

# MEADOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



13 FEBRUARY 2023



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



### LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Carers

#### TURKEY & SYRIAN EARTHQUAKES

A devastating earthquake struck Turkey and Syria on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Our thoughts are with all members of our school community who have families and friends who have been affected by this disaster. On Monday we are going to hold a day of support for those affected by the earthquakes. To support the families affected by the earthquakes, donations can be given through different charities.

#### COMPASS/EMAIL

Very soon we will be sending invitations for families to log onto **COMPASS**. You are able to contact the school via phone 9305 2033 or the school email [meadow.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:meadow.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au). **We thank you for your patience! We will send newsletters and any correspondence through email.** One of the ways we will be communicating with you with COMPASS is through email. **Please ensure the school has your correct email address.**

#### 2023 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

School Councils make decisions that set the direction of the school. They:

- help create and check the school's budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- make decisions on policies like payments by parents, dress code.

School Council meets eight times in a year on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would interested in becoming a School Councillor please collect a nomination form at the office.

#### ATTENDANCE

If your child is unwell and not attending school for the day please ring the office in the morning by 9:00am. We will be making phone calls and sending text messages if we do not receive a phone call or message from you. Please ring 9305 2033.

Have a great week.

Warm regards

*Mrs Margaret Leach*

Mrs Margaret Leach  
School Principal



## NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

<b>An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of</b>
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MEADOWS HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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<b>Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on</b>
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TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2023
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<b>The ballot will close at 4.00pm on <i>(insert day, month and year)</i>.</b>
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TUESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

<b>Membership category</b>
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Parent member
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<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Year</b>
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From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20	2023
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to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20	2025
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<b>Number of positions:</b>	3
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<b>Membership category</b>
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School employee member
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<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Year</b>
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From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll	2023
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to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll	2025
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<b>Number of positions:</b>	2
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

<b>Principal signature</b>
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# FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

<b>Name</b>
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<b>Residential Address:</b>
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<b>Contact phone (<i>mobile or landline</i>):</b>
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<b>Email:</b>
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<b>I am the parent/guardian of</b>
<b>who is/are currently enrolled at this school.</b>

Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training		
I am an employee of the school council		
I am engaged in work at and for the school.		

I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school council.

I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have never been, insolvent under administration
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

<b>Signature of Candidate</b>

<b>Date:</b>	
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**You will be notified when your nomination has been received.**

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

<b>You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:</b>

*If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.  
If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.*

# FORM 5: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a school employee member on the  
(school name below)

school council

## Candidate's details

Name

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

## Statement

Yes

(Mark with  
an x)

No

(Mark with  
an x)

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training

I am an employee of the school council

I am engaged in work at and for the school.

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a school employee member of the above-named school council.

I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have never been, insolvent under administration
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
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Signature of Candidate

Date:

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Fridays	2.45 pm	Whole School Assembly Webex No 2651 312 2968
<b><u>FEBRUARY 2023</u></b>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Preps 8.50am to 2.30pm
Monday	13	Grades 5/6 St. John Ambulance First Aid Incursion
Friday	17	Grades 5/6 selected students Interschool Sports–Home Game
Friday	24	Grades 5/6 selected students Interschool Sports–Roxburgh Rise PS
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Preps 8.50am to 3.20pm Full time



### 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**.



### Healthy Lunches

For a healthy lunchbox pick and mix something from each Food group 1-6. Pick and mix one tasty option from each of the five core food groups to create a healthy lunchbox every day:

1. Fruit
2. Vegetables, legumes and beans
3. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and alternatives
4. Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds, and legumes/beans
5. Grain (cereal) foods
6. Plain water

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



## Respect

Our term 1 focus value.

Expected behaviours relate to each value and are outlined in our matrix. **This term our focus is on being RESPECTFUL.** Weekly awards are presented to students who show respect at school. Tune in each Friday to our weekly Assembly on WEBEX.

## Wellbeing News

**Bullying is not ok....**

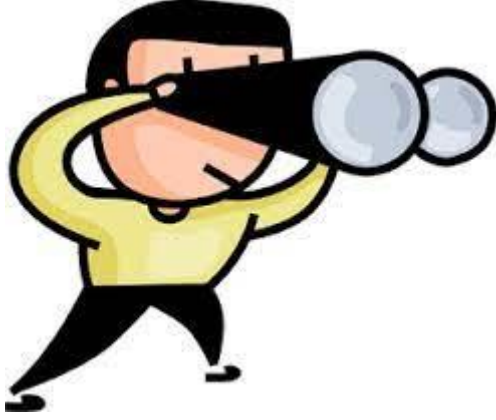


There are three ways you can be affected by bullying.

