

Meadowbank Matters



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Term 1 Week 3

Tuesday 12 February 2019

NOTES/eForms/PAYMENTS DUE

- Life Education eForm and payment of \$10 by Tuesday 19 February
- Special Swimming Scheme Yr 2-6 Expression of Interest eForm **ASAP**

Please note that our OFFICE
HOURS are:
8:30AM- 3:15PM

Newsletter articles to be emailed to meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by midday of Monday each week.

Assembly Friday 11.30am to 12pm - Morrison

Reminder: Teachers are unavailable for meetings on Tuesday & Thursday mornings as they will be attending staff meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 1 2019

Week 3

Wednesday 13 Feb Meet the Teacher and P&C Welcome
BBQ from 5.30pm
Thursday 14 Feb Book Club Orders due

Week 5

Monday 25 Feb Life Education Van to Wednesday
March 6
Tuesday 26 Feb P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 1 March Moving to High School Session 8am in
the Library

Week 8

Tuesday 19 March P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Week 10

Monday 1 April School Swimming Scheme to Friday 12
April

Week 11

Friday 12 April Last day for Students Term 1

Award Winners		Citizenship for being Safe
Faraday	Ziad	Siyoung
Goodwin	George	Ridhaanshi
Hamilton	Alvin	Riddhi
Lamont	Anya	Vincent
Linton	Alfred	Aariv
Manning	Sergio	Aphrodite
Porter	Kazuo	Javeria
Shepherd	Adrian	Emma
Squire	Abby	Yousef
Sutherland	Odai	Lucius
Thorn	Annabelle	Zoya
Tucker	Matthew	Evey
Whitton	Irun	Jessica
Willandra	Bronte	Eva

Welcome BBQ and Meet the Teacher Evening Tomorrow Night

On Wednesday from 5.30pm to 7.00pm, Meadowbank P & C has organised a BBQ to welcome new families to our wonderful school. All families (both new and existing) from kindergarten to year 6 are invited to attend.

The BBQ will be FREE (sausage sandwiches and vegetarian options). Drinks and other snacks such as ice creams will be available to buy from the canteen.

This will be a great opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

See you all there!!

At:

- 6 -7pm K- 2 teachers will hold their Meet the Teacher session.
- 7-8 pm: Year 3- 6 teachers will hold their Meet the Teacher session. (This includes Porter with Mrs Carr)



At Meadowbank we are safe, respectful and responsible.

Principal's Report

Teachers are very pleased with the way that students have settled into their classes and are looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow night at our Welcome Barbecue and Meet the Teacher Evening. I hope that you will all take the opportunity to visit tomorrow evening.

On a totally different matter I have been very concerned and had numerous emails from parents about road safety around our school. I plead with each and every one of you to:

- Drive carefully around our school at all times
 - Park responsibly in the correct areas
 - Use the kiss and drop correctly, remembering you are NOT to walk away from your vehicle in this area
 - Ensure that your children always alight the car on the left hand side only
 - Cross the road at the crossings provided
- and
- Talk to your children about road safety

We have been advised by council:

For the duration of February, when the new Enforcement Officers are patrolling primary schools, they will be focused on educating drivers on the parking and traffic rules, particularly around Kiss & Ride zones. They will issue warnings during this period and provide information on offenses and related fines, and safety tips to parents and carers.

From 4 March 2019, Council will adopt a zero tolerance approach to parking offenses in school zones. Fines will be issued for all infringements occurring within school zones.

We will be working with our Enforcement Officers, the Police and the Department of Education to target driver behaviour over the coming school year to try to instil a better understanding of the risks and consequences of ignoring road rules in school zones.

I hope that you will help us in keeping our precious students safe.

Jenni Cope

Moving Into High School in 2020

There will be an information session for Year 6 parents in the library on Friday 1 March at 8am. There will be staff from Marsden High School to answer any questions regarding enrolment and what to expect in the first few weeks of year 7.
Ms Imseih

Life Education

Activity for all students K-6 – Payment due by 9am – 19 February. The **Life Education** van will be visiting us on **Monday 25 Feb – Wednesday 6 March.**

Each class will participate in a 1-1 ½hr lesson that takes place in the Happy Harold Mobile Learning van that will be located in the school grounds. Our students will visit the Happy Harold van with their teacher for these important health lessons.

All programs are linked to the Health Syllabus. Life Education's focus is to empower our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

Due to this activity being early in the year, we cannot add this to the school account. Please note that payment must be received by the due date in order for students to attend. If you require assistance with this payment, please contact the Principal prior to the final collection date.

COST: The cost is \$10.00 per child and this covers the lesson and workbook. Life Education is a non-profit organisation and all the money raised is committed to the primary objective of educating children.

1. Please make payment online via the payment portal on the school website (meadowbankpublicschool.net.au) then,
2. Go to the Skoolbag App to register your child and the payment by putting your receipt number all by **19 February at 9am.** Thank you.

Mrs Emeleus – Organising Teacher

PSSA News

Softball and T-Ball play Eastwood Heights at Morrison Bay this Friday 15 February, Newcombe Ball play at Meadowbank Park.

Library News

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2019

Students at Meadowbank can participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). For our students, this year's challenge will start on the **Monday 4th March** and close **Friday 30st August** (midnight). For more information please visit the website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.



