

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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Calendar

Important Dates in Term 3, 2023

Week 4

Monday, 7 th August	ICAS Writing
Monday, 7 th August	ICAS Digital Technologies
Monday, 7 th August	BFoPA Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10 th August	3-6L Farm Excursion
Thursday, 10 th August	Stage 2 Overnight Zoo Snooze
Friday, 11 th August	Stage 2 Overnight Zoo Snooze

Week 5

Monday, 14 th August	ICAS English
Thursday, 17 th August	Group Photo Day
Thursday, 17 th August	Whole School Assembly
Friday, 18 th August	SRC Hero Dress Up Day

Week 6

Monday, 21 st August	ICAS Science
Monday, 21 st August	ICAS Spelling
Monday, 21 st August	BFoPA
Wednesday, 23 rd August	Stage 3 Canberra Camp
Thursday, 24 th August	Stage 3 Canberra Camp
Friday, 25 th August	Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Principal's Message

Thank you!

Thank you one and all for your very warm welcome since I returned from my extended long service leave at the beginning of the term. It is great to be back, surrounded by a positive, vibrant, and caring school community. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr Andrew Armitage and the outstanding team at The Meadows for ensuring everything is in great order as we head into the second half of the year. A truly wonderful job by all in my absence. The word that best sums up Mr Armitage is care. Mr Armitage truly cared about the entire school community, and we wish him every success into the future as he seeks a permanent school Principal position of his own.

Staffing Update

Plenty of staffing movement, here are the key points!

- Our newest permanent teacher, Mrs Colleen Quince will commence on 3/4Q next Monday, 7th August. Thank you to Mr Trevor Maurice for covering 3/4Q across the first three weeks of term.
- Our School Admin Manager Michelle Harrison returns next Monday, 7th August. Thank you to Mrs Brooke Arslan for her additional office days across the first three weeks.
- KY class teacher Miss Hatice Yagci will be returning next Monday, 14th August. Thank you to Mrs Merve Turkdogan for teaching KY at this time.
- Two of our teachers have returned this term from Maternity Leave. Learning and Support Teachers Josephine Peniamina and Christina Sabbagh are both providing in-class learning support to individuals and small groups on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Former TMPS teacher Mrs Christine Archer is now permanent Assistant Principal at Marayong Heights PS. Her vacant teacher position will be filled this year.

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.

Athletics Carnival – Zone Athletics



Our 2023 School Athletics Carnival was a great success on Monday, 24th July. Thank you to Mr Duckworth for his organisation of this event. Our green house, Gordon, ended up as this year's Champion House! All placegetters received their ribbons at our special Open Day assembly on Tuesday.



Mr Duckworth is now getting organised for the Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 30th August. Due to the exorbitant prices for bus hire for a group of no more than 40 students, parents will be asked if they are able to provide transport for their own children to and from the venue. Mr Duckworth will be sending home a note soon regarding these arrangements.

Excursion Opportunities

Excitement is building as plenty of our students are anticipating excursions that are coming up very soon! Our Stage 2 students head to Taronga Zoo in Sydney on the afternoon of Thursday, 10th August, staying overnight on a 'ZooSnooz' adventure before spending a full day at the zoo on Friday, 11th August. Also, next Thursday, our students in 3-6L will be enjoying a day out at Calmsley Hill City Farm. Finally, our Stage 3 Canberra experience isn't too far away with students departing on Wednesday, 23rd August, returning on Friday, 25th August.

Education Week 2023

Congratulations to our Combined Choir, our Junior Dance Group and our Senior Dance Group who all provided superb entertainment during Tuesday's Education Week Showcase Assembly! Thank you to Mrs Germolus and Miss Ali (Choir) and Mrs Jeloudev and Mrs Ozel (Dance) for their coordination of these opportunities for our students.

