

# Meadowbank Matters



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Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 19 March 2019

## NOTES/eForms/PAYMENTS DUE

- School Account – Payment due by end of Term 1
- Year 7 Expression of Interest Form - **OVERDUE**
- Cross Country – eForm due by 9am 9 April

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

Newsletter articles to be emailed to [meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:meadowbank-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by midday of Monday each week.

Assembly Friday 11.30am to 12pm - Tucker

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Term 1 2019

#### Week 8

Tuesday 19 March P&C Meeting 7.30pm  
Thursday 21 March Harmony Day – wear National  
Costume or orange

#### Week 9

Thursday 28 March Crazy Hair Day

#### Week 10

Monday 1 April School Swimming Scheme to  
Friday 12 April

#### Week 11

Thursday 11 April Easter Parade 1.45 – 3pm  
Friday 12 April Last day for Students Term 1

### Term 2 2019

#### Week 1

Tuesday 30 April Students return to school for  
Term 2

**SAVE THE DATES:** Mother's Day Morning Tea - 9  
May @ 9am – 9.45am

Award Winners for Maths		Citizenship for being responsible
ANGAS	Eveleen, Ian	Marcus, Scarlett
BIDGEE	Marcus, Ben	Purvi, Norah
BOWDEN	Davi, Gabriel	Rebecca, Haniya
BRADLEY	Nikita, Gunkhishig	Giuliana, Gemma
FARADAY	Eli, Florence	Ludi, Keo
GOODWIN	Esha, Tyson	Ruby, Alex
HAMILTON	Khawlah, Kurtis	Lura, Sareen
LAMONT	Bavishya, Vincent	Artin, Aidan
LINTON	Meghan, Ethan	Durrar, Blanka
MANNING	Noah, William	Alena, Molly
PORTER	Maddie	Olivia

**Parents & Citizens (P&C) meeting  
TONIGHT 19 March in the STAFFROOM 7.30pm**

Привет 你好 안녕 नमस्ते kamusta هيلو مرحبا

## Looking for Parent Volunteer Translators

We are looking for parent volunteers who can translate sections of the weekly newsletter into our community languages (e.g. Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu, Russian, Tagalog). We have a growing number of families that are newly arrived and we would love for them to have access to important information from the newsletter. If you are able to translate and type in your language, please contact Ms Zhang if you are interested in assisting. Thank you kindly!

At Meadowbank we are safe, respectful and responsible.

# Harmony Day



## Everyone belongs

This week students will be doing class activities for Harmony Day and on Thursday students are encouraged to wear their national costume or wear orange to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate our diversity.

### Parent teacher Interviews

We will be holding parent teacher interviews at the end of this term. Please book online for an interview time to see your child's teacher. Booking information appears later in this newsletter.

Jenni Cope

### Picking up your children

Please ensure that you are on time to pick up your children in the afternoon at 3pm.

### Do not take children home other than your own

Under no circumstance should parents or grandparents take home children other than their own unless previous arrangements have been made. These arrangements should be confirmed with our office prior.

If you arrange for someone different to take your children home please ensure that you advise the school prior to this happening e.g. via a phone call to the school office or email the school email address with enough notice for us to advise the teacher i.e. before 12pm.



## **EASTER EGG RAFFLE!**

Year 6 will be hosting an Easter Egg Raffle to fundraise for their Year 6 Farewell.

We would love it if you could help us by bringing in chocolate eggs and any other goodies so we can create fantastic hampers for you to win! We will raffle these at our Easter Parade Thursday 11 April.

All donations should be sent to the canteen.

## Harmony Day

This year Harmony Day is this Thursday 21 March. Students will be learning about the topic 'Everyone Belongs' and will design and make a classroom multicultural poster and aboriginal hands for display. Each class will watch a short video clip on 'I'm an Australian Too' by Mem Fox to deepen their knowledge of multicultural issues. Students are asked to wear orange or multicultural costumes on the day.



