

The Meadows Mag



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Friday 17th February, 2012
Edition 2 Week 4 Term 1

Important Dates



Date	Day	Event
Term 1		
22 Feb	Wed	School Photos
12 Mar	Mon	Swim Scheme starts 12 Mar to 23 Mar (10 days)
13 Mar	Tues	P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom
4 Apr	Wed	School Leaders & SRC Longneck Lagoon
5 Apr	Thurs	Easter Hat Parade
6 Apr	Fri	Good Friday – Public Holiday

What a fantastic start to the year we've had! It has been a very busy beginning to the school year however things are very settled. Students were placed in their classes last week and everyone (students and teachers) seem very happy! Our class teachers for this year are:

KA	Mrs Archer
KJ	Mrs Jeremijczyk (Assistant Principal – relieving)
1/2M	Mrs Meli
1/2F	Miss Fornal (Assistant Principal –relieving)
3/4C	Mr Congdon
3/4H	Miss Hearne
5/6S	Mrs Dawson
5/6D	Mrs Diamond (Assistant Principal) / Mrs Regan
3-6L	Mrs Linney

LEADER INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday this week, our leaders received their badges at a special assembly. Congratulations to all students who were elected as school leaders (captains, vice captains and prefects), School Representative Council (SRC) members, house captains and vice captains or library monitors. You have all accepted a very important role and I'm sure you will all fulfil your duties to the best of your ability. Thank you to Mrs Diamond who did a wonderful job organising the induction assembly.



2012 School Leaders with Mrs Littlejohn

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Monday (6th February) Mr Staveley had the pleasure of taking four students to the Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool. Luke, Helal, Chrissy and Rhys proudly represented our school at the Carnival. Congratulations on a fine effort and the great sportsmanship that you showed on the day.



MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher evenings on Monday and Tuesday night. The teachers were very happy with the number of parents who came to find out what their child will be learning this year and to hear about the class and school expectations. A very big thank you to the class teachers who gave up their own time to meet with parents.

ATTENDANCE

This year we will be monitoring all student attendance very closely. It is most important that all students attend school regularly and that they are on time every day. We have a lot of students who arrive to school late most days as well as a number of students who are picked up early from school. Legally, students need to attend school from 8:50am until 2:50pm each day, unless there is a justified reason for their absence. Sleeping in and running late are not justified reasons. If your child needs to attend a medical appointment, please try to schedule the appointment after school.

Those students who have only one full day (justified) or no days absent this term will go into a draw on the last day of term to win an iPod. Students who have one partial (justified) absence will also go into the draw.

SCHOOL AWARDS SYSTEM

Late last year, the school reviewed the current award system within the school. After consultation with staff and parents at a

recent P&C meeting, it has been decided that a new award system will be put in place this year.

Meadows Marvels will still be given out to all students as recognition for positive behaviour. The Marvels will then go into a weekly draw at K – 2 or 3 – 6 assemblies. Students whose names are drawn out for that week will have the choice of a pencil or wrist band as a prize. All students who receive a Meadows Marvel over the term will have their name entered into a draw at the end of the term to win a special prize (yet to be determined). At stage assemblies, teachers will be giving out two Teacher's awards to students in their class.

We will be having two whole school assemblies this term – one in Week 6 and one in Week 10. These assemblies will be held on a Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm. At these assemblies, two chosen students from each stage will receive an Assistant Principal Award. Two students will receive a Deputy Principal award and two chosen students will receive a Principal award. One award will focus on academic progress and one award will focus on student welfare.

Each of the awards is worth a number of points:

Teacher's Award:	1 point
Assistant Principal Award	2 points
Deputy Principal Award	3 points
Principal Award	4 points

Once a student has reached 10 points, they will receive a Kookaburra badge and become a 'Legend'.

They will have their photo displayed in the foyer and will also be invited to a special lunch with me.

The award system will carry over from year to year, so it is very important that students look after their certificates and keep a tally of their points.

If you have any questions about the new system, please feel free to come and see me.

Lisa Littlejohn

Principal

2012 Student Leaders Induction Assembly

Our 2012 School Leaders Induction Assembly was held on Wednesday. This special event gave students, teachers and parents the opportunity to actually see the faces of the leaders in our school. A special thank you to all those family and friends who joined us to celebrate the achievement of our students.

