The Meadows Mag

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2025 - Issue 6 - Term 2 - Week 9



Friday, 27th June 2025

The Meadows Calendar

Term 2 – Week 10

Tuesday 1 st July	SRC Fundraiser – PJ Day				
Wednesday 2 nd July	K-6 Assembly				
Friday 4 th July	Winter PSSA Round 7				
	NAIDOC DAY				
Tern	n 3 – Week 1				
Monday 21 st July	Staff Development Day				
Tuesday 22 nd July	ALL STUDENTS RETURN				
Friday 25 th July	Winter PSSA Rund 8				
Tern	Term 3 – Week 2				
Monday 28 th July	Stage 1 Excursion – School				
Monday 20 Odly	House Museum				
Wednesday 30 th July	100 th Day of Kindergarten!				
Thursday 31 st July	Mr Staveley's Last Day 🙁				
Friday 1 st August	Winter PSSA Round 9				
Term 3 – Week 3					
ALL WEEK	Public Education Week				

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Monday 4 th August	ICAS Writing and Digital
Monday 4 August	Technology
Tuesday 5 th August	Public Education Week Open Day
Wednesday 6th August	Westpoint (Junior Dance/Choir)
	Stage 3 Camp – Canberra
Thursday 7 th August	Stage 3 Camp – Canberra
Friday 8 th August	Stage 3 Camp – Canberra
	Winter PSSA Round 10

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

My Final Newsletter!

It is hard to believe that this is now my final newsletter contribution before I step down from my position as Principal of The Meadows Public School, effective Thursday 31 July 2025.

As mentioned in my email on 13th June, this was an extremely difficult decision, and it was made after much personal



and consideration. following reflection recent challenges with my personal health. While I have strived to continue leading our school with the dedication you all deserve, I came to realise that to truly prioritise my wellbeing, I needed to take a step back and focus on my health. I thank you for the well wishes I have already received from so many members of our community since sharing this news.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together during my time as Principal for over 9 years, since March 2016, in particular the strong sense of community and very positive sense of belonging we have fostered. I have cherished the opportunity to work alongside such a talented and committed staff, and to witness the incredible growth and spirit of our students.

Our Director Educational Leadership is currently working diligently to appoint a Relieving Principal and we will share more information when it is available. I have every confidence that our dedicated leadership team and staff will continue to uphold the high standards of

education and care that define The Meadows Public School.

I will be forever grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the privilege of serving this wonderful community.

Staffing Changes

Aside from my own move, I have a number of significant staffing changes to report. Thirteen years ago, in Term 2 of 2012, when I held the Deputy Principal role here at TMPS, I had the pleasure of employing an excellent School Learning Support Officer (SLSO – Teacher's Aide) to support students and teachers in a variety of classrooms. The SLSO was named Mrs Wendy Anderson! Over time, Wendy transferred into the office as the School Admin **Officer** for the next decade before more recently taking on the role of Relieving School Admin **Manager** since the retirement of Michelle Harrison. For so many years, Wendy has been the face of TMPS, the first friendly face to greet anyone visiting

the office. This is a critical role in any school, and we've been very privileged to have had such a friendly and loyal servant being this 'first face' of the school for such a long time! Mrs Anderson is looking forward to a sea-change, beginning the next chapter of her life on the far north coast New South Wales! of Congratulations on а wonderful contribution to school life at The Meadows!



Additionally, our part-time School Admin Officer, Kerrie Brown is stepping down from her position at the end of this term after 18 months in the role, while our SLSO Toni Cimijotta will vacate her position on 8th August after supporting countless students and teachers in her role since 2019.

A huge thank you from myself on behalf of the entire school community to Wendy, Kerrie and Toni.

With change, there is always someone new! We will formally welcome Mrs Jenny Tucker to the Relieving School Admin Manager role from the start of next term!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Mr Braydan Pidgeon will remain as the full-time class teacher for 5/6SP until the end of the year.

Student Progress Reports Semester 2 Reports

Each student will receive their Semester 1 Report next Monday 30th June. There is often some confusion around A-E grades used on reports for Years 1-6, 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.

The other key considerations when reading through your child's report are the **Effort Grades** and the sections towards the end of the report on **Social Development** and **Commitment to Learning**. Ultimately, you are looking for a **top score of 5** for each effort area and a **C for Consistently** rating for each of the Social Development and Commitment to Learning areas.