- 1 You can be someone who is being bullied.
- 2 You can be someone who is watching bullying happen.
- 3 You can be the one who is hurting others.

### THIS IS BULLYING...

- Pushing and Kicking
- Yelling in someone's face
- Spreading rumors
- Telling secrets
- Being mean
- Whispering behind a person's back
- Not including others
- Telling others not to be friends with someone



**Dear Parents and Carers**

**As you are aware, we have a new school app - **COMPASS**.**

**Your login details are coming to your email inbox shortly!**

**We will notify you once they have been sent out.**

الآباء والأمهات الأعزاء ومقدمي الرعاية

كما تعلمون ، لدينا تطبيق مدرسة جديد – **COMPASS**

ستأتي تفاصيل تسجيل الدخول الخاصة بك إلى صندوق بريدك الإلكتروني قريباً

سنقوم بإعلامك بمجرد إرسالها.

Sevgili Ebeveynler ve Bakıcılar

Bildiğiniz gibi, yeni bir okul uygulamamız var – **COMPASS**

Giriş bilgileriniz kısa süre içinde e-posta gelen kutunuza geliyor

Gönderildikten sonra sizi bilgilendireceğiz.



## FIRST SHARE AWARDS FOR 2023!

### GRADES 1/2:

#### **Stella Bahnam from 1A**

for being friendly, polite and thoughtful when talking to others in the classroom.  
Well done Stella and great start to the year!

#### **Yusuf Eristi from 1B**

for being RESPECTFUL by always using your manners in class  
and being a caring classmate who respectfully listens to others.

#### **Ertugrul Turkmen from 1C**

for showing the school value of being Respectful by always using his manners,  
putting his hand up and waiting to speak, and using a quiet voice in class.



### GRADE 2:

#### **Elif Mustafa from 2A**

for being RESPECTFUL by always using your manners in class  
and being a kind polite classmate.

#### **Nora Alfarani from 2B**

for being friendly, polite and thoughtful when talking to others in the classroom.  
Well done Nora and great start to the year!

#### **Zarak Khan from 1C**

for being polite, friendly and using his manners towards his classmates  
and teachers. Well done Zarak.



### GRADE 3/4:

**Dilan Deniz from 3/4A Ms Pirro**

for being Respectful by always using their manners when communicating with the teacher and their classmates. Well done Dilan!

**Khaled Wehbe from 3/4B Ms Parkin**

for being Respectful to teachers and his fellow students.

**Aisha Allon from 3/4D Mrs Bell**

for joining our Meadow Heights team, making new friends and working to learn our behaviour expectations. Welcome Aisha.



### GRADE 5/6:

**Natcha Wijitkhajee from 5/6A Mr Pace**

for maintaining a positive outlook and displaying impeccable manners towards students and staff since her arrival at Meadow Heights.

**Mohamed Ali Al Bakri from 5/6B Ms Lang**

for showing a Respectful and positive attitude to situations within the classroom. Well done Mohamed Ali.

**Tamara Osman from 5/6C Ms Isdar**

for being Respectful by showing excellent manners in the classroom and starting the year positively. Well done Tamara!

**Alize Tauafao from 5/6D Ms Caruso**

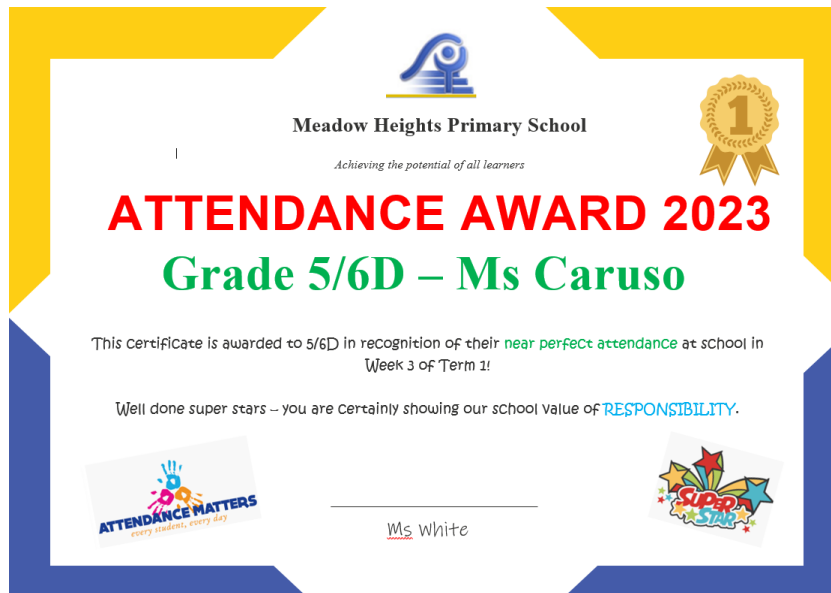
for being Respectful by a great start to the year by always being mindful of her peers showing patience and kindness! Well done Alize!



