

# The Meadows Mag

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<b>Office Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8:20am – 3:00pm	<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 – 9:00am  Payment by Cash or cheque at school OR prepay online using MasterCard or Visa 

## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 4, 2023

#### Week 10

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports home to Parents
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Assembly Year 6 Farewell
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Day for Students 2023

### Term 1, 2024

#### Week 1

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Staff Development Day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	<b>FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>

#### Week 2

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Kindy Best Start Interviews
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Kindy Best Start Interviews
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	<b>FIRST DAY FOR KINDY 2024</b>

## Principal's Message

### Staff Changes 2023 into 2024

As reported in the previous newsletter, Mr Thomas Haynes has commenced working in a permanent capacity at Nirimba Fields Public School as Assistant Principal. It is my pleasure to announce that Mrs Katherine Nash has been successful in gaining this Assistant Principal position at The Meadows. Mrs Nash has been relieving in the position throughout 2023. Her appointment is richly deserved following her leadership of all K-2 programs this year as well as her excellent coordination of our very successful Multicultural Day.

Also in our last newsletter, I mentioned that our Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction) Katherine McKnight would be taking leave from her position at TMPS to take up a teaching position at Caddies Creek PS for 12 months. In her place, the very experienced Jasmin Choy will return to The Meadows, to lead our K-6 teachers in professional learning to continue the implementation of the new curriculum throughout 2024. We certainly enjoyed being supported by the instructional leadership of Jasmin for five years between 2017-2021. Jasmin has enjoyed holding a state numeracy strategy leadership position across the past two years, however she is very excited to return to The Meadows in a few weeks' time!

Finally, Mr Andrew Kim, our teacher for students for whom English is an additional language or dialect (EALD), has gained a permanent teaching position at Parramatta East PS. We wish Andrew every success in his new position and thank him for his contribution at TMPS.

### Student Leadership Process

14 of our Year 5 students gave leadership election speeches this morning, all seeking one of our 6 leadership positions for 2024 – Captain, Vice-Captain, 4 Prefects. All 14 did a wonderful job with 13 'live' speeches and one delivered via video link into classrooms.

The new leadership team will be announced at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Mrs Harrison's Retirement



Our wonderful School Admin. Manager, Michelle Harrison was farewelled in style on Tuesday afternoon at our K-6 Assembly, retiring at the end of this school year after 21 years of excellent service at TMPS. Michelle was presented with gifts and a group of Year 5 aspiring leaders shared their thoughts on why Mrs Harrison has been such a

special person to all in our Meadows Family. Most special of all was the spontaneous standing ovation that all TMPS staff members gave Michelle as she made her way to the stage.

In the afternoon, Michelle enjoyed the company of current and former colleagues at a special afternoon tea in the library. She was also joined by members of her own family for this special occasion. Many of our former teachers attended as well, to pass on their well wishes, including Mrs Diamond, Mrs Jeremijczyk, Mrs Archer, Miss Dunford and Mr Haynes.

A poem was written in Michelle's honour and delivered at her afternoon tea. The final verse said it all:

And so, we bid farewell to a servant of Public Education  
20+ years of vision and strength and pure dedication  
We've all enjoyed the privilege, of sharing in your career.  
Farewell Michelle, enjoy your time, retirement starts here!



## 2024 Kindergarten Best Start

Kindergarten students will have their Best Start assessments between Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Actual dates and times have already been mailed to the parents and carers of 2024 Kindergarten students. All Kindergarten students will have their first full day of school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## Semester 2 Reports

Each student will receive their Semester 2 Report next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. There is often some confusion around A-E grades, however, the following analogy linked to driving can help explain these grades!

- A: Outstanding – The grade for Grand Prix racers!
- B: High – The grade for advanced drivers with extra skills
- C: Sound – The grade for a full driver's licence, like most of us!
- D: Basic – The grade for a driver on P plates, driving independently but is still learning.
- E: Limited – The grade for a driver on L plates, who needs to be accompanied by an experienced driver.

## End of year Events

We have a BIG week to finish the school year next week with key events and times as follows:

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9:00am – K-2 Presentation Day Assembly

10:00am – Years 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am – Year 6 Graduation Assembly

6:00-9:00pm – Year 6 Farewell

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Final day for students at school for 2023

## That's a wrap for 2023!

The 2023 school year will suddenly grind to a halt for all students next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

To our Year 6 students we wish you every success as you embark on up to 6 years at High School starting next year. You are ready – make the most of every opportunity, and remember, you will always be part of our Meadows Family.

Finally, I wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, with good health to everyone.

Teachers will return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. There will be 2 Staff Development Days to start the new year. All students in Years 1-6 will return on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

**Principal**



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Award Winners!

