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 3

Week 5

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Principal’s Message

Staff News

Due to an increase in student enrolments this year in Years 3 – 6, we have had significantly large classes.

To alleviate large classes, this week we established another class. The new class is a 3/4 composite class, allowing us to have two small 3/4 composite classes and two small 5/6 classes. The Year 4 students in 4/5/6D moved to the new class along with some students from 3/4F. A few Year 5 and 6 students were also moved to even up the 5/6 classes.

Our new class is 3/4T and Mr Tristan Flores will be teaching the class until the end of the year. Mr Flores has taught a number of our classes as a casual teacher this year and knows the students. He will be working closely with both Mrs Fares and Miss Dunford to ensure continuity in our students’ learning.

Farewell Mrs Diamond!

Please come and join us at our whole school assembly next Wednesday, 13th August at 2pm where we will formally farewell Mrs Diamond. As Mrs Diamond left very quickly at the end of last term, we didn’t have the chance to say a proper goodbye! Please feel free to let previous parents, carers and friends know about the assembly and invite them to come along too. We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Illness

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of students arrive at school in the middle of the day, after being too sick to come to school in the morning. This is just a friendly reminder that if your child is too sick to come to school at the beginning of the day, you will need to keep them at home for the whole day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Whole School Extravaganza

What a fantastic time was had by our students last Wednesday, when they performed enthusiastically in front of a packed audience! Even though some of our performers were a little stage-struck when they ventured out, the joy and pride on their faces at the end of each class presentation was wonderful.
to see. Thank you to parents, carers, families and friends who came along and watched the show. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the students enjoyed performing for you. A special thank you also goes to the dedicated teachers at our school who work very hard to put this extravaganza together.

Education Week at WestPoint
Following on from the high of the school performance, I had the opportunity to watch our choir as they performed at WestPoint Blacktown last Thursday. Our students were superb – they sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents and friends who came to hear the choir perform.

K-2 students visit the Theatre!
Yesterday, 70 very excited little people left school after recess to travel by bus to Riverside Theatre at Parramatta. There, they watched a play based on the stories of Pamela Allen. From all accounts, the children had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed the play. It’s always a pleasure to hear that our students were well-behaved and showed that they were safe, responsible learners.

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

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Absentee information
When children miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administrative assistant at the school, or explain the reason by phone, email, SMS or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days.

Once children are enrolled parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness.

Failure to explain an absence within this time will be recorded as an unjustified absence on a student's record. Schools will inform parents if a student is absent from school without explanation.

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.

This term, we are focusing on getting our students “in line on time”. Therefore, late arrivals (partial absences) will also be considered when determining the class with the best attendance each week.

Congratulations to the following winning classes for their outstanding attendance:

Week 2 winner: 4/5/6D
Week 3 winner: 3/4F

Lisa Littlejohn
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS
Award Winners!

Week 3
Teacher Awards (1 point)
KH  Sonny
    Khazam
K/1R  Bonashka
    Jared
    Anna
    Andy
1/2L  Taaranee
    Dominic
    Emily
    Cooper
    Riyala
    Taleala
2K  Ashton
    James
    Shanelle
    Jaxon

Week 4
Teacher Awards (1 point)
KH  Kaylee
    Harmony
K/1R  Enez
    Betul
    Ali
    Raina
1/2L  Arshi
    Alishba
2K  Lillian
    Tithu
3-6S  Salesi
    Chloe
3/4F  Atilla
    Tameka
3/4T  Clara
    Prarabha

K-6 Assembly Award Winners
Assistant Principal Awards (2 points)
Stage 1 Jacob  Jaxon

Principal Awards (4 points)
Stage 1 Emily  Ela

Book Fair
Thank you
Thank you to all of The Meadows PS community for making the Book Fair an enormous success. $1682.00 worth of books were sold during the week. Due to the large number of books being sold, a commission of $420.50 has been credited. This will be used to buy more books for the library and to add to the home reading program. It is with your continued support that we can instil a love of reading in all students.

Happy Reading
Mrs Cooper
Teacher Librarian

K-2 Riverside Theatre

Yesterday, students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 attended an excursion to Riverside Theatre to watch ‘Mr McGee and the Biting Flea’ on stage. Mrs Kirkland and the teachers were so proud of the Students from The Meadows Public School who displayed safe and responsible behaviour throughout the excursion. The students thoroughly enjoyed the show and was amazed at the clever story telling and fantastic props.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Teachers.
2014 School Performance Extravaganza

THE FARM!

The annual school performance extravaganza, as part of our Education Week celebrations, was held on Wednesday 30th July, in our school hall.

Throughout Terms 2 and 3, staff and students were busy rehearsing and fine tuning their class items.

The theme for this year’s performance was The Farm! Classes presented a variety of outstanding items which included singing and/or dancing. These performances presented by our students were entertaining and showcased the many talents of our students and staff. Class performances included; ‘Heel and Toe Polka, ‘I’m a Farmer and I Grow It’, ‘Cotton-Eyed Joe’, ‘Old MacDonald Had a Farm’ and many more!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and friends for attending and supporting our students.

The funds raised from our ticket sales this year will go towards purchasing costumes, props and lighting for next year’s performance.