### SPECIALISTS AWARDS with Mr Yasunaga

Saja Hayek 1A	Iliya Zamani 1C	Nisa Kayikic 2C
Daniel Mahawish 2A	Asiyah Qassim 34C	Aaron Al Khamisi 34A
Zeynep Tarim 56D	Ahmed Khodr 56B	

for listening to all instructions; remaining quiet, staying focussed and demonstrating comprehension during the Physical Education activities.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM FIRST AID



### MEDICATION

Wherever possible medication should be scheduled outside the school hours. Medication required three times a day is generally not required during a school day; it can be taken before and after school and before bed. If your child requires regular medication to be administered during school hours, parents/guardians need to send the medication to school, clearly labelled with the student's name accompanied with a signed note by the parent/guardians, providing directions for administering the medication. Medication will be held in a locked cabinet in the Sick Bay.

### FIRST AID ASSISTANCE

An updated action plan should be supplied for students with Asthma or any other illness that may require first aid assistance at school. In particular, conditions like Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis, Asthma or severe allergic reactions. This plan will be attached to your child's school file and will be displayed in the First Aid Room. Each student who is at risk of **Anaphylaxis/Asthma/Epilepsy** is required to have a management plan that has been developed in consultation with the parents/guardians and medical practitioner. Prevention strategies for each student at risk of Anaphylaxis/Asthma/Epilepsy must be developed for both in school and out of school.

## NOTICE re BOOK PACKS/EXCURSIONS:

If you have a Health Care Card and have not filled in the orange CSEF form, please contact the school as soon as possible. Those who have no Health Care Card, please also contact the office if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Good afternoon to everyone,



On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February unfortunately most of us woke up to a different day, a very sad day. Two massive earthquakes have struck in Türkiye, leaving thousand of people there and in the northern Syria in desperate need of support. The impact has been widespread, and some other countries have been affected such as Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and Cyprus as well.

At MHPS we have many families that their families were affected by these massive earthquakes. In our Turkish class, it was very meaningful to see our children share our common sorrow.

I, Figen Hasimoglu Languages – Turkish Teacher at MHPS, would like to convey my sympathy to all members of the MHPS community who were affected by the recent Earthquakes.

In this difficult time, people across the world are trying to do their best to reach out those in need of support.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

**Figen Hasimoglu**  
**MHPS Languages – Turkish Teacher**



6 Şubat Pazartesi günü maalesef çoğumuz çok farklı bir güne, çok üzücü bir güne gözlerimizi açtık. Türkiye’de şiddetli iki deprem yaşandı. Yaşanan bu deprem, Türkiye ve Suriye’nin kuzeyinde binlerce insanı çaresizce yardıma muhtaç halde bıraktı. Etki alanı geniş olan bu depremler, Lübnan, Mısır, Irak, Ürdün ve Kıbrıs gibi ülkelerde de hissedildi.

MHPS’da bu güçlü depremlerden aileleri etkilenen pek çok ailemiz var. Okulumuzun Türkçe sınıfında, çocuklarımızın bu ortak acıyı paylaştıklarını görmek çok anlamlıydı.

MHPS’da Türkçe öğretmenliği yapan ben Figen Haşımoğlu, geçtiğimiz günlerde yaşanan bu depremlerden etkilenen tüm MHPS caimasına başsağlığı dileklerini iletmek isterim.

Bu zor zamanlarda, dünyanın dört bir yanından insanlar, yardıma ihtiyacı olanlara ulaşabilmek için ellerinden geleni yapmaya çalışıyorlar.

Gösterdiğiniz anlayış ve destek için teşekkür ederiz.

**Figen Hasimoglu**  
**MHPS Languages – Turkish Teacher**

**Sayın Veliler ve Bakım Sağlayıcılar,**

## **TÜRKİYE VE SURIYE DEPREMLERİ**

6 Şubat Pazartesi Türkiye ve Suriye’de tahrip derecesi çok şiddetli bir deprem yaşandı. Kalbimiz, bu felaketten etkilenen okul topluluğumuzun aileleri ve arkadaşlarıyla birliktedir.