The Reading Challenge may be new to many of our new families particularly kindergarten. The PRC is a special initiative of the NSW State Government, to foster love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and pleasure. **“The PRC is important in helping develop a love of books and at the same time improving literacy”** The Challenge started in 2001-2002. Meadowbank children have been involved, and each year our numbers increase. I hope we can achieve even more success this year. This is how it works.

1. The Challenge runs from **4th March until the 30st August**. Ongoing reading is encouraged.
2. Teachers, teacher-librarians and public librarians can assist students to choose the Challenge level and books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. K-2 students who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
3. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below

Challenge	Total number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	7-9

Mr O'Keefe ,Mr Lu and Mrs Provan

Sporting Schools Program - Term 1: Monday 18 February to Tuesday 2 April – YEARS 1 -6 ONLY IN TERM 1

The Sporting Schools Program is an after school activity that runs for seven weeks and is open in Term 1 to students from Years 1 to 6. The applications should be made on the eForm via the Skoolbag App which will be open at 9.30am Monday 11 February.

The program focuses on getting students active through fun sports activities and there is no cost. It is held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons (choose 1 only) from 3:00 - 3:50pm commencing Monday 18 February through to Tuesday 2 April. There is a limit of 60 places per session, so applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Parents are to be at school no later than 3.50 pm to collect their children. Failure to do this may cost your child their place in the program. Mark Fenech – Organiser

Orchestra News

Both orchestras will commence in **week 4**

Senior Orchestra 8:00 am Wednesday morning

Junior Orchestra 8:15 am Friday morning

Mrs Crawford

Chess News

Sydney Academy of Chess lessons are on Monday mornings 8am in Mr Fotis' room. Please either register online or directly at the lessons. Regular school chess will begin this Wednesday 1st half of lunch in Mr Fotis' room. Come along and play against your friends and learn how to play chess against others as well.

Thank You

Mr O'Keefe, Mr Fotis, Mr Roddie and Mr Watts

Speech & OT News

Meadowbank Public School is very fortunate to have both a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist working in our school.

My name is Shannon Rosbender and I am the Speech Pathologist working at your school. I will be working closely with the teachers in supporting your children with their speaking and listening skills.

This year I will be targeting the following areas:

- Listening skills (receptive language)
- Ability to express ideas (expressive language)

- Reading and writing
- Pragmatics (social skills)

My name is Alexander Drake and I am the Occupational Therapist working at your school. I will be working closely with the teachers in supporting your children with their fine motor and hand skills.

This year I will be targeting the following areas:

- Midline crossing
- Pencil grasp
- Handwriting
- Fine motor skills and strength

The primarily focus will be on students in Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2. As part of the program screening will be conducted and therapy for whole classes and small groups. Please notify your classroom teacher if you DO NOT want your child to participate in this program. If you do not notify your teacher your permission is assumed.

P & C Facebook Page

We have just set up a P & C Facebook page, please like us to follow all announcements and discussions. You can find us by searching for 'Meadowbank Public School P & C'. This is an opportunity to start an online parent community for our families, ask questions, get involved and find out what is happening. We also have an email database – if you would like to subscribe please send an email to Meadowbank.pandc@gmail.com

The next P & C meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th Feb. Hope to see lots of our new parents at this first meeting of the year!

French Lessons – Years 1 to 6 only

Term 1 – Week 3 Thursday 14 February to Week 10 Thursday 4 April (NO POP PAYMENTS)

Madame Mann will provide a ½ hour French lesson during lunchtime on Thursdays in Term 1. Please return the slip below with payment prior to the lessons commencing. The cost for 7 weeks will be \$35. (Cash/Cheque only). **Payment is to be made out directly to the teacher – Marylene Mann. If paying at the office, please have the correct money in an envelope.**

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FRENCH Term 1 2019 – Years 1 to 6 only

I wish for my child/ren to participate in the French classes that will be held during lunch time on Thursdays at a cost of \$35 which is enclosed.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signed: _____

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Drama at Meadowbank

At Stellar Performing Arts Academy we provide a fun, safe and stimulating environment that will boost your child's confidence and enrich their self-esteem. We use carefully constructed drama exercises targeted at developing the students voice, movement, presentation and communication skills. We foster creative thinking and focus through improvisations, character building and script work. The benefits of this unique program extend far beyond the performance space, ultimately equipping your child with essential life skills, helping them to be more creative and more confident.

Currently our Upper Primary and Lower Primary classes are full, however we are still accepting registrations in our **Kindy Kids** class which takes place on **Monday mornings from 8am - 9am in the school hall.**

As a registered provider of the **NSW Creative Kids Program**, you can redeem your **\$100 voucher** with us and create something great.

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WHEN:

Every Wednesday, Term 1
20th February – 10th April 2019
3.00pm - 4.30pm

WHERE:

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Thistle St, Ryde NSW 2112

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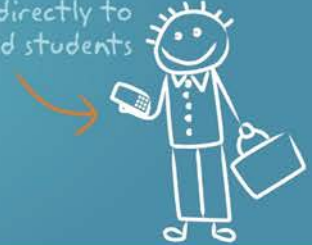
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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