

# The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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2025 - Issue 4 - Term 2 - Week 3

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## The Meadows Calendar

### Term 2 – Week 4

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Winter PSSA Round 1
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### Term 2 – Week 5

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Paul Kelly Cup Regional Final
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	K-6 Assembly
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Athletics Carnival
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Winter PSSA Round 2

### Term 2 – Week 6

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA Round 3
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### Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA Round 4
	Year 6 Fundraiser – Movie Night

### Term 2 – Week 8

All Week	Swim & Survive Program Week 1
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion (K)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA Round 5

### Term 2 – Week 9

All Week	Swim & Survive Program Week 2
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter PSSA Round 6

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
8:20am – 3:00pm

#### Canteen

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday

8:20am – 1:30pm

Paymnet by cash or  
EFTPOS

#### Uniform Shop

Uniforms sold in  
the school canteen.

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday  
8:20am – 9:00am



Payment by Cash or EFTPOS  
at school  
OR  
prepay online using  
School Bytes

## Principal's Message

### Kindergarten (and Stage 1) Independence!



As we are now well into Term 2, it is certainly time to foster as much independence in our 2025 Kindergarten students as possible. **NOW IS THE TIME** to allow your child some freedom in the playground each morning.

To aid the smooth transition into class each morning, we are asking those parents of K-2 students who enter school grounds in the morning to **say goodbye to your child at the edge of the K-2 covered COLA area (as pictured)** and leave your child to independently play with friends or walk to their class lines. **Please do not enter the classrooms or foyer areas of A, B and C blocks in the morning.**

Please remember, 8.47-8.50am, during the morning bell music, is not an appropriate time to speak with teachers. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, an appointment can be arranged via the office.

Thank you for your understanding and support of this initiative to encourage a greater level of independence for our K-2 students.

### Attendance News!

At the time of writing, we still have **25 wonderful students** across K-6 who have maintained PERFECT attendance across the first 13 weeks of the school year with **ZERO absences and ZERO late days!**

Congratulations to all! Keep it up! Who can stay ‘perfect’ until the end of this term and beyond?

A target rate of attendance for **EVERY child** is a **minimum attendance rate of 90%**. This only allows for one day of absence every fortnight. While 90% may ‘sound’ good, a child with a 90% attendance rate will still miss 20 days per school year, which will amount to 140 days (almost 3 terms of education) across their primary school (K-6) education. An attendance rate of 90% is the minimum we expect. At this point in time, **219 of our 334 students are on target and above 90%**. We need to work collectively to move the 115 students below 90% into the ‘on-target’ group!

However, at The Meadows PS, we still have a significant proportion of students who have a **less than 80% attendance rate**. Indeed, **44 of our 334 students** have an attendance rate of **less than 80%**. These students are missing at least **1 day EVERY week and therefore missing at least 40 days, or close to a FULL TERM of school time each year**. For many of these students, we do not receive an explanation for each absence.

Text messages are sent daily for any student who is absent or late to school. Please use the opportunity to instantly respond to a student absence when you receive one through via the School Bytes App.

Student Attendance continues to be at the forefront of our School Improvement Plan. Please ensure your child is **“In line, on time, at 10 to 9”** for every day that they are in good health.

## School Uniform

The vast majority of our students are proudly wearing their full school uniform each day. However, as we rapidly head towards the start of Winter, we are unfortunately seeing a significant proportion of students arriving at school wearing jackets and jumpers in a range of non-uniform colours. Please ensure your child is in their correct school uniform including school jacket and **TMPS cap**. Additionally, families requiring any financial assistance with uniforms are advised to contact the office.

## Athletics Carnival

We are now less than 2 weeks away from our 2025 Athletics Carnival! All students across K-6 are expected to attend this event on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at CV Kelly Park, Girraween. The cost is \$10 per student. All information has been sent to families via School Bytes. The P&C will be running a special canteen on the day.



## Swim School

As many parents and carers would be now aware, we have secured 100 student places at a 10-day Swim and Survive Program to be held at the Aquatic Centre on Best Road from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The program includes 10 x 45-minute swimming lessons as well as return bus travel for just \$60 per student. So far, the program has been offered to all students in Years 3-6. If your child is in Years 3-6 and cannot confidently swim at least 25 metres, this is a wonderful opportunity, not to be missed!

## PSSA Sport



It's great that we have joined Seven Hills PSSA for the 2025 Winter season. Winter PSSA will take place across Weeks 4-10 of Term 2 plus the first three weeks of Term 3. Students will be participating on Friday mornings.

