Uniform Shop hours
Payment by cash or cheque only.

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

Calendar

Important Dates

Term 1
Week 11

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Week 1

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Principal's Message

This is the last newsletter for Term 1. It’s hard to believe that we have been at school for 11 weeks – time certainly does fly when you’re busy and having fun!!! I would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter and hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Staff News

Next term we welcome Mrs Pho Kirkland to our school as our new Assistant Principal. Mrs Kirkland will be teaching 2B and from next term the class will be renamed 2K. I would like to thank Mrs Bernardi for doing such a wonderful job teaching 2B this term. I’m sure we will see Mrs Bernardi back at our school again this year. I would also like to thank Mr Lambeth for the great job he has done as relieving Assistant Principal this term.

Play Equipment

A reminder to all parents and friends that the play equipment is not to be used by students or younger children before or after school as there is no teacher supervision at these times.

Young Leaders Day

On Monday this week, Mrs Diamond and I had the pleasure of taking our school leaders – Gauri, Piraya, Emily and Sujal - to the Entertainment Centre to listen to a number of inspirational people speaking about leadership. Our leaders showed that they were safe, respectful learners throughout the day by being attentive listeners and very well-behaved.

Movie Night

The Movie Night held last Friday night was a huge success!!! I was amazed by the number of pillow pals and blankets that filled the hall – I don’t think I’ve ever seen that many pillows in my life! The children who attended the evening - some in their pyjamas - were very well-behaved and really enjoyed the movie. Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers who organised this event to fund-raise for the Year 6 Farewell and thank you to the teachers who gave up their Friday night to be at the movies with our students.
Opportunity Class

Parents of Year 4 students are invited to apply for opportunity class placement using the Intention to apply form available on the internet or by completing an official printed application form.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Application packages will be available at the front office from 28 April 2014. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

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CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

Week 9
Teacher Awards (1 point)

KH  Nikiah
    Melisa
1R  Enez
    Ebony-Rose
1/2L Dakota
    Cooper
2B  Bryce
    Joshua
3-6S Tamika
    Isaac
3/4F Jayden
    Kaine
4/5/6D Clara
    K-Ci
5/6H Emily
    Hridhima

Week 10
Teacher Awards (1 point)

KH  Rachel
    Keeley
1R  Souha
    Ali
1/2L Indiana
    Ryan
2B  James
    Shanelle
3-6S Luke
    Emmet
3/4F Luke
    Anastasia
4/5/6D Helly
    Bisfurj
5/6H Piraya
    Yukta

At The Meadows we are Safe, Responsible Learners!
What is a justified reason for being absent from school?
Justified reasons for absences may include the student:
• Having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made in the holidays)
• Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• Being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
• Being sick, or having an infectious disease.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?
If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:
• send a note, fax or email to the school
• telephone the school, or
• visit the school.

All absences must be explained to the school. Bilingual absentee notes and further information on attendance can be found on the Department’s website under the heading School Attendance.

The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ or carers’ requests for their child to be absent from school. The principal may also question any explanation given for a child’s absence from school.

Our school values and encourages regular attendance at school. Each week, the class with the highest rate of attendance is announced at our Monday Morning Assembly and draws a prize from the Attendance Prize Box.

Congratulations to the following winning classes for their outstanding attendance:

Week 8 winner: 2B
Week 9 winner: KH

Renai Diamond
Deputy Principal

Cool Kids Music Company
Excellence in Group Primary School Music Tuition

Cool Kids Music Co.
Music lessons held at the school every Thursday afternoon
For enrolment please call 0457 668 742
For lesson times please go to www.coolkidsmusic.com.au

Community and Road Education Scheme
On Tuesday and Thursday this week, students from Years 5 and 6 went on an excursion to C.A.R.E.S Prospect.
We all had a BLAST there!
We met Officer Kylie and Officer Mel, who are local police officers. They taught us about road and pedestrian safety and rules.
We learnt about the 3 S’s that we should always follow about road safety. These were Scanning, Signalling and Safety.
Later in the day, we got to ride bikes whilst wearing a helmet to protect and keep us safe. We had the opportunity to ride around in real life-like road conditions using traffic lights, speed humps, roundabouts and much more!
This was an excursion where we learned a lot about road and pedestrian safety, as well as having lots of fun doing it!
It was a great day and we had a BLAST!

Gauri
4/5/6D

‘SKOOL IS KOOL WITH KARL’
FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL

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.
Debating News

On Monday 24th March, members of The Meadows debating team participated in a debating workshop at Westmead Public School. Students developed valuable skills to form arguments and rebuttals. Students had to use these skills against children from other schools in order to win challenges. At the end of the day, our debating team split in half to form an affirmative and negative team for the topic ‘Homework should be banned.’ Both sides had strong, well-considered arguments. Our debaters were outstanding representatives for The Meadows. Well done!
Mrs Fares

On Thursday 6th March, Rhys and Noah represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival held at the Blacktown Aquatic Centre. They enthusiastically participated in their swimming events, demonstrating the spirit of good sportsmanship by encouraging each other and other competitors to achieve their best. They were also cheered on by their grandparents who attended the carnival. They are deserving of congratulations for their outstanding efforts and achievements in representing our school at a district level.

