

MEADOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



14 August 2023

Week 6

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Principal, Margaret Leach

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Retirement of Mrs Janet Durbridge

On behalf of the School community, I would like to recognise and acknowledge the contribution that Mrs Janet Durbridge has made to education and to Meadow Heights Primary School. Mrs Durbridge has been an Education Support Officer at our school for over 18 years. We appreciate the difference she has made to the lives of our students. We wish her a wonderful retirement and hope she will keep in touch with us.

Principal Class Day

A big thank you for the lovely acknowledgement by students and staff of the work of the Principal Class. Assistant Principals Mrs Sharon Peluso and Mrs Stacey White have been a great support to me, and the school community and we greatly appreciate the work they do in our school.

Book Week

Book Week 2023 will be held between August 19th-25th and returns with the theme of "Read, Grow, Inspire." "What does read grow inspire mean? In this manner, children are almost like plants and literature is the sun, the soil, and the water. With good literature, your students can grow and flourish. We will be dressing up in our favourite book character costumes and we will also be having a Book Week Incursion on Friday 25th August 2023.

Treasure Island will be performed by the New Zealand Playhouse. It is a tale of high adventure on the high seas.

Swimming

The Meadow Heights PS Water Safety Program is back at the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre from the 5th to the 14th of September. Students will learn skills to be safe in the water and some basic swimming techniques to keep afloat. At the end of the program your child will not only be a competent Swimmer.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Mrs Margaret LEACH
School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
AUGUST 2023		
Thursday	17	Grades 5/6 Incursion – Imagineering Programme
Monday to Friday	21 - 25	Book Week Celebration Book Week Parade Book Week Play 9.10am Preps – Grade 2 Book Week Play 11.30am Grades 3 – 6
Tuesday	22	Grade 2 Excursion – Craigieburn Library
Monday	28	Grades 3/4 Incursion - Democracy
Tuesday	29	Grades 3/4 Incursion - Democracy
Thursday	31	Preps Zoo Excursion
Thursday	31	Grades 5/6 Incursion – Imagineering Programme
Tuesday to Thursday	5 - 14	MHPS Water Safety Programme – Swimming
Friday	15	End of Term III, 2.30pm close



HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS?

Please immediately notify the School Office of any changes to your address or contact details. Please update your email address for COMPASS information.

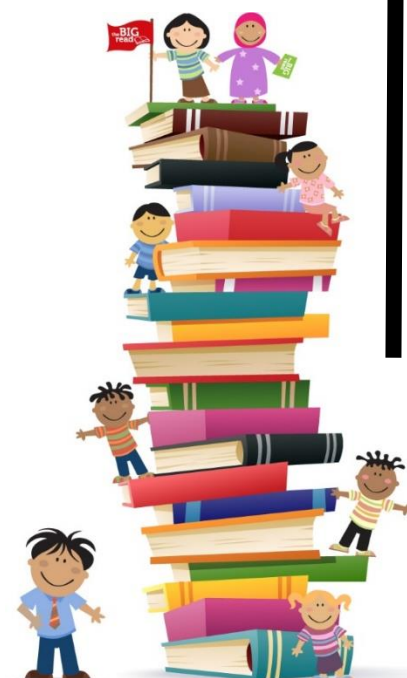
Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:30am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the office will close at 2:30pm

The office is CLOSED during all school holiday periods





[Some Tips from the MHPS Wellbeing Team](#)

Meadow Heights Primary School is a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school. We ask students to follow the school's values by being PROUD, RESPECTFUL, EXCELLENT and RESPONSIBLE.

Wellbeing News

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Parent-Teacher Relationships



How to develop strong parent-teacher relationships

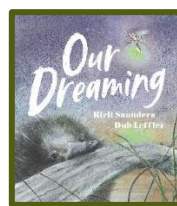
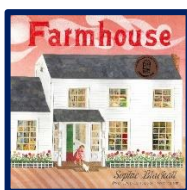
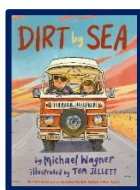
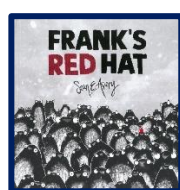
1. **Help your child's teacher get to know your child.** Share your child's interests, strengths and challenges.
2. **Be respectful of the teacher's time.** Arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher rather than when he/she is setting up lessons for the day.
3. **Recognise the teacher's efforts.** We all love to hear compliments and teachers are no different.
4. **Never talk negatively about a teacher in front of your child.** Showing respect for a teacher will set a good example for your child.
5. **Participate in school events.**
6. **Say thank-you.** Show your appreciation for the big – and little – things the teacher and other staff do for your child. Thank-you notes and emails are always well received.

