

# The Meadows Mag

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## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 3, 2022

#### Week 4

Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS Writing & Digital Technologies tests
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Dance Fever
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA

#### Week 5

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS English test
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Story Quest Incursion
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Dance Fever
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA

#### Week 6

Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	ICAS Science & Spelling
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Book Character Parade
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Dance Fever
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Zone Athletics Carnival

## Principal's Message

### Resilient Students and Teachers, adapting to change!

A number of classroom teachers have been taking leave periods of varying length in Term 3 and indeed one class has had a change of teachers for the remainder of the year.

Miss Yagci and Mr Lambeth return from leave next Monday after three weeks of overseas travel. Thank you to Mrs Nina El Mourad for teaching KY across this period and also to Mr Andrew Kim for replacing Mr Lambeth for the majority of his absence. The students in KY and 3-6L are to be commended for their adaptability at this time.

Adding to the staffing changes, due to unforeseen circumstances, the previous teacher of 1/2A, Miss Jess Forde, had to return home to live in Adelaide and is therefore no longer able to teach at The Meadows Public School. In acknowledging the disruption to the class in Semester 1, rather than bringing in an unknown casual teacher, we opted to staff the class utilising permanent, experienced teachers who are known to the students and bring teaching knowledge and expertise to the role.

1/2A are being taught by three different teachers; Mrs Katherine McKnight (English), myself (Maths & Sport) and Ms Greta van Wyk (Science & Geography). We are certainly enjoying our time with this resilient group of students. On a personal note, it has been invigorating to return to the classroom and see the joy in our students' learning.

### School Uniform

Unfortunately, since we have returned this term, we are seeing a significant number of students wearing jumpers, jackets and caps which are NOT part of our school uniform. Additionally, discarded jumpers and jackets are frequently being left on the playground. Many do not have name labels on them. It is critical that all clothing items, especially jackets, hats and caps are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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.



### Attendance and Arriving on Time

Starting on the first day of this month, each day when class rolls are marked, whenever a child is marked with an unexplained absence their parents will receive an automated text message from our school's SENTRAL Attendance System. This message will be sent at MIDDAY.

Please reply to these texts with an explanation for your child's absence. This will save you the need for sending in a note to explain the absence! Finally, please ensure we have your correct mobile phone contact details.

In additional attendance-related news, it is disappointing to report that across the first two full weeks of Term 3, we have tallied 122 students who have arrived late to school.

The second week of this term saw 75 students arrive late to school at a very disappointing average of 15 late students per day!

Students miss vital instructions in those first 5-10 minutes of each day and lateness in the primary school years is certainly habit-forming. Conversely, arriving on time each day and even having some social time on the playground each morning allows the child to settle into their school day in a calm, non-rushed manner. Please remember, "In line, on time at 10 to 9!"

### Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. The big day is next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Mr Hobby will return from leave for the day to coordinate the event. A reminder that permission notes and \$7 payments for this mandatory school event are due by **next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August**.

### Education Week 2022

Congratulations to our Senior Choir, Years 3-6 Dance Group and Stage 1 Dance Group who represented TMPS with pride yesterday making a special public appearance on the stage of Blacktown Westpoint Shopping Centre! All students should be very proud of their efforts along with their teachers, Mrs Russell and Mrs Germolus!



Just a reminder that due to the Department of Education's COVID-19 four-week blitz, we had to postpone our 'Open Day' event. Stay tuned for a new date in the near future!

### Excursion Opportunities

All students in Kindergarten and Stage 2 have received notes for their excursions on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August. Kindergarten classes are off to Sydney Zoo whilst Stage 2 students will enjoy a day at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Permission notes and payments must be returned by Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August to secure your child's place.

### Week 4 – Relieving Principal

I will be absent from Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August inclusive, on duty as Team Manager for the NSW PSSA AFL team for the National AFL Championships in Adelaide. Mrs McKnight and Ms van Wyk will increase their time on 1/2A at this time and Mr Thomas Haynes will be Relieving Principal across Week 4.

### P&C Meeting

In my absence, Mr Haynes will be present at the next P&C Meeting next Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00am in the staffroom. Please wear a mask to the meeting.

### The Fathering Project

Recently, we became a school in partnership with The Fathering Project, an organisation aiming to improve student wellbeing by engaging fathers and father figures.