Thank you

Mr O'Keefe, Mr Fenech and Mr Watts

## Cross Country Carnival

Our whole school Cross Country carnival will be held on **Wednesday 8 May** at Meadowbank Park, with return travel by chartered bus. All students K-6 are involved and costs have been included in your 2019 school account. Please ensure this is paid prior to the event.

Students turning 8, 9 or 10 years in 2019 will run a 2 km course and students aged 11, 12 or 13 years will run 3 km. Students turning 5, 6 or 7 years will participate in a shorter course also at Meadowbank Park.

**Years 2-6** students will depart school at **9:15am** and return to school in time for lunch.

**Years K-1** will depart school at **11:15am** and will also return to school in time for lunch.

SIGNED PERMISSION must be given for your child to attend. Please visit the **SKOOLBAG APP** to give your child/ren permission. Permission is due by 9 am **Tuesday 9 April 2019**.

Year 2-6 students will need to take their morning tea, including drinks, to the park. Year K-1 students will only need their drink. The school sports uniform, suitable running shoes and **school hat**, are required. Sunscreen and a warm jumper/track pants as well as a towel or rug to sit on are also recommended.

Parents are welcome to attend. If you are willing to help out please indicate on the Skoolbag App page.

Mrs Emeleus

## Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - Keep coughing kids home and see your GP

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the NSW Health Website

(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

You can also find out about other important infectious disease alerts by visiting the alerts page

(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx>)

## Suggested content to be sent from schools to parents/carers

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14 -24 May (Term 2 Weeks 3 & 4) our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- How to support your child during NAPLAN
- Information for parents and carers
- Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online
- Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update

### Support Our Students at Inaugural Ryde Harmony Day Celebration Concert!

Bring your families along to the Ryde Civic Hub to support our students who will performing in the free inaugural Harmony Day 'A Celebration of hOPE' Charity Concert alongside guest artists **100% hOPE Children's Choir** visiting from Uganda.

**A Celebration of hOPE Charity Concert, is on Thursday, March 21 at 7-9pm** supported by City of Ryde Council as part of local Harmony Day celebrations. It promises to be unmissable, with the skills and exuberance of local children supplementing the vibrancy of the African acapella voice, drumming and dancing of our Ugandan visitors here as part of a three-month tour of Australia.

The concert is free, but a gift card will be placed on each seat & should people want to offer support to hOPE finishing building their primary school in Uganda, they're welcome to complete the card.

Our choir and orchestra will be performing alongside students from four Ryde area schools and several local performing arts groups, showcasing the diversity of our local culture. Harmony Day, March 21, is Australia's recognition of the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Miss Lear and Miss Abou Melhem

### Orchestra News

Senior Orchestra performance: Thursday 21 March

Please arrive at the Ryde Civic Centre by 5:45pm dressed in orchestra shirt and black pants or skirt, parents are welcome to enter the Civic Centre by 6.30pm.

**Music Extension Day reminder:** Please make sure all permission slips and payments are in today.

Junior and Senior orchestra rehearsals - as normal this week.

Mrs Crawford

### SRC Crazy Hair Day

The SRC is running a crazy hair day on Thursday 28 March to raise funds to purchase equipment for the school. Students who wish to come to school with crazy hair are asked to donate a gold coin for the privilege, and may also wear mufti.

The SRC will have a Crazy Hair Stall to give you crazy, coloured hair in case you don't have time to do it at home. It will cost \$3 to have your hair sprayed one colour, and \$1 for each extra colour you choose. The stall will run from 8.30am on Thursday 28 March and again at recess.

There will be a crazy hair winner chosen from each class on the day, and an overall K-2 and 3-6 winner announced the following Tuesday.

Mrs Emeleus

SRC Coordinator



### You are invited to join us for our Easter Parade: Thursday 11 April 1.45pm – 3pm

Mums, dads and grandparents are invited to join us for our Easter parade. Pre-schoolers may like to make a hat at home and we'll make a time for them to parade as well.

