



# meadowbank Matters

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 17 May 2011

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Diary Dates	MAY	Diary Dates	JUNE
17 – Tuesday	P&C Meeting 7.30pm	1 – Wednesday	Voices for Reconciliation
20 – Friday	Walk to School Day	2 – Thursday	School Disco
24 – Tuesday	UNSW Computer Test 8am	3 – Friday	Public Speaking Final
25 – Wednesday	Zone Cross Country Carnival	6 – Monday	Athletics Carnival
31 – Tuesday	Kinder 2012 Information Evening	8 – Wednesday	UNSW Science Test 8am

## Weekly Merit Award Winners

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

Bidgee	Mia Harris & Zaara Hadi
Bowden	Hannah Young & Madeline Moore
Bradley	Olivia Tracy & Thomas West
Shepherd	Leo Thapa & Harrison Papadimitriou
Squire	Luke Smyth & Kai Harris
Thorn	Sascha Howard & Marissa Yourelis
Whitton	Olivia Forrest & Robert Zhang
<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Claire Hudson</b>

Whenever students are absent from school, a **written explanation** upon the child's return is required. When more than one family member is involved one note for all family members is sufficient, stating the children's names and classes and reason for absence. This explanation is recorded in the class roll/s and the letter is filed.

The school attendance rolls are regularly monitored and parents must account for all absences of their child/ren. This is mandatory and attendance is monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer.

Whilst we encourage regular attendance please do not send your child to school if sick or not fully recovered from an illness. Sending students to school when unwell can infect others around them.

## Kindergarten 2012

If you know of neighbours in the area that have children who will be starting kindergarten next year please let them know of our information sessions. You may also like to let our office know so that we can send them details of these happenings.

## Information Evening

**Tuesday 31 May 7.30pm – 8.30pm**

The opportunity will be available for new kinder parents to visit our Kindergarten classrooms, enjoy a friendly tea/coffee and talk to members of our staff and the school community. Discussion will cover the quality education and social programs that Meadowbank offers.

## Morning Information Session

**Wednesday 8 June 9.30 – 10.30am in the school hall.**

There will an opportunity to tell new parents about Meadowbank, meet our captains and vice captains and have a brief tour of the school including a visit to a kindergarten classroom.

## Principal's Report

### P and C Meeting Tonight 7.30pm in the staffroom

Our P&C meeting is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and carers in our school community to learn more about the happenings around the school and voice their opinion.

I look forward to seeing many parents at the P & C Meeting tonight at 7.30pm.

To reinforce the message of *Health and Safety* we will be encouraging our students to walk on the National *Walk Safely to School Day* this Friday 20 May 2011. Ms Roach has organised a wonderful breakfast. Please see her notice later in this newsletter and encourage your child to participate in this activity.

Jenni Cope  
Principal

## Medications and winter illnesses

Parents are encouraged to organise for prescription medication to be taken out of school hours. However, if it is necessary for students to take medication at school a note (supplied by our office) must be completed and signed outlining the dosage and time the medication is to be taken. Medications and the note must be delivered to the office. No medications are to be left in school bags.

If you have a child who will be starting school next year, please contact the school office now so that we can ensure that you and your child are involved in all the school's orientation activities.

### 2011 Athletics Carnival

This year the 2011 Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 6 June at Boronia Park. All students will be attending. Parents are all invited to join us on this day so please put this date in your diary.

### Year 5 Application for entry to 2012 opportunity class

A letter has been sent home to all Year 4 parents regarding this. All applications must be completed by Friday 20th May 2011. The online application will be available from the Monday 9th May 2010 on the internet [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Parents who do not have internet access and wish to make an application can contact the school within the correct timeframe.

### Library News

Library Blog – Hi my name is Daniel and I am one of the many bloggers at the Meadowbank Library Blog. I will tell you a bit about it. Every Wednesday many people like me in Year 6 go to the library to blog about books, library and much more. We've recently just discovered the ability to put movies and audio on the blog. It is one of the first steps to making a great blog!

