

# The Meadows Mag

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<b>Office Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8:20am - 3pm	<b>Canteen</b> Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20am – 1:30pm
<b>Before &amp; After School Care</b>  Enrolments can be done online: <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 2, 2022

#### Week 4

Monday – Friday NAPLAN Catch Up Week

#### Week 5

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May Zone Cross Country  
Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May BFOPA Zoom Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May Whole School Assembly  
Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May FREE Stage 3 Excursion

#### Week 7

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June Yr 6 Movie Night

#### Week 8

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday Holiday  
Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June P&C Meeting

#### Week 9

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June Whole School Assembly

## Principal's Message

### Staffing News

Mrs Christine Archer was recently successful in gaining the Relieving Assistant Principal position at Marayong Heights PS. Mrs Archer will hold this position until the end of the year. A new teacher will be appointed to take 1/2A as soon as possible. In the meantime, Mrs Nina El-Mourad has taken 1/2A this week.

Additionally, today was the final day for 2022 for our recently appointed Learning and Support Teacher, Mrs Christina Sabbagh. Mrs Sabbagh will commence maternity leave on Monday, and we wish her and her family well as they await the arrival of their first child. Again, this position will be filled as soon as possible.

There is certainly a shortage of casual teachers in NSW at this point in time, and school staffing on a day-to-day basis is more difficult than at any time I have encountered in my career. This is having an impact on programs such as EALD (supporting students where English is an Additional Language or Dialect) and LaST (Learning and Support Teacher, providing additional small group and 1:1 classroom support in Literacy and Numeracy) as these teachers are simply needing to cover sick leave due to the impact of Covid on teachers as well as their families. Inevitably, when several teachers are absent on the same day, we have no choice but to split some classes. We truly endeavour to do this as infrequently as possible, however please be understanding of the current staffing crisis that all schools are working through.

### NAPLAN

Our students in Years 3 and 5 have been completing their NAPLAN tests (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) this week with a series of mostly online sessions in our hall each morning. Indeed, the only traditional written paper is now the Year 3 Writing paper. Assessments have been completed for Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, plus Grammar and Punctuation) and Mathematics.

Students who missed any tests will have the opportunity to complete these from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

In something of a major change, in 2023, NAPLAN will be held in Term 1 from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March. This will mean results will be available to education authorities earlier in the year to inform teachers to better assess what support students need for the coming year.

### School and Zone Cross Country

Well, we needed two days, but we got there in the end! Our 2022 School Cross Country Carnival was run across two days (due to rain) on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

An excellent event, coordinated by Mr Hobby was enjoyed by a very good crowd of spectators too! Thanks to all parents and carers who were able to attend and special thanks to our wonderful P&C volunteers for their coordination of a much-needed ice-block and drink stall for all of our very thirsty competitors!



Our top runners from each age group now progress to the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Following today's postponement, this event will now take place at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve, Glenwood, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### School Uniform

With some cooler mornings of late, and days warming up by lunch time, we are certainly unfortunately seeing a large number of discarded jumpers and jackets left on the playground. Many do not have names on them. It is critical that all clothing items, especially jackets, hats and caps are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Labelled items found on the playground have been returned to students, however a significant number of items without name labels remain. These have all been machine washed and will be sold at an upcoming stall, coordinated by our Year 6 students, during Week 6.

The vast majority of our students have been proudly wearing their full school uniform each day. However, we are still seeing a considerable number of caps, jumpers and jackets which are non-uniform items. Please ensure your child is always in correct school uniform as we continually strive to improve pride in our school and our students' sense of belonging. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety



I am increasingly concerned by the frequency of reported cases of unsafe driver and pedestrian behaviour near our school entrance points. We

have had a number of near misses and the vehicle of a staff member damaged in some recent examples of unsafe driver and pedestrian activity outside our school, and particularly on our Fuller Street side. Further into the newsletter you will find two pages full of information which clearly define the expectations for drivers and pedestrians travelling to and from the school each day. Please take the time to read these and discuss with your child or children.



To further encourage positive pedestrian safety habits, our school will be participating in the national Walk Safely to School Day next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The key objectives of the day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To reduce the level of air pollution and traffic congestion created by motor vehicles.

We hope as many of our students and their parents can participate as possible. Next Thursday afternoon, all students will receive a Walk Safely to School Day tattoo to wear to school on Friday.

### P&C News

A big thank you to our P&C volunteer members who have provided excellent services to the school in the form of the provision of the Easter Raffle, the Cross Country Stall and the Mother's Day Stall. These activities have raised close to \$1500 in total towards the long-term goal of erecting shade sails over our playground equipment.

The P&C's next event will be the school Athletics Carnival to be held at CV Kelly Park, Girraween on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The P&C need YOUR HELP to support the running of a canteen stall on the day to sell a variety of food and drinks. Many hands make light work! Our P&C volunteers will be handing out flyers at our school gate soon and a note will be sent home as well asking for additional support on the day.

