Uniform Shop hours
Payment by cash or cheque only.

Monday 2:30 to 3pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 to 9:30am

Principal's Message

Term 3 has certainly been a very busy time at The Meadows Public School. Enjoy the holidays with your children - I hope you all get the chance to have a relaxing, enjoyable break.

ALL students and staff return to school on Tuesday, 7th October.

STAFF NEWS

This week we said farewell to Mrs Wagner as she left us to start her Maternity Leave. We wish her and Mr Wagner all the best as they prepare for the birth of Baby Wagner.

ORGANISATION FOR 2015

We are starting to organise our class structures for 2015. Please notify the office if you will be leaving our school at the end of the year and not returning next year. This does not apply to students in Year 6 as we know they will be moving on to high school.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If your child is turning 5 years old before the end of July 2015, or if you know of any family in our area who has a child turning 5, please come and pick up an enrolment form from the office. If you have already enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2015, your child should receive their invitation to attend our kindergarten program ‘Ready, Set, Kindy’ in the mail very soon.

EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS

This term has seen a number of events and excursions taking place outside of school – Year 6 Camp Riverside Theatre, Zone Athletics Carnival, Debating, Premier’s Spelling Bee – to name a few! On each occasion, our students have been excellent ambassadors for the school. It is always a pleasure to hear from other people how wonderful our students are behaving when representing our school. A big thank you to our students – keep up the great work!

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal

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Congratulations to the following winning classes for their outstanding attendance:

Week 8 winner: 3-6S
Week 9 winner: 3/4T

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal

Student Banking change banking day to Thursdays.

Vision screening for children

Did you know that 80% of children’s learning is visual? This makes eye health one of the most important areas of a child’s academic development. Academic achievement is strongly linked to vision, with poor vision often resulting in behavioural troubles such as being disruptive in class, poor concentration and the inability to understand basic fundamentals of learning.

OPSM are now providing parents with a screening tool to use at home. It’s a child’s story book called ‘Penny the Pirate’. It comes complete with comprehensive instructions.

This resource can be collected from your local OPSM or order online at OPSM.com.au.

Save the date

What: Grandparents Day 2014
When: Tuesday, 21st October 2014

More details to follow soon!

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

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Award Winners!

Week 9
Teacher Awards (1 point)

KH  Nikiah
     Eugene
K/1R  Enez
     Bonashka
1/2L  Jamie
     Tahi
3-6S  Matthew
     Rachelle
     Chloe
3/4F  Sila
     Luke
3/4T  Ace
     Kapish
5/6D  Emily
     Helly
5/6H  Rebecca
     Jordan. H

Week 10
Teacher Awards (1 point)

KH  Kaylee
     Manuth
K/1R  Anna
     Rachel
1/2L  Liam
     Indiana
2K  Shanelle
     Freedom
3-6S  Zachary
     Luke
3/4F  Kaine
     Damian
3/4T  K-Ci
     Kyen
5/6D  Jordan
     Rishi
5/6H  Nikita
     Jordan. C

K-6 Assembly Award Winners
Assistant Principal Awards (2 points)

Early Stage 1 Hitarth
Stage 1  Melike
Stage 2  Prarabha
     Meet
Stage 3  Craig

Deputy Principal Awards (3 points)

Stage 2  David

Principal Awards (4 points)

Early Stage 1 Poliat
Stage 1  Tia
Stage 2  Jayden C
Stage 3  Hridhima

Kookaburra Pins (Earned 10 points)

Stage 1  Boen, Rly
Stage 2  Meet, Emmet
Stage 3  Jordan, Rishi

At The Meadows we are Safe, Responsible

Please note: Application Forms are available from the office

MindQuest 2014

More permits of students from low socio-economic backgrounds may feel difficulty in paying the course fees of $850-$1000. For more information contact the head teacher of your school. Without your support our students will not receive this valuable opportunity.

More information is available at the website: www.mindquest.com.au

Please contact your school for further details or call Shaleagh 02 8322 6769
Closing Date: Thursday October 14th
Every morning in 3-6S we get into our reading groups and complete different English activities. These activities include reading with Miss Spooner, writing with Mrs Crepaz, using the computers to access literacy websites and completing an independent activity. Here are some photos of us during reading groups!
**Literacy Links!**

**Why do children need to develop good reading habits?**

Reading is one of the most important skills a child needs to learn to succeed in life. Children are active, curious and eager to learn. Reading books can help them gain knowledge, develop thinking skills, develop positive values and attitudes.

