

# 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
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## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 1, 2024

#### Week 4

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February Scripture Begins

#### Week 5

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Meet the Teacher (Kindy)  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Meet the Teacher (Stage 3)  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Meet the Teacher (Stage 2)  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February Meet the Teacher (Stage 1)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Meet the Teacher (3-6T)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Seven Hills/Wentworthville  
ZONE PSSA Trials.

#### Week 6

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March Halogen Young Leaders Day  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Zone Swimming Carnival  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March K-6 Assembly  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Seven Hills/Wentworthville  
PSSA Gala Day

#### Week 7

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March P&C Meeting

## Principal's Message

Welcome Back and welcome to our first full edition of The Meadows Mag for 2024!

I especially extend a very warm welcome to any new families who are reading either a hard copy or an online version of our school newsletter for the first time.

Our newsletter is a great source of information and news about everything that has happened or is about to happen at TMPS! In 2024, The Meadows Mag will be published three times per term in Weeks 3, 6 and 9.

## Staffing News

We have a number of new faces among our staff team in 2024, following the permanent and temporary departures of staff by the end of Term 4 last year. In terms of temporary departures, Mrs Katherine McKnight holds a classroom teacher position at Caddies Creek PS for 2024 whilst Ms Diana La Bruna is relieving in the position of Assistant Principal at Jordan Springs PS. As reported in Term 4, Mr Thomas Haynes is now the permanent Assistant Principal at Nirimba Fields PS and our long-serving School Admin Manager, Mrs Michelle Harrison, is enjoying her retirement!. Additionally, Mr Caleb Hobby has received a service transfer to Windsor Park PS and Mr Andrew Kim has been permanently appointed to Parramatta East PS. We wish these teachers and leaders every success in their new roles and thank them for their significant contributions to our school community.

We welcome several new staff members to our team for 2024, in the following roles:

Kerrie Brown – School Admin Officer (Wed-Fri)

Jasmin Choy – Returning to TMPS! – Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction)

Alyssa O'Neil - Returning to TMPS! – RFF Teacher (M,W,Th)

Razan Al Obaidy – Stage 1 Teacher

Raelene Farrugia – Stage 2 Teacher / Relieving Assistant Principal

Braydan Pidgeon – RFF PE Teacher

Mikayla Fuller – School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Aimee O'Brien – SLSO

### Class Structures

As of today, we have 335 enrolments across K-6, allowing the formation of 15 classes to start 2024. This is the first time in many years that our student numbers have surpassed 300, this certainly hasn't happened in the past 13 years for which I have online data records and possibly well before that. As I said to the students on Day 1, you are all part of history!

Whilst we have formed our classes, there is always the capacity for change throughout the year as our numbers fluctuate. At this point in time, if we do grow to enable a 16th class, it will be an additional class in the K-2 department, with no effect on students in Years 3-6.

For now, the 15 classes are as follows:

KM – Mrs Merve Turkdogan

KT – Mrs Natasha Tautz

KY – Miss Hatice Yagci

1/2A – Miss Jasmine Ali

1/2G – Mrs Cathy Germolus

1/2N – Mrs Katherine Nash (AP K-2)

1/2R – Mrs Razan Al Obaidy

2/3P – Miss Lyn Phan

3/4E – Mrs Nina El-Mourad

3/4F – Mrs Raelene Farrugia (AP Stage 2)

3/4Q – Mrs Colleen Quince

3-6T – Mrs Taleah Thornton

5/6D – Mr Brandon Duckworth

5/6J – Mrs Sophia Jeloudev

5/6L – Mr Shane Lambeth (AP Stage 3)

Mrs Thornton is enjoying her last few weeks on 3-6T before commencing maternity leave, awaiting the birth of her 3rd child. Once her leave commences, most likely in Week 6, the students in 3-6T will be led by Ms Greta van Wyk on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Rose Hanna each Wednesday.



### Meet The Teacher

Our popular Meet The Teacher sessions will be held across Week 5, commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. These sessions will feature all teachers from your child's stage and (with the exception of 3-6T), they will be held in the Hall. Each session is conveniently timed from 2:00-2:45pm, allowing for a finish time just prior to home time each day. You can come along and learn about the expectations and programs through the year. The days for each stage team are as follows:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Kindergarten

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Stage 3 (Years 5/6)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Stage 2 (Years 3/4)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Stage 1 (Years 1/2)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 3-6T Support Class – (in classroom)

Formal 1:1 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the final week of Term 1 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. However, in the meantime, if you have any concerns about your child's academic or social transition to their new class, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting.