In 2012, our student leadership team consists of groups of students who have been elected by their peers to various leadership roles. These include school Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects, Student Representative Council members, Sports House Captains and Vice Captains and Library Monitors. By taking on a leadership role at The Meadows, students are provided with opportunities to positively influence others and to participate in activities which will enhance and develop skills related to decision making, collaboration, organisation and confidence building. Students at The Meadows are encouraged

to foster attributes of a successful leader through daily interactions in the classroom, the playground and when addressing the wider school community.

Congratulations to those students who have now formally commenced their role as leaders in our school. Their attainment of their leadership position is a measure of the esteem in which they are held by students and teachers. We look forward to seeing the development of their leadership capabilities in their new role. I am sure they will work with staff and students to make our school a happy and productive place for all.

Renai Diamond
Assistant Principal
SRC Coordinator

2012 School Leaders

School Captains	Salim & Mele-I-Neau
Vice Captains	Joanna & Keala
Prefects	Maddison & Teagan

Student Representative Council

KA	Yasin
KJ	Jaxon
1/2F	Johnathan
1/2M	Lekeya-Lee
3/4H	Rhys
3/4C	Meryem
3-6L	Hayley
5/6D	Nathan
5/6S	Patalesio

Sport House Leaders

House	Captain	Vice
Kendall	Kane	Ray-Lee
Paterson	Hayley	Jackson
Lawson	Brandon	Sian
Gordon	Luke	Ropati

Library Monitors

Lelei	Julie
Ritish	Emma
Hayley	Kaylan



School Leaders Induction Assembly



P&C News

It was decided at the February meeting to hold our meetings alternately in the morning and the evening. Therefore our next meeting will be at **6.30pm on Tuesday March 13**, in the staffroom. All are warmly invited to join us.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs to make up baskets in our Easter raffle. A tally of donations from each class will be recorded and the class with the most donations will win a prize. Donations can be left at the office.



Thank you!

Excursions/Activities in progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
School Photos	22 Feb	Refer to photo envelope	22 Feb
Swim Scheme	12 Mar to 23 Mar	\$40 deposit \$40 final payment	17 Feb 2 Mar
PSSA Sport Cricket	24 Feb to 30 Mar	\$ 36	22 Feb
Year 5/6 Camp Gosford	28 May to 30 May	\$31 deposit \$80 \$40 \$40 \$40 Total Cost: \$231.00	Now 17 Feb. 12 2 Mar 30 Mar 4 May

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

We impress upon children not to leave money in school bags or classrooms as stolen money creates unhappiness and inconvenience.

When students are issued with a note for an excursion, student activities, carnivals, etc. a payment envelope will be attached. If this is a whole school event the note and envelope will only be sent home with the eldest child as you will be able to mark down all child/ren on the one payment envelope. Then the following process should be followed:

1. Complete child's details, payment for and total amount on front of envelope.
2. Complete permission note on back of envelope.
NB It is most important that all details are completed on both front and back of envelope.
3. Place correct money in envelope **NO CHANGE** will be given.
4. Students are to place the payment envelope:

➤ In **BLACK LETTERBOX** which is located just outside the back door of the front office on arrival at school.

OR

➤ Give to **CLASS TEACHER** at beginning of class.

If your child has not received a note due to being absent, please see your child's class teacher as they should have any notes that were not initially handed out.

All receipts for payments will be sent to your child's class during the day.

In the case of the Swim Scheme (Years 2 to 6) or Canberra Excursion (Years 3 to 6) no envelope has been supplied as we would be wasting money as there are only 60 places for each activity and approximately 170 notes issued.

LOST NOTES/PAYMENT ENVELOPES - As these envelopes are quite expensive for the school to supply, a fee of **20¢** will be charged for any **additional/replacement envelopes** requested from the Administration Office. Alternatively a handwritten permission note placed in an envelope marked clearly with child/s name/s and reason for payment is also acceptable.

NO LATE PAYMENTS - please endeavour to make payments before the due date as paying on the day could result in your child missing an activity.

NO CHANGE - no change will be given at front office. As a school we bank daily, consequently we do not have change.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

If assembly has finished and students are in class please proceed to office for a late note before going to class.

EARLY LEAVERS

When signing children out early of an afternoon, for appointments etc., parents are asked to do so **before 2:45pm**. Students will not be signed out after this time.

