## **Meadowbank Matters**



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Term 1 Week 10

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Tuesday 2 April 2019

#### **NOTES/eForms/PAYMENTS DUE**

- School Account Payment due by end of Term 1
- 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 by midday of Monday each week.

Assembly Friday 11.30am to 12pm

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Term 1 2019</u>

Week 10

Monday 1 April School Swimming Scheme to Friday

12 April

Tuesday 2 April Last After School Sporting Program

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

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emailed to you each week.

Award Winners for Science		Citizenship for being safe
Angas	Isabella, Jack	Zahra, Anayah
Bidgee	Alice, Maxsim	Rei, Ava
Bowden	Jad, Aaryahi	Emily, Ayaan
Bradley	Vanessa, Leen	Alexandra, Jonathan
Faraday	Shaun, Audrey	Jessie, Pranav
Goodwin	Zoya, Sharanya	Emma, Raymond
Hamilton	Sipan, Jacob	Angel, Noah
Lamont	Adam, Aidan	Reyansh, Farida
Linton	Sage, Curtis	Jaiden, Arhaan
Manning	Joseph, Christian	Aahil, Samaira
Morrison	Logan, Love	Ava, Hazel
Porter	Jayden	Jessica

#### **Principal's Report**

You will have noticed that we have some areas where building works are being undertaken.

The pathway next to the office/staffroom is awaiting resurfacing following repairs to pipes.

Playground improvements are being undertaken to reduce the dirt area next to the hall COLA. This has meant closing or reducing some access pathways.

If you are picking up your children or visiting the school please ensure that you use correct, open pathways.

It is important for the safety of all members of our school community that at no times should you enter the school car park. Please ensure you use the open pathways only.

Jenni Cope

#### 100% hOPE - Years 2 - 6 tomorrow, Wednesday 3 April

100% hOPE is an Australian registered charity that partners with the local Ugandan community to provide education and support for children facing profound hardship. The cost for each student to attend is \$2 however any further financial donations are gratefully accepted. 100% of funds go towards building classrooms, a computer lab and an auditorium.

The 100% hOPE choir is coming to Meadowbank

When: Wednesday 3 April

Cost: \$2 per student (Years 2 to 6 only)

Extra financial donations are gratefully accepted



## Привет 你好 안녕 नमस्ते kamusta ہیلو مرحبا

### **Looking for Parent Volunteer Translators**

We are still looking for parent volunteers who can translate sections of the weekly newsletter into our community languages (e.g. 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, have access to Microsoft Word and can type in your language, please email Ms Zhang at <a href="mailto:meadowbankmatters@gmail.com">meadowbankmatters@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in assisting. Thank you kindly!

#### **SRC Crazy Hair Day**

The SRC were delighted with the enormous effort everyone put into doing their hair on Crazy Hair Day last Thursday. The styles and creativity were outstanding. We also enjoyed spraying lots of hair in crazy colours. Thank you, everyone, for putting in such a wonderful effort.

We are happy to announce that we raised \$754.85. The SRC will discuss the best use of this money at our next meeting. Congratulations to the winners from each class:

Angas: Malek I Bidgee: Katie N Bowden: Anna B Bradley: Chloe B Faraday: Ludi G Goodwin: David L Hamilton: Jayda E Lamont: Mia J Linton: Ethan J Manning: Alena B Morrison: Darius D Porter: Lucas M Shepherd: Chloe J Squire: Sophia J Sutherland: Lara H Thorn: Anika F Tucker: Kennisha F Willandra: Amneet K Whitton: Mia M





Our overall winners, selected by the SRC, are Malek for the craziest K-2 hair and Amneet for the craziest 3-6 hair.

Mrs Emeleus SRC Coordinator



### **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!

All donations should be sent to the canteen.

#### **Chicken Helpers!**

Is there anyone out there who could help look after the chickens over the holidays? The job entails coming to the school each day, checking that there is enough food in the coop, filling water bowls and, when necessary, cleaning out soiled bedding and replacing it. You are welcome to take the eggs home. If you are able to help out, please put your name down on the sheet in the canteen. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Miss Gittoes or Mrs Carr.



#### **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. <u>Please ensure</u> 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.

<u>SIGNED PERMISSION</u> must be given for your child to attend. Please visit the <u>SKOOLBAG APP</u> 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.

