Uniform Shop hours for 2016

Payment by cash or cheque only.
Monday 2:30 to 3pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 to 9:30am

Canteen days for 2016
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Calendar

Important Dates in Term 1

Week 5

Friday, 26th February  Chinese New Year
Monday, 29th February  National Young Leaders Day

Week 6

Wednesday, 2nd March  K-6 Assembly
Thursday, 3rd March  Zone Swimming
Friday, 4th March  Clean Up Australia

Week 7

Friday, 11th March  Leadership excursion to Longneck Lagoon

Week 9

Monday, 21st March  Harmony Day
Wednesday, 23rd March  Easter Scripture Assembly
Thursday, 24th March  Easter Hat Parade
Friday, 25th March  Good Friday

Principal’s Message

Thank you to all of the families who came along to our meet the teacher night. We had an amazing turn out and it proved to be a great opportunity to chat with many new families, and meet lots of siblings and grandparents. I hope that it helped you to put names to faces, and learn more about the school and the events that will take place throughout the year.

If you feel you have questions or information you would like clarified feel free to contact the classroom teachers.

Every afternoon many parents ask their child, “What did you do at school today?” They get the typical response being “Nothing”. Of course this isn’t true, but it’s often difficult for young children to explain what they have learnt that day. To give you a starting point for conversation and to enable you to watch the learning and growth take place we have decided to start using an app called Seesaw.

At The Meadows we currently have a couple of classrooms trialling the use of this program and we hope to have more up and running soon.

It is a free app that allows us to assist your child in creating their own online learning journal. They will get to share their learning with you. You will receive notifications when your child has uploaded an item to their journal, they may upload photos of their work or videos which enable us to share a snapshot of their day at school.

From a teaching perspective, this app allows us to build up a digital portfolio which will be used as a tool for formative assessment. Capturing your children in action allows teachers the opportunity to reflect on student progress and determine future goals and directions for their teaching for each child.
Seesaw allows parents to create private and secure accounts where only you and the class teacher will have access to your child’s learning portfolio. Journals are not public on the web.

You will receive information from your child’s class teacher when they are setting up Seesaw. This information will provide you with the steps required to download the app and link up with your child’s class.

We are working hard to engage our 21st Century learners and strengthen the links between home and school. If you have any questions or feedback when you start using the app, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

“In Line, On Time at 10 to 9”

We have noticed that we have had a high number of students falling into the habit of arriving to school late. I will be sending home reminder notes about lateness and attendance this week to families who are of concern.

Ultimately, at this age, it is up to the parents and carers to ensure their child arrives at school on time. I urge you to work on developing good routines both for bedtime and in the morning.

Some simple tips that may help:

- Have a set night time routine. Dinner, bath and bed.
- Lunches can be packed and placed in the fridge the night before. Simply grab and go in the morning.
- Uniforms and shoes can be out and ready.
- Bags can be packed with library bags, homework or signed notes and money.

School Leaders

It was a privilege to present our school leaders with their badges this week. Being a school leader comes with many responsibilities, students need to be responsible, reliable and honest at times. They need to model for their peers the appropriate way to behave, demonstrate excellent social skills and be able to work as a team. I have high expectations of our leaders and would like to wish them the very best of luck, I am certain they will do the school community proud.

Congratulations to the following students:

School Leaders:
School Captain: Clara
School Vice-Captain: Stephen
Prefects: Lekeya-Lee & Kitana

SRC Representatives:
KF- Mann
KR- Shania
1A- Isam
1/2R- Evaleisha
2H- Christopher

3/4K- Cody
3/4A- Elia
4/5D- Harriet
5/6H- Atilla

House Captains and Vice-Captains:
Gordon
Captain - Saad
Vice Captain - Ace
Lawson
Captain - Hailey
Vice Captain - Alina
Kendall
Captain - Luke
Vice Captain - Enoch
Paterson
Captain - Burak
Vice Captain - Kyen

Alison Jeremijczyk
Rel Principal

CONGRATULATIONS
Award Winners!

