



Meadowbank Matters

Term 3- Week 1

Tuesday 20 July 2010

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Diary Dates	JULY		AUGUST
Tuesday 20 th	P & C MEETING	2 – 6 August	Education Week
Wednesday 28 th	OC Test	Tuesday 3 rd	UNSW English Test 8am
Friday 23 rd	Kindy Excursion Note/Payment due	9 – 10 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 30 th	Kindergarten Excursion – Calmsley Hill Farm	16 – 20 August	Science Week
		Tuesday 17 th	UNSW Maths Test 8am
			P & C MEETING

P & C MEETING TONIGHT 7.30PM

P and C Meeting tonight 7.30pm **All parents are welcome to attend.**

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3, yesterday teachers had a busy start to the term with our School Development Day. We had a visiting speaker talk to us about Autism. The rest of the day was spent looking at Achieving Quality Literacy and Numeracy goals through Process Based Teaching and Learning Activities with a particular focus on looking at how we can engage our students through the teaching of science. This was a very valuable day that we plan to follow up this term with work being done in Science Week when we will hold a Science Fair, 19th August. This will be an opportunity for all students to show off their skills in science. Please keep a look out for this day on our calendar.

This term will certainly be an active one. In week three we have Education Week with our Open Day happening on Wednesday 4th August. We'd love you to keep this day free and come and visit classrooms to see the work that your children are doing and also stay for lunch and performances.

At the end of last term we held a fabulous Naidoc Week activity where students decorated the pathways into our school with traditional Aboriginal artworks. Thank you to Julie Crane and Jeff Standen for taking time out of their morning to assist and for their help in organising this very valuable and engaging activity for our students.
Jenni Cope - Principal

Camp Reminder

A reminder to all students who are attending school camp, that the next payment is due on 23rd July and final payment is due by 13th August.

BER Progress

Although there has been a slight hold up obtaining steel, work continues on the hall and good progress is being made. As part of the BER during the holidays the Library has been painted and I'm sure that you will agree that it is huge improvement.

P and C News 7.30pm

The P and C meeting is tonight, held in the staffroom. Attending tonight will be a representative from *The School Photographer* to talk about what they can provide for school photographs. All parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend our P and C Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Premier's Reading Challenge: Tobey H, Rory Mc, Madeline M, Liam T, Kobi M, Joshua M, Evelyn P, Ciara K, Zoe M, Cooper B, Brendan Mc, Summer W and Alex B.

There is still time for all students to complete the challenge. Reading records need to be completed by August 25 to be validated.

Orchestra News

Music News

William C, Tori M, Ania M, Jessica and Olivia E and Daniel W accompanied by Mrs Crawford are currently attending a week long music camp at Stanwell Tops. They are practising and performing up to 6 hours a day. They are representing our school proudly and are great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations especially to Jessica who has made a solo performance at the camp.

Orchestra will not be on this Friday but will begin in Week 2.

Violin Lessons - Most of these lessons will begin next week however exam students (Sarah's) will have a lesson on Thursday this week.

Kindy Beginner String Group - This will start on Thursday morning. The children involved will receive a hire form today (Tuesday) to bring home. If you can complete this and bring on Thursday morning with you that would be great.

If you have missed out on the group violin lessons and any child from K - 6 would still like to learn I also teach individual lessons at school. Contact me for further details.

Flute/Clarinet/Saxophone Lessons - We have found a teacher for the above mentioned instruments, if your child would like to learn we have a limited number available to hire.

Any questions call me 88192778/ 0435201544 or email swijngaarden@yahoo.com. Sarah Wijngaarden

Be alert: Phone scam

Concerns have been raised by parents within NSW about phone calls from cold callers, pretending to represent Microsoft, who attempt to scare people into believing that their computer has been infected by a virus. This type of call is a scam. These scammers have nothing to do with the Department or Microsoft. The best thing to do is to hang up on these callers.

See this Sydney Morning Herald article for more information about these scams:

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/security/pay-up-or-your-pcs-toast-20100630-zm8i.html>

Do friendships make learning easier?

Your child's ability to make friends will affect their interest in learning – how can you help?

Help them to learn self control

Show them how well you treat other people, so they can learn from you

If you are concerned, speak to your child's teacher about it.

More details at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/issue03/index.php

Library News

Book Week – August 21 – 27

The theme for this year is Across the Story Bridge.

Students are invited to:

- Build a bridge for display in the library. It can be made from any material – matchsticks, straws, paddle pop sticks etc. It should be no larger than an A4 size sheet of paper.
- Create an artwork based on the theme Across the Story Bridge. Think of characters who go on a journey in a book you have read.

Please bring to the library by Week 2 of Term 3. Prizes will be given for best effort!

Short term foster care – long term impact

David's story: David and his sister Jackie are 8 and 5 years old and can not live at home. Both children are unsafe because of their parents drug use. They were often left alone and have witnessed some violence. They are taken to live with a short term foster family (Sarah, Michael, Matt, 10 and Lucy, 13) while Caseworkers work with their parents. David and Jackie are behind on their school work and struggle to make friends. Sarah and Michael put a lot of effort into providing a safe, caring and nurturing home away from home. After several months, David and Jackie are able to safely return to their parent's care. Sarah, Michael and the kids miss them a lot. They all keep photos of the kids they have helped and Sarah has this to say about being a short term foster parent: *"The rewards of helping these kids are just huge - life changing? You bet. It has enriched our lives and I know we have enriched theirs. If they leave us feeling okay about themselves, we know we have done something right."*

Do you want to help children by providing them with the care and love they so desperately need?

We **urgently** need short term carers for children of all ages. This can be for a period of only a few days, weeks or sometimes over 12 months depending on the children's circumstances.

For more information please contact us on **8303 7644** or visit our website www.community.nsw.gov.au/



National Science Week Inventor's Fair
Thursday 19th August 2010

This year's Meadowbank Science and Technology Challenge is open to all students in years 3-6.
"We are Inventors"

Challenge: To create a working model of a simple invention that solves a practical problem encountered in the student's everyday life. It can be related to school or home.

Criteria:

- There must be a clearly stated problem
- Invention must be practical
- Cost under \$10 to make
- Steps in making the invention must be documented in a log book (can include pictures/photos)
- Include an oral presentation explaining the invention
- Must be completed by week 4, term 3

An orientation for the project will be done in class during week 1.

Meadowbank Public School - Active After-School Community Program
Term 3 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Active After School Communities program will continue again this term. There is a limit of 35 places per session this term, so applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The program focuses on getting students active through fun sports activities and is held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:15pm commencing Monday 2 August through to Tuesday 14 September. The program is open to all student from Year K-6, with preference being given to students not already enrolled in the program. If places are available, consideration will be given to students already participating. It is requested that parents be at school no later than 4:10pm to collect their children. Failure to do this may cost your child their place in the program.

Thank you.

Mark Oddy
Coordinator

Jenni Cope
Principal

Active After School Community Expression of Interest

I would like my child/children _____ to participate in the active after school community multi-sports program on:

Monday Afternoons

Yes/No

Tuesday Afternoons

Yes/No

Parent Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____