We have entered junior (Stage 2) and senior (Stage 3) teams for Netball, Boys Soccer and League-Tag. Permission notes for PSSA were issued via School Bytes. We wish all of our sports stars all the best for the season ahead! Thanks to Mr Pidgeon (League-Tag), Mrs Tautz (Soccer) and Mrs Farrugia (Netball) for coordinating these opportunities for our students.

## Road Safety

Student safety is our absolute priority, and this includes travelling to and from school, particularly when moving around our busy, adjacent streets. Unfortunately, we continue to have a minority of parents and carers demonstrating careless and simply unsafe driving behaviour along Fuller Street and Carrington Street in the mornings and afternoons. Some of the dangerous behaviours have included:

- Dropping students off whilst idling over the pedestrian crossing.



- Dropping students off from the middle lane, the centre of the road or residential driveways, rather than the kerbside.
- Having students alight from the driver's side of the car.

PLEASE be parked or at least stopped along the kerbside before allowing your children to leave the vehicle from the left-hand, kerb side of the car.

Aside from careless driving, the following unsafe pedestrian behaviours have been witnessed and reported:

- Running, riding a scooter, or cycling across both of our adjoining streets and failing to use the pedestrian crossings.
- Riding bikes and scooters without helmets (although this is improving!)

I urgently call on ALL members of our school community to work together to ensure the safety of all of our students. Please follow the road rules and act in the best interests of all members of our school community.

I have contacted Blacktown Police for some support in this matter. For the reference of all road users, please take note in this newsletter of the range of school zone offences and fines in place in NSW.

### 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*

Principal

SRC 2025

# STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER

CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES SINCE 1951  
STEWART HOUSE

**Fidget Snake**



**\$4**

**Bouncy Balls**



**\$5**

**Ball spinner**



**\$3**

**Help us make a difference while grabbing some fun goodies!**

**Our SRC is raising money for Stewart House**  
**A charity that supports children in need.**  
**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

THE STALL WILL BE FROM THE 2ND OF JUNE TO THE 6TH OF JUNE



**FREE  
PARKING  
AVAILABLE**

## BAM BAM

MUSIC SCHOOL

### Looking for Music Lessons?

Private Tuition Available  
**Piano | Guitar | Bass  
 Drum | Vocals | Violin**

 **(02) 9831 5101**

 [info@bambammusic.com.au](mailto:info@bambammusic.com.au)

 [www.bambammusic.com.au](http://www.bambammusic.com.au)

 **1st Floor/1 Campbell St,  
Blacktown NSW 2148**

30 minute weekly individual lessons are \$39+GST, prepaid when booking

## MESSAGES & REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

### Current Notes in School Bytes

A reminder for all parents to check School Bytes for any outstanding consent forms and payments. The following notes are currently available in the parent portal:

- **PSSA Winter – League Tag**  
Selected year 3-6 students  
DUE: 21/05/2025
- **PSSA Winter – Netball**  
Selected year 3-6 students  
DUE: 21/05/2025
- **PSSA Winter – Soccer**  
Selected year 3-6 students  
DUE: 21/05/2025
- **Paul Kelly Cup Regional Final**  
Selected year 5-6 girls  
DUE: 23/05/2025
- **Athletics Carnival**  
ALL Students  
DUE: 23/05/2025
- **Royal Lifesaving Swim & Survive Program**  
Available to the first 100 year 3-6 students to complete the consent form and make payment for the activity.  
DUE: 06/06/2025 (Unless full before)

### ALSO OVERDUE NOW:

- Stage 3 Camp – 2<sup>nd</sup> payment instalment.

### Notes coming SOON in School Bytes:

- Movie Night (Whole School)
- Kindergarten Farm Excursion

It is strongly suggested that all parents download the School Bytes app and ENABLE NOTIFICATIONS to ensure that you are staying up to date with all of the latest information and news. We are always looking for new ways to utilise this system and will be adding new forms, and online order functions for uniforms in the near future.



**School Bytes**

## Parent App

**Available now!**  
Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

**Key Features**

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

### Uniform

Please be aware that Uniform is NOT sold through the school office. Uniform can be purchased on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the school Canteen using cash or EFTPOS.

Please make sure that all jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. There is no lost property held in the school office. Any items found with a name will be returned to the owner's classroom.