MESSAGES REGARDING LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

Please phone **before 2:30pm** with any messages if you will be late picking up your child.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that the school car park is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. Parents are asked not park to in, or walk through the car park.

Student: _____

Class: _____

Item	Colour	Price	Qty	Size	Total Cost
Naidoc Pack: Pencil case, Respect wrist band, ruler, pencil, sharpener and eraser.	Red/Black/Yellow	\$ 4.00			
Respect Wrist bands	Red/Black/Yellow (Designer- style)	\$ 3.00			
Respect Silicone slap watch	White	\$ 5.00			
Balloons – NAIDOC (Packets: 100)	Red/ NAIDOC Logo	\$ 31.00			
NAIDOC Polo Shirts S-M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL	See Image	\$ 8.00	\		
Lapel Pins- Aboriginal /Australian/TSI	Traditional	\$ 4.00			
Aboriginal Flags (for flag pole)	Traditional (Polyester)	\$ 76.00			
Aboriginal Car Flag	Traditional	\$ 4.00			
Total					

All orders must be returned to the office with full payment by 23rd March, 2012.



1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Hall
91a Bungarrabee Road, Blacktown
Cubs meet Mondays 7pm – 8:30pm

Cubs OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th February 2012

10am – 4pm

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 7 ½ - 10 ½ YEARS

Come along with Mum & Dad, brothers & sisters

To meet the dedicated leaders of our cub pack,

Play games & do fun activities with some of the friendly cubs who are already members of the pack

Or TM

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All YEAR
Hot Food

Garlic Bread	.50
Sweet Corn on Cob	1.00
Chicken & Corn Roll	2.00
Noodles { Beef / Chicken }	2.00
Sausage Roll	2.50
Hot Dog { Sauce / Mustard / Cheese }	2.50
Traveller Pie	2.50
Chicken Nuggets { 5 for }	2.50
Chicken Crackles { 5 for }	2.50
Chicken Fingers { 5 for }	2.50
Fish Fingers { 5 for }	2.50
Spinach & Ricotta	3.00
Macaroni & Cheese	3.50

