

The Meadows Mag

A vibrant and caring learning community

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2025 - Issue 9 - Term 3 - Week 9

Friday, 19th September 2025

The Meadows Calendar

Term 3 – Week 10

Tuesday 23 rd September	K-6 Assembly
Thursday 25 th September	Multicultural Day
Friday 26 th September	Footy Finals Jersey Mufti Day
	Summer PSSA – Round 4
	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4 – Week 1

Monday 13 th October	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 14 th October	Students Return for Term 4
Friday 17 th October	Summer PSSA – Round 5

Term 4 – Week 2

Friday 24 th October	Summer PSSA – Round 6
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Term 4 – Week 3

Friday 31 st October	Summer PSSA – Round 7

Office Hours Monday to Friday 8:20am – 3:00pm	Uniform Shop Uniforms sold in the school canteen.
Canteen Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20am – 1:30pm Payment by cash or EFTPOS	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20am – 9:00am  Payment by Cash or EFTPOS at school OR prepay online using School Bytes

From the Principal's Desk

As we head into the final weeks of Term 3, there's a noticeable buzz across the school. Students are working hard to wrap up learning units, and there's growing excitement for the upcoming school holidays. With so much happening in these last weeks- from attendance initiatives to our much-anticipated Multicultural Day -it's a great time to come together as a school community and finish the term on a strong, positive note.

Father's Day Celebrations

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout at our Father's Day Breakfast recently. Thank you to all the dads, grandfathers and father figures who joined us. The smiles and shared time together made it a very special start to the day. A special thank you to our staff for organising the breakfast and ensuring it ran smoothly.

On the Thursday prior, our students also enjoyed the Father's Day Stall. Thank you to the P&C and volunteers for organising and running this event. The students loved choosing gifts and it was a lovely way for them to show appreciation for the important people in their lives.

We are grateful to everyone who supported these events, which help strengthen the connections across our school community.

R U OK? Day

Our students led activities for R U OK? Day, showing care and initiative to support their peers. It was wonderful to see meaningful conversations, acts of kindness, and reminders to check in with one another. This student-led initiative reflects the strong sense of community and empathy within our school.

Supporting safe and respectful interactions in our school community

Recently, we've noticed an increasing number of parents and carers approaching students who are not

their own. While we understand this may sometimes be well-intentioned, we must remind all families that this is not appropriate. As per the NSW Department of Education's policy on student safety and wellbeing, only school staff should manage student interactions and behaviours. If you have any concerns about another child, please bring them directly to the attention of the school through the front office. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all students.

Staff Car Park Safety

A further safety reminder -parents and carers are not permitted to use the staff car park for student drop-offs or pick-ups. This area is reserved for staff access and delivery vehicles and is not designed for pedestrian movement or regular car traffic.

We appreciate that it may appear to others that exceptions are being made, but please understand that these are often pre-arranged, needs-based provisions in line with departmental guidelines. We ask all families to park safely outside the school and walk their children in via the pedestrian gates. This small act ensures the safety of all students and staff.

Every Day Counts

At The Meadows, we're working together to improve attendance across our school community.

To put this into perspective:

- **90% attendance = 20 days per year (nearly a month of learning missed)**
- **85% attendance = 30 days absent per year (around 6 weeks missed)**
- **80% attendance = 40 days absent per year (almost a full term)**

These small absences add up quickly and can affect a child's learning, friendships, and progress.

As part of our **Tier 1 Attendance Strategy**, we'll be sending home letters to families of students in the 80–89% attendance range, as a proactive step to support improved attendance. Our goal is for every student to be at school at least 90% of the time and work in partnership with families to lift our school-wide attendance above the state average where it had been sitting for much of the year.

We know that every child's situation is different, and we're here to help. If you need support or have concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We ask all families to work with us to build positive attendance habits that set students up for success.

Attendance Matters!



Reminder: Attendance & Extended Leave / Travel During Term-Time

The NSW Department of Education expects students to attend school every day during term. Whilst the school understands that family travel can be important, taking extended leave during school weeks (up to, or a whole term) has implications both for student learning and for record-keeping.

Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- Travel or holidays taken during the school term are not exempt absences under Department policy.
- Any time off for travel must be formally requested in advance using an "Application for Extended Leave-travel"
- Principals may approve extended leave, but only if the travel is considered to be in the *best interests of the student*. When a leave request is not approved, the absence is recorded as "unjustified" and appears on the student's attendance history.
- Approved leave will be recorded on attendance records. Even when approved, absences for travel count toward overall absences.