#### Making Easter Hats

Students will be making their Easter hats at school in the days coming up to the Easter Parade. They are invited to bring along some bits and pieces so that they can be creative and make their hats with their friends and buddies. Students will parade their hats on Thursday afternoon, 11 April.



## PSSA News

### Winter PSSA sport tryouts

Summer PSSA has now been put on hold until the end of Term 3 as we move towards the winter months. This Friday (weather permitting) we will be conducting the first tryouts for our PSSA Winter sports of Football (Soccer) and Netball at school during our normal PSSA time. Students who are not selected in a PSSA team will select from Taekwondo, AFL or Tennis. If your child is unable to attend the tryout please email the office before Friday.

#### Results from Friday 15 March:

Sport	Played	Score
Softball Girls	Ermington PS	Lost 0 – 3
Softball Boys	Ermington PS	Won 7 – 6
T-Ball Girls	Ermington PS	Draw 10 – 10
T-Ball Boys	Ermington PS	Lost 3 - 14
Newcombe Ball Jnr	Eastwood PS	Won 2 - 0
Newcombe Ball Snr	Eastwood PS	Won 2 - 0
Volleyball	Eastwood PS	Lost 0 - 2

## P&C News

P & C meeting is on Tonight! 7.30pm in the Staff room, all welcome! At tonight's meeting we will be allocating funds to a variety of projects – so come along and have your say.

We hope that all families will vote at the school this Saturday at the State Election and support our cake stall and BBQ. Don't forget to tell your neighbours and friends to vote at the school too. If you can bake something for the cake stall that would be great and if you can help out on one of the stalls please get in touch via email [Meadowbank.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:Meadowbank.pandc@gmail.com) we still need a few helpers on the BBQ from 11am – 3pm.



**Can you bake?**

*Meadowbank P&C  
State Election  
Cake Stall Fundraiser*

- We need LOTS of goodies— for example yummy cakes, slices, cookies, muffins, scones, popular traditional sweets from your culture, to sell on Election Day!
- Please NO NUTS of any kind
- Write the ingredients on the box ( if pre-mixes are used please note this)
- Bring to the canteen before 3pm Friday 22nd or before 8am Saturday 23 March
- Additional boxes are available at the canteen for super-keen dessert cooks!

Queries? Contact [meadowbank.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:meadowbank.pandc@gmail.com)



# School Interviews

**BOOKINGS OPEN: Today Tuesday 19 March 3pm**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at the end of this term with the main interview day being:

- ✓ Wednesday 10 April

Teachers have added some additional times when they are available. Please see the availability for each teacher on the booking site.

- Bookings open **3pm Tuesday 19 March**
- Bookings must be finalised before **Tuesday 26 March at 9am**, when bookings for this event will close.
- If you do not have internet capability parents may send a note to school or ring our office with the approximate times you require. As most parents will book online places will be limited so please send a range of desired times.
- Interviews are strictly 15 mins.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE: Tuesday 26 March at 9am**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code: **6u6e8**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect. **DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

**REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR** - reminders will not be sent home.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.



*Mother's Day  
at Meadowbank  
Public School*

*Let your child spoil you with  
morning tea.*

*Where: in your child's classroom*

*When: Thursday 9th May*

*Time: 9-9:45am*



# The simplest way

... to keep Easter fun whilst making it healthy.

Easter can mean many things.

### Easter bunny:

- Eat what bunnies eat, try some carrot filled recipes such as 'carrot cake oat biscuits'
- Decorate pancakes with fruit to make a bunny face.



### Easter eggs:

- Paint hard boiled eggs with food coloring - the perfect family activity *and* healthy snack.

### Chocolate:

- Include other sweet treats in celebrations such as 'apple and date bliss balls'

### Family celebrations:

- Check out [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) for recipes the whole family will enjoy.