Children don’t just learn to read at school, in fact, the home is the first learning environment for young children and parents are their first teachers. It is the best place to begin good reading habits. In this respect, school and home are equally important in teaching children to read.

You can teach your child good reading habits and motivate them to read by:

**A Reading Environment**

- Have a quiet place where you can sit and enjoy reading together. The experts agree on one thing: reading is what makes better readers.

- Take time to talk about the books you read with your children. This helps to establish the concept that reading generates ideas, opinions and questions.

- Write your grocery list clearly and ask your children to help you read it in the store. This helps build sight vocabulary based on things that are familiar.

**Be Sure to Read Aloud**

Although your child is starting to be a reader, don’t skip the enjoyment of enjoying books together.

- Try to set aside a short period each day for reading to your children. Choose a quiet time that your children know is especially for them.

- Allow children to choose favourite stories and also read new ones too.

- Take time to look at the pictures with your children and help them to identify familiar letters and characters, which adds to their understanding of the story.

- Discuss what the message of the story is and how that can help us learn life lessons.

**Children Respond**

- Let your children see you reading – for enjoyment, for news and for information in cookbooks etc.

- Encourage your children to borrow from the school and local library to build a sense of pride in themselves as reading develops.
TEACHERS LOVE OF LEARNING

What happens during teacher staff meetings and planning days?

After school, every week of each term, our teachers participate in a variety of professional learning activities to build on their teaching expertise.

This year, our teachers have been getting to know and use the New Syllabus and Curriculum documents for English and Mathematics.

Last week, we had lots of fun creating a variety of two-dimensional shapes by manipulating, describing and comparing them, as well as drawing them in different orientations. These pictures provide an insight into the type of lessons and activities that we plan for your children that involve asking questions, critical thinking and problem solving strategies.

This lesson is an example of a hands-on activity that requires students to not only create shapes through splitting but involves recording their thinking and problem solving.

Teachers also had the opportunity to work with an experienced Literacy Consultant to collaboratively plan learning experiences based on the literary texts that your children will be studying next term. It is during sessions like this that teachers can work together to provide our students with skills and strategies that they can build on from year to year as they progress through each stage of their learning.

It is during meetings and planning sessions such as this, that we get the opportunity to participate in rich professional dialogue and reflect on our own teaching practise. These sessions are highly valued and help to further increase our understanding of how your children learn and the importance of engaging all students in their learning through planning and programming lessons suited to varying abilities.

Sandy Newcombe
Curriculum Team
Free Playgroup

Wednesdays/Fridays
(On grounds of The Meadows Public School)

‘Playing helps learning.’ — Play is children’s work.

Playgroup is a place designed to provide the opportunity for children to play, interact with other children, develop social skills and enhance early childhood development of your children.

Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other parents and children at FACES (Families and Children Early Start) Centre

Grandparents, uncles, aunts and caregivers are all welcome.

Where: FACES at The Meadows Public School
(Located at Fuller Street Seven Hills)

When: Wednesday or Friday (during school terms)
Time: 9:15am – 11:15am

It is free for families with children from 0 – 5.

Music, painting, stories, songs, craft, outings, play and lots more

Please visit website for more information
https://sites.google.com/site/sevenhillschildrenplaycentre/home
(Or simply just google ‘seven hills playgroup’)

Download registration form on website and email it back to: sevenhills4acc@gmail.com

SaCC is a Families NSW funded project for families with children aged from birth to eight. For more information, please phone 9896 7514.

1,2,3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Learn to manage difficult Behaviours in 2-12 year old children

A four-session program for parents

Junuya Family Development Services in partnership with The Meadows Schools as Community Centre.

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FREE Child Care: Places are limited—Booking Essential.

Topics Covered:
- Engage your child’s cooperation
- Setting clear expectations in the home
- Brain development in children
- A model for responding to conflict
- Strategies for being a calm parent

What people are saying:

“What an amazing opportunity to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self-control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go.”

“Greatly enjoyed 1-2-3 Magic. Can’t wait to begin my preventative work using the steps in the book. Thank you for your kindness in sending me the book.”

