

The Meadows Mag

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Before & After School Care  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, 2021

Week 5

Wednesday 24 th February	SISA – K-2
Thursday 25 th February	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 27 th February	Summer PSSA

Week 6

Wednesday 3 rd March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 3 rd March	SISA – 3-6
Friday, 5 th March	Summer PSSA

Week 7

Tuesday 9 th March	P&C Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday 10 th March	SISA – K-2
Friday, 11 th March	Summer PSSA

Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our first full edition of The Meadows Mag for 2021!

I especially extend a very warm welcome to any new families who are reading either a hard copy or an online version of our school newsletter for the first time.

We are proud of the feedback received from our parent community in terms of being kept informed and being made feel welcome. Our newsletter is a great source of information and news about everything that has happened or is about to happen at TMPS!

Playground and Library Upgrades – Now complete!



We're so proud of the finished product of these two key areas in our school. For those parents who haven't been allowed on-site, here's some photos of our handball courts, running track and library blinds!



New Staff

Since our first edition newsletter a fortnight ago, we have welcomed three additional staff members to our team.

Miss Vanessa Horton is our Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer for Term 1 with a possible extension into the future. Miss Vanessa has enjoyed being introduced to our 25 Aboriginal students and some of their families who have joined us for the development of personalised learning pathways.

Mr Connor Regan is our School Chaplain, working with us each Monday, Thursday and Friday. Mr Connor is working with students to build social skills and resilience. He is simply a great listener who can help students feeling a little disconnected or anxious to focus on the positive and gain the most out of every day.

Finally, Mrs Greta Van Wyk is an intensive support teacher employed to work with small groups of students in Years 1-4 to develop basic understandings in Numeracy. The school's Learning Support Team will inform you if your child is being supported by Mrs Van Wyk.

We welcome each of these new members to our team!

Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already completed their full \$30 payment for the Sport In Schools Australia (SISA) program for 2021. The program features 20 fortnightly lessons of 50 minutes duration across the year with focus areas including athletics, gymnastics, sports skills and social skill / teamwork development.

If you have misplaced your permission notes for this program, please send your child to the office to collect another. Payments are due by Friday, 26th February and should be sent to your child's Classroom Teacher.

P&C Meeting

Our Parents & Citizens (P&C) team meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting for 2021 will be on Tuesday, 9th March at 7:00pm. Our P&C has generally increased in membership in the past 4 years, but we are certainly in a period of re-building following last year's COVID interruption as well as having some longer term members leave The Meadows community.

We can always get bigger and better! The P&C is YOUR opportunity to help guide some of the decisions of the school. We normally meet for about an hour and there's always coffee, tea and some tasty treats too! Please come and join us for our next meeting. The next meeting will also feature our AGM (Annual General Meeting) which involves the election of our 2021 P&C Executive. If you would like to vote in that election or indeed be nominated for a position, you need to be a current TMPS P&C Member. Membership costs just \$2 and must be paid to the front office by Monday, 8th March to make you an eligible voter.

Student Leaders Induction Assembly

A wonderful induction ceremony for all of our student leaders (and their parents and carers!) was held last week. Our Student Leaders for 2021 are as follows:

STUDENT Leaders:	School Captain - Leila Vice Captain - Esah Prefects - Yashika, Nathan
SPORTS Leaders:	Gordon - Kane (c), Rettalia (vc) Kendall - Monica (c), Shaza (vc) Lawson - Trinity (c), Decoda (vc) Paterson - Taylen (c), Javin (vc)
SRC Members:	1/2C - Maddison 1/2L - Legacy 1/2O - Elina 1/2P - Braxton 2/3A - Lahtarnah 3-6P - Olivia 3/4R - Zac 4T - Alex 5/6D - Aiden 5/6H - Disha 5/6S – Mann

CONGRATULATIONS to all!!!!

Attendance / Lateness

School attendance and punctuality to school are once again targeted areas for school improvement in 2021. If your child is absent from school, please ensure you provide a note explaining the absence upon your child's return. Parents and carers who fail to do so will be issued with an Unexplained Absence note to return to school.

Additionally, if your child is late to school without an explanation, your child will be issued a note informing you of the unexplained late arrival to school. Let's work together to make a difference this year. "In line, on time, at 10 to 9!"

Meet the Teacher / Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thanks to those parents and carers who were able to make it along to our 2021 Meet the Teacher sessions. Sessions for students in Years 1-6 were very well attended and we wrapped up this program with information sessions for our Kindergarten parents today.

Throughout the year, if you have any concerns regarding your child academically or socially, please contact the front office to make an appointment to see your child's teacher. Please refrain from trying to address any issues at the school gate in the afternoon or at morning drop-off. Most issues need more time than what can be given at the school gate, so please endeavour to make appointments through the school office.

In terms of formal Parent/Teacher/Student interviews, pending any further COVID restrictions, we intend to bring these forward to the final week of this term on Monday, 29th March and Tuesday, 30th March. This will give the parents and carers of every child the opportunity to spend up to 15 minutes discussing the Term 1 progress and focus areas for improvement of your children.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is linked to our school canteen and therefore is only open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:20am – 9:00am. The office will no longer be selling uniforms except for the case of new students who start school on a 'non-canteen' day. Thank you for your understanding of these arrangements.