#### **PSSA News**

This week we play Ryde East in Netball and Denistone East in Football at Meadowbank Park.

- Netball and Senior Football train Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4pm.
- Junior Football train Wednesday mornings from 8 to 9am.

#### **Zone PSSA Sport**

Last week we had a number of Meadowbank students attend Zone PSSA sporting trials. Reece A and Harry G attended the Zone PSSA Soccer trials. They performed very well against mostly year 6 students and did not look out of place on the field. Christian L, Charlotte R, Jessica S and Sarah E attended the Zone PSSA Softball trials. It is very exciting to announce that all four of our softballers were selected to represent the Ryde Zone at the next level. Watch this space for updates on the next softball trial. Congratulations to all our athletes.

Mrs Emeleus

**Zone PSSA Coordinator** 

#### **Orchestra News**

Due to parent teacher interviews there will be no senior orchestra on Wednesday this week. Senior Orchestra will be performing at assembly on Friday

Please return all orchestra shirts.

Junior orchestra 8.15am Friday

Mrs Crawford

#### **Chess News**

Due to a clash with the Easter Hat Parade we have decided to cancel our involvement in the Wahroonga chess event on 11 April. Thank you to all those students who were interested in playing. We have many other events coming up throughout the year. In term 2 we will begin our interschool Friday afternoon tournament. We will announce those teams in the coming week.

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

#### **P&C News**

We had a wonderful BBQ and Cake Stall during the State Election. Thanks to all the parents who helped on the day and in organising the event. Special mention to the fantastic organising team of Jamie, Rashi, Ankur, Cindy and Archana. Overall we fundraised approximately \$3500 to spend on projects around the school! A great effort!

At the P&C meeting last week it was decided to allocate \$16 000 of P&C funds to purchase items on the teachers wish list including: Novels & Reciprocal readers, home readers, art lesson for all students and a Robotics Pack & Lego Mindstorm. The P&C has also given \$9500 to enable each class & teacher to have a budget of \$500 to spend on classroom activities. The Federal Election will be coming up soon and the P&C plans on holding a mini fete where each year level can run a stall. In the past we have had a second hand book stall, lemonade stand, popcorn, plants, Devonshire tea, raffle as well as BBQ & Cakes. If you want to get involved please email the P&C Meadowbank.pandc@gmail.com or call / text Zoe on 0405 917 933. We are currently looking for prizes for the raffle. If you have any prize ideas or contacts that we can approach for prizes please let us know asap. We will also be looking at getting some banners made, if anyone has a contact in this area please let us know.

#### **Used Book Donations Needed**

We will be having a book stall at the Federal Election so over the holidays if you find any used books in good condition that you no longer need, please donate them to the school at the beginning of term 2.

Zoe Williamson

**P&C President** 

#### **Canteen News**

The canteen is open daily, but we can only keep it open with the help of volunteers. We would like to extend a BIG thankyou to all our helpers so far this year. Your help is very much appreciated.

A few reminders from Jess and Kiyomi:

- If your children play sport on Friday, please make sure you write in on their lunch order so that their lunch can be ready early for them to head off to their sport. For example PSSA soccer, PSSA Netball, tennis.
- Some children are unsure whether they have lunch orders. If you order lunch for your child, whether it be online
  or over the counter, please make sure they know. Equally if you usually place an order but don't, please let your
  child know.
- Orders can be placed each morning at the Canteen or online at https://myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank. You can also order in advance if ordering online.
- The Canteen cannot accept orders over the phone.
- The closing time for orders is 9:10am.

We will be selling frozen juice boxes and ice blocks at the Cross Country Carnival.

Don't have cash, or want the convenience of pre ordering lunches in advance? Orders can be placed online at https://myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank.

The Canteen Team

#### **Winter Uniforms!**

A reminder that winter uniforms are to be worn in Terms 2 & 3. Please place an order for any items you may need on the My School Connect app (see instructions later in this newsletter) as soon as possible so we can ensure availability.

The boys general winter uniform consists of long grey pants with the grey polo. The girls general winter uniform is the green checked pinafore with a white blouse or skivvy underneath (or alternatively long bottle green pants with the green polo). The sport uniform is track pants with the green polo. A fleece jumper is available for boys and girls.

#### **Ethics classes at Meadowbank Public School**

Could you be an ethics teacher for Meadowbank Public School?