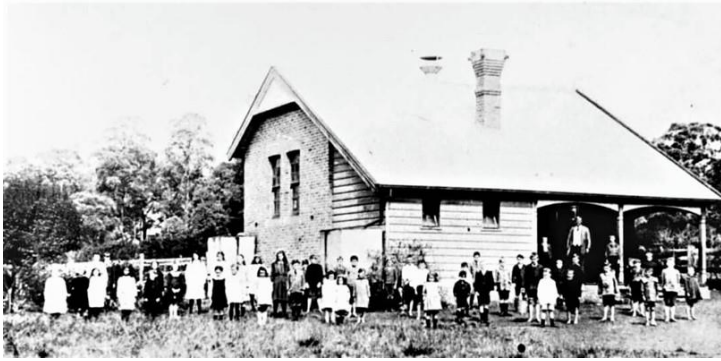


Our Open Day was a great success with well over 150 parents in attendance to visit classrooms, enjoy recess with their children and attend our showcase assembly. Special thanks to Sandra and Bronwyn for having the canteen open for Morning Tea!

It wasn't so long ago that Covid restrictions prevented these events from happening, so we are very appreciative now when we have these opportunities to invite you all into YOUR school!



A bit of School History.....



With the Department of Education celebrating 175 years of Public Education in NSW, I found this week an opportune time to share some of our own 133-year history with our students, teachers, and visitors at our Open Day Assembly. Here's some of the key historical points I've discovered!

- Our school opened 133 years ago on Monday, 3rd November 1890 with 15 students, increasing to 34 by the end of the year. We now have 287 students. At one time, in 1970, we had 779 students!
- Why did a new school even begin? Local farmers who grew orange orchards didn't want to travel so far to school. The 4 local schools were Prospect, Seven Hills (on what is now the Seven Hills North site), Blacktown (which no longer exists) and Toongabbie PS. Local orchard owner on Fuller Street, Mr Wakely, gained the signatures of 14 residents and applied for a school to be built.
- The first teacher and Principal was Mr Henry Chandler. He was just 22.



- The first school building in 1890 was made of wood. That building was replaced in 1898 with one made of bricks rather than timber to prevent termite damage. The new building, which 5/6R now proudly call their classroom, came at a cost of 310 pounds or \$620. It was extended to double its length in 1928 and the Block F we see outside has been standing in that form for 95 years!

- Our longest-serving Principal was Mr Charles Sattler. He spent 24 years in charge from 1905-1929. He used a horse and cart to get to and from school along the dirt tracks of the time. His horse named Sultan would be tied up on the school fence. Sometimes Sultan would escape, and the school leaders were given permission to leave the school to chase Sultan up the dirt roads!
- One boy in Mr Sattler's class was allowed to fall asleep in class each day because he had woken each morning before the sun came up to milk the family cows. It certainly was a very different, simpler time back then!

Week 4 – Relieving Principal

I will be absent next week from Monday 7th August to Friday 11th August inclusive, on duty as Team Manager for the NSWPSA AFL team for the National AFL Championships in Albury. Our Assistant Principals, Mr Haynes, Mrs McKnight, Mr Lambeth and Mrs Nash will share the Relieving Principal role across Week 4.

Students' Fun Page – It's Back! 😊

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

★ WANTED ★

STUDENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2024

The Meadows Public School is looking for children aged between 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 years old to join our wonderful school community.

* Excellent benefits
* No experience necessary

Enrol online now at themeadows-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/
or enquire via email: themeadows-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

👉 WE WANT YOU ! 👈



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 1

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KL	Riley Riyanshi
KT	April Orlando
KY	Tanzima Zane
1/2A	Ariah Teghbir
1/2G	Eshaani Eyan
1/2J	Kaleb Sierra
1/2N	Hitharth Yaya
3/4E	Johnathan Legacy
3/4P	Kristina Vasundhara
3/4Q	Dhvani Noah
3/4ST	Autumn William
3-6L	Reyan
5/6H	Joanna Raagavi
5/6R	Jaxson Luke