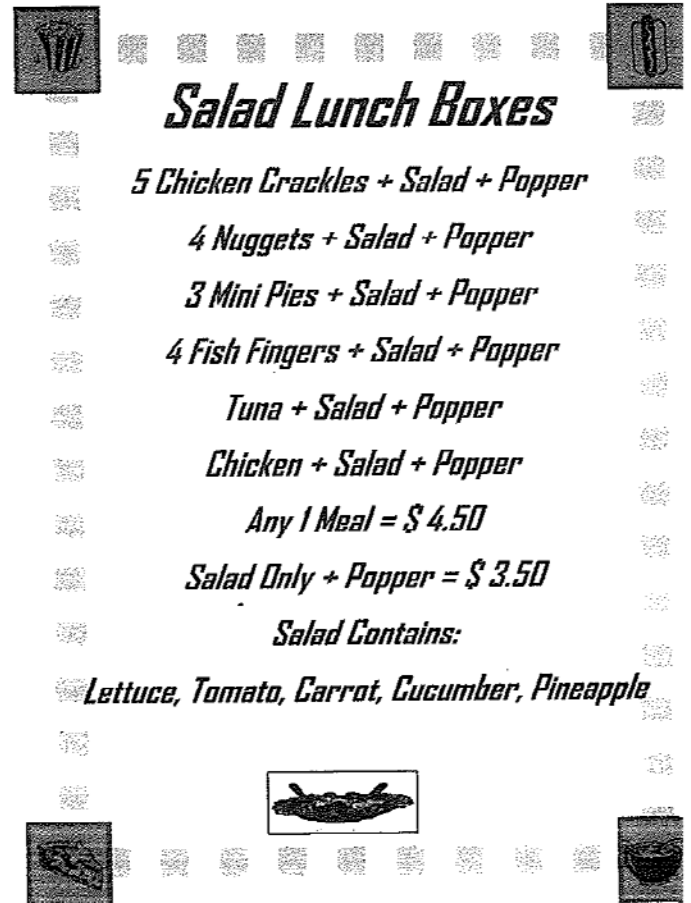


All Year
Filled Toasties

Cheese	\$ 2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$ 2.40
Ham	\$ 2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$ 2.80
Ham / Cheese / Tomato	\$ 3.40
Devon	\$ 2.00
Devon & Cheese	\$ 2.50
Devon / Cheese / Tomato	\$ 3.00
Spaghetti or Baked Beans	\$ 2.00
Spaghetti or Baked Beans / Cheese	\$ 2.50
Tuna	\$ 3.20
Tuna & Cheese	\$ 3.50
Salmon	\$ 3.50
Salmon & Cheese	\$ 3.80
Salmon & Tomato	\$ 4.00
Salmon / Cheese / Tomato	\$ 4.60
Chicken	\$ 4.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$ 4.40
Chicken & Tomato	\$ 4.60
Chicken / Cheese / Tomato	\$ 5.00

SAVE , SAVE , SAVE
★ Meal Deals
Tue, Wed, Fri ★


Sausage Roll / Sauce Small Water Packet of Chips	Hot Dog / Sauce Small Water Paddle Pop
\$ 4.50 Save .50c	\$ 4.50 Save .60c
Traveller Pie / Sauce Chips Milkshake	Mc Cheese Chips Slushy
\$ 5.00 Save .80c	\$ 5.50 Save .50c



Salad Lunch Boxes

- 5 Chicken Crackles + Salad + Popper
- 4 Nuggets + Salad + Popper
- 3 Mini Pies + Salad + Popper
- 4 Fish Fingers + Salad + Popper
- Tuna + Salad + Popper
- Chicken + Salad + Popper
- Any 1 Meal = \$ 4.50
- Salad Only + Popper = \$ 3.50

Salad Contains:
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber, Pineapple



Healthy School Canteen Strategy Approved

Canteen Menu 2012

Breakfast

Hash Browns	.80
Pancakes / 1 Topping (Wednesdays)	.60
Milo Hot or Cold	1.00
Fresh Fruit all day	.60
Muffins	1.00



Lunch Hot Food

Garlic Bread	.50
Mini Pies & Mini Sausage Rolls	.80
Sweet Corn	1.00
Chicken & Corn Roll	2.00
Noodles (Chicken / Beef)	2.00
Fish Fingers	50c each 5 for 2.50
Chicken Crackles	50c each 5 for 2.50
Chicken Nuggets	50c each 5 for 2.50
Hot Dogs (sauce / mustard / Cheese)	2.50
Sausage Rolls (jumbo)	2.50
Traveller Pies	2.50
Potato Pie	3.00
Macaroni & Cheese	3.50
Chicken Burger Lettuce & Mayo	3.50
Chicken Burger with salad / The Lot	4.00
Cheese Burger (meat & cheese)	3.50
Hamburger with salad / The Lot	4.00
Wraps Chicken or Ham With Salad	5.00
Wrap Just Salad	4.00

Sandwich or Rolls Fillings

Sandwiches	Rolls Extra	0.30
Jam		1.50
Honey		1.50
Vegetite		1.50
Baked Beans / Spaghetti		1.50
Cheese		1.60
Tomato		2.00
Devon		1.60
Ham		2.50
Egg / Curry Egg		1.80
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo		2.30
Ham, Cheese, Tomato		3.00
Tuna		3.00
Salmon		3.50
Salad		3.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo		4.00
Chicken & Salad		5.00
Tuna & Salad		4.20
Salmon & Salad		4.50
Extra Filling		.30

Recess

Potato Gems Recess & Lunch	.60
Pancakes / 1 Topping (Wednesdays)	.80
Mini Pizzas	.80
Mini Pies & Mini Sausage Rolls R & Lunch	.60
Jelly Cups / custard	1.00
Mini Hot Dogs	1.00
Muffins	1.00



Miscellaneous

Lunch Bags	.10
Extra fork / spoon	.30
Sauces Tomato / B.B.Q	



Confectionery

Fresh Popcorn Small .60	Large 1.20
Packs Chips	1.00
Ice Blocks from	.50
Streets Ice Cream	RRP



CANTEEN OPEN

TUESDAY / THURSDAY / FRIDAY

Drinks

Popper Juice 125 ml	1.00
Juice Man 250 ml	1.50
Breaka Milk / Up & Go	1.50
Milk Shakes	2.00
Water	Small 1.20 Large 2.00
Play Sports Water	small 1.50 Large 2.00