ł	REPORT GRADES AND WHAT THEY MEAN					
	А	Grand Prix Racer!				
	В	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	0. 87 (a ₁ +1			
	С	Full drivers licence, like most of us!				
	D	A person on "P" plates drives independently but is still learning.	Ρ			
	E	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.				



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NAIDOC Day



NAIDOC Day, our celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, will be held next Friday 4th July.

Students will enjoy a range of Aboriginal cultural activities on the day and will enjoy a sausage sizzle and a cupcake for either Recess or Lunch.

There is no cost involved in this event; however, students are <u>encouraged to bring a gold coin donation</u> as this is a Mufti Day. Students are encouraged to wear the colours of the Aboriginal (black, red, yellow) or Torres Strait Islander (blue, green, white) flags.

Attendance News!

At the time of writing, we have **52 students** who have not missed a single minute of Term 2! Indeed, we still have **16 wonderful students** across K-6 who have maintained PERFECT attendance across the whole school year so far with **ZERO absences and ZERO late days**! Congratulations to all! Keep it up! Who can stay 'perfect' until the end?

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 of 140 days (almost 3 terms of education) across their primary school (K-6) education. Therefore, it is the absolute minimum we expect.

At this point in time, **211 of our 335 students are on target and above 90%.** We need to work collectively to move the 124 students below 90% into the 'on-target' group!

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you provide a note explaining the absence upon your child's return or simply respond to the School Bytes message on your child's day of 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!"

Holidays and Screen Time

As we head into the two-week Winter holiday, I urge all families to have a think about the amount of 'screen time' your child will be allowed to access across the fortnight.

The potential negative effects of excessive screen time include, but are not limited to, childhood obesity, poor social skills and inadequate sleep. Concerns about these potential negative effects have led to recommendations about placing limits on children's screen time. For example, the Australian Government, as part of its physical activity and sedentary behaviour guidelines for children aged 5-12 years recommends that electronic media use for entertainment purposes be **limited to a maximum of 2 hours per day.**

Unfortunately, the 'weekend' average screen-time for a primary school aged child in Australia is 4-5 hours per day with 2-3 hours per weekday. As the school holidays are just like 'a weekend every day' this could mean your child could potentially spend up to 80 hours across the next fortnight looking at a television, an iPad, a computer screen or a mobile phone.



Let's consider some alternatives to get the balance right! Reading, sports and physical activities, family outings, cooking with mum or dad at home, gardening, chores around the home! The list is really endless. What can you put in place at home to reduce screen time to 2 hours per day?

Mission 100' Holiday Reading

I have been so impressed in recent weeks, having read all 335 of our student reports, with the news of very promising and rewarding progress in reading levels across the school. As we enter the winter holiday period, I have issued each student with a personal reading



challenge for the holidays, a challenge known as *Mission 100*.

Your child's mission, should he or she choose to accept it, is to read aloud to a parent, a sibling or other family member for at least 10 minutes a day for 10 days of the holidays, completing a minimum of 100 minutes of faceto-face reading.

Our students need the regular reading to maintain their skill level and to enable all to return in Term 3 ready for even greater levels of improvement.



This newsletter's 'Fun Page' activity is a record-keeping page for your child/children to fill out as they continue their reading journey through the holidays. Just 10 minutes a day, and what a difference this will make for your child! Happy reading girls and boys!

Term 3 Planner

A Community Calendar is included in this newsletter with all of the key dates to look out for heading into Term 3. Pop it up on the fridge or 'noticeboard' at home!

Students return to commence Term 3 on Tuesday 22nd July, following a pupil-free day on Staff Development Day. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing Winter holiday break!

Look after each other,

Scott Staveley

Principal



TUESDAY IST OF JULY BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR STEWART HOUSE.



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 FINAL BALANCE OVERDUE** Due: Friday 20th June
- Stage 1 Excursion School House Museum Due: Wednesday 23rd July
- Stage 2 Camp ZooSnooz Deposit Due: Friday 4th July
- Stage 3 Camp Canberra FINAL PAYMENT Due: Friday 4th July
- Stage 1 Dance Group Costume Sizing Form Due: Friday 4th July

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to extend the due dates events. If consent and payment is not received by the due date, your child WILL NOT be able to attend.

Do you have CREDIT on School Bytes?

