



The Meadows Public School

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Welcome Back to Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. We look forward to a very busy, productive and rewarding term for our 270 students. Here's some key information for the first few weeks of term.

School Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival is on **TOMORROW, Thursday 28th April**, with gates opening at 11.00am. Parents are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to wear their sports house colours on the day.

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The P&C will be running a drink and Zooper Dooper ice block stall at this event. In the event of wet weather on Thursday, the event will take place this Friday.

Teacher's Strike

The NSW Teachers Federation has encouraged all members to participate in a Teacher's Strike next **Wednesday 4th May**. There will be minimal supervision at school on the day. Further information will be sent home next week.

School Photo Day

Our 2022 School Photo Day is next **Thursday 5th May**. Information has been sent home today from our photography company, *The School Photographer* regarding how to place an order. All classes will be having group and individual photos throughout the day. All students are required to wear school **SUMMER** uniform (white shirt and blue shorts or dress). No sports uniforms please.

If you would like to order photographs of siblings together, please visit the office to collect an additional order envelope.

Mothers' Day Stall

Our traditional Mothers' Day Stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**. All students will visit the hall to purchase a gift for their mum or significant female carer from the stall coordinated by our hardworking P&C volunteers. Gifts are priced from \$1 to \$7 each.

Mothers' Day High Tea

Due to Covid restrictions, particularly those regarding food handling and large event catering restrictions, we are very disappointed with the need to cancel our traditional Mothers' Day High Tea

this year. We are hopeful of restrictions being lifted as we move forward throughout the year, to enable such community events to return.

PSSA Sport

We are passionate at The Meadows PS about the provision of opportunities for all students to represent their school with pride. One such opportunity since 2016 has been PSSA (Primary School Sports Association) Sport each Friday. Despite our school's intention to resume this opportunity, we are unable to do so for our Term 2 & 3 Winter season as the local zone competition has been cancelled due to the ongoing uncertainty due to Covid case numbers. The PSSA may organise gala days later in the year, rather than committing to a regular weekly competition.

Parent / Teacher Interviews – 5/6H & 3/4D

Thank you to the parents of 124 of our students who attended Parent / Teacher Interviews last term. Now with the return of Mr Duckworth and Mr Haynes, I can inform that interviews for students in 5/6H and 3/4D will be held in Week 3 on Thursday 12th May from 3.00-7.00pm and Friday 13th May from 3.00-5.00pm. More information about booking interview times will be sent home to students in those classes this week.

Rapid Antigen Tests for Student Use

We are anticipating the arrival of a new supply of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for student use. These should be distributed to all families in the next 1-2 weeks. There has been a significant number of student Covid cases reported to the school this morning. Please ensure your child is kept home if they have any of the following symptoms: fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher), cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of taste, loss of smell, headache, nausea / vomiting. Please use a RAT if any of these symptoms are present. Any positive test results must be reported to NSW Health and to the school on 9631 3737. Negative test results do not need to be reported.



ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our students participated in a brief ANZAC Day service honouring our war veterans today. The behaviour and respect displayed by each and every student was exemplary and something for which I am always extremely proud.

Stewart House Donation Drive

Last term, all families would have received a green and white Stewart House 2022 Donation Drive envelope. Thanks to those families who have already contributed donations. Please return all envelopes by the official cut-off date of Friday 27th May.

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley
Principal