

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  OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE ACADEMY 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 4, 2020

Week 9

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| Thursday, 10 th December | Presentation Day |
| Friday, 11 th December | SISA Gala Day |

Week 10

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| Monday 14 th December | Student Reports go Home |
| Tuesday, 15 th December | Yr 6 Graduation & Farewell |
| Wednesday, 16 th December | Last Day of School |

Important Dates in Term 1, 2021

Week 1

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| Wednesday, 27 th January | STAFF Development Day |
| Thursday, 28 th January | STAFF Development Day |
| Friday, 29 th January | <u>Students</u> Return to School |

Week 2

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| Monday, 1 st February | Kindergarten's First Day |
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Principal's Report

COVID-19 Impacts – What's changing in Term 1, 2021

The NSW Department of Education has just released guidelines for our return to school in 2021. The key points are as follows. These will come into effect at the beginning of next year.

1. Morning Drop-off: Parents and carers will be invited back on-site in 2021 with access to the canteen and uniform shop. However, one of the benefits of adapting through COVID-19 has been the independence and maturity gained by our students in farewelling their parents at the gate each day. We will encourage this as much as possible and ask that parents of K-2 students don't walk beyond the end of the pathway adjacent to the playground equipment. There will of course be a grace period for the parents and carers of our new Kinder students in their first 1-2 weeks of school.
2. Afternoon Pick-up: Parents and carers will be invited onto grounds when the school gates are opened at 2:40pm each afternoon. Parents can settle on a convenient and practical meeting point with their children. The school day will conclude at 2:50pm for ALL students. Unfortunately, we are unable to re-open the playground equipment at the start of the new year.
3. School events: At this point in time heading into 2021, school events are restricted in size to allow 30 parents to an indoor event and 50 parents to an outdoor event. To begin with, this will have a significant impact on our Meet The Teacher events early in Term 1. These events will still be held with significantly different planning and organisation in place for 2021.
4. P&C Meetings: These meetings can resume in Term 1, however all P&C Meetings must take place in the evening.

More updates will be provided in the new school year.

New Playground

When we return in 2021, depending on some fine weather in the holidays, we will come back with a very exciting new look to our playground in the K-2 end of the school. All will be revealed when you walk through the gates in 2021!

Check-in Assessments

Earlier this year the Department of Education cancelled the 2020 NAPLAN testing program due to the impact of COVID-19. NAPLAN assesses students in Years 3 and 5 in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy (Maths).

As an alternative to NAPLAN, all students in Years 3 and 5 will next week sit the Check-In Assessment. This assessment will provide a brief snapshot of student progress in just two areas: Reading and Numeracy. On Wednesday, 9th December, students will complete online assessments involving 40 multiple-choice questions in each test. Each test will run for 50 minutes. While the school is provided with results and data, unlike NAPLAN, there is no data provision for parents.

Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day is being held next Thursday, 10th December. Under current restrictions we are having two separate assemblies. K-2 awards will be presented at 9:15am and the Years 3-6 awards ceremony will commence at 10:00am. The event is invitation only and is restricted to 1-2 family members per award winner. Thank you to those parents who have already responded. Please return your note by next Tuesday at the very latest if you haven't done so already. All visitors will be expected to sign on at a sign-on table located at the rear of the parent seating area.

Student Progress Reports

Semester 2 Reports for all students will be sent home on Monday, 14th December. The reports are more detailed than those sent home in August. This is the first time we have used the full reporting capabilities of our new SENTRAL system. On the 14th of December, all parents will receive a text message with a link to a brief survey about the reports. We certainly value your feedback and look forward to your opinions on the new report.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to Lachlan, Nathan, Esah, Monica, Decoda, Leila, Ana-Leah, Lydia, Ria, Yashika, Amal and Shaza who all presented speeches yesterday just prior to Student Leadership Elections. Based on the quality of the candidates and their speeches, we are certainly going to have a wonderful quartet of leaders in 2021 with the School Captain, Vice-Captain and two Prefects being announced at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly.