Multicultural Day -Wednesday 25 September

We are excited to invite all families to our Multicultural Day, celebrating the rich cultural diversity that makes The Meadows such a special place.

Dress: Students are encouraged to wear traditional clothing from their culture, or the colours of their heritage nation (mufti dress).

Activities: Students will take part in an *Around the World* classroom tour, exploring the traditions, foods and customs of different cultures.

Assembly & Opening: We will begin with a Welcome Assembly to celebrate with our community. School gates will open from 12:20pm for parents and carers.

Banquet: From 1:00pm, our school will host a Multicultural Food Banquet with food stalls in our school hall and 3-6 COLA area for sampling. A token system will be in place to purchase food, with tokens available for parents on the day. Please note: there will be no EFTPOS facilities for purchasing tokens in the day, cash only. All food items will range between 50c and \$2. Stall holders have received information via School Bytes around set up procedures on the day. If you are wanting to set up a food stall on the day and haven't already, please reach out to the school.

Entertainment: there will be a number of groups performing during the lunch break.

We look forward to sharing this vibrant and inclusive celebration of the many cultures that make up our school community.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2026

Do you have a child -or know a child- who will be ready to start Kindergarten in 2026? Now is the time to enrol!

We have commenced our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2026 and encourage families to visit or call/email the school office (themeadows-p.schools.nsw.gov.au) or head to our website and click on the **Enrolment** tab to get started.

Our recent Kindergarten Information Session was well attended. Families heard about our school, the opportunities we provide, and ways to prepare children for a smooth start. If you were unable to attend, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to share this information with you.

We also invite our Kindy 2026 students to join our **Kindergarten Transition and Orientation sessions:**

- **Wednesday 6th November** – 2:00–3:00pm
- **Wednesday 13th November** – 9:00–10:30am
- **Wednesday 20th November** – 9:00–10:30am

End-of-Term Message

As we finish Term 3, next Friday 26th September, I'd like to thank our students, staff and families for their efforts and support throughout the term. The holiday break is a great chance for everyone to rest, recharge and enjoy time together.

Please take care on the roads, around water and when out and about these holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 14th October**.

Until next time,

Mrs Tracy Sweeney

Relieving Principal

FOOTY FINALS JERSEY MUFTI DAY



Friday 26th September

**Wear your favourite team colours
and bring a gold coin donation**

for year 6 fundraising!



MESSAGES & REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

WANTED – SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Do you have any TMPS Uniforms that your child has outgrown? Please consider donating any unwanted uniform items back to the school. Donations can be brought into the school office.

Current Notes in School Bytes

A reminder for all parents to check School Bytes for any outstanding consent forms and payments. The following notes are currently available or are coming soon to the School Bytes parent portal:

- **SUMMER PSSA T-Ball (TBC)**
Selected 3-6 students
Consent & Payment **OVERDUE**
- **SUMMER PSSA AFL**
Selected 3-6 students
Consent & Payment **OVERDUE**
- **IMC Excursion**
Selected 3-6 Students (Coding Club)
Consent Due

PLEASE NOTE: We encourage you to be mindful of due dates for these events to support organisation and ensure all children can participate.

PROSPECT LITTLE ATHLETICS

2025/26 Registrations **NOW OPEN**

SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION
FIRST CALL 8:15AM (SEP TO MAR 26)
WILLIAM LAWSON RESERVE, PROSPECT

REGISTRATION FEES
Tiny Tots (2021-22) - \$100
6-20s (2007-20) - \$130
Community - \$55
Active Kids Vouchers accepted

UNIFORM
Singlets - \$40
Crop Tops - \$40
Other items: socks, caps, hoodies will be available but are optional.

REGO# / UNIFORM COLLECTION
Dates
• Sunday, 31st Aug 10am - 1pm
• Saturday, 6th Sep 1pm - 4pm
Location: club house William Lawson Reserve

EMAIL: PROSPECTLITTLEATHLETICSNSW@GMAIL.COM
MOBILE: 0409 365 126 OR 0421 854 668
REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/PROSPECTLAC/REGISTRATION

SCAN TO REGISTER





School Bytes

Parent App

Available now!
Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news




Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play



FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

AT THE PARLIAMENT OF NSW

Friday 10 October 9.30am - 3pm

Free activities for children up to 12 years at the Parliament of NSW

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, step inside history and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- Visit our heritage rooms
- Make craft animals and objects
- Play music and draw with Blak Douglas
- Have your say in a committee role play
- Learn how to vote
- Enjoy live music and more...