For further information, expression of interest and bookings please phone: 02 9861 3922

Maha 02 9896 7514 / 0423 792 961 Or complete the reply slip and return to The Meadows SaCC

1,2,3 Magic Registration Reply Slip

Name of Parent/Career: ________________________________
Address: __________________________ Postcode: ________
Email address: __________________________
Contact phone number: __________________________

Do you require childcare? Yes / No (Please circle)

Name: Child 1: __________ Age: ______ Name: Child 2: ______ Age: ______

Parent/Caregiver’s signature: __________________________ Date: ______

NSW GOVERNMENT
Education & Communities
Community Noticeboard

The Meadows Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

The Meadows Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.

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Shop 17, HomeBase Shopping Centre Prospect
PHONE: 9849 3000

For every $25 spent at the Good Guys Prospect, $1 will be donated to our school. Just make sure you mention our school's name at point of purchase. The more you buy the more we earn.

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0457-6-58742

School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

For school aged boys and girls

Come and experience the fun and excitement of gymnastics

- Fun in a safe and structured environment
- Qualified and Professional Coaches
- Olympic Standard Equipment
- Foam filled Landing Pits
- Trampolines
- Affiliated with Gymnastics Australia and NSW

Full Day Sessions (9.00am-3.00pm) $45.00 per day
Half Day Sessions (9.00am-12.30pm) $35.00 per session
September 22nd – 26th and September 29th – October 3rd

Term 4 2014 Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydagym@hotmail.com

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd Seven Hills
Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd Winston Hills

www.sydneygymnastics.com.au

FOR KIDS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE CHANGING

Group activities for children ages 4-6 who are experiencing a change in family situation.

Six Tuesdays: 21st October to the 25th of November 2014

Time: 3.30 – 4.30 pm. After school
Venue: 31-39 Alphonse H Smith St
Bookings: Phone 99993023 to secure a place
Cost: $130.00 per session (includes snacks)

No cancellations can be accepted

Topics Covered:
Week 1: Bouncing is different
Week 2: In my family
Week 3: What are happiness and sadness
Week 4: How do I know
Week 5: What can I do
Week 6: What am I thankful for?
KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

SKIN CANCER CLINIC

Appointments are now available at KRMCC’s Skin Cancer Clinic.

Exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn, skin cancer and contribute to visible signs of ageing. There is a higher risk of skin damage, which can lead to skin cancer, during the summer months so skin cancer is really a year-round issue. That’s why it is important to have regular skin checks with a doctor.

If needed, KRMCC’s mole-scan technology enables the doctor to build up an accurate picture of changes to the skin and to detect any suspect moles. Our doctors are able to perform excisions of moles that appear to be of concern and to send them for analysis via our on-site Pathology department.

To make an appointment at KRMCC’s Skin Cancer Clinic, please call Reception on 8822 3000

OPEN EVERY DAY 8:00AM TO 8:00PM
BULK-BILLING PRACTICE WALK-INS WELCOME
36 Kildare Road, Blacktown 2148 (next to Westpoint)
8822 3000 www.kildaremedical.com.au

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OUR INSTRUCTORS ARE TRAINED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE TEACHING OF CHILDREN AND TEENS
INSTRUCTOR IS A KARATE CHAMPION
ADVANCEMENT FROM BEGINNER TO BLACK BELT

LOCATION: NETELLA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL,
NETELLA RD., TOONGABBIE
CLASSES ARE EVERY FRIDAY FOR 10 WEEKS EVERY SCHOOL TERM
REGISTRATION: FRIDAYS, 10 OCTOBER, 17 OCT, 24 OCT, 2014

New students Ages 9 To 16
Class Time 5:30 To 5:45 P.M.

New and returning students Ages 8 to 8
Class Time 4:15 TO 4:55 P.M.

Relaxing students
Class Time 5:45 TO 6:25 P.M.

Registration will be accepted up to the third week of term. No pre-registration is necessary, just turn up 10 to 15 minutes before class time above if possible...See you there! For further information contact Matt Klein on 8822 5887.
Shelley Outside School Hours
Inside Shelley Public School
Hadrian Ave
Blacktown, NSW 2148
Phone: (02) 9621 2202
Email: seshl@childrenfirst.com.au

SHELLEY VACATION CARE PROGRAM
September/October 2014 MAIN EVENTS

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**Check the Library website for our complete School Holiday Program.**
www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

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