Book Covering - We really need help with book covering of new books. If you have some spare time we would really appreciate the help! Please see Mrs Whittaker (Tues) or Ms Imseih (Mon-Wed)



### Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011

To promote the health benefits of walking and to create regular walking habits at an early age, students are encouraged to walk safely to school with their parents/carers on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Parents and carers who have to drive can leave the car a good distance from school and walk the rest of the way. Parents are reminded that all students under the age of ten should hold an adults hand when crossing the road. Students who walk safely to school will be in the running to win some fabulous prizes.

After walking to school come along and join us for a healthy breakfast which is being organised by the

SRC from 8.30am. The cost of the breakfast is only **\$2.00**.

Vanessa Roach

### Soccer PSSA

Last week Meadowbank played Eastwood. Our junior boys played exceptionally well and had a win 3-0. Our senior boys also fought out a hard contest but went down 5-0. Well done to all who played.  
Mr O'Keefe

### Chess Club

Last week we had one team visit Holy Spirit North Ryde. We were represented by Taylor Leesong, Claire Hudson, Andrew Emerson and Kristian Bullock. We fought out some tough matches and learnt a lot. Well done to all who played. This week we will have our teams playing at home against Holy Spirit North Ryde in a return leg.  
Mr O'Keefe & Miss Lambert

### 2011 Public Speaking Competition

A note went home last week outlining the details of the 2011 Public Speaking Competition for all students K-6. Reminder that the topics are as follows & need to be prepared by Week 5.

<p><b>Public Speaking topics K-2</b></p> <p>Frogs If I were Principal for a day Personal timeline of my life My favourite sport A family holiday</p>
<p><b>2011 Year 3 &amp; 4 Topics</b></p> <p>Australia - the lucky country Every day is Harmony Day Sport brings people together Welcoming refugees The Australian Flag Racism hurts everyone Never judge a book by its cover Sharing Australia Multiculturalism at school Every family has a story</p>
<p><b>2011 Years 5 &amp; 6 Topics</b></p> <p>Racial Harmony - are we there yet? When does a migrant become an Australian? Asylum seekers Un-Australian Young people - showing the way My beliefs Many languages, one voice Belonging Racism - it's just not funny Multiculturalism in the media</p>

## P and C News

Our P and C meeting is tonight. We look forward to seeing parents attend.

As you saw in last week's newsletter we are creating a cookbook. Just a reminder to fill in and return the recipe request form asap. I would also like to see if anybody within our school community, or people that you know who have a business, would like to place an ad in our cookbook.

LIMITED space, so get in quick. Please contact me on 0405 690 489 and I will get you the relevant paperwork for this advertisement to be included. The cost of a 1/4 page is \$300 and a 1/2 page ad is \$500. This advertisement is a one off cost that will last the lifetime of the cookbook, also the cost aids to the printing costs and therefore gives us more fundraising that will benefit the school. We will be running a competition within the school to select the name of our cookbook. Suggestion forms will be sent out soon so start thinking along the lines of International Food. Remember our P & C meeting will be held tonight in the staffroom. Looking forward to seeing you there, come along all welcome.

Thank you

Gretha Reed - P & C President.

## Cookbook News

**Target - approx 180 recipes**

**To date - 6**

Come on kids, mums and dads, grandparents, teachers etc, let's get those favourite recipes coming to me. Please also remember to complete a permission slip. Permission slips can be handed to Maree in the canteen and recipes can be emailed to me at [champions39@optusnet.com.au](mailto:champions39@optusnet.com.au) (or also given to Maree). Thanks, Leanne Black.

## Uniform Shop



- Open Thursday 8.45 am
- Winter uniforms available now.
- Order forms are available at the office
- Orders with payment can be left at the office

*Please remember to label all belongings*

We are looking for a volunteer to help in the uniform shop for each Thursday in June. The time that you will be needed is from 8.45am until

approximately 9.15am. I have work commitments in that month and therefore will not be available. Gretha Reed will be there from 9.00am. If anyone can help us out please contact me on 0408642474. Shannon Elkington