### Student Leaders Induction Assembly

An induction ceremony for all of our student leaders was held yesterday for all of our 2024 student leaders. Congratulations to all who have been elected into the following leadership positions:

#### **STUDENT Leaders:**

School Captain – Cyrus

Vice Captain - Issa

Prefects – Lahtarnah, Jahnira, Bahar, Aaron

#### **SPORTS Leaders:**

Gordon – Jaxson A (C), Isha (VC)

Kendall - Jonte (C), Joel (VC)

Lawson - Michael (C), Shanen (VC)

Paterson – Ijaz (C), Levine (VC)

#### **SRC Members:**

1/2A – Ben

1/2G - Jayla

1/2N – Liam

1/2R – Alexis

2/3P – Chantelle

3/4E – Srithika

3/4F – Aria

3/4Q - Awan

3-6T – Alex

5/6D - Malakai

5/6J – Dhruv

5/6L – Aaron

CONGRATULATIONS to all!

### Swimming Carnival



Twelve students from TMPS joined Mr Duckworth, Mr Lambeth and Miss Vanessa in attendance at the Combined Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Our students gave their all in their respective events. The following seven students will now represent TMPS at the Seven Hills/Wentworthville Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Penny, Ana, Akshita, Smit, Rudra, Aaron and Zachary! Congratulations to all!

This event was restricted to those students who can confidently swim 50 metres of any stroke. Obviously, we would certainly like to have more than just 12 swimmers attending. To strengthen the swimming capabilities of our students, we have gained 100 places in a 10-day learn-to-swim school in June. 100 of our students will benefit from 10 x 45-minute swimming lessons from qualified swimming coaches at the Royal Life Saving Academy, adjacent to The Hills Sports HS. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

### New additions around the school

Recent additions to our school site include new signage to our main entrance, several sets of new Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) signs and some beautiful screens to accompany our Aboriginal Yarning circle. One of the screens in particular features an artistic representation of Toongabbie Creek and Seven Hills! These were designed by our very own Aboriginal Education Officer, Vanessa Horton!



If you haven't done so already, check out these new additions next time you are visiting our site!

### Attendance / Lateness

School attendance and punctuality to school are once again targeted areas for school improvement in 2024. If your child is absent from school, please ensure you provide a note explaining the absence upon your child's return. Parents and carers who fail to do so will be issued with an Unexplained Absence note to return to school. Of course, in 2024, you also have the option of an instant response to any School Bytes message received to explain your child's absence.

Additionally, if your child is late to school without an explanation, your child will be issued a note informing you of the unexplained late arrival to school. Let's work together to make a difference this year. "In line, on time, at 10 to 9!"



### Term 1 Planner

A handy full-page Term 1 Planner, featuring all of our events and key dates for Term 1 can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please tear off and keep it on the fridge at home as a handy visual of all upcoming events.

### Canteen Closure

Our school canteen, normally open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, will be **closed next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.

### Facebook

We are now into our 9<sup>th</sup> year of having our official Facebook page. We are now approaching 1100 followers of our page! Like us on Facebook as another means of keeping up to date with everything happening at our wonderful school.

### Students' Fun Page

We always want our students reading the newsletter as much as their parents. To encourage student readership, there's a fun activity on the next page of this edition of The Meadows Mag! Check it out, there's some prizes to be won!

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

**Principal**





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Students Fun Page TMPS Staff Search!

Can you find all of the names of our staff members!

If you find them all, bring in the finished find-a-word to Mr Staveley by next Friday to go into the draw for a range of special student prizes!

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JADE-PIERCE	NASH	THORNTON	OZEL	O'BRIEN
ANDERSON	AL OBAIDY	PIDGEON	VANESSA	DAGWELL
ARSLAN	PHAN	SIMMONS	MR BRYAN	MADHUR
BROWN	EL-MOURAD	O'NEIL	CREPAZ	SANDRA
TURKDOGAN	FARRUGIA	PENIAMINA	HOLDEN	MAURICE
TAUTZ	QUINCE	HASSMANN	COOK	
YAGCI	DUCKWORTH	RUSSELL	CIMJOTTA	

The left-over letters.....what do they spell? \_\_\_\_\_  
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INTRODUCING

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# Book Clubs LOOP

## for Parents

The NEW Scholastic Book Clubs

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents who wish to pay for their child's Book Club order by CREDIT CARD.