This newsletter features the first of a series of brief readings for our dads (mums can read too!). The first topic is all about how fathers and father figures can encourage positive attitudes towards learning. Enjoy the read!

### PSSA Sport – A Sense of Belonging

Finally, it was great to see our students back on the sporting fields for Winter PSSA last Friday, wearing their school colours with pride and gaining a real sense of belonging to TMPS.

Pure joy and elation was displayed by many of our students but none more so than Domonic after scoring a 'screamer' of a goal for his senior soccer team!



Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

**Principal**



# CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

## Week 10 - Term 2

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Meera Eli
KT	Nia Penelope
KY	Niyanshika Aahana
1/2A	Riley Zara
1/2G	Krish Dominic
1/2J	Ayrah Tegh
1/2P	Biaan Das Kristina
3/4D	Lyriq Tai
3/4P	Fidel Kavya
3/4R	Katherine Joseph
3-6L	Lexi
5/6H	Dwij Avishek
5/6S	Leah Shania

## Week 1

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Elissa Jodhveer
KT	Ovya Avery
KY	Analisa Sione
1/2A	Riley Vivienne
1/2G	Samuel Tori
1/2J	Kash Lily
1/2P	Lazar Inderbir
3/4D	Jerekai Lincoln
3/4P	Brian Peter
3/4R	Isha Vincent
3-6L	Michael
5/6H	Farida Ghauresh
5/6S	Japhia Zainab



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## Week 2

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Merissa Luke
KT	Azaan Ben
KY	Nehal Srishty
1/2A	Rudra Akshita
1/2G	Autumn Amarli
1/2J	Nayte Lorelai
1/2P	Aishveer Aseel
3/4D	Smit Bahar
3/4P	Yashika Jaxson
3/4R	Malakai Ravi
3-6L	Domonic
5/6H	Chloe Hali
5/6S	Jasmine Jaxson

## Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	RJ Alexis
KT	Fox Sierra
KY	Krishang Vamshika
1/2A	Chanvika Sahaj
1/2G	Aadya Anastasia
1/2J	Krishna Japman
1/2P	Claire Johnathon
3/4D	Pellen Aaron
3/4P	Mackenzie Brooklyn
3/4R	Hadizatu Nathaniel
3-6L	Arthur
5/6H	Liana Havin
5/6S	Ria Arshi



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## Encouraging Positive Attitudes Towards Learning

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



# Encouraging Positive Attitudes Towards Learning

Dads, you have an important role to play in your child's education. Not only have fathers been shown to have a significant impact on academic achievement, but your child's attitude towards learning and school is also very strongly influenced by you. So, if you show and encourage a love of learning, you will be setting your child up for success throughout their lives.

## Top Tips for Dads

- **Take an interest in what your child is doing at school.** Ask them about their day at school "What was the best thing about school today?". "What did you learn at school today?". Ask their thoughts and opinions about new topics they are learning about.
- **Be positive about school.** Even if you have some not so positive memories of school or learning yourself, allow your child to create their own experiences of school. Speak positively about going to school and learning.
- **Talk about learning.** Talk about your experiences of learning new things and how it has helped you in your work and life. Try learning something new together – build something, learn about something new about the world online, play general knowledge games and quizzes with the family.
- **Make contact with their teachers.** Children notice when their dad actively communicates with their teacher/s. This makes them feel that you are really interested in and connected to them.
- **Take an interest in your child's homework and assignments.** Ask them what they are doing for homework and if they would like to discuss it with you or could show you what they are doing.
- **Praise their efforts.** Encouragement from dad goes a long way. Tell your child how proud you are of them when they try hard and have a positive attitude toward learning. You could reward by doing something together they enjoy.



## Wellbeing Check

Did you know that how we 'think' affects how we 'feel' - not the other way around. So, if you notice you are having negative thoughts, you have the opportunity to challenge that way of thinking and decide if this is helpful for you and your child.

For more information: [thefatheringproject.org](http://thefatheringproject.org)





### STAGE 2 Inquiry Learning

This term for *Geography*, 3/4D, 3/4P and 3/4R are participating in an Inquiry-Based Learning Project. We are learning to inquire about significant places and investigate how the past is preserved within new and current infrastructure projects. We are developing our collaboration, problem solving and communication skills with peers from other classes.





**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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