

MEADOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



23 October 2023

Week 4



Principal, Margaret Leach

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Shade Sail

As students returned to school after COVID, schools were required to increase fresh air flow into indoor spaces whenever possible and to maximise the use of outdoor learning areas or environments. The School Shade Sails Fund (the Fund) provided a grant of \$25,000 for shade development to facilitate outdoor learning. Our shade sail is now erected and will provide shade for our students.



STEM – mini goal

The shade sail will provide shade for our students who are involved in creating a mini goal recreational area for our students. The year 5&6 students are working on this project during STEM specialist lessons. Students are using an engineering design process to help solve real world problems. Working in teams the children - define the problem, discuss solutions, design, build, test, and improve their prototype of the mini golf course. We are looking forward to the completion of the mini golf course.

Newsletter heading: School term dates for 2026

There have been changes to Victorian school term dates for 2026. Following the announcement that the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria will not proceed; the original 2026 school term dates have been reinstated.

The 2026 Victorian school term dates are:

- Term 1: Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April 2026
- Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 26 June 2026
- Term 3: Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September 2026
- Term 4: Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December 2026.

For the list of school term dates until the end of 2030, refer to School term dates and holidays in Victoria.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Mrs Margaret LEACH
School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
<u>OCTOBER 2023</u>		
Monday – Friday	23 - 27	Dental Van Visits
Thursday	26	Year 5 - 6 – Imagineering Plus Programme
<u>NOVEMBER 2023</u>		
Thursday	2	Year 5 - 6 – Imagineering Plus Programme
Monday	6	CURRICULUM DAY – NO SCHOOL (Staff only)
Tuesday	7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL (Melbourne Cup Day)
Wednesday	8	Year 2 – Toy Science Incursion
Thursday	9	Year 5 - 6 – Imagineering Plus Programme
Tuesday	14	Year 1 – Shrine of Remembrance Excursion
Monday	27	Year 5 - 6 – Open Water Excursion
Wednesday	29	Year 2 – Funtopia Excursion



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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Transition

Before you know it the end of year will arrive and students will be preparing for new grades or even new schools, with our grade 6 students heading off to Secondary School. So how can we help children cope with these changes?

1. If your child knows what to expect, they might cope better with change. Talk to them about what to expect. What will be the same? What will be different?
2. Invite them to talk about their feelings and listen to them. Validate these feelings and show empathy/understanding
3. Maintain consistency and establish new routines
4. Make connections with the new classroom teacher/school and help your child to do the same
5. Encourage your child to arrange a meeting place with their friends, for the first day of a new class or school.
6. Don't pass your own stress or anxiety onto your children. Children can sense whether you are feeling anxious about change and take on your feelings. Instead maintain a positive and calming presence.



Starting Secondary School



Congratulations for the Share Awards, Prep Classes!



With higher UV levels from September onwards it is important to use a combination of sun-protection measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

From **TERM IV (2 October)** when outdoors at MHPS, it is **COMPULSORY** that staff and students wear appropriate clothing that covers as much skin as possible and a legionnaire cap to protect the head, face, neck and ears. Staff and students should also apply SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen, use shade whenever possible and if practical, sunglasses should also be worn.

Students without appropriate hats must sit in the shade in the main courtyard during their breaks.
NO HAT! NO PLAY! NO SUN!

MHPS appreciates your support in our efforts to encourage your child about the importance of being SunSmart. MHPS legionnaire caps can be purchased at the school office for \$8 via eftpos (no cash).



MEADOW HEIGHTS PS COMMUNITY HUB

Invites you to come along and join in the fun!

For further information on any of our programs please contact Salwa Salem on 9305 2033



Programs

Mondays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:30-11:00 English Classes (Child minding is provided)

11:00-12:00 Gardening

Tuesdays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:30-11:00 English classes (child minding is provided)

11:00-12:00 Cooking Classes

Wednesdays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:00- 9:30 Coffee & Chat

9:30-11:00 Play & Learn Play Group

Thursdays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee & Chat

9:00-10:30 Talk & Play Group

Fridays

8:20-8:50 Healthy Breakfast

9:00-10:30 social group

9:00-11:00 Food bank Packs

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Doncaster, VIC

Scan to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Interpreters available upon request



14 and 15 November 2023
9.30am - 2.30pm



Mercure Doncaster
6 Tower Street
DONCASTER 3108
Victoria

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Contact: ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971

Sayın Veliler, Bakım Sağlayıcılar ve Aileler,

Gölge Yelkeni

Öğrenciler, COVID'den sonra okula döndüklerinde, okulların mümkün olduğunca kapalı alanlara temiz hava akışını artırmaları ve açık hava öğrenme alanlarının veya ortamlarının kullanımını en üst düzeye çıkarmaları gerekiyordu. Okul Gölgelekleri Fonu (Fon), açık havada öğrenimi kolaylaştırmak amacıyla gölgeliklerin geliştirilmesi için 25.000 Dolar tutarında bir fon sağlamıştır. Gölge yelkenimiz artık kuruldu ve öğrencilerimize gölge sağlayacak.