The Meadow Heights Primary School students have spoken!

PICTURE BOOK of the YEAR

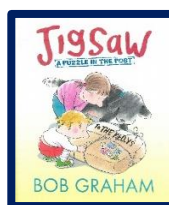
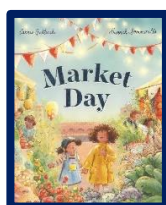
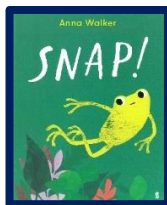
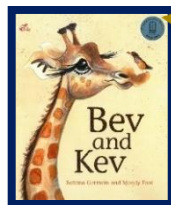
Category

Grades 3-6 students voted for 'Paradise Sands'



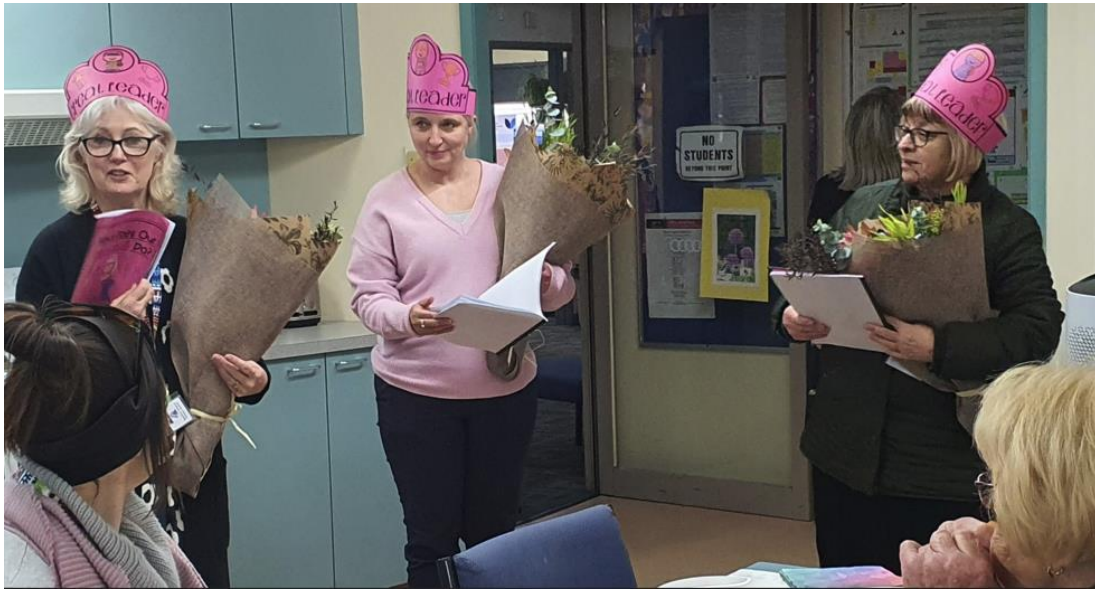
EARLY CHILDHOOD Category

Grades P-2 students voted for 'Lionel and Me'



And with just one vote less 'Snap' came second

Now we wait for the official judging results which will be announced this coming Friday by the Children's Book Council of Australia.



Principal Class Day

We would like to thank our Principal Class for the wonderful work that they have done throughout the year.



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2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please contact the school if you would like more information.

Kind regards,

Stacey White
Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning (Acting)

Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much but...

If a child misses	The equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of school that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Almost 8 years

...it adds up.

School Attendance - Every Day Counts

The following table gives some important information about school attendance. Sometimes, we may think a day or two a fortnight doesn't mean much...but it all adds up!

We are currently in the process of closely monitoring school attendance so that we can ensure all our students are able to reach their full potential.

Please remember that there are only two valid reasons for missing school – illness and natural disasters.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or would like some supports, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We will be contacting some families this term to find supports that we can put in place to assist with getting your child to school every day.

Kind regards

Stacey White
Teaching & Learning AP (acting)



Every School Day Counts!