FREE ENTRY
Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au





CONGRATULATIONS

Award Winners!



Week 7

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KC	Taylita-Louise Ruhaan
KG	Kavish Abel
KQ	Sesha Kristina
1/2N	Ridhi April
1/2R	Cianna Ananya
1/2W	Samuel Harper
1/2Y	Amelia Adrienne
2/3P	Kiyana Sione
3/4A	Aaliyah Yuvraj
3/4M	Leah Acacia
3/4T	Navyansh Biaan Das
3-6D	Arohanui
5/6F	Jasmin Liyanne
5/6L	Pranav Therese
5/6SP	Agastya Noah

Week 8

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KC	Zebby Anaya
KG	Aditi Mohannad Taha
KQ	Isabella Jibril
1/2N	Ayva Shristi
1/2R	Hiyansh Jack
1/2W	Lucas Celine
1/2Y	Deron Madinah
2/3P	Jake Ben
3/4A	
3/4M	Merissa Rhema
3/4T	Elissa Summer Rose
3-6D	Vincent
5/6F	Kamel Malakai
5/6L	Brayden Vasundhara
5/6SP	William Dylan

Week 9

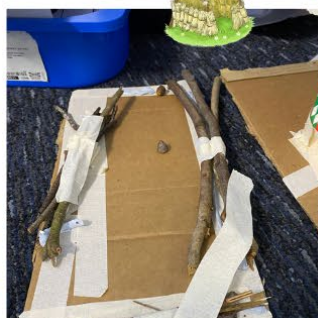
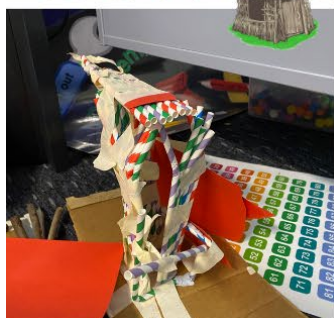
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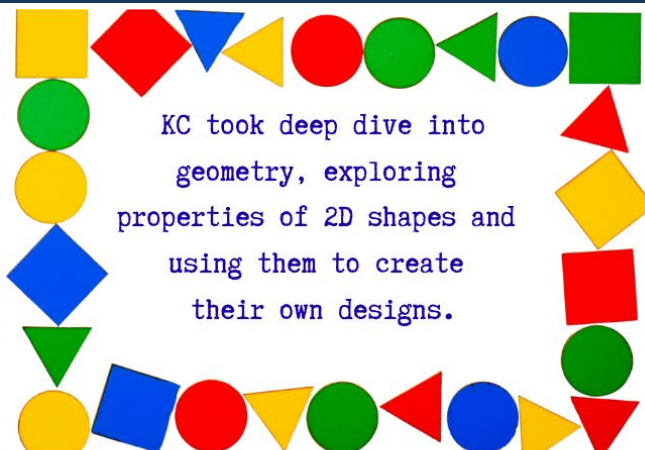
KC	Haisley Arin	2/3P	Orlando Lara
KG	Devan Nina	3/4A	Archer Zara
KQ	Raheel Luisa	3/4M	Harvey Suniva
1/2N	Orlando Ryley	3/4T	Ramaa Shavir
1/2R	Rishi Mannat	3-6D	Jackson
1/2W	Salma Nina	5/6F	Keisha Amanuel
1/2Y	Heather Sudhiksha	5/6L	Riley Ravi
		5/6SP	Autumn Kirralee





In term 3, KQ turned into little scientists, experimenting with all kinds of materials and discovering the special properties that make each one unique.







KG became budding authors this term,
learning to use words like first, next and
finally to sequence events and make their
stories shine.





What's on at PCYC Blacktown?

Term 4 Sports

KinderGym 18 mths to 4 years: 11:15am-12pm Fri
Junior Gym 4-5 years: 4:15pm-5pm Tue/Wed
GymStar 6-12 years: 5pm-6pm Tue/Wed/Fri, 6-7pm Wed
 5-8 years: 4pm-5pm Fri
Mini Boxing Under 8: 4pm-5pm Thu
Junior Boxing Under 11: 4pm-5pm Tue
 Under 16: 4pm-5pm Thu
Wrestling Under 15: 5:30pm-6:30pm Mon/Thu
Basketball Under 8: 5pm-6pm Mon, 4-5pm Fri
 Under 12: 4pm-5pm Mon, 5-6pm Fri
 Under 16: 6pm-7pm Mon

