

MEADOW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Principal, Margaret Leach



7 August 2023

Week 5

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






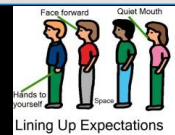
Dear Parents, Carers and Students

EVACUATION DRILLS

Evacuation drills are planned throughout the year. They are a great way for our school community to practise our evacuation processes. An emergency evacuation can happen for lots of different reasons. It is our job to safely follow all instructions.

When an evacuation or drill is called, an emergency alarm will sound over the PA. The alarm will be loud so that everyone can easily hear it. Please speak to your child to help them understand that when they hear the emergency alarm, they must **STOP** what they are doing, listen carefully and follow the instructions quietly, calmly, and safely. This could happen any time, even during recess and lunch breaks.

Please go through the following with your child to prepare them for an evacuation drill that we will be having soon.

		Stay Calm and listen to your teacher.
	Use common sense at all times . Think before you act! We need to work together to evacuate everyone as quickly and safely as possible.	
	Line up QUIETLY with your class at the nearest exit. Listen carefully to your teacher.	

You hear the emergency alarm! **STOP what you are doing and listen for the details of the danger, the evacuation point and any important information.**

FRIENDLY REMINDER: PREPARING FOR 2024

We are enrolling students for next year. If you would like your child to attend MHPS next year, please contact the office on 9305 2033. Should you know that your child will not be attending MHPS next year due to you moving etc we ask that you to please let us know as soon as possible.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Mrs Margaret LEACH
School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
AUGUST 2023		
Wednesday	9	Grade 2 Incursion – Healthy Bodies and Minds
Thursday	10	Grades 5/6 Incursion - Imagineering Programme
Friday	11	District Athletics – Grades 3/6 selected students
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
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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2023 Attitudes to
School Survey data
for MHPS

Students completed the AtoSS earlier this year. Here is a snapshot of some of our results around teacher-student relations and learner characteristics and disposition.

Framework factor	Overall 2023 % Positive (n=135)
High expectations for success	93%
My teacher expects me to do my best	94%
My teacher believes that I can do well at school / My teacher thinks I can do well at school*	91%
Effort	71%
I usually pay attention in class	64%
My teacher expects nothing less than our full effort	81%
I enjoy doing my work in class	68%
Teacher concern	73%
My teacher cares about how I am feeling / My teacher looks after me*	79%
My teacher seems to know if something is bothering me	65%
I can talk to my teacher if something is worrying me	74%
Learning confidence (Sense of confidence)	72%
I am good at learning*	68%
I can do challenging school work	76%
Perseverance	68%
I can recover in a short time when something bad happens to me	60%
I try again when I don't succeed / I try again when I don't get things right*	76%
Motivation and interest	80%
I want to learn new things*	87%
I am learning things that really interest me	72%
Self-regulation and goal setting	77%
I try very hard at school / I try my best at school*	81%
I ask my teacher for help when I find my work difficult	73%
Attitudes to attendance	84%
I always try to attend school	82%
My parent(s), caregiver(s) or guardian(s) believe(s) that going to school is important	97%
I try to catch up on my work if I am absent from school	73%

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.

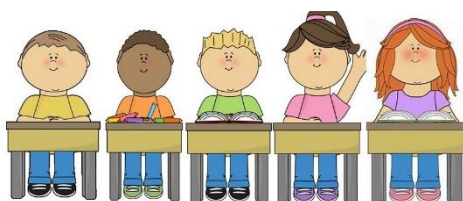
Please remember that there are only two valid reasons for missing school – illness and natural disasters.

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!





Department
of Education

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)

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تدريبات الإخلاء

تم التخطيط لتدريبات الإخلاء على مدار العام. إنها طريقة رائعة لمجتمع مدرستنا لممارسة عمليات الإخلاء الخاصة بنا. يمكن أن يحدث الإخلاء في حالات الطوارئ لأسباب مختلفة كثيرة. مهمتنا هي اتباع جميع التعليمات بأمان.




عندما يتم استدعاء عملية إخلاء أو تمرين ، سيصدر صوت إنذار طوارئ . سيكون صوت المنبه مرتفعًا بحيث يمكن للجميع سماعه بسهولة. يرجى التحدث إلى طفلك لمساعدته على فهم أنه عندما يسمع إنذار الطوارئ ، يجب عليه إيقاف ما يفعله والاستماع بعناية واتباع التعليمات بهدوء وأمان. يمكن أن يحدث هذا في أي وقت ، حتى أثناء إسترخات الغداء.


يرجى متابعة ما يلي مع طفلك لإعداده لتدريب الإخلاء الذي سنقوم به



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تذكير ودي: التحضير لعام 2024

لقد بدأنا تسجيل الطلاب للعام المقبل. إذا كنت ترغب في أن يحضر طفلك MHPS في العام المقبل ، فيرجى الاتصال بالمكتب على 93052033 إذا كنت تعلم أن طفلك لن يحضر MHPS في العام المقبل بسبب انتقالك وما إلى ذلك ، فنحن نطلب منك إبلاغنا في أقرب وقت ممكن.

أتمنى لكم أسبوعًا رائعًا .

أطيب التحيات

السيدة مارغريت ليتش

مديرة المدرسة