### 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 are prizes to be won! Congratulations to Japhia in 5/6S who won a \$50 Hoyts Movie Gift Card in our previous Newsletter!

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

Principal

## Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount Due	Payment Due by
5/6H + 5/6S Syd. Writers Festival	Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	FREE	First <b>50</b> Students
BFOPA Zoom Rehearsals	Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	FREE	First <b>15</b> Students
Year 5/6 Great Aussie Bush Camp	Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	\$100 Deposit	First <b>50</b> Students



## CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

### Week 10 (Term 1)

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH Ivy  
Eshaani

KT Avery  
Joseph

KY Kritav  
Minha

1/2A Liyanne  
Harvey

1/2G Suniva  
Autumn

1/2J Micah  
Mahli

1/2P Legacy  
Srithika

3/4D Joel  
Dhvani

3/4P Daniel  
Shamel

3/4R Lahtarna  
Jahnira

3-6L Kele  
Arthur

5/6H Hali  
Liana

5/6S Edward  
Zeinab

### Week 11 (Term 1)

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH Andrew  
Priyanka

KT Lexie  
Vase

KY Hunter  
Srishty

1/2A Liyanne  
Prakhar

1/2G Aria  
Baani

1/2J Divine  
Lily

1/2P Biaan Das  
Johnathan

3/4D Shakaya  
Jonte

3/4P Corbin  
Lyriq

3/4R

3-6L Domonic  
Lexi

5/6H

5/6S Alexander  
Jasmine







# CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

## K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 10 (Term 1)

### Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Asher
Year 1	Tori
Year 2	Andrew
Year 3	Elina
Year 4	Shakaya
Year 5	Joanna
Year 6	Joni

### Principal Awards (5 points)

Kindergarten	Nehal
Year 1	Ayrah
Year 2	Achchudan
Year 3	Akin
Year 4	Michael
Year 5	Avinash
Year 6	Japhia

### Kookaburra Pins

#### Blue (10 Points)

Leah  
Ayrah  
Feleti  
Eyan  
Kele  
Alex

#### Yellow (20 Points)

Liyanne  
Achchudan  
Andrew  
Elina

#### Purple (30 Points)

Kavya  
Arthur  
Hali

#### Orange (40 Points)

Heze

#### Gold (50 Points)

#### Platinum (60 Points)

Michael

## Week 1

### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Ariah Eli
KT	Fox Jayla
KY	Aaliyah Hunter
1/2A	Leah Rudra
1/2G	Anastasia Krish
1/2J	Kash Krisha
1/2P	Kristina Caitlyn

## Week 1

### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

3/4D	Luselina Joshua
3/4P	Fidel Kris
3/4R	Hadizatu Nathaniel
3-6L	Reyan Daniel
5/6H	Chloe Havin
5/6S	Jadeth Arshpreet

# At The Meadows we are Safe, Responsible Learners !

## Week 2

### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Meera RJ
KT	Joseph Lexie
KY	Aahana Sione
1/2A	Mahi Achchudan
1/2G	Sheryl Samridh
1/2J	Dhyan Mele
1/2P	Smit Srithika
3/4D	Nagul Akin
3/4P	Brian Maddison
3/4R	Lauryn Michael
3-6L	Domonic Michael
5/6H	Akid Sydney
5/6S	Taksh Trinley

## Week 3

### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Elissa Merissa
KT	Elijah Penelope
KY	Aurora Srishty
1/2A	Mikhail Shehnoor
1/2G	
1/2J	Kirralee Shavir
1/2P	Mustafa Sara
3/4D	
3/4P	Issa Jaxson
3/4R	Aaron Krishnavi
3-6L	Lexi
5/6H	Aiden Ilija
5/6S	Jaxson Kaje









# Stage One have been busy bees this term!

In Mathematics...



We built our place value knowledge using MAB blocks.



We practised our estimating skills.



We investigated time and created a floor calendar for the month of May - we included important dates, like class birthdays.



For Sport...



We had lots of fun on the play equipment!

For Mother's Day...



We made gifts for the best mums!





We have worked hard on our sight words, phonics, reading and typing skills.



We learnt to describe characters using adjectives...



... and worked on identifying characters from familiar stories.



We will continue learning to write narratives of our own.