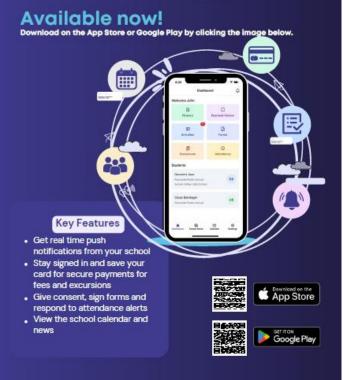
If you have credit on your School Bytes account from the Royal Lifesaving Swim Scheme or other events in the past, you are able to apply this credit to current outstanding events in the School Bytes app or give our office a call and we can assist. These credits could help you pay off your camp or PSSA balance!

School Bytes App

It is strongly suggested that all parents download **ENABLE** the School Bytes app and 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





Looking for exciting ways to keep the kids entertained these school holidays? Blacktown City Libraries has you covered with a magical mix of free and low-cost activities the whole family will love!

- · Get your hands dirty at our Terrarium Workshop learn how to create your own little garden-in-a-jar to take home.
- Crack the clues in our Bookshelf Scavenger Hunt a fun challenge that will get kids exploring the shelves like never before.
- · Build your own Mini Book Box design and decorate a tiny library filled with your favourite reads!
- · Get crafty with a range of hands-on activities for all ages from colourful creations to clever DIY projects.
- · And don't miss our Magic Show with AJ the Magician! Be dazzled by mindblowing tricks, laughter and interactive fun.

Whether your child loves nature, puzzles, making things, or a touch of magic, there's something for everyone this winter

Programs run across all library branches during the July school holidays. Spaces are limited - bookings for activities for 9 - 18 year olds are essential! Stay warm, get creative, and make some library magic these holidays!





CONGRATULATIONS

Award Winners



Week 4 Teacher	s Awards (2 points)	Week 5 Teacher's Awards (2 points)		
KC	Ollie Ayaan	KC	Ruhaan Chaha	
KG	Endrian Ridhima	KG	Vihaan Lara	
KQ	Airah Raghvi	KQ	Myles Isabella	
1/2N	Ayva Jasnoor	1/2N	Nishara Sharvesh	
1/2R	Brea Ananya	1/2R	Cianna Jack	
1/2W	Suvag Rudra	1/2W	Wasay Rafael	
1/2Y	Madinah Matthew	1/2Y	Takshiv Shanaya	
2/3P	Analisa Aahana	2/3P	King Michael Avery	
3/4A	Sahibjeet Aarna	3/4A	Lexie Pratheek	
3/4M	Zara Nyra	3/4M	Dhyan Harvey	
3/4T	Summer Rose Ramaa	3/4T	Shavir Tegh	
3-6D	Arohanui	3-6D	Vincent	
5/6F	Corbin Sienna	5/6F	Liyanne Malakai	
5/6L	David Kris	5/6L	Janikwah Sarwam	
5/6SP	Anastasia Kirralee	5/6SP	Aariv Brooklyn	
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Week 6

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KC	Zebby Arin	2/3P	Pranshul Minha
KG	Aran Madina	3/4A	Matthew Saher
KQ	Abilakshan Jibril	3/4M	Bayan Eyan
1/2N	Saharsh Beverley	3/4T	Niya Lazar
1/2R	Hiyansh Ramithu	3-6D	Morishan
1/2W	Nina Dexter	5/6F	Legacy Akin
1/2Y	David Heather	5/6L	Micah Ravi
		5/6SP	Autumn





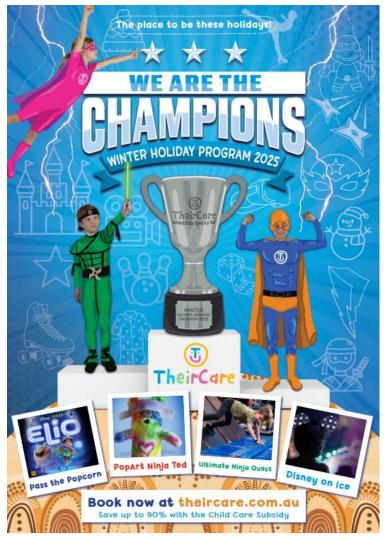


5/6SP have been creating masterpieces! The students have created landscapes of the Floating Islands and the Great Wall of China. Here are some examples of the great work by Autumn and Afu'alo!



