



MeadowbankMatters

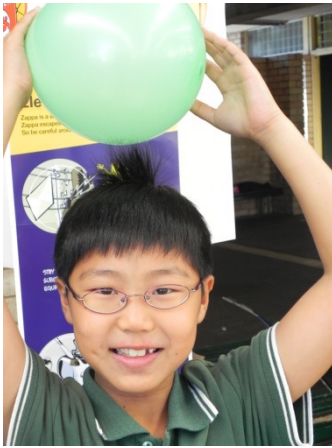
Term 3 - Week 6

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Diary Dates	AUGUST		SEPT
26 th Thursday 27 th Friday	Notes Due Back - Bully Busters Bully Busters PSSA Finals Principals Morning Tea	1 st – 3 rd Sept 11 th Saturday	CAMP – Canberra Trip Market Day

Principal's Report



When I wrote about the Science Fair in last week's newsletter never did I imagine the day that would occur. I'm sure those parents and grandparents who were able to attend will agree that it was a huge success. Our students did a fabulous job of designing, making and showcasing their wonderful inventions. We really have some talented entrepreneurs who were able to actively promote their inventions. Congratulations to all students for their wonderful achievements and thank you to Mrs Bahia for her leadership of this event.

BER

Finally the steel has arrived and the structure is really moving along now. The builders have indicated that although there was a delay they will be able to make up the time lost and keep to schedule. The building works are due to be completed mid December. Hand over will occur early in the new year.

Jenni Cope - Principal

Recognising our School Administrative and Support Staff (SAS staff)

We would like to acknowledge the hard work done by our School Administrative and Support Staff (SAS staff) as part of National Recognition Week this year themed "SAS Staff ...keeping schools afloat".

SAS staff play a vital role at our school, whether it is maintaining school grounds, assisting students with learning difficulties or ensuring the smooth running of the

administrative and financial matters. Thank you to Mrs Diane Erickson, Lee-Anne Sironen, Francis Pirello and Max McCarthy for your hard work and dedication.

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of clothing in the lost property basket located near the students' toilets. Please check the basket for any clothing your child might have misplaced. Clothing not collected by Friday will be laundered and placed in the second hand clothing shop for resale. Please ensure that your child's name is on all property that they bring to school.

Dropping off children at school

Please take care when driving around our school. For the safety of all students always obey the parking restrictions and observe the 40 kph speed limit. Please note that the driveway at the back of the school is *not* to be used as a drop off point or for you to park in. Students and other pedestrians use this pathway to cross the road and enter and exit the school. Please note that Ryde Council makes regular patrols and will be present over the coming weeks.



Rubbish Free Lunch

The purpose of the "Rubbish Free Lunch" is to encourage students and teachers to take small steps to reduce their impact on the

environment through waste avoidance, waste reduction and recycling, both at school and at home.

Meadowbank Public School will be conducting surveys in every classroom to monitor the students' use of packaging in their lunches. Try to reduce the amount of cling wrap and use containers to bring lunches to school, students are also encouraged to bring fruit and other food that requires minimum wrapping. During the week starting 30th August, students will conduct a second audit to see how much rubbish we have reduced.

In the first audit we recorded nearly 7 kilograms of rubbish so we are looking to reduce this considerably.

There are prizes of up to \$700 for schools reducing the most rubbish, per capita and of course we are aiming to win one of these prizes!! Thank you for your support.

UNSW Assessments

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the UNSW writing, spelling, science and computer assessments. All students will receive participation certificates. Students who did particularly well were:

Computer

Katie Honeybrook: Credit
Ania Moxon: Credit

Science

Katie Honeybrook: Distinction
Jordon Booth: Credit

Spelling

Dharmesh Desai: Distinction
Robert Zhang: Distinction
Aquib Naeem: Credit
Neha Vinodh: Credit
Katherine Price: Credit
Kate McComish: Credit

Writing

Zoe Mills: Credit
Dharmesh Desai: Credit
Katherine Price: Credit
William Crawford: Credit
Robert Zhang: Credit

Premier's Spelling Bee

Our school spelling bee will be held tomorrow (Wednesday). It is not too late to enter. Please see Ms Roach if you wish to enter.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students who have completed their Challenge.

A reminder that this is the last week to enter books before the challenge ends. We still have quite a few students with incomplete reading records. It would be great if they could all be completed. Go to the website <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or Google Premier's Reading Challenge to complete your reading record. To log on, use the students user name and password.

The Powerhouse Museum - by Sabina

Last Friday Shepherd and Bradley had an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum. When we arrived at the Museum we had our recess in front of the Museum. After that we went to the school entry. I thought it was the basement! Then we put our bags on our trolley. After that we went to the transport exhibition. There were cars, planes, trains and carriages. Our group was with Ciara's grandmother. We also had activity sheets. We saw a bike with a humongous front wheel and a tiny wheel on the back. We also went on a train. I was scared because I thought I was going to fall in the gap. Then we watched the sound and light show. We went to a room that Qantas used. Our group went to an area called "Frock Stars". There was a red carpet with velvet ropes. We made a tiny video. After that we had lunch in the courtyard. When I finished eating, I played on the spider web with my friends. We also saw the Music section. My friends and I played in the kids section. My favourite is the 80's room. I wanted to play Pac-Man but Ashley was on the seat first. There was a huge rubix cube. Another favourite was the dance room. When we were back at school I was exhausted!

Canteen News – PSSA Students

There will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** taken from PSSA students this Friday due to an early departure for the finals. All other students remain the same.

Thanks.

Maree Forrest

Congratulations!

A big congratulations goes to Brody Howard from Bradley. Brody & his Holy Cross Rhinos Under 7's Junior Rugby League team won the Grand Final on Saturday at the Benny Elias Shield. Congratulations also to Lachlan Howe for his participation on the day in the Under 6's.

AFL

It's not too late for students to start the AFL sessions.

**Come and Try AFL at Meadowbank
Public School, Thistle St, Ryde.
Wednesday's 18 August until 15 September
3:15pm to 4:15pm**

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The cost of \$40 includes:

~ Weekly program with AFL coaches

~ AFL backpack (includes football, drink bottle, cap, CD ROM
& much more)

TO REGISTER

**Online – playafl.com.au>enter postcode >'Come & try AFL
– Meadowbank Community Centre'; or**

Email – Kieran.donohue@aflnswact.com.au

or call Kieran on 0423417683

Payment can be made online or at first session to coaches.