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Tuesday | April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4.00pm to 5.00pm with a Q and A  
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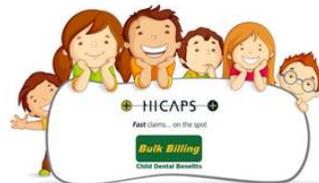
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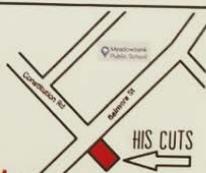


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FRINGE CUT	\$10	
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### KIDS

FROM 0 TO 5	\$15
FROM 6 TO 12	\$20
FROM 13 TO 16	\$25

# ANZAC DAY

## Commemoration Service

ANZAC Park, West Ryde  
Thursday 25 April, 9.00 – 10.00am

All members of the public are welcome.  
The ceremony will be followed by morning tea at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club.



*Let Us Forget*

City of Ryde

# ESCAPE TIME

## AT RYDE LIBRARIES

APRIL LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### School Holiday Rhymetime:

Introduce your baby to rhymes, songs, fingerplays and other bouncing babies.  
Lapsit introduces babies to basic books.  
**Where:** North Ryde Library  
**When:** Tuesday 16 April and Tuesday 23 April  
**Where:** Gladesville Library  
**When:** Friday 26 April  
**Time:** 10.30 – 11.00am  
**Ages:** 0–2yrs **Cost:** FREE

### School Holiday Storytime:

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books.  
**Where:** Eastwood Library  
**When:** Tuesday 16 April  
**Where:** Gladesville Library  
**When:** Friday 26 April  
**Time:** 11.00am – 12noon  
**Ages:** 2–5yrs **Cost:** FREE

### Meet Gizmo

Meet and make your own bendy Gizmo the robot.  
**Where:** Ryde Library  
**When:** Tuesday 16 April  
**Where:** West Ryde Library  
**When:** Tuesday 23 April  
**Where:** North Ryde Library  
**When:** Wednesday 24 April  
**Time:** 11.00am – 12noon  
**Ages:** 6yrs+ **Cost:** \$5.00

### Cosmodome 3D movie:

#### Earth's Wild Ride

A thrilling timeline of pivotal moments in earth's history including The Ice Age, dinosaurs, asteroids, spectacular volcanoes and raging rivers. With stunning spectacular images zooming across the dome, the audience is transported to an awesome world.  
**Where:** Ryde Civic Hall  
**When:** Wednesday 17 April  
**Times:** 10.00 – 10.45am and 11.00 – 11.45am  
**Ages:** 5–7 years **Cost:** \$10.00  
**Times:** 1.15 – 2.00pm and 2.15 – 3.00pm  
**Ages:** 8 years+ **Cost:** \$10.00

### K'Nex Engineering Workshop

Create amazing machines and work together to build impressive mechanical structures.  
**Where:** Ryde Library  
**When:** Tuesday 16 April  
**Where:** West Ryde Library  
**When:** Tuesday 23 April  
**Where:** Eastwood Library  
**When:** Wednesday 24 April  
**Time:** 3.00 – 4.00pm  
**Ages:** 7yrs+ **Cost:** \$5.00

### The Lost Mummy:

#### Escape room

Challenge your spidey senses in a mysterious Egyptian mummy adventure that brings the ancient past back to life!  
**Where:** Ryde Library  
**When:** Thursday 18 April  
**Times:** 10.00 – 10.45am and 11.00 – 11.45am  
**Where:** West Ryde Library  
**When:** Thursday 18 April  
**Times:** 2.00 – 2.45pm and 3.00 – 3.45pm  
**Ages:** 8 years+ **Cost:** \$5.00

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### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

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Visit Any Ryde Library branch



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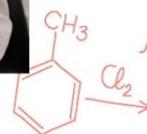
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Join our exciting science programs for Years K-6 during the school holidays

With 41 classes available in April 2019, you're bound to find a class you will love!

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- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.



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Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

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