Mrs Newcombe

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th April. Join us as we discuss fundraising ideas and matters relating to our school. This will be our Annual General Meeting starting at 9:15am in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome.
Focus - Writing

When children begin to write they enjoy making marks and scribbles on paper. After a while they start to write some of the letters and sounds of the alphabet. They learn to write words. Eventually they learn to write sentences and are able to create a variety of texts.

How can you help your child in writing?

- Make writing experiences at home fun for you and your child.
- Write in front of your child and discuss what you are writing, e.g., shopping lists, cards, letters, and notes.
- Talk about the different purposes and audiences for writing.
- Encourage your child to use a variety of paper types for drawing and writing.
- Encourage your child to use pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for writing.
- Praise your child for ‘having a go’ at writing words that are new to them.
- Encourage your child to write messages for you and other family members.
- Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them, e.g., carpet: car, are, pet, care, tar.
- Encourage your child to write cards and invitations, and letters to friends, relatives, neighbours, school teachers.
- Encourage your child to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions.
- Encourage your child to label things that they design and make.
- Encourage your child to use a word processor if available.
- Display paintings, drawings and writing that your child brings home from school.
- Encourage your child to develop their own photo album and encourage them to write labels for their photos.
- Encourage your child to keep a scrap book or photo album for putting in pictures and writing.
- Encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it whenever possible.
- Encourage your child in the NSW Foundation Style handwriting.
- If your child is having difficulty with their handwriting or spelling, ask your child’s teacher for help.

Renai Diamond
Curriculum Team Coordinator

P&C EASTER EGG DONATION

The Meadows Public School P&C are asking Parents, Carers, Family Members and Friends if they could kindly donate Easter Eggs, Baskets and Plush Easter Toys. All donations will be made up into Easter Hampers and raffled off at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 10th April.

Class Points: All donations can be handed to the class teacher or dropped at the office in a bag with your child’s name clearly marked. Each Easter egg/basket or toy donated will be awarded points, and the 2 classes with the highest points, at the end of the Easter Drive will receive an ice block/ice cream.

Raffle Tickets: Have been sent home. Please return all raffle tickets and money to the office by Wednesday, 9th April.

Thank you in advance, and please don’t hesitate to approach any of the P&C Committee with any queries or suggestions you might have.

P&C Committee

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!

Complete 3 deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to help your school have the chance to win a 3m x 3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 $50.00 deposits into your School Banking account.

Student banking is every Tuesday.

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU SAVE
Maths Matters!

Numbers are fun!

Mathematicians are people who enjoy playing with numbers. But you don’t have to be a genius to get fun out of numbers. Numbers are not just for doing sums. You can also use them for solving puzzles or doing tricks. And even sums can be fun. Once you learn to use a simple calculator, you can do sums in a few seconds that once took mathematicians hours to work out. It does help, though, to know your multiplication tables up to 10 at least!

This week’s puzzle: Latin Square

The grid should be filled with numbers from 1 to 6, so that each number appears just once in every row and column. The clues refer to the digit totals in the squares. e.g A 1 2 3 = 6 means that the numbers in squares A1, A2 and A3 add up to 6.

Clues:
1. E 3 4 5 = 12
2. F 4 5 = 7
3. B C D 1 = 6
4. B C 2 = 8
5. A B 3 = 4
6. A B 4 = 9
7. C D 5 = 7
8. C D 6 = 11
9. A 1 2 = 7
10. B 5 6 = 7
11. C 3 4 = 8

A number mountain

If you multiply 11 by itself (11 × 11), you get 121. This number reads the same backwards as forwards and the digits increase towards the middle. “So what!”, you might say. Well, now try 111 × 111. The result is 12321. Now it’s getting interesting. You can continue with this until you reach 1111111111 × 1111111111, and this is what you get if you put the numbers, starting with 1 × 1, under each other:

1
121
12321
1234321
123454321
12345654321
1234567654321
123456787654321
1234567987654321

... a number mountain!

Don’t forget to bring your solutions to Mrs Diamond.
Good Luck!

Renai Diamond
Curriculum Team Coordinator

This week, we have a number puzzle for you to solve! This puzzle is open to all students K-6 to solve... no parent solutions please!

When you have solved the puzzle, please bring your solution to Mrs Diamond for checking. The first student with the correct solution will receive a prize!
ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS!

Roads and vehicles are an everyday part of life for all of us. Either as a driver, a passenger, or as a pedestrian, we all must negotiate the road traffic environment on a daily basis.

Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

Be aware of the opportunities to teach children to become safer road-users:

- Walk down to the local shop for groceries or the newspaper with your children when you can.
- Park the car and walk around to the sports ground, on the way explaining the observations and choices you make to get there safely.
- Talk about the importance of wearing seat belts and insist that everyone in the vehicle wears appropriate restraints for their age and size.
- Point out rules of the road when driving.
- Always demonstrate responsible and safe behaviours when driving, as a passenger or while walking anywhere around vehicles and roads.

