

The Meadows Mag



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Office Hours Monday to Friday 8:20am – 3:00pm	Canteen Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20am – 1:30pm
Before & After School Care  Enrolments can be done online: www.squiggler.com.au/enrol-now/ or for more information contact head office on 1300 778 444	Uniform Shop Uniforms are sold in the canteen. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20am – 9:00am Payment by Cash or eftpos at school OR prepay online using MasterCard or Visa 

Calendar

Important Dates in Term 1, 2024

Week 7

Tuesday 12 th March	P&C Meeting
Thursday 21 st March	Harmony Day

Week 9

Wednesday 27 th March	Easter Scripture Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29 th March	GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Week 10

Monday 1 st April	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 4 th April	School Cross Country

Week 11

Dates to be confirmed	Parent/Teacher Interviews
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Principal's Message

Kindergarten (and Stage 1) Independence

The vast majority of our 61 new Kindergarten students have certainly settled in very nicely to life at The Meadows Public School. Our Kinder teachers have been very impressed with the listening skills and general school readiness of the students in their new classes.

The next step towards increasing the independence of our students involves the following request to our Kinder parents. Now that we are over a full month into the school year, our request is that parents drop their children off and say goodbye at the lower end of the K-2 COLA, allowing their children to walk up as 'little grown-ups' to drop off their bags and commence morning play. We would kindly ask parents to leave at this point. This will certainly give our Kinder students a special sense of responsibility as they enter the second half of Term 1. I thank Kinder parents in advance for their cooperation. This morning drop-off routine is also extended to the parents of Stage 1 students.

NAPLAN



Our students in Years 3 and 5 will commence their NAPLAN assessments next week. All the assessments are conducted online with the exception of Year 3

Writing. The dates for each of the tests are as follows:

Wednesday 13th March – Writing

Thursday 14th March – Reading

Friday 15th March – Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)

Monday 18th March – Mathematics (Numeracy)

All tests will be held in the morning session, so it is imperative that students arrive to school on time by 8.50am.

We know our students will do their very best and we wish them every success. Plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast equals greater brain power!

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)



Just a reminder that our AGM for our Parents & Citizens group (P&C) will be held next Tuesday 12th March at 9.00am. All executive positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held to vote in our 2024 leadership team. The executive

positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. To be eligible to vote and be eligible to be nominated for an executive position, you must be a 'financial member' of the P&C, meaning you will need to pay your annual membership fee of \$2 by next Tuesday at 8.50am, prior to the meeting.

Harmony Day

Students received notes earlier this week promoting Harmony Day. This nationwide event will be recognised at TMPS next Tuesday 12th March. This is a MUFTI Day (no cost involved) and students are encouraged to wear the colours of their culture or simply dress in the official Harmony Day colour – ORANGE! Teachers have planned a range of classroom learning activities to promote harmony and the P&C will be selling Orange Slushies at lunchtime for just \$1 each!



Attendance



It has been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing schoolwork, time with friends, an important Maths lesson or possibly even getting picked for a sports team or dance group. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals and school excursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and

improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the Every Day Matters website.

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, in line, at 10 to 9, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong at TMPS!

Student Behaviour



It is pleasing to report that 327 of our 336 students have largely followed our school expectations of being safe, responsible learners so far in Term 1.

Unfortunately, we have had 9 students who have demonstrated behaviours requiring extensive detention or 'time-out' consequences, missing three play sessions. The students understand that these behaviours are known as 'Majors'. A further 14 students have been involved in minor behaviour incidents requiring shorter interventions.

This means 313 or 93% of our students have a perfect behaviour record so far in 2024. However, we certainly aim for 100% of our students following school expectations ALL THE TIME and we are working towards this goal by continually reinforcing our expectations across the school.

Throughout this year, schools across NSW will be revising behaviour policies in line with recent changes introduced by the Department of Education. In the coming months, our parent community will be consulted regarding these modifications.

As a starting point, I will share with you some key points from the NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students, a brief document that drives the behavioural expectations in all NSW public schools.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Please consider discussing this list with your child. Our students will be working through these expectations and what they look like at The Meadows in coming weeks. Our messaging at school has a greater chance of success when supported by consistent messaging by parents at home. Thank you for your support.

Individual Education Plans

Next Monday, our students with additional support needs and learning adjustments will receive a copy of their Individual Education Plan (IEP) for parents to read. Class teachers will contact parents of these students throughout next week to talk about the child's specific learning goals in English and/or Mathematics for this term and to perhaps explain any technical educational terms mentioned in the wording of the goals.

Sporting Stars!

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in gaining selection for Seven Hills / Wentworthville Zone PSSA Teams in the following sports!



Mackenzie Hutchinson – Softball

William Betts – Touch Football

Michael Sales – Rugby League

Kris Pongi – Rugby League

These students will be attending the Sydney West Regional Championships in their respective sports in the upcoming weeks and months. We wish them all the very best!

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's some prizes to be won!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



3-6 T had an awesome time making catapults during out STEAM lesson. We compared what objects travelled the furthest distance and created a competition board, recording the distances in metres and centimetres.



The School Magazine



Rocks 5/6L!



Year 5 and 6 have been making the most of their annual subscriptions to The School Magazine! With poems, plays, stories articles, puzzles and activities... what's not to love?



5/6L enjoy silent reading each day to practise their independent reading skills. They will also be able to bring their monthly magazine home each month when they receive the next edition to use in class.



Did you know that the first edition of The School Magazine was published in 1916?
(This was the middle of World War 1).