STEM – mini kale.

Gölge yelkeni, mini kale dinlenme alanı yapımına dahil olan öğrencilerimize gölge sağlayacak. 5. ve 6. Sınıf öğrencileri STEM branş dersinde bu proje üzerinde çalışıyorlar. Öğrenciler gerçek hayattaki sorunları çözmeye yarayan bir mühendislik tasarım sürecini kullanıyorlar. Takımlar halinde çalışan çocuklar, sonuru tanımlıyor, çözümleri tartışıyor, mini golf sahasının asıl modelini tasarlıyor, inşa ediyor, test ediyor ve geliştiriyor. Mini golf sahasının tamamlanmasını heyecanla bekliyoruz.

Okul Bülteni Başlığı: 2026 Okul Dönemleri

2026 yılı için Viktorya okul dönem tarihlerinde değişiklikler olmuştur. Viktoryadaki Commonwealth Oyunlarının yapılmayacağını açıklanmasının ardından, original 2026 okul dönem tarihleri eski haline getirilmiştir.

2026 Viktorya okul dönem tarihleri şöyledir:

- 1. Dönem: 27 Ocak Salı 2 Nisan 2026 Perşembe arası
- 2. Dönem: 20 Nisan Pazartesi 26 Haziran 2026 Cuma arası
- 3. Dönem: 13 Temmuz Pazartesi 18 Eylül 2026 Cuma arası
- 4. Dönem: 5 Ekim Pazartesi 18 Aralık 2026 Cuma arası.

2030 yılının sonuna kadar olan okul dönemi tarihlerinin listesi, Viktorya'daki okul dönemi tarihleri ve tatilleri bölümüne bakın.

Saygılar,

Mrs Margaret Leach
Okul Müdürü

أعزائي أولياء الأمور ومقدمي الرعاية والعائلات

شراع الظل

مع عودة الطلاب إلى المدرسة بعد فيروس كورونا، طُلب من المدارس زيادة تدفق الهواء النقي إلى المساحات الداخلية كلما أمكن ذلك و استخدام مناطق أو بيئات التعلم الخارجية. قدم صندوق أشعة الظل المدرسية (تمويل) منحة قدرها 25000 دولار لتطوير مناطق الظل لتسهيل التعلم في الهواء الطلق. تم الآن نصب شراع الظل الخاص بنا وسيوفر الظل لطلابنا.



STEM- الجولف الصغير.

سيوفر شراع الظل لطلابنا الذين يشاركون في إنشاء منطقة ترفيهية صغيرة لطلابنا. يعمل طلاب الصف الخامس والسادس على هذا المشروع خلال الدروس المتخصصة في العلوم والتكنولوجيا والهندسة والرياضيات. يستخدم الطلاب عملية التصميم الهندسي للمساعدة في حل مشاكل العالم الحقيقي. العمل ضمن فرق للأطفال - تحديد المشكلة ومناقشة الحلول والتصميم والبناء والاختبار وتحسين النموذج الأولي لملاعب الجولف المصغر. نحن نتطلع إلى الانتهاء من ملعب الجولف المصغر.

عنوان النشرة الإخبارية: مواعيد الفصل الدراسي لعام 2026.

كانت هناك تغييرات على مواعيد الفصل الدراسي في فيكتوريا لعام 2026. بعد الإعلان عن عدم استمرار ألعاب الكومنولث لعام 2026 في فيكتوريا؛ تمت إعادة التواريخ الأصلية للفصل الدراسي لعام 2026.
تواريخ الفصل الدراسي في فيكتوريا لعام 2026 هي:
الفصل الدراسي الأول: الثلاثاء 27 كانون الثاني إلى الخميس 2 نيسان 2026
الفصل الدراسي الثاني: من الاثنين 20 نيسان إلى الجمعة 26 حزيران 2026
الفصل الدراسي الثالث: من الاثنين 13 تموز إلى الجمعة 18 أيلول 2026
الفصل الدراسي الرابع: من الاثنين 5 تشرين الأول إلى الجمعة 18 كانون الأول 2026.
للحصول على قائمة تواريخ الفصل الدراسي حتى نهاية عام 2030، راجع تواريخ الفصل الدراسي والعطلات في فيكتوريا.

تحياتي الحارة

السيدة مارغريت ليتش مديرة المدرسة