Facebook

We are now into our 6th year of having our official Facebook page. We are now approaching 800 followers of our page! Like us on Facebook now as another means of keeping up to date with everything happening at our wonderful school.

Students' Fun Page

We always want our students reading their newsletter as much as their parents. To encourage student readership, there's a fun activity at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag! Check it out, there's some prizes to be won!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH Tori Samridh

KP Meera Summer

KS Akash Diana

1/2C Ranbir Nevaeh

1/2L Damian Akshita

1/2O Tai Kiyana

1/2P Chanvika Joshua

2/3A Ryan Fidel

3/4R

4T

5/6D Alyena Decoda

5/6H Leila Nathan

5/6S Shania Javin

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH Dhyan Aseel

KP Suniva Lazar

KS Ramaa Henip

1/2C Shehnoor Krishna

1/2L Christine Adharna

1/2O Dylan Luselina

1/2P Kirralee Sam

2/3A Habishika Smit

3/4R

4T

5/6D Shaza Taylen

5/6H Donald Akid

5/6S Ria Kane



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Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



The next issue of Book Club will be sent out later this term. *The school will no longer be accepting cash payments for Book Club orders.* All orders and payment can be made online through the Scholastic LOOP ordering system.



The Meadows Public School Swimming Carnival 2021

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Combined Swimming Carnival on Monday, 1st February at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. You all tried your very best, represented our school with pride, and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship. Well done.



Procedures for Permission/payment notes & all other notes

Please encourage your child to return permission notes and other notes to either the class teacher at the beginning of class OR place in the letterbox in the office foyer opposite the counter clearly labelled **PAYMENTS AND NOTES**, they will enjoy the responsibility & trust you have in them. Notes with payments should be placed into an envelope or plastic bag before coming to school.

Copies of all notes sent home to students needing a payment or reply can also be found in the office foyer.



Payment Options Available at The Meadows

Please note the payment options for all excursions, sport and other activities are listed below. This is also stated on all notes sent home.

CASH & CHEQUE PAYMENTS - Please place the correct money/cheque and permission note in a secure envelope or zip plastic bag marked with your child's name, class and excursion, activity, etc. and give to your class teacher at the beginning of class or place in the letterbox in the office foyer. Multiple payments for all family members can be put in the same envelope or plastic bag. **NO CHANGE will be given.** Cheques should be made payable to The Meadows Public School.

OR

ONLINE PAYMENTS - To pay online, visit the school website:.

Click on "Make a Payment" at the top of the page and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa, MasterCard or debit card. In the Payment Description please enter: Excursion Name, Activity, etc. stated on the note.

Please give the permission note to your class teacher at the beginning of class or place in the letterbox in the office foyer, remember to enter the receipt number.

Thanking you for your support in this matter.

Student Absence Notes

Student Absence notes can be written at home on any piece of paper or emailed to:

themedows-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.




School Banking

is on Wednesday

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.

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New and Returning Students
Ages 4-6
Class Time 4:15 to 4:55 PM

New Students
Ages 7-16
and Returning Students
Class Time 5:00 to 5:40 PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.



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Blacktown District Rugby League 2021

Players and Parents Wanted

Hello Parents

Blacktown District Rugby League Spartans pride ourselves on being an inclusive club diverse in culture, a club where all families are welcome.

Our club is located at Exeter Farm Reserve, Mounts Lane, Glenwood which has recently undergone a major upgrade with works done by Blacktown council providing us with new large water tank, irrigation and drainage system and both our playing fields re-surfaced providing top grade surfaces to play on, we have a large car park providing off street parking and a kids playground.

We offer the opportunity for everyone to get involved either as a player or volunteer. A child aged as young as 4 can register and start having some outdoor fun learning all the required skills to play in a team, improve their motor skills, being in a team creates a feeling of belonging not to mention new friendships some of which become lifelong.

We cater to all ages from under 6 teams to adults and always looking for parents who would like to participate in their child's sport and become volunteers it can be extremely rewarding and a great way to meet new people.

If you would like to learn more contact us via call or text to 0418 269 376, 0417 947 609 email blacktown.districtrl@gmail.com or leave a message on our facebook page.

Age groups are U/6, U/7, U/8, U/9, U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16, U/18 and Open age in boys and girls, women and men. The season runs from February to early September.

We look forward to hearing from you.

AGE GROUP	REGISTRATION FEE	Registration Fee with Active Kids Voucher Applied
Under 6	\$100	\$0
Under 7 to Under 18	\$120	\$20

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Name: _____

Students Fun Page TMPS Staff Search!

Can you find all of the names 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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S	C	F	V	-	A	R	E	B	-	H	I	Y	D	I	N	G	-	R	S
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STAVELEY	PENIAMINA	HAYNES	MCKNIGHT
CHOY	CASSEL	SIMMONS	VAN WYK
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The left over letters will spell out 3 mystery questions.

What are the answers to the mystery questions?

The answers are:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____