2021 Staffing

At the time of writing, we will start 2021 with 295 students, an increase of 22 on today's numbers. We will no doubt reach the magic milestone of 300 students at some point in the new year and this may even happen on

the first day given the recent history of an influx of students on Day 1 who weren't enrolled prior to Christmas. We will be definitely increasing from 13 classes to 14 classes. The additional classroom will be the former 'Technology' or 'STEM' room located next to the library.

In 2021, we will welcome back Mr Shane Lambeth to TMPS. Mr Lambeth has been Relieving Assistant Principal at Shalvey PS this year. He is looking forward to re-joining our wonderful team in 2021. Mrs Kirkland will return full-time next year and Mrs Thornton's week will increase from two days to three. We will also welcome a new graduate teacher to the team. This position won't be confirmed until next week.

With incoming staff we always unfortunately need to farewell some outgoing staff. I wish to thank Mr Michael Prants (2019-2020 Librarian) and Mr Aidan Keenan (2020 RFF Teacher) for their contribution to life at The Meadows. We know you will both find a new home and make a positive impact in another public school!

Term 1 Dates for 2021

This is the final newsletter for 2020. The final day for students this year is Wednesday, 16th December. Teachers return in 2021 on Wednesday, 27th January and Thursday, 28th January for two pupil-free Staff Development Days. Students in Years 1-6 return on Friday, 29th January and our new Kinder students will enjoy their first day of big school on Monday, 1st February.

Please let the office know this year if, due to any family holidays within Australia, your child will be returning after their scheduled first day in 2021.

Kinder 2021 Enrolments and School Leavers

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.

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 NOW as we are finalising class structures for 2021.

Students' Fun Page

Look out in the newsletter for one last chance to win some great prizes. See if you can answer all of the questions in our Newsletter Quiz Page! Please return all entries by next Monday!

Happy Holidays!

Finally, I sincerely wish to thank ALL of our families for your outstanding support through what has been a challenging year. I'm always incredibly proud of our community and we have banded together and shown great resilience to achieve plenty in difficult times. I wish every member of our community a wonderful, happy, healthy and safe Christmas, New Year and January break. I look forward to seeing 295+ smiling faces in 2021.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



**CONGRATULATIONS
Award Winners!**

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 8

Principal Awards
(5 points)

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| Kindergarten | Awan Srithika Aadya |
| Stage 1 | Agastya Vaishnodevi Lakshet |
| Stage 2 | Sophia Mann Aiden Michael |
| Stage 3 | Ryan Laurence Jacob |

Assistant Principal Awards
(3 points)

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| Kindergarten | Kiyana Keerthan Mele |
| Stage 1 | Charlie Dhvani Aman |
| Stage 2 | Vid Vinoth Isla |
| Stage 3 | Lauren Aleyna Rachel Zac |



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

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 8

Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10, 20, 30 points)

Blue (10 Points)

Aman
Aadya
Vivaan
Awan

Yellow (20 Points)

Akin
Mackenzie
Lakshet
Jerekai
Laurence
Maaz

Purple (30 Points)

Hezekiah

Orange (40 Points)

Aleyna
Ryan
Decoda
Rachel

Gold (50 Points)