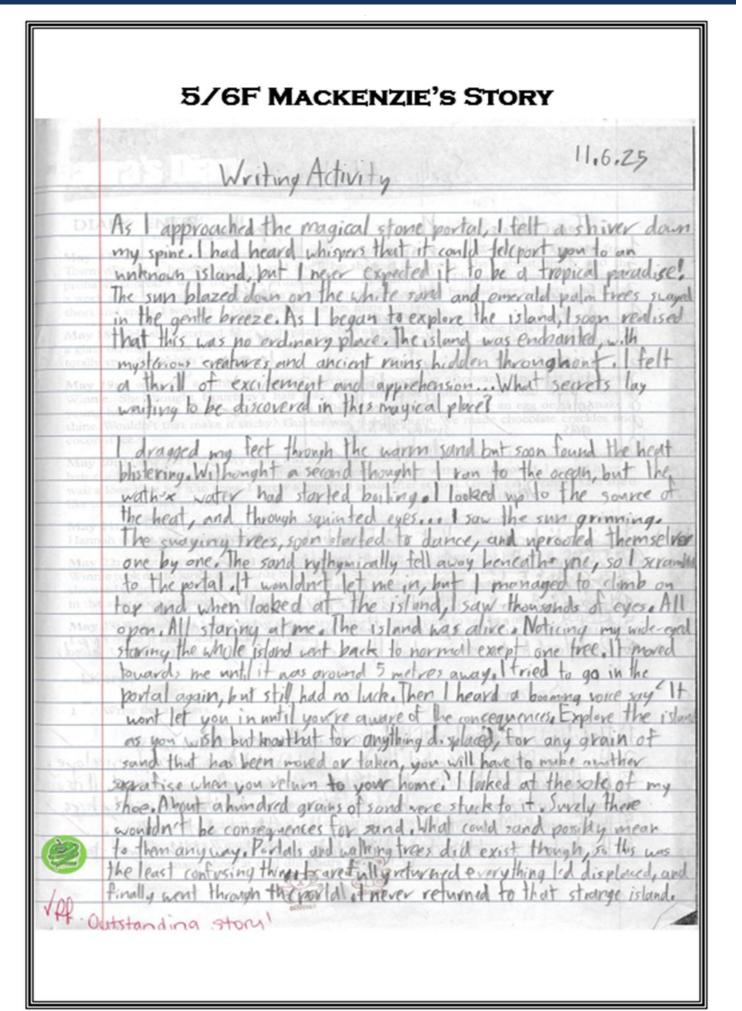


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5/6F GRAFFITI ART



STUDENTS ENJOYING THE SWIMMING PROGRAM



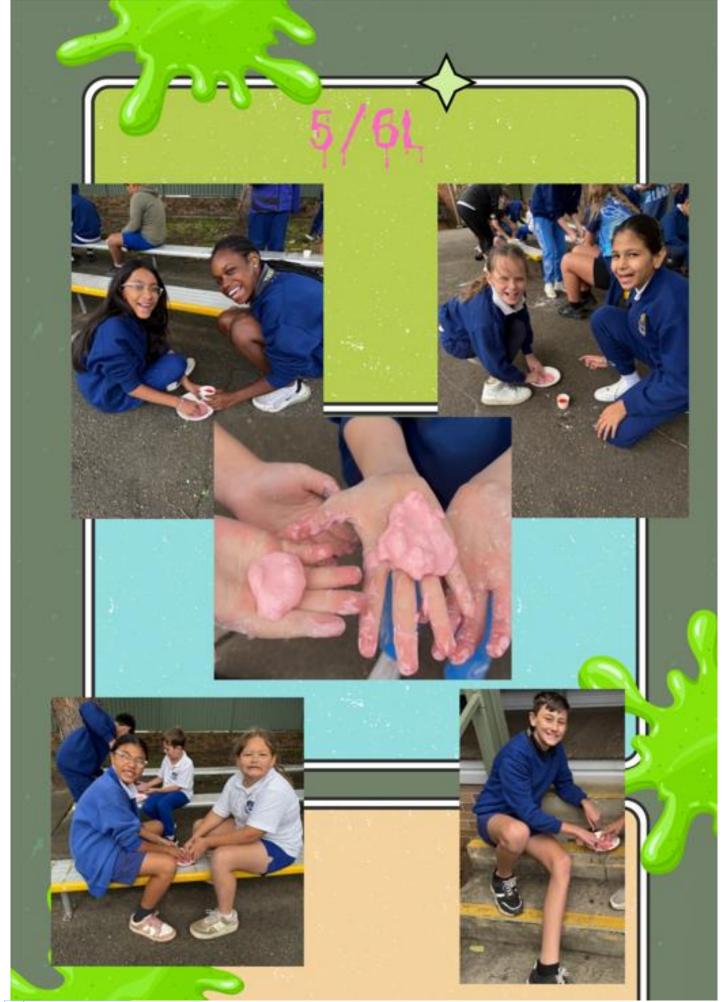




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ch therapy team is passionate about helping children build vital speech and language skills - and confidence - to learn to their full potential