Remember, children learn good habits by modelling behaviour from adults!

Stop! Look! Listen! Think!

This term, K-6 our students have been learning about road safety with an emphasis on our students holding an adults hand whilst crossing the road.

A huge THANK YOU to our parents and families, who provided a hand tracing for our students in K-2 used to create an amazing pedestrian safety sign. Check out this colourful display located at our Carrington Road entrance.

This display is an important message to keep our children safe by ensuring that their hands are held by a ‘grown-up’ when they are crossing the road.

Due to your wonderful responses to this display by our K-2 students, a challenge has been given to our 3-6 students to create a mirror image of this display for our Fuller Street entrance.

‘WATCH THIS SPACE’ as this is currently under construction by our 3-6 students!

Sandy Newcombe
PD/Health Coordinator
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.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS PROGRAMS

KIDS FUN DAYS
Wednesday 16 April (10 am – 12 noon) - Rockets
Make and launch your own paper rockets and watch water rockets being launched
Wednesday 23 April (10 am – 12 noon) – Star Stuff
A short multimedia presentation followed by hands-on science activities

KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
Saturday 19 April (7pm – 9pm) – Mars Rovers
Come along and find out why we are sending rovers to Mars
Saturday 26 April (7pm – 9pm) – The Lives of Stars
Where do stars come from and where do they go?
In addition to the multimedia presentation all programs will include a 3D animation movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University's telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02) 4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
### Services Provided by Karabi Community & Development Services Inc

- Wentworthville Office: 9631 6075
- Social Support Services
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- Youth Project Worker
- Constitution Hill

### Contact Form

- For more information, please contact: Kimberley Marland (Community Development Worker)
  - Ph: 9688 1084
  - Mobile: 0410 282 569
  - Email: cimwinc@karabi.org.au
  - Working days: Monday-Friday

### General Information

#### OFFICE TRADING HOURS
- Monday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Tuesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Thursday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Karabi Community & Development Service

### Programs for 2014

#### Monday
- **BREAD GIVEAWAY**
  - Where: The Cottage
  - Time: 5:00-11:30
  - Bread kindly donated by

#### Tuesday
- **FOLK ART**
  - Where: The Cottage
  - Time: 1pm-3pm
  - Bring your own crafts to work on

#### Wednesday
- **CUBBY HOUSE**
  - Where: The Cottage
  - Time: 3:15-4:30pm
  - Ages: 3-11
  - Afternoon tea provided, activities and games for primary school children

#### Thursday
- **BEGINNER'S COMPUTER CLASS**
  - Where: The Cottage
  - Time: 12:30-2:30pm
  - A partnership with Karabi Social Support

#### Friday
- **WOMEN’S SEWING GROUP**
  - Where: The Cottage
  - Time: 1:00pm - 2:15pm
  - Bring your own sewing to work on

### Coming soon!

- **Women’s Yoga group & Triple P parenting program.**
Focused Playtime

A free program for children who are starting school in 2015.

The program is designed to give both parent/caregiver and their child the experience of learning through play in a structured environment. It aims to promote parent and child's interaction and enhance the understanding of your child's learning needs.

Feedback from parents who participated in the program last year:

"I definitely have a more precise understanding of her weaknesses and strengths."

"Lots of ideas for me to take home I share."... "It was great. It helped and gave me a fresh look."

"Thank you so much, Annabel and I have both learnt so much. This is such a fantastic program, will be back in 3 years with my son."

"A really great program. Looked forward to attending each week. One on one time with child. Focus and activities aimed at their level. More stimulating than playgroup which is great addition."

Children will get to experience many activities that are designed according to the key areas of pre-kindergarten skills which are required for a positive start for kindergarten.

A parent or caregiver will need to accompany the child and be actively involved in guiding their child for some of the activities.

Free childcare will be provided for younger siblings of participating children on request.

**Starts:** 6 May - 17 June 2014 (Tues) 9:15am - 11:15am for 7 weeks

Places are limited. To secure a place, please complete the following 'Reply Slip' and return it to FACES, Fuller St Seven Hills (on grounds of The Meadows P S) Or email details to: sevenhillssacc@gmail.com

Registration form can be downloaded on website:
https://sites.google.com/site/sevenhillschildrenplaycentre/home

Registration open until all places are filled.

For more information please phone 0423 798 961/9896 7514.

FACES (Families and Children Early Start) is a project funded under the Families NSW program, administered by NSW Department of Education and Communities for families in Seven Hills and the surrounding areas.

Please return only the reply slip and retain the top part for your information.
You will receive a confirmation at least a week prior to the program commences.

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**Focused Playtime**

Expression of interest

Child's Full Name (Please print): __________________________ Date of Birth: __________

Name of Parent/Carer: __________________________

Address: __________________________ Postcode: __________

Email address: __________________________

Contact phone number: __________________________ Mobile: __________________________

Do you require childcare for siblings of participating child? Yes / No (Please circle)

Name: Child 1.) __________ Age: _____ Name: Child 2.) __________ Age: __________

Parent/Caregiver's signature: __________________________