Aiden
Taylen
Leila

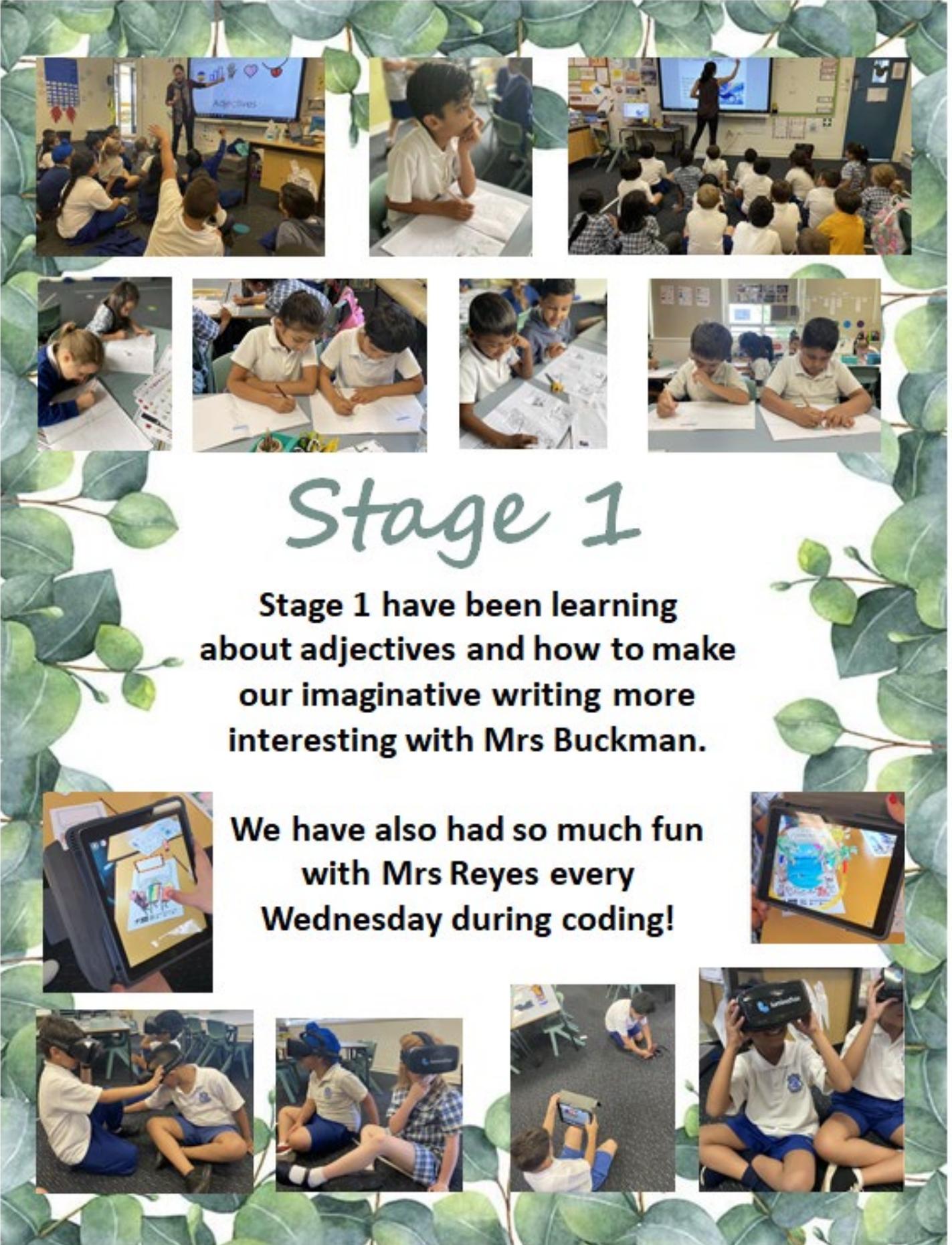
Platinum (60 Points)

Week 7

Week 8

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

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| KH | Karma Kcee | KH | Jyotsnaa Corinth |
| KP | Mahli Vivaan | KP | Curtis-Junior Akshita |
| KS | Micah Kristina | KS | Autumn Samuel |
| 1/2B | Hadizatu Adhavan | 1/2B | Seth Kavya |
| 1/2C | Luka Titus | 1/2C | Luselina Julius |
| 1/2R | William Tai | 1/2R | Alessio Jerekai |
| 2/3A | Raagavi Issa | 2/3A | Joanna Jasmine |
| 3/4R | Alex Jasper | 3/4R | Domonic Adhiraj |
| 3/4T | Ackland Riley | 3/4T | Sahayata Tiahna |
| 3-6TK | Jordan | 3-6TK | Will |
| 5/6A | Ryan Taylen | 5/6A | Esah Jayden |
| 5/6H | Ben Kasius | 5/6H | Shashvini Maaz |
| 5/6S | Adam Lachlan | 5/6S | Melisa Remojan |



Stage 1

Stage 1 have been learning about adjectives and how to make our imaginative writing more interesting with Mrs Buckman.

We have also had so much fun with Mrs Reyes every Wednesday during coding!



We have had so much fun during our drama lessons this term learning about different emotions

We enjoyed making freeze frames of familiar fairy tales!



Oh what a year!