If you have concerns that Kindy students are behind in their speech and language development, Learning Links' speech pathologists can visit your school to screen students to help identify gaps and the additional supports and strategies to put in place to help them make progress

Our team can conduct screeners for groups of 5-6 children per day - aged up to 6 years - and coach teachers and learning support staff with effective strategies for the classroom.

ating a wide range of speech and language skills

During the screener, children complete different activities to demonstrate their skills in the identified areas of concern. Our speech pathologists can look at: • Speech skills including clarity of sounds, syllables and words, voice quality and

- fluency
- Understanding of language including answering questions and following directions
- Use of language including vocabulary and sentence structure
- Social communication and play skills
- · Phonemic awareness and literacy skills

Reports and recommendations

After completing a screener, Learning Links will provide a report for parents and the school, providing an overview of the areas screened and recon and the classroom. ns about support for home

For children facing more complex difficulties, families may be advised to seek further external support with a speech pathologist or have a more thorough communication assessment.



learninglinks.org.au/school-support-programs/

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TIMEOUT ZUMBA for Women

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.

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) at

The Meadows Public School, Seven hills.

To register please call on 98967514

Term 3 2025 The Meadows PS Community Calendar

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	S/S
1	21 July Staff Development Day	22 July All Students Return	23 July	24 July	25 July Winter PSSA – 8	26 / 27 July
2	28 July Stage 1 Excursion to School House Museum (Ryde)	29 July	30 July 100 th Day of Kinder!	31 July Mr Staveley's Final Day!	1 August Winter PSSA - 9	2 3 August
3	4 August Public Education Week ICAS Writing + Digital Technologies	5 August Public Education Week OPEN Day	6 August Stage 3 Canberra 3-Day Excursion WESTPOINT Junior Dance/Choir	7 August Stage 3 Canberra 3-Day Excursion	8 August Stage 3 Canberra 3-Day Excursion Winter PSSA – 10	9 10 August
4	11 August ICAS English	12 August P&C Meeting	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 17 August
5	18 August ICAS Science + Spelling Scholastic Book Fair. ALL WEEK	19 August K-6 Assembly Group Photo Day	20 August Book Week Character Parade	21 August	22 August	23 24 August
6	25 August Check-in Assessment (CIA) Window (Years 3-6 Reading + Numeracy; Year 6 Writing) ICAS Maths	26 August CIA Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts Performance Night	27 August CIA	28 August CIA PSSA Zone Athletics	29 August CIA	30 31 August
7	1 September CIA	2 September CIA	3 September CIA	4 September CIA Fathers' Day Stall	5 September CIA Fathers' Day Brekky Summer PSSA – 1	6 7 Sept
8	8 September CIA	9 September CIA P&C Meeting	10 September CIA	11 September CIA Kinder 2025 Parent Information 6.00pm	12 September CIA Summer PSSA – 2	13 14 Sept
9	15 September CIA	16 September CIA	17 September CIA	18 September CIA	19 September CIA Summer PSSA – 3	20 21 Sept
10	22 September	23 September K-6 Assembly	24 September	25 September Multicultural Day	26 September Summer PSSA – 4 Year 6 Fundraiser FOOTY FINALS MUFTI Day	27 28 Sept







SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

LEARN, PLAY & GROW AT PCYC THIS JULY!



Book 3 Days and Get the 4th Free! Active and Creative Kids vouchers accepted.







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Students Fun Page Mission 1001

Can you find the time to read for 100 minutes in the holidays? Complete the challenge and hand this in to Mr Staveley on the first day of Term 3 to have a chance of winning some great prizes! Up to three children can use this form.

Try to read for 10 minutes a day, for 10 days, giving you 100 minutes of reading in total!

Date	Minutes of Reading	Child's Name:	Child's Name:	Child's Name:
	Reading			
			Please list titles of boo	ks read.