**Good Luck to the Girls Paul Kelly Cup Team for their REGIONAL FINAL being played on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.**





# CONGRATULATIONS

## Award Winners!



### Week 1

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

KC	Haisley Chaha
KG	Trijal Arna
KQ	Olivia Isabella
1/2N	Matthias Rehansh
1/2R	Olivia Sidra
1/2W	Batuhan Abiral
1/2Y	Amelia Angadbir
2/3P	Tej Alexis
3/4A	Kendall Rose Vivienne
3/4M	Merissa Isabelle
3/4T	Hasher Navyansh
3-6VW	Lexi
5/6F	Kristina Chanvika
5/6L	Pranav Razel
5/6SP	Bhavisha Dhvani

### Week 2

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

KC	Prashim Reham
KG	Aditi Madina
KQ	Jarvis Gursamerjot
1/2N	Josiah Ahmed H
1/2R	Tracy Sebastian
1/2W	Harper Gabriel
1/2Y	Mantej Yuvan
2/3P	Orlando Emanuel
3/4A	Elijah Sahib
3/4M	Udhav
3/4T	Ally Hassan
3-6VW	Morishan
5/6F	Xhon Kamel
5/6L	Ranbir Kris
5/6SP	Agastya Aariv

### Week 3

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

KC	Ali Harry	2/3P	Nimit Analisa
KG	Devan Tahlia	3/4A	Saher Yuvraj
KQ	Jibril Kristina	3/4M	Eyan Chantelle
1/2N	Krishab Brinthavi	3/4T	Elissa Phoenix
1/2R	Safa Sriyan	3-6VW	Sarah
1/2W	Salma Rishi	5/6F	Arpith Joseph
1/2Y	Yaana Sammy	5/6L	Tyra-Jane Maddison
		5/6SP	Johnathan Pauline



# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*



NSW Police Force

## FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTY  
**\$277**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



### No Stopping

You are not permitted to stop on a length of road with a no stopping sign.

PENALTY  
**\$410**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



### Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

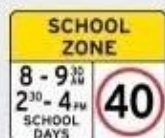
PENALTY  
**\$410**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



### Mobile Phone Use

Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.

MAX. PENALTY  
**\$544**  
+ 5 DEMERIT POINTS



### School Zone Speeding Offences

40kmph is the speed limit.  
Children are vulnerable in school zones.

MAX. PENALTY  
**\$4643**  
+ 7 DEMERIT POINTS

### Pedestrian Crossings

Do not stop or park on or near a marked crossing.

PENALTY  
**\$544**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### Driveways

Do not stop on or across a driveway.

PENALTY  
**\$410**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### Intersections

Do not stop on or within 20 metres of an intersection.

PENALTY  
**\$544**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### Parallel Parking

Must parallel park in direction of travel unless signpost states otherwise.

PENALTY  
**\$410**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### Double Parking

Do not double park in a school zone.

PENALTY  
**\$410**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

### Footpath and Nature Strip

Do not stop on a footpath, nature strip or obstruct ramp or path access.

PENALTY  
**\$410**  
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

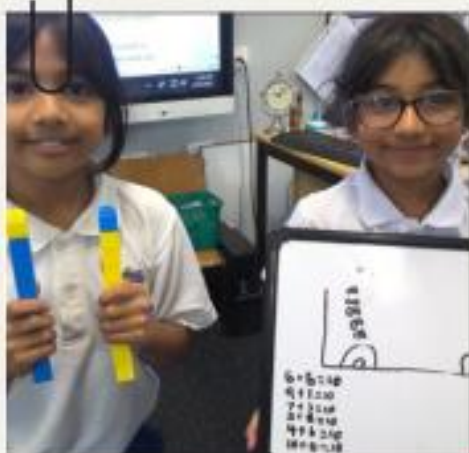
\*Fines are current as of September 2024. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.



# 1/2N

## Mathematicians at work

Students have been exploring addition in hands-on and creative ways! Using unifix cubes and counters, they built number combinations and then represented their thinking through detailed drawings.





# 1/2R



Students in 12R used colourful counters to explore addition, building number stories and representing their thinking visually. Great work, 12R!





# 1/2Y



Students have been investigating lines of symmetry using shapes. They folded, cut, and explored which shapes are symmetrical. What a fun way to learn about geometry!





# 1/2W

Students have been using materials to help them understand that an equal sign represents equivalence. Great work, mathematicians!





## TIMEOUT ZUMBA for Women

**FREE!**

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.

A fun way to get fit and meet new friends!



**When:** Every Tuesday  
(During school term)  
**Time:** 9.15 am-11.15 am  
**Where:** The Meadows SaCC  
(I Block), The Meadows Public  
School, Seven Hills.