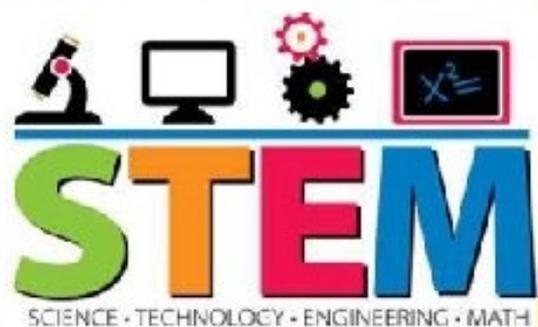


This semester, 3-6TK have worked hard towards achieving their learning goals. We have had lots of fun along the way. As Covid - 19 restrictions lifted, we were able to participate in a range of activities. These activities helped us to understand and consolidate our understanding of concepts taught across a range of KLA's.



We always look forward to Thursday afternoons when we get to visit Miss Reyes and do coding with 3/4R. Miss Reyes is so clever! We have learnt so many things such as setting instructions on Microbits

and Microbots, how to create designs and print them using the 3D printer and using the special VR head sets.





We have made so many wonderful friendships this year with students across 3-6. We have worked hard during remote learning and at school. We are so lucky to have Mrs Crepaz and our teachers who help us everyday!



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning
Focus for **Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10** is:
We Respect Others

We listen carefully and speak
kindly to others.



CHRISTMAS VACATION CARE

DATES:
 THURSDAY, 17TH DEC - ARTS AND CRAFT - TIE
 DYE T SHIRTS
 FRIDAY, 18TH DEC - TEN PIN BOWLING
 MONDAY, 21ST DEC - GAMES2U (GAMERS DAY)
 TUESDAY, 22ND DEC - MOVIES (TBC)
 WEDNESDAY, 23RD DEC - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cost: \$100
INCLUDES:
 - Meals
 - Day costs
 - Transport
 - Child Care Subsidy approved

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✂️ ----- 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: _____ Pupils Name: _____ Class: _____
 Pupils Name: _____ Class: _____ Pupils Name: _____ Class: _____

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, 28th 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.



1st Kings Langley Scout Group is selling

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

Bunnings Seven Hills

New location for 2020 Scout Hall
121 James Cook Drive Kings Langley (behind Coles)

8:00am — 1:00pm
(or until sold out each weekend—Get in early so as not to miss out!)

Pre Sales from 8:00am
General Sales from 9:00am

Saturdays and Sundays
5th/6th and 12th/13th December
email mark.lee@nsw.scouts.com.au
or call 0412 466 018

\$72—same as 2019 prices
Direct Deposit or EFTPOS preferred
Pre-orders recommended
Covid safe practises will apply




Part-Time Work

1x Permanent part time position – St John's Primary School – Riverstone – 7139

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 fall between 8.20am – 9.20am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, 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 jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!
Applications close Sunday 13th December 2020



Helping children reach their full potential

- Voice Problems and vocal training
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Speech Difficulties
- Articulation
- Learning difficulties
- Self esteem
- Intellectual disabilities

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Education

- Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) University of Newcastle
- Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences Macquarie University

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Students' Fun Page

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Quiz

Read Mr Staveley's report to get all of the answers. Get some help from Mum or Dad or a carer if you need some!

Complete the answers and hand in to Mr Staveley by next Monday morning for a chance of winning some GREAT PRIZES!

1. What time will ALL students finish school each day in 2021? _____
2. How many parents will be allowed to attend indoor events at TMPS in Term 1?

3. Which subjects / learning areas will be part of the Check-In Assessments for Years 3 and 5 students next week? _____
4. Which day next week will the Check-In Assessments be held? _____
5. When are the Semester 2 Reports being sent home? _____
6. How many students are we expecting at the start of 2021? _____
7. Which teacher is moving from Shalvey PS back to TMPS in 2021? _____
8. How many students gave election speeches on Thursday? _____
9. What will be the first day for students in Years 1-6 next year? _____
10. What will be the first day for our new Kindergarten students next year?

11. How many classes will we have at the start of 2021? _____
12. Unjumble this event mentioned in Mr Staveley's Report: SNAIRTOTEPEN ADY
