOW** ★

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# Blacktown

## Christmas Concert

**Thursday 26 November  
6 pm to 9 pm**

Civic Plaza, Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

Christmas carols | a photo with Santa | lighting of the Christmas tree



[blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://blacktown.nsw.gov.au)





## Part-Time Work

Multiple Permanent part time position – Multiple Locations Across Sydney – 7010

### Help protect our vibrant school communities

**Become a 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

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts for Hobartville Public School, Chipping Norton Public School, Castle Hill Public School, Kings Langley Public School, Killarney Heights Public School, Beresford Road Public School, Anzac Park Public School, Waitara Public School fall between 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

**Does this sound like you?**

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) to apply today! Applications close Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## 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)