Week 2

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KL	Gurtegh Sidra
KT	Avarni Emmanuel
KY	Alora Sriyan
1/2A	Aria Ben
1/2G	Merissa Summer
1/2J	Acacia Niyanshika
1/2N	Alexia Shavir
3/4E	Arpith Krishnavi
3/4P	Corbin Ravi
3/4Q	Agastya Mele
3/4ST	Aaron Corinth
3-6L	Tawfiqullah
5/6H	Isla Mele
5/6R	Julius Kavya



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KL	Sebastian Yuvan	3/4E	Lily Sienna
KT	Heather Pauline	3/4P	Nevaeh Pauline
KY	Orlando Tej	3/4Q	Leon Veronica
1/2A	Azaan Vivienne	3/4ST	Kris Siu
1/2G	Fox Navyansh	3-6L	Domonic
1/2J	Lior Mary-Anne	5/6H	Darius Sophia
1/2N	Nadrah Sahib	5/6R	Anannya

Paying for Uniforms ONLINE

To make a payment for uniforms simply logon to the new SchoolBytes portal via the school's website.

Logon to SchoolBytes on a Computer or Phone (you can save it as a favourite on your screen).

Go to your **Statement of Account** via the menu or Quick Links.

Scroll to the bottom of the page.

On a Laptop/Desktop "Add Other Item".

On a mobile device use the + button.

If you have more than one child, you will need to select one, then select "Uniform" from the available options and ADD ITEM.

Calculate how much your order comes to using a Uniform Order Form (available at the Office or on our website) and add the amount you need to pay. Then pay as usual using your credit card.

If your account with the school is in CREDIT, you will be given the option to use some or all of it.

Write your receipt number on a Uniform Order Form and give it to the canteen to collect your uniform.

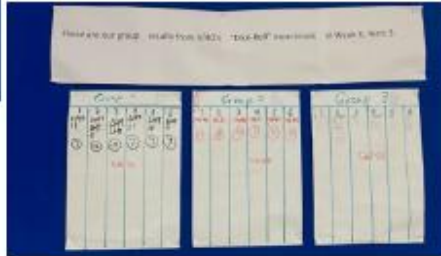
If there are other items outstanding on your account and you do not wish to pay them at the same time as the uniform payment, you will need to untick them before you make the payment.





3/4P

3/4P have been working hard to plan and write an informative text about Little Blue Penguins. We have learnt so many new words to add to our writing!



3/4Q

3/4Q have been involved in some interesting activities with Mr Maurice while they wait for their assigned class teacher, Mrs Quince, to arrive. We have been working on our "chance" understanding in Mathematics. Here is the result of our "dice roll experiment".



3/4ST

The students in 3/4ST thoroughly enjoyed creating persuasive movie reviews in class. The students selected their favourite film and used persuasive language to convince the audience that their chosen film was the greatest movie ever created. The students filmed themselves reading their movie review against green screen.



3/4E

Students in 3/4E created masks in art and used their knowledge of film and imaginative texts to create freeze frames to create snippets of a story.





Look at all the outdoor play equipment that our SRC has purchased with the money raised at school!

Not only will all the students have fun during recess and lunch playtime, but they will also be learning through play!

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for your ongoing support.

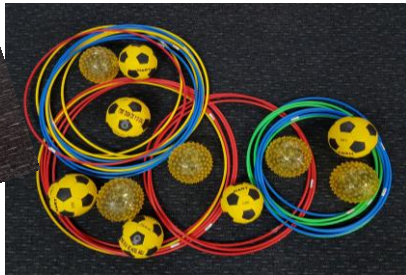
We appreciate every single gold coin donation.

The Meadows Public School SRC

5/6H You Spin Me Right Round!!

Throughout the last few weeks, students in 5/6 H explored the topic of Chance and Probability.

During Education week, students got an opportunity to create a spinner with their families. Students made predictions of the likely outcomes and investigated the outcomes with the spinner they made. They learnt how to use a tree diagram to model all the possible outcomes of two spins. The families chipped in by helping students record their observations. It was wonderful to watch little siblings having a go at the spinner. It was a fun learning time!



Athletics Carnival



It's Back! 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!