It is now Australia's longest running literary publication for children!





CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 3

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KM	Ayva Yanick
KT	Krishab Miraya
KY	Cianna Anaseni
1/2A	Tej Magizhnila
1/2G	Tonu Shanaya
1/2N	Ally Jake
1/2R	Hoor Kritav
2/3P	Joseph Micah
3/4E	Autumn Lazar
3/4F	Liyanne Kaleb
3/4Q	Awan Chanvika
3-6T	Jackson
5/6D	Tarshae-Luke Shakaya Lyriq Jaxson
5/6J	Isha Yukti
5/6L	Lyriq Maddison

Week 4

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KM	Zavaeha Gnanasiri
KT	Brea Batuhan
KY	Amir Wasay
1/2A	Avery Aaliyah
1/2G	Nadrah Minha
1/2N	Raphael Laim
1/2R	Pranshul Celine
2/3P	Chantelle Eshaani
3/4E	Amarli Afu'alo
3/4F	Kristina Anastasia
3/4Q	Hriyaan Charlotte
3-6T	Alex
5/6D	Jonte
5/6J	Amanuel Bahar
5/6L	Brayden Kavya



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 5

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KM	Saber Yaana
KT	Harry Isabella
KY	Josiah Isha
1/2A	Aahana Meera
1/2G	Arleen Kaur Elissa
1/2N	Kyra Kendall
1/2R	Fox Varkesh
2/3P	Ramaa Veera
3/4E	Ahmed Lily
3/4F	Hunter Rhema
3/4Q	Mannat Ranbir
3-6T	Tawfiquallah
5/6D	Joseph Pauline
5/6J	Ijaz Issa
5/6L	Shamel Sage

Week 6

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KM	Kehlani Thet
KT	Rudra Tanviya
KY	Yazid Dhaksha
1/2A	Kiyana Yaya
1/2G	Faith Jayla
1/2N	King Michael Mannat
1/2R	Heather Sahibjeet Singh
2/3P	Akash Shristy
3/4E	Ranish Mary-Anne
3/4F	Ahmad Tori
3/4Q	Mikhail Legacy
3-6T	Kathleen
5/6D	William Sharlese
5/6J	Peter Noah
5/6L	Tyra-Jane Akin





CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 6

Assistant Principal Awards (3 points)		Principal Awards (5 points)	
Kindergarten	Safa	Kindergarten	David
Year 1	Daivik	Year 1	Aayusta
Year 2	Nehal	Year 2	Yaashitha
Year 3	Tori	Year 3	Mahrael
Year 4	Mele	Year 4	Amarli
Year 5	Krishnavi	Year 5	Lyriq S
Year 6	Nathaniel	Year 6	Kele



CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

K-6 Assembly Award Winners - Week 6

Kookaburra Pins

Blue (10 Points)	Yellow (20 Points)	Purple (30 Points)
Hoor	Pranshul	Amarli
Bayan	Fox	William
Sahibjeet Singh	Kritav	Nathaniel
Varkesh	Joseph	Brayden
Mahrael	Eshaani	Akin
	Alexia	Lyriq S
Orange (40 Points)	Gold (50 Points)	Platinum (60 Points)
Charlotte		
Awan		



TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME

<p>Eat together as a Family. No screens at meals for parents and kids</p>	<p>Before screen time - sleep, play outdoors, read and enjoy family time</p>	<p>No screens in bedrooms, especially at night</p>
<p>Take toys or books instead of screens when going out</p>	<p>Monitor kids' screen time. Set limits if needed</p>	<p>Sit less. Move more. Move every hour</p>
<p>Help kids sleep. Stop using screens 1 hour before bed</p>	<p>Parents - be a good role model. Reduce your screen time too</p>	<p>Dance to music, or play video games that get you on your feet</p>

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

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+ DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP

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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



Free Childcare places are available upon request.

For more information and Childcare arrangements please call
98967514.

Music in 5/6J



sports for better minds

The Meadows Public School



sports X



TERM 1

SCHOOL

programs



In Term 1 2024,

Sports X will be running the following after school sports programs at The Meadows Public School:

SOCCER X - Every Tuesday | 3.05 - 4.05pm | 6 weeks | \$100 (starting , March 5th)

Active Kids Vouchers Accepted

The programs are available to students from Kindy - Year 6.

On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.

All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold Working With Children Checks.

The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun-based, catering for all abilities.

(Late sign ups and free trials offered. Please contact below)

Contact Area Manager Chris Derudi : 0435994894/ chrisd@sports-x.com.au

For more information and online registrations please visit www.sports-x.com.au Please contact us via email for further enquiries: chrisd@sports-x.com.au

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 15th March for a chance of winning a \$50 gift voucher!

1. When are we celebrating Harmony Day? _____
2. What is the official colour for Harmony Day? _____
3. Which two school years complete NAPLAN tests? _____
4. Which day is NAPLAN Writing held on? _____
5. Which NAPLAN test will be held on Thursday 14th March? _____
6. How many students are currently enrolled at The Meadows Public School? _____
7. What are the P&C selling next Tuesday? _____ for \$__ each.
8. Who was selected to play for the Zone Softball team? _____
9. Who was selected to play for the Zone Touch Football team? _____
10. Which two boys were selected to play for the Zone Rugby League team?



Bonus Maths Questions!!! (These answers are NOT in the newsletter!)

11. How many days are in the season of Autumn? _____
12. Write the next three numbers in this pattern: 10 11 13 16 20 _____