We were fortunate to have this performance professionally filmed and a DVD of this event will be available for purchase soon.

The day was an outstanding success and well attended by our parent and friends community.

Curriculum Team

Choir News

Well done to all students in the primary choir who performed at Westpoint Blacktown on Thursday 31st July. The choir performed 3 songs, showcasing the talent of students at The Meadows. They were spectacular representatives of our school.

Great job!

Mrs Fares
LOVE OF LEARNING
5/6H

In Term 2 students in 5/6H were given the opportunity to explore various methods of transportation that service their community. As a final assessment students worked in small groups to create an aerial view model of a town with all the transport requirements. Students carefully planned and created drafts before using a variety of materials to create the final product.

Students were encouraged to become as creative as possible and used all sorts of different materials to represent roads, cars, lakes, bus stop and people just to name a few.

Getting to work with a group and create something was lots of fun. (Kevin)

It was very challenging putting it all together but we really enjoyed doing it. (Praya and Hanna)

1/2L Looooooooove Learning!

We especially like it when we get to create something real after we learn about it. Last term we learned about food production and farming so we grew herbs and salad sprouts in our classroom.

This term we are finding out about the water cycle so we created this model to help us remember the important parts.

Each part was made out of crepe paper, even the tiny raindrops, snowflakes and hail.
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.

GIRL GUIDES

Having fun today, leading the world tomorrow

Guiding helps girls to develop self-confidence, leadership and teamwork skills in a fun and exciting way. Enjoy a variety of activities with new friends from crafts and games to camping and canoeing.

Pre-Junior Guides (6-7)
Junior Guides (7-10)
Guides (10-14)
Senior Guides (14-18)
Olave Guides (18-30)
Guide Leaders and Assistants (18+)

Contact ph: (02) 8396 5200
Email: guides@girlguides-nswact.org.au
Website: www.joinguides.com.au

‘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.
Can your students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 34. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. Participants have to be 12 years or older.

Each stair climb will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-30) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to www.activechange.com.au. Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at ActiveChange on 0436 675 756 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocums at Giant Steps on (02) 9679 4971.

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**Blacktown LAC**

**BLACKTOWN POLICE / BLACKTOWN HIGHWAY PATROL TARGETING SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY.**

The School Holidays are over so as you make your return to school, Blacktown Police would like to remind all parents that the Blacktown HWP and Blacktown LAC will be out in force to ensure that your school zone is as safe as possible for your child to return to school and maintain that safety throughout the term. The speed from 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm, in a school area, is a 40km/h zone.

Blacktown Police will be focusing on parking offences, speeding offences and pedestrian safety at crossings. **REMEMBER – Kiss and Drop zones are not to be parked in. Drive in, Drive out.**

**POLICE URGE ALL PARENTS TO ENSURE THEIR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF IN A SAFE MANNER AND ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SCHOOL CROSSING WHEN NECESSARY.**

Parents are reminded that there are steep penalties for an array of offences in school zones and include:

- **Speeding offences:** 10km and under in a school zone – 2 points $436.00
  10km and over in a school zone – 4 points $545.00
  Over 20km in a school zone 5 points $654.00

  It’s easy to see that if you are travelling at just 31km/h in a school zone, you will lose 4 points and a lot of money… be aware of your speed, save a life and your wallet.

- **Parking offences:** double parking, No Stopping, No parking, Bus Zones, dropping off your kids at a crossing are all offences…park and walk if you cannot safely and lawfully park or stop your vehicle to allow children to alight.

- **Crossing Offences:** Slow down and stop when children are commencing to cross, always watch your Crossing Marshall if you have one, when the STOP – Children Crossing sign is displayed, YOU MUST STOP.

- **Phone offences** – stay off your phones, especially in a school Zone, we need you to concentrate on your driving.

- **Smoking in vehicle when children under 16 present:** illegal, bad for a child’s health and expensive if you are caught, $250 fine.

- **Child Restraints and Seatbelts:** Ensure your child restraints are fitted correctly, are appropriate for your child’s age and weight and the seatbelts are fastened.

**Blacktown Police ask you all to SLOW DOWN when KIDS are AROUND !!!**
KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

SKIN CANCER CLINIC

Appointments are now available at KRMCo’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 but skin cancer is really a year-round issue. That is why it is important to have regular skin checks with a doctor.

If needed, KRMCo’s mole-scanning 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 KRMCo’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

KARABI BOYS GROUP

Karabi Community and Development will be looking at potentially starting Karabi Boys group. The group will be aimed at boys in the Blacktown LGA community aged from 7-12 (school years 2-8). The program will run potentially every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15-4.30 throughout the weeks of the school term and will include a variety of activities targeted at developing fine motor skills, social development and individual goals. Registrants must be able to commit at LEAST an 80% attendance during the term.

If you would like to register your interest please fill out the below form and return to Karabi Neighbourhood Cottage 29 Aleta way Seven Hills. Alternatively you can contact Danya—Community Development Worker:
9688 1084 or cdwtn@karabi.org.au

Name of Parent / guardian: 
Contact Number: ____________________________ e-mail: ____________________________
Childs Name #1: ___________________________ D.O.B ____________________________
Childs Name #2: ___________________________ D.O.B ____________________________