### Week 7

#### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KL	Kyra Beverley
KT	Jack Peyton
KY	Orlando Meera
1/2A	Jayla Aria
1/2G	Biaan Das Lorelai
1/2J	Ovya Ramaa
1/2N	Kendall Rose Nyra
3/4E	Johnathan Keerthan
3/4P	Ravi Akshita
3/4Q	Joseph Kirralee
3/4ST	Nayte Corinth
3-6L	Tawfiqullah
5/6H	Avishek Maureen
5/6R	Jaxson Jonte

### Week 8

#### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KL	Gurtegh Cameron
KT	Shree Ananya Adrienne
KY	Celine Yuwan
1/2A	Dhyan Muhammad Azaan
1/2G	Fox Liam
1/2J	Zara Mary-Anne
1/2N	Cruz Micah
3/4E	Brooklyn Krish
3/4P	Aariv Pauline
3/4Q	Agamjot Andrew
3/4ST	Luka Spencer
3-6L	Kele
5/6H	Shanen Neveah-Lea
5/6R	Robert Shakaya



# CONGRATULATIONS

## Award Winners!

### Week 9

#### Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KL	Sudhiksha Rafael	3/4E	Riley Sam
KT	Heather Vrishan	3/4P	Kash Inderbir
KY	Tej Zane	3/4Q	Mustafa Mele
1/2A	Aria Charlotte	3/4ST	Corinth Autumn
1/2G	Sione Joseph	3-6L	Domonic
1/2J	Priyanka Sierra	5/6H	Cyrus Sehar
1/2N	Anslisa Vasekaran	5/6R	Yoel Luke

### K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 9

#### Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)

Kindergarten	Faith	Kindergarten	Sebastian
Year 1	Navyansh	Year 1	Srishty
Year 2	Nadtah	Year 2	Leah
Year 3	Rudra	Year 3	Malakai
Year 4	Agastya	Year 4	Lily
Year 5	Sage	Year 5	Anannya
Year 6	Chancy	Year 6	Mele

#### Principal Awards (5 points)






### KOOKABURRA PINS

BLUE PINS	YELLOW PINS
<b><u>KINDERGARTEN</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR 1</u></b>
Yuvaan Anjali Heather Emmanuel Vrishan Jack Adrienne Peyton Gurtegh Beverley Riley Sudhiksha Rafael Tejansh Zane Yuvan	Jayla Ariah Azaan Minha Ovya Andrew Sione Shivaansh
<b><u>YEAR 1</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR 2</u></b>
Aakrish	Dhyan Ramaa Lior Harvey Biaan Summer Lorelai
<b><u>YEAR 2</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR 6</u></b>
Mary-Anne	Ghauresh Dwij Avi
<b><u>YEAR 5</u></b>	
Sage	
<b><u>YEAR 6</u></b>	
Robert Chancy Porsche	

### KOOKABURRA PINS

PURPLE PINS	ORANGE PINS
<b><u>YEAR 2</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR 4</u></b>
Leah	Sam
<b><u>YEAR 3</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR 5</u></b>
Nayte Ahmad Lily	Issa Lahtarnah Michael
<b><u>YEAR 5</u></b>	
Daniel Levine	
<b><u>YEAR 6</u></b>	
Leah Peyton	
GOLD PINS	PLATINUM
<b><u>YEAR 6</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR 6</u></b>
Alex	Aakanksha Heze Luke Mele Isla

### REPORT GRADES AND WHAT THEY MEAN

A	Grand Prix Racer!	
B	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	
C	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	
D	A person on "P" plates drives independently but is still learning.	P
E	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	L

### TIPS TO GET YOUR KIDS EATING VEGGIES

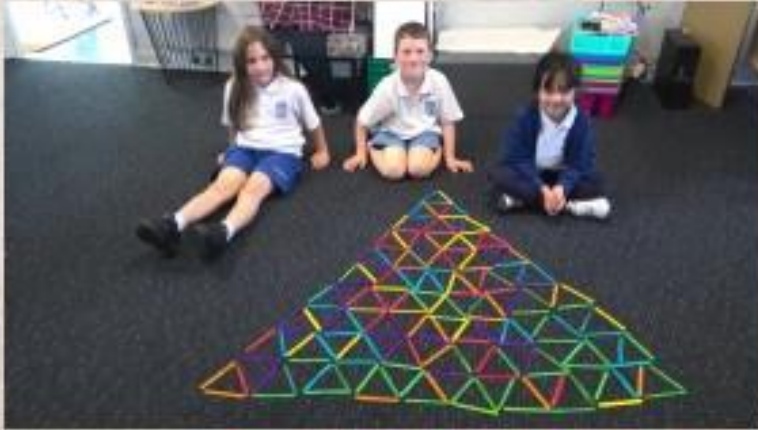
- ADD TO EVERY MEAL**  
 Salad on sandwiches/wraps  
 Offer cut up veggies as snacks  
 Fill half the plate with veggies
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD**  
 Show them you enjoy eating veggies  
 Offer veggies with Foods they already enjoy  
 Be positive and patient - it takes 10-15 times to like a new Food
- TRY A VARIETY**  
 Fresh, Frozen, canned, raw or cooked  
 Different colours  
 Buy in season

# EAT MORE VEGETABLES and fruit

Vegetables and Fruit taste great and keep us healthy. Everyone should eat Fruit and veggies every day. While most children eat at least 1 serve of Fruit each day, the majority don't eat enough veggie\*.



# STAGE 1 BEING AMAZING



**WE USED MAKEYMAKEYS IN SCIENCE AND SOME OTHER FUN :)**

# STAGE 1 BEING TECH EXPERTS



**WE GOT TO USE ROBOTS CALLED OZOBOTS DURING SCIENCE AND PHONICS!**