Name: _____

Complete the answers and hand in to the office by next Friday 11th August for a chance of winning a \$50 movie voucher

1. The new teacher starting on 3/4Q is Mrs _____
2. Who has taught 3/4Q since the start of this term? _____
3. When is Miss Yagci returning to teach KY? _____
4. Who has taught KY since the start of this term? _____
5. Which house won the 2023 Athletics Carnival? _____
6. When will Stage 3 students be leaving for their Canberra trip?

7. In what year did The Meadows Public School open? _____
8. Who was the first ever Principal of The Meadows PS? _____
9. What was the name of Mr Sattler's horse? _____
10. How long did Mr Sattler stay as Principal of TMPS? _____
11. Our school was a lot bigger in 1970. How many students attended in 1970? _____
12. What was grown by the local farmers of the area at the time our school was opened for the first time? _____



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.

TIMEOUT ZUMBA

A social group designed to enhance health and general well-being for women and their families.

Focus on relaxation, self-care and creativity!

Zumba session (9.15 am-10.00 am) conducted by a qualified instructor.

Fun way to get fit and meet new friends!

When: Every Tuesday
(During school term)

Time: 9.00 am-11.00 am

Where: SaCC Room (I Block)
School as Community Centre

Some activities:

- Mindfulness sessions
- Cooking,
- Art and Craft,
- Guest speakers,
- Learning new skills



Free Childcare places are available upon request.

For more information and Childcare arrangements please call
98967514.

The Meadows Playgroup

for the families with children from 0-5 years.

Playgroup caters for a range of activities like art and craft, outdoor play, music, story and music time, excursions and lots more.

LEARN



PLAY



FUN



Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other parents and children in a friendly environment.

Every Wednesday and Friday
from 9.15 am to 11.15 am
(during school term).

The Meadows School as Community Centre (I BLOCK)
at
The Meadows Public School, Seven hills.

**To register please call on
98967514**



Australian
Air League
NSW Group

JOIN NOW

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING





Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

Email: development.nsw@airleague.com.au
www.airleague.com.au Email: info@airleague.com.au

Free Call: 1800 502 175





Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL Cricket Club

Season 2023/24 95th Season

Seven Hills has a proud history stretching back to 1928 as a successful community-based cricket club playing in the Parramatta District Cricket Association.

Junior Cricket - Ages 8 to 17

Kids who want to get more involved can play traditional formats of cricket (Real Cricket) on Saturday mornings.



All Girls Junior Cricket - Ages 7-15

Where everyone gets a go. Played on a Saturday afternoon.

Season runs from October until March.

No games over Christmas and January school holiday period

Woolworths Cricket BLAST- Ages 5 to 10



Entry level program to teach children the basics of the game in a fun, safe environment. Skills & modified games

8 Week Programs Fridays – Best Rd Seven Hills

Cricket Blast – October 2023

Cricket Blast – February 2024

More information is on our website.

Krish Roy 0402 192 043

Email: sevenhillscricket@gmail.com

Register: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/f6e671>



FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Find your local club today by scanning the QR code
Skills Blast for beginner cricketers
Competition Blast for those who can bat & bowl
Junior Cricket for those ready to play competitively

SIGN UP TODAY!

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Little Athletics NSW

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SEASON 2023-24

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FREE English classes !!!
Starting the 20th July 2023.

Two sessions available for those interested in learning English for different purposes.

Thursday: 10am-12 noon
Conversation Classes.

Thursday 7.30-9.30pm
Four skills (Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening) will be taught.
The evening classes will have two levels being intermediate and beginner.

Parents and friends are invited to attend if they feel they would benefit.

Address: 4 Samuel Place, Quakers Hill
(behind Aldi). Tel: 0403 794 606



5 REASONS
why you should register for Little Athletics!

- Meet new people and spend time with your family and friends.
- Participate in a variety of different events at your weekly meets.
- Improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing.
- Have the opportunity to participate at local club meets & state competitions.
- Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.

REGISTER TODAY AT lansw.com.au