## Chariot Racing in 5/6H

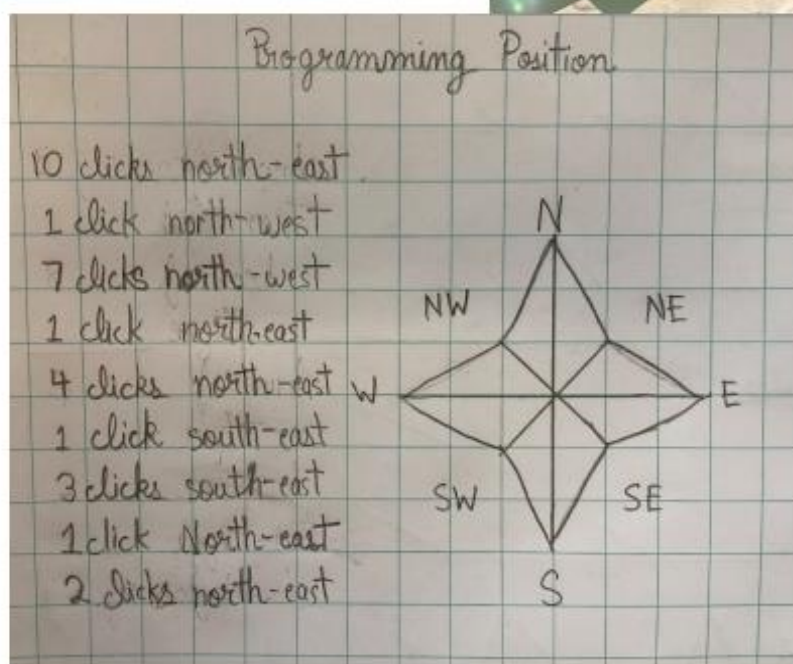
On the last day of Term 1, students in 5/6H researched and built chariots out of junk materials. They then coded a small robot to carry the chariot around a track. A competition was held at the end of the day to find out which design was the fastest and most stable.





# 5/6S

Stage 3 have been learning to use directional language to describe position. Students in 5/6S programmed Blue-Bots along a path and navigated their peers, using compass directions.





## 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.

### AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH PRESENTS

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New and Returning Students can join on any Friday during term.

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Students  
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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](http://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](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).

## KindyPlaymates Playgroup

Playgroup is for the children starting Kindergarten in 2023.

This 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.



When: Every Monday During School Term.  
Time: 9.30 am to 11.00 am

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centres  
(located in the grounds of The Meadows Public School, Seven Hills - Block I)

Cost: Free

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

To secure a place for your child, please contact SaCC office on 9896 7514.

The Project is funded by NSW Department of education.



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## Road safety



### Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
Our goal is zero.



### Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



#### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park

#### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

#### STOP!

one step back from the kerb

#### LOOK!

continuously both ways

#### LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

#### THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



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## Circle of Security Parenting program

Learn the skills that give you practical tools and techniques to support your child so they can better manage **'big feelings'**.

Learn to build the security your child needs to thrive.

Your child will learn to trust and build better relationships with their parents, caregivers, and siblings.



**When: Four Thursdays**

**FROM 2ND JUNE**

**Time: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

**Cost: Free**

Confirm your place by 26th of May

**Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centres  
(at the grounds of The Meadows Public School, Seven Hills – Block I)**

**Target Group for the program:**  
Parents/Carers of children ages 0-12

**Limited Childcare places are available upon request.**

**For more information, please contact the Schools as Community Centre at the Meadows Public School on**

**02 9896 7514.**

## The Meadows Playgroup

**A Free Playgroup for families with children from 0- 5  
Playing helps learning – Playing is children's work**

Playgroup is a place designed to provide the opportunity for children to play, interact with other children, develop social skills and enhance early childhood development before they start school.

**Craft, Painting, Music, Story time, Indoor and Outdoor activities, Game, Excursions and Lots more!**



**Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other Parents and Children in a friendly environment!**



**Grandparents, uncles, aunts and caregivers are all welcome.**

**Where: The Meadows Schools as community Centre  
(Located at fuller street on the school grounds at The Meadows Public School) (Block I)**

**When: Wednesday and Friday**

**9.15 am- 11.15 am (during School Terms)**



**For more information, Please call 9896 7514.**



# Students Fun Page

## Meadows Mag

### 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 Friday morning for a chance of winning a \$50 movie voucher!**

1. Which class needs a new teacher as soon as possible? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which two grades complete NAPLAN tests each year? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which month will NAPLAN move to in 2023? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When is the Zone Cross Country Carnival? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When are the Year 6 students holding a special Uniform Stall? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the speed limit for all vehicles in a school zone? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When is Walk Safely to School Day? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Children up to \_\_\_\_\_ years old must hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
9. What will each child be given next Thursday to promote Walk Safely to School Day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. We know our P&C have organised the Easter Raffle, The Cross Country Drink Stall and the Mother's Day Stall. What is the next event they are organising a stall for?  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. **FINAL QUESTION – A Maths problem to solve!**  
In Term 1, students had 48 school days. If a child was late 5 minutes each day, how many minutes of school would they miss altogether? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.  
How many hours of school would be missed? \_\_\_\_\_ hours.