### Some activities:

- Women's health Sessions by professionals.
- Cooking,
- Art and Craft,
- Relaxation sessions
- Step Into Work for women.
- Parenting information sessions

Free Childcare places are available upon request.

For more information and Childcare arrangements please call 98967514.



**STEP  
INTO  
WORK**

### HELPING WOMEN TO FIND MEANINGFUL PAID WORK

Step Into Work is a program specially designed for women who want to find meaningful paid work - whether you are seeking employment for the first time, or wish to return to the workforce.

The sessions are led by Step into Work Inc., volunteers with expertise in human resources/recruitment, coaching, planning and stress management.

The program covers practical areas including:

- Matching values, skills and interests to types of work
- Searching and applying for jobs, preparing resumes and cover letters/emails
- Communication skills and interview techniques

It also focuses on building life skills and confidence needed when entering or returning to paid employment:

- Managing the family and work life balance
- Relaxation and stress management
- Developing personal networks and using them effectively

This program is open to women who are able to:

- Understand, read, write and communicate in English without help
- Attend the whole program of 6 sessions

**WHERE:** Schools as Community Centre, The Meadows Public School, 2C Fuller Street, Seven Hills

**WHEN:** Monday 5 May to Monday 16 June 2025 (excluding Monday 9 June) (6-week program)

**TIME:** 9.30am to 12:00pm

**CHILD CARE:** provided (free)

**HOW TO ENROL:** Contact **Madhur Vani**, Local Facilitator, Schools as Community Centre, madhur.vani@det.nsw.edu.au Tel 02 9896 7514

For more information about the program please go to: [stepintowork.org](http://stepintowork.org)

## 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**

Where Kids love to be!

The Meadows Public School

Social, enjoyable & fun experiences for children

Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play

Qualified, caring & engaged staff

Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs

Healthy & Tummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 9:45 AM	\$20.00	\$2.00
After School Care (ASC)	3:45 PM to 6:00 PM	\$25.00	\$2.50
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$66.00	\$6.60
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$66.00	\$6.60

\*Standard fee rates before Child Care Subsidy. \*\*Standard fee rates after Child Care Subsidy. \*\*\*Standard fee rates for out-of-pocket fees.

**Cancellation Fees**

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: **\$4.00**

Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

**Little Booking Fees**

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Little Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: **\$4.00**

Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

**Little Pick-up Fees**

(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Little Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

Save up to 90% with child care subsidy

To register visit [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)

TheiCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time)  
on 1300 072 410 or [info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)



# Mother's Day PICNIC 2025









The Meadows Public School  
would like to say a massive  
thank you to everyone who  
joined us for the Mother's  
Day Picnic on the afternoon  
of Friday 9th May.

We hope you all enjoyed it  
as much as we did!







# HEAD LICE ALERT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!!

## TO CHECK

Check the scalp for insects or eggs.

Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days.

## TO TREAT

Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use chemical shampoo/ lotion (containing insecticide) – this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out.

*Always re-treat 7–10 days after the first treatment, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment.*

## TIPS

- ✓ Check and treat the hair every night
- ✓ Please tie up long hair for school
- ✓ If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home
- ✓ Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/ scarves etc.



## DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY NEAR OUR SCHOOL



### ALWAYS:



park responsibly even if it means you have to walk further to the gate



drop your child off and pick them up on the school side of the road



use pedestrian crossings if you had to park on the non-school side of the road



ensure your child enters and exits the vehicle via the safety door (rear left)



**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

# It's Back! Students Fun Page

## Meadows Mag Quiz

Read the newsletter 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May for a chance of winning a \$50 Gift Voucher!**

- Where are K-2 parents asked to say goodbye to their children each morning?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many students at TMPS have PERFECT attendance so far in 2025? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you miss 1 day of school each week, how many will you miss in a year? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the date of this year's Athletics Carnival? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the venue for this year's Athletics Carnival? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many days does Swim School go for and how much does it cost? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which 3 sports will TMPS play in for Winter PSSA? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the coach of the PSSA League-Tag teams? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the penalty (fine) for stopping on a marked pedestrian crossing? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is penalty (fine) for parking across a driveway? \_\_\_\_\_

### Bonus Maths Questions!!!

- Write the next three numbers in this pattern: 7, 17, 27, 37, 47, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Write the next three numbers in this pattern: 1, 6, 5, 10, 9, 14, 13, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our school day starts at 8.50am. If a student arrives at 9.08am, how many minutes of class time have they missed? \_\_\_\_\_