Week 3

Teachers Awards (2 points)
KR Maddie Daniel
KF Sofia Mann
1A Taylen Zelena
1/2R Monica Marilynne

3/4A Alex Shihab
3/4K Kaioha Naomi
3-6S Elexi Timothy
4/5D Shanelle Kapish
5/6H Shayan Breii

Week 4

Teachers Awards (2 points)
KR Havin Jasper
KF Sophia Aiden
1A Keane Leila
1/2R Evaleshia Shaun

3/4A Alex Shihab
3/4K Kaioha Naomi
3-6S Isaac Emmet
4/5D Sabhyata Aeysha
NRL Community Carnival Visit

On Tuesday 16th February, students in 3-6 attended a ‘well-being’ and healthy eating talk presented by players and ambassadors from the Parramatta Eels NRL club. Students spent half an hour listening to valuable information about how to stay fit and healthy. They were given the opportunity to ask Parramatta Eels players, Cody Nelson and Tyrell Fuimaono questions about their careers and what they do to maintain health and overall ‘well-being’. Was a great session enjoyed by all!
School Banking 2016

School banking for 2016 will be on Wednesday’s. Please have your bank books to the office on Wednesday mornings.

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 permission note will be attached. If this is a whole school event the note will only be sent home with the eldest child as you will be able to mark down all child/ren on the permission note.

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 the next day.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Sales to Students eg uniforms
- Other

How?

Log onto the School website at: www.themeadows-p@schools.nsw.edu.au.

Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa, MasterCard or debit card. Please remember to return completed permission note or uniform order form to the school.

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.

COLLECTING STUDENTS

Late arrival to school

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 2:30pm. 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 to park in, or walk through the car park for your safety.

Dropping Student Lunches

Please note that office staff will no longer be accepting lunches dropped off on a daily/regular basis nor will they be accepting ‘fast food’ (i.e. McDonalds, KFC, and Subway etc.). With a focus on healthy eating, this food is not food that we encourage to be eaten at school and is best eaten as a ‘sometimes’ food at home. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.
Breakfast Club
Breakfast club will continue to run on Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8.20am - 8.45am in the Heritage Room.

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.

Looking for FUN, FRIENDSHIP and ADVENTURE?

Join GIRL GUIDES!

If you are a girl aged 5-15 years, come along to the Guide Hall on Wheeler Street, Lalor Park:-
Girls 5-9 years – Mondays – 6.30pm-8pm
Girls 10-15 years – Wednesday – 5pm-7pm
If you are a woman 16 years or over, come see what we do. We are always looking for more helpers, assistant leaders and leaders.

For more information, please contact Jenni Gallagher – Guide Leader
andrewgallagher@optusnet.com.au or 0412 929 911

KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE
FEELING THE HEAT?
IT’S TIME FOR A SKIN CANCER CHECK!

Exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn and 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 and that is why it is important to have regular skin checks with an accredited skin cancer doctor.

If necessary, KRMCC’s GPs will use mole-scanning technology to detect any suspect moles and to build up an accurate picture of changes to the skin over time. Our GPs and Nurses are able to perform excisions of moles that appear to be of concern and to send them for laboratory analysis via our on-site pathology department. If required, follow up treatment and referrals are available.

For more information and to make an appointment at KRMCC’s Skin Cancer Clinic, please call Reception on 8022 3000.

OPEN 7 DAYS 8:00AM TO 8:00PM
Kildare Road Medical Centre / 36 Kildare Road, Blacktown, NSW 2148 / kildaremédical.co
NEW products being sold at The Meadows.

**Twisto Pasta**

Para twisti cooked in protected environment in delicious Chef's seasoned béchamel sauce and served with a splash of cheese mix.

**Moccaroni Cheese**

Our specially prepared dish paves to aables' palette. Delicious with our special cheese sauce and served with our special cheese sauce.

**Vegetable Lasagne**

Garden fresh vegetables layered in rich bechamel sauce, deliciously baked in our special bechamel sauce and served with a deliciously rich bechamel sauce.

**Beef Lasagne**

Authentic recipe of specially selected beef, rosato, fresh vegetables, herbs and spices, specially blended in a creamy tomato sauce, which then is layered between sheets of delicious Chef's specially prepared pasta and topped with our special cheese blend.

**Fried Rice**

Asian roots of medicine and personal development, specially created for you by our Chef.

**McCain Hash Browns**

Health star rating

**Cocktail Spring Rolls**

Australian Garlic Bread