We are seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children. We currently have Louise Haynes, Angela Creighton, Carmin Hall, Jessica Ranginui, Jo Balta, Kirsten Challinor, Karen Dobrinic, Millie Skoko and Ankur Sinha volunteering each week – and we need you!

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program.

Training consists of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at on Tuesday at 9:30am each week to teach a half hour class.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- -imagining how others feel
- -how do we treat living things?

- -what is laziness?
- -how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- -fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Ankur Sinha (ankursinha123@gmail.com), Meadowbank Public Ethics Co-Ordinator and Ethics teacher.

#### French Lessons Years K - 6

#### Term 2: Week 2, Thursday 9 May – Thursday 13 June, Week 7 (NO POP PAYMENTS)

Madame Mann will provide a ½ hour French lesson during lunchtime on Thursdays in Term 2. Please return the slip below with payment prior to the lessons commencing. The cost for 6 weeks will be \$30. (Cash/Cheque only). <u>Payment is to be</u> made out directly to the teacher – Marylene Mann. If paying at the office, please have the correct money in an envelope.

~FRENCH LESSONS - Term 2 2019	
I wish for my child/ren to participa \$30 which is enclosed.	te in the French classes that will be held during lunch time on Thursdays at a cost o
Child's Name:	Class:
Parent's Name:	Signed:
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# Drama News Stellar Performing Arts Academy

School Holiday Workshop - WILD WEST!

**Date:** Monday 15th + Tuesday 16th April 2019 **Time:** 9am - 3pm (free before and after care available)

**Location:** Meadowbank Public School Hall





#### \*\*\* Registered Provider for Creative Kids \*\*\*

Join us these holidays for our WILD WEST drama workshop at Meadowbank!

At Stellar Performing Arts Academy we provide a fun, safe and stimulating environment to boost your child's confidence and enrich their self-esteem. In our two-day WILD WEST holiday workshop, students will learn fun new skills through improvisation, mini scripts, creative costumes, craft, movement, voice, outdoor play and lots more! 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 confident.

At the end of workshop the children will give a short 10-minute performance showcasing what they have learnt over the course of the program. This will take place at 3pm on the second day in the Meadowbank Public School Hall. We invite all family and friends to come along and see the show! The workshop runs from 9am - 3pm with free before and after care available upon enrolment.

Stellar Performing Arts is now a registered provider of the NSW Government Creative Kids Program, so you can redeem your free \$100 voucher with us! If you haven't got your voucher yet head to www.service.nsw.gov.au for more details. We have also opened enrolment for our Term 2 classes. Kindy Kids are on Monday's from 8am - 9am, Upper Primary takes place on Tuesday's from 8am - 9am with Lower Primary on Thursday's from 8am - 9am. We encourage you to get in quick as your these classes fill up fast and we don't want you to miss out!

To register your child or for more information please head to www.stellarperformingarts.com, or contact Brooke on 0439 718 828.

Find the spark of creativity and the confidence to build it

### The Canteen and Uniform Shop is Now Online!

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/meadowbank



You can now order your child's lunch with ease, no cash required its all pre-paid online. It's so easy even your kids can do it!

Uniforms can also now be ordered, paid online and sent home with your child.

Access My School Connect, anytime, anywhere! Simply download the app for your iPhone or Android to ensure you have access in one location across all devices.

It's easy just follow these steps to get started:

**Step 1**: Register an account online, simply login to <a href="https://www.myschoolconnect.com/meadowbank">www.myschoolconnect.com/meadowbank</a> and click on "Create Account". Follow the prompts to add your email and password.

**Step 2**: Add your child/ren as a "Student", make sure you select your school and classroom details (these can be edited at any time).

**Step 3**: Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Bank Transfer, Credit Card or PayPal. (please note merchant fees applies to credit card and PayPal transactions). Bank transfer funds will take 3 – 5 days to clear.

**Step 4**: To start ordering lunches or uniforms simply select your Student and click "Buy Now". Choose 'My School Tuckshop' or 'My School Uniform' this will take you to the lunch menu or uniform price list and you can order. It's that simple! (please note an order fee of 33c per order per child will apply)

Canteen ordering will close strictly at 9.10am each day

Cash and paper bag orders are still available at the canteen window each morning if you would like to order this way. The uniform shop will also continue to be open Thursday mornings for cash payments.



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