[Click here](#) to download parent information flyer and JPEG for school newsletter.



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Also available for your iPad or iPhone



Sadly, there are still quite a few library books that have not been returned from last year! **ALL** students are encouraged (with some help from their families) to check their homes and cars for any overdue library books. They are easy to recognise; they have a TMPS barcode on the front cover and are stamped inside with the school stamp. All overdue books are warmly welcomed back! 😊

















# 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.



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)  
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LOCATIONS  
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10 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS STARTS OR CONTACT US TO  
ARRANGE AN AFTER SCHOOL CARE TRIAL



DAY	LOCATION	NEW STUDENTS AGE 5-8	NEW STUDENTS AGE 8+
M	Penrith South Public School	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
T	Jasper Road Public School, Baulkham Hills	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
W	Kings Langley Public School	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
T	Wentworthville Community Centre	4:00-4:45PM	4:45-5:30PM
F	Dundas Public School	3:45-4:30PM	4:30-5:15PM
F	Metella Rd Public School, Toongabbie	4:15-5:00PM	5:00-5:45PM
SA	Epping Heights Public School	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SA	Beresford Road Public School, Greystanes	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SA	Glendenning Public School	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SU	Samuel Gilbert Public School, Castle Hill	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM
SU	Truscott St Public School, North Ryde	9:00-9:45AM	9:45-10:30AM

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**Jon Terry 0410 548 848**



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# 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



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Now accepting 2024 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft, Castle Hill, Chatswood, Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives and Waverley.



## JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

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## Term 1 2024 TMPS Community Calendar

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S/S
1	29 January	30 January Staff Development Day #1	31 January Staff Development Day #2	1 February Years 1-6 Return Kinder Best Start	2 February Kinder Best Start	3 4 Feb
2	5 February Kinder Best Start	6 February Kinder Best Start Back-up	7 February Kinder First Day	8 February	9 February House Meetings for House Captain Elections – 2.20pm	10 11 Feb
3	12 February	13 February Combined Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Stanhope Pool (9.00am-12.00pm)  P&C Meeting 9.00am	14 February	15 February Student Leaders Induction Assembly 2.00pm	16 February	17 18 Feb
4	19 February Aboriginal PLP Meetings all week	20 February	21 February Scripture Begins	22 February	23 February	24 25 Feb
5	26 February  Meet The Teacher (K) 2.00-2.45pm - Hall	27 February  Meet The Teacher (S3) 2.00-2.45pm - Hall	28 February  Meet The Teacher (S2) 2.00-2.45pm - Hall	29 February  Meet The Teacher (S1) 2.00-2.45pm - Hall	1 March Seven Hills / Wenty PSSA Zone Trials  Clean Up Australia  Meet The Teacher (3-6T) 2.00-2.45pm 3-6T Classroom	2 3 Mar
6	4 March Halogen Young Leaders' Day 2024	5 March	6 March	7 March K-6 Assembly  Seven Hills / Wenty PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival	8 March Seven Hills / Wenty PSSA Gala Day	9 10 March
7	11 March	12 March P&C Meeting (AGM) Harmony Day	13 March NAPLAN	14 March NAPLAN	15 March NAPLAN	16 17 March
8	18 March NAPLAN	19 March NAPLAN	20 March NAPLAN	21 March NAPLAN	22 March NAPLAN	23 24 March
9	25 March NAPLAN	26 March	27 March Easter Scripture Assembly	28 March Easter Hat Parade	29 March Good Friday Public Holiday	30 31 March
10	1 April Easter Monday Public Holiday	2 April	3 April	4 April School Cross Country Carnival	5 April	6 7 April
11	8 April	9 April Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews 3.00-5.00pm	10 April Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews 3.00-7.00pm	11 April K-6 Assembly	12 April	

TBC – Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts Rehearsal Date; School Bytes Parent Information Session