



meadowbank Matters

Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 15 March 2011

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Diary Dates	MARCH	Diary Dates	MARCH/APRIL
14 - 25 March 15 – Tuesday	Special Swimming Scheme P and C Meeting 7.30pm Return Stewart House Bags	29 – Tuesday 5 th April	Easter Service School Photos – Return Envelopes Parent/Teacher Interviews
26 March	Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall	6 th April	Entries Close for Australasian Schools Competitions

Weekly Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Weekly Merit Awards for Creative Arts

Bidgee	Mia Wilson & Rachel Ha
Bowden	Tobey Haynes & Zachary Billington
Bradley	Guy Robinson & Danica Boian Damevski
Shepherd	William Gahan & Michelle Ruan
Squire	Zoe Mills & Luke Smyth
Thorn	Hyein Park & Markos Anagnostopoulos
Whitton	Joyce Lee & Davie Huo
Library	Bidgee

We do not do this to scare students but to support you in ensuring that all of our students are safe.

Please be assured that had this notice directly affected the well being of our students in particular, a letter would have been sent home with students immediately. As this was not the case we are notifying you through this newsletter.

Tonight!

P&C meeting – Tuesday 15 March

Our P&C meeting will be held this evening at 7.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity where all parents and carers in our school community can voice their opinion and present some new ideas that will benefit our children and our school. We appreciate and value the time and effort that many of our parents have already been able to share with us, whether it be through their thoughts and suggestions or their continued support in coordinating fundraising activities. We look forward to seeing you all. In particular we look forward to meeting and welcoming our newer parents and hearing their contributions.

Gretha Reed President

Principal's Report

Last week our captains and vice captains, accompanied by Miss Grassi, attended the district leadership camp at Naamaroo Conference Centre, Lane Cove. This was a wonderful opportunity for our leaders to get to know leaders from other schools and participate in fun and challenging activities. They came back to school having enjoyed their leadership experiences and with wonderful ideas to try. Thank you to Will, Marcos, Alyssa and Marissa for representing our school.

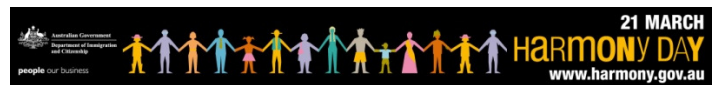
Also last week our students had the opportunity to experience free of charge, a puppet show presented by McDonald's Camp Quality Puppets. This program using life sized puppets delivered a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses. This show gave our students some wonderful messages about being caring members of society.

Jenni Cope Principal

Stranger Danger

Late last Thursday we were notified by the Youth Liaison Officer from Gladesville police that a male, approx 6ft tall, 50 years of age, fair skin, thin build, short white hair and short white beard had been seen to video children at nearby railway stations. He has also approached children and asked them if they wanted a lift.

Whilst we do not believe that any of our students are in any immediate danger, as is normal in these situations, teachers give a brief supportive talk in class about how to be safe and to encourage our students not to talk to strangers.



Harmony Day - Wear Orange Mufti

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The Harmony Day message **Everyone Belongs** gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

Next Monday Meadowbank students will be celebrating Harmony Day by **wearing orange mufti**. They will have conversations in their classrooms and do activities that promote the values of Harmony Day.

High School Forms

The High School forms are due back to school by 18 March. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs Cope or Mrs Bahia.

Swim School

Swim School is taking place over the next two weeks. The bus will be leaving promptly at 9 am each day so please ensure your child is at school on time. Swimmers also need to wear their costumes to school and bring underwear to change into for the remainder of the day.

University of NSW Competitions (Years 3 – 6)

Notes were sent home last week for these, entries and payment are due by April 6.

Stewart House bags

Now in its 76th year, Stewart House has a proud record of providing short-term respite care to thousands of children in need each year. It has survived only because of the very generous support of NSW government school teachers and school communities who have adopted Stewart House as their No 1 charity.

Thank you to all families who supported Stewart House and brought in bags full of clothes. These have now been picked up by Stewart House so please do not leave further bags of clothes at school.

PSSA News

Summer PSSA sport begins again this week. Softball training is on Wednesday afternoon and T-ball training is on Thursday afternoon from 3.00 – 4.00pm. It is important that all team members attend training.

This week we play against Putney at Meadowbank Park.

School Photos – 5th April

Photo Envelopes are being sent home soon and should be returned on **photo day 5th April** completed with exact money (no change can be given). The packages range from \$18 for a group only shot to \$34 for a complete pack. There are separate envelopes for Family Photo Packs. Please contact the office if you require one of these.

Beginner Group Violin Lessons

This week we will be having our lesson on **THURSDAY** morning at 8am instead of Friday morning.

Sarah Wijngaarden

Bookclubbers

Orders for this issue are due this FRIDAY, 18th March, so that they are received before the holidays. Only a few days to decide! All Premier's Reading Challenge books are labelled as such, so it's a great opportunity to collect a few. Don't forget that just by ordering, we earn books for our school library. There are lots of books in each brochure for \$5 or less!

Megan Hudson

Mother's Day Stall Gift Collection

The collection for Mother's Day gifts will begin this week, gifts can be donated until the end of Term. Each classroom now has a collection box where your child can place their donations for the stall. We look forward to collecting a range of lovely gifts that the children will be able to buy for their mums, carers or grandparents the week before Mother's Day.

Bakers Needed!

Muffins, cupcakes, slices and cakes needed for our cake stall on Saturday 26th March. Help us raise money for the school by contributing something yummy to sell on Election Day while people are voting at our school.

Please leave your baked goods in the canteen on Friday 25th March or bring them early on the Saturday. All contributions will be appreciated.

Zoe Williamson

Hot Cross Bun Orders

On Wednesday 6th of April, there will be a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser for the P&C.

The students can order Hot Cross Buns for recess and you can place orders for half a dozen Hot Cross Buns for your family, grandparents or neighbours. Hot Cross Buns will be baked fresh on the day from Bakers Delight, Rhodes who is generously supporting our school fundraising efforts. See order form enclosed with this newsletter. Thanks.

Louise Moore

The Saya Family

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous in supporting the Saya family so far. They are now entering the final phase of their child's treatment and it would be fabulous if we could support them for this last stage. The greatest help we can be to the family at the moment is to provide meals for them. They need meals for their family to enjoy together. Snacks such as muffins- sweet or savoury and banana bread that freeze in individual portions are great for morning tea and school lunch box treats too.

Please wash provided containers before use.

Cooked food can be delivered to the canteen any morning, ready for the freezer or pre frozen.

If you wish to provide a meal that is not suitable for freezing, that is fine, you can contact me (details below) and I can coordinate delivery in advance with the family.

The family are happy to receive any type of food, they eat all types of meat and vegetables and love home cooked meals. It will be helpful to them if you label with meal type, date cooked and any cooking or reheating instructions – if you think it necessary.

Below are some suggestions, although I am sure your family favourite will be perfect. If you have any questions please call me.

Sarah Wijngaarden – 88192778 / 0435201544.

(Pasta sauces, Casseroles, Curries, Pies, Quiche, Fried Rice, Soups, Pastries, Fritters, Rissoles, Pasta Bake, Meatloaf, Banana Bread/Cake – sliced and wrapped, Muffins Danish, Fruit Crumble, Pikelets etc)