Depremden etkilenen aileleri desteklemek için farklı hayır kurumlarına bağışta bulunabilir.

## **COMPASS/E-POSTA**

Çok yakında ailelere **COMPASS’a** giriş yapmak için davetiye yolluyor olacağız. Okul ile 9305 2033 nolu telefonda veya e-posta aracılığıyla [meadow.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:meadow.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) adresinden iletişime geçebilirsiniz. **Gösterdiğiniz sabır için teşekkür ederiz! Okul bültenlerini ve yazışmaları e-posta aracılığıyla göndereceğiz.** Sizinle iletişim yöntemlerimizden biri de COMPASS üzerinden e-posta yoluyla olacaktır.

**Lütfen okula verdiğiniz e-posta adresinizin doğru olduğundan emin olunuz.**

## **2023 OKUL AİLE BİRLİĞİ ÜYELERİ**

Okul Aile Birlikleri, okulun yönünü belirleyen kararlar alır.

- okul bütçesinin oluşturulup kontrol edilmesine yardım eder.
- okulun stratejik planına katkıda bulunur.
- velilerin yaptığı ödemeler, kıyafet yönetmeliği gibi politikalar hakkında kararlar alır.

Okul Aile Birliği, her ayın ikinci Salı günü yılda sekiz kez toplanır. Okul Aile Birliği üyesi olmaya ilgi duyuyorsanız, lütfen okul idaresinden bir aday başvuru formu alınız.

## **OKULA DEVAM DURUMU**

Çocuğunuz rahatsızsa ve o gün için okula gelmeyecekse, lütfen sabah saat 9:00’a kadar okul idaresini telefonla arayarak bilgilendiriniz.

Sizden telefon veya bir mesaj almadığımız taktirde, biz sizi telefonla arayacak ya da size yazılı mesaj göndereceğiz. Lütfen 03 9305 2033 nolu telefonu arayınız.

İyi bir hafta dilerim.

**Mrs Margaret Leach**

**Okul Müdürü**

**أعزائي أولياء الأمور ومقدمي الرعاية  
زلزال تركيا وسوريا**

ضرب زلزال مدمر تركيا وسوريا يوم الاثنين 6 شباط. إن مشاعرنا وأحاسيسنا مع جميع أعضاء مجتمع مدرستنا الذين لديهم عائلات وأصدقاء تضرروا من هذه الكارثة. يوم الاثنين سنعقد يوما لدعم المتضررين من الزلازل. لدعم الأسر المتضررة من الزلزال ، يمكن تقديم التبرعات من خلال الجمعيات الخيرية المختلفة.

**كومباس / بريد إلكتروني**

في القريب العاجل سنرسل دعوات للعائلات لتسجيل الدخول إلى كومباس. يمكنك الاتصال بالمدرسة عبر الهاتف 93052033 أو البريد الإلكتروني للمدرسة [meadow.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:meadow.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au). **نشكركم على صبركم!** سنرسل رسائل إخبارية وأي مراسلات عبر البريد الإلكتروني. إن إحدى الطرق التي سنتواصل بها معك مع كومباس هي عبر البريد الإلكتروني. يرجى التأكد من أن المدرسة لديها عنوان بريدك الإلكتروني الصحيح.

**مجلس المدرسة 2023**

يتخذ مجلس المدرسة قرارات تحدد اتجاه المدرسة. هم:

- المساعدة في إنشاء والتحقق من ميزانية المدرسة
- المساهمة في الخطة الإستراتيجية للمدرسة

•اتخاذ قرارات بشأن السياسات مثل المدفوعات من قبل الوالدين ، وقواعد اللباس.

يجتمع مجلس المدرسة ثماني مرات في السنة في الثلاثاء الثاني من الشهر. إذا كنت ترغب في أن تصبح مستشارًا للمدرسة ، فيرجى جمع نموذج الترشيح من المكتب.

**الحضور**

إذا كان طفلك مريضًا ولن يذهب إلى المدرسة لهذا اليوم ، يرجى الاتصال بالمكتب في الصباح بحلول الساعة 9:00 صباحًا.

سنقوم بإجراء مكالمات هاتفية وإرسال رسائل نصية إذا لم نلتق مكالمة هاتفية أو رسالة منك. يرجى الإتصال 93052033.

أتمنى لكم أسبوعًا ممتعًا.

السيدة مارغريت ليتش

مديرة المدرسة.



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#### **THREE DAYS ONLY:**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: 8am—5pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: 8am—5pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February: 8am—5pm