Scan for registration details →



PCYC

29 September – 13 October 2025
Spring

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9am-3pm Gymnastics Mini Olympics Disco Dance Party Nerf Wars	9am-3pm Gaga Ball 3x3 Basketball Nerf Wars STEM Challenges	9am-3pm Netball Futsal Trivia Dodgeball	9am-3pm Gaga Ball Nerf Wars Basketball Origami/Beads	9am-3pm Futsal Rocket STEM Mini Olympics Pickleball Jersey Day
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Public Holiday Closed	9am-3pm Athletics Disco Dance Party Futsal Mini Olympics	9am-3pm Dodgeball STEM Challenges Basketball Pickleball	9am-3pm Pickleball Nerf Wars Dodgeball Spring Carnival Spring Extravaganza	9am-3pm Gymnastics Ultimate Frisbee Origami/Beads Disco Dance Party
MON	LEARN, PLAY & GROW		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
9am-3pm Gymnastics Gaga Ball Mini Olympics Painting Crazy Sock Day	Join us this Spring for our Full Day Programs - A fun introduction to mixed activities in safe and friendly environments! Ages 5-12 years		Drop off from 8am Pick up until 4pm \$40/Day (\$20/half day) Book 3 Days and get the 4 th Free! Fee assistance through funding is available upon request	
			WHAT TO BRING Water bottle Morning tea Lunch Afternoon tea Enclosed shoes Appropriate wear for creative activities	

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

SPRING INTO THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC

 **BASKETBALL**
 **GYMNASTICS**
 **NERF/LASER TAG**
 **STEM**
 **CREATIVE ARTS**
 **PICKLEBALL**
 **OZ TAG**
 **FUTSAL**

Book 3 Days and Get the 4th Free (T&Cs apply)
 Check out your local School Holiday Program below



MORE
INFO



PCYC

KindyPlaymates Playgroup



Playgroup is for the children starting Kindergarten in 2026.



This program will introduce parents/carers and their child/ren to a structured and fun learning routine to prepare them for a smooth transition into school.



When: Every Monday (Starting from 04/08/2025)

Time: 9.30 am to 11 am

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centres
 (The Meadows Public School, Seven Hills – Block I)

Cost: Free

A parent/carer will need to accompany the child and be actively involved in guiding their child for some of the activities.

To secure a place for your child, please contact
 SaCC office on 9896 7514.



The Meadows Playgroup

for the families with children from 0-5 years.

Playgroup caters for a range of activities like art and craft, outdoor play, music, story and music time, excursions and lots more.

LEARN



PLAY



FUN



Come along and enjoy the playgroup with other parents and children in a friendly environment.

Every Wednesday and Friday
from 9.15 am to 11.15 am
(during school term).

The Meadows School as Community Centre (I BLOCK)
at
The Meadows Public School, Seven hills.

To register please call on
98967514

TIMEOUT ZUMBA

for Women

FREE!

A social group designed to enhance health and general well-being for women and their families.
Focus on relaxation, self-care and creativity!

Zumba session (9.15 am-10.00 am) conducted
by a qualified instructor.

A fun way to get fit and meet new friends!



Some activities:

- Women's health Sessions by professionals.
- Cooking,
- Art and Craft,
- Relaxation sessions
- Step Into Work for women.
- Parenting information sessions

When: Every Tuesday
(During school term)

Time: 9.15 am-11.15 am

Where: The Meadows SaCC
(I Block), The Meadows Public School, Seven Hills.



Free Childcare places are available upon request.

For more information and Childcare arrangements please call 98967514.

Art Sessions for Adults



Connect with a vibrant community of creative individuals and explore the world of Aboriginal art under the guidance of a professional artist.

Take the opportunity to learn and create together!

Free Weekly Classes
Monday 12 pm - 1.30 pm

STARTING
FROM
11/08/2025

The Meadows SaCC (I Block) at The Meadows Public School, Seven Hills.

For more information, please contact the
The Meadows Schools as Community Centre on
02 9896 7514.



Bringing Up Great Kids

-a parenting program-

for parents/carers of children aged 2- 13

Support parents in raising kind, confident, and connected kids!

Learn effective communication strategies to nurture resilience, emotional intelligence and create a loving supportive home.



When: 14th August to 18th September (6 Thursdays)

Time: 9.30 am to 12 pm

Where: The Meadows Schools as Community Centres
(I Block) at The Meadows Public School, Seven Hills)



Limited Childcare places are available upon request.

For more information, please contact the
The Meadows Schools as Community Centre on
02 9896 7514.