Welcome to our last newsletter for the term.
I can’t believe that first term is nearly over— I don’t know where it went!

Interviews

Every family should have received notification about parent—teacher interviews to be held starting from the 3rd April. Please make sure you have booked a time with your child’s teacher. **If for some reason you have not received the note, please contact us.**

Sports day

What a fantastic turn out we had for sports day.

I would like to congratulate the students for their great sportsmanship and behaviour and to acknowledge all the parents / grandparents / uncles / aunties and friends who came to watch and support their team. I’d also like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped with the setting up, the BBQ and the canteen and an especially big thank you to Suzie Bottroff and family who spent a weekend making the badges and ribbons for every student in the school!

Well done to Eyre who was the winning house on the day. This is the first win for Eyre for 6 years.

SRC Induction

Mayor Anne Ferguson will induct the school leaders, SRC, house captains and vice captains at the week 10 assembly.

Food at school

Australians are very lucky to have the widest variety of safe good quality fresh food in the world. When I see what many of our students are eating for recess and lunch I feel concerned about their growing bodies and brains—food that is full of preservatives, sugar and fat. This type of food should be sometimes food rather than the main of what is eaten throughout the day. Let’s see if we can improve the health and well being of our students through good eating!

**What did you do at school today?**
What do you think you should learn more of at school and why?
SCHOOL FEES $$$

A BIG THANK YOU to families who have paid their school fees, completed a school card form or an agreement to pay by instalments form. Many families are using the option to pay directly into the school’s bank account, receipts will be sent home after the end of month bank reconciliation has been completed.

Statements have been posted home today. Please finalise your account by the end of term. If you require more time to pay your account we are more than happy for families to pay by instalments, but we need to know so we don’t keep contacting you.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

"Medication will not be accepted by staff without a medication authority, medical director proforma or letter from the prescribing health professional. The instructions must match those on the pharmacy label of the container."

If you have any questions, please talk to Karen in the Front Office. Thankyou.

RSPCA FUNDRAISER— Last Day of Term
Thursday 13th April
GOLD COIN DONATION APPRECIATED

3 options to join in the fun
- Casual Day—dress up animal themed
- Bring your stuffed pet animal to school
- Bring a copy of a photo of your animal by Wednesday 12th April. They will be displayed in the front office

Thanks to the SRC for organising this worthwhile fundraiser!

RSPCA is a charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals. They also help animals that need a new home like “Billie” who is Mrs Parr’s new dog. Billie was adopted from an animal rescue centre.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL LATE

If your child arrives at school after 8:45am we ask that they are signed in at the front office by an adult. Alternatively you can ring the school to say that your child will be late but they will still need to pop into the office as soon as they arrive at school. The mango slips sent home at the start of the year can also be used. It is important for us to account for all students throughout the day to ensure their safety or in case of an emergency.

More information to follow next week. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Working Bee

AT MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sunday 9th April
10am-12pm

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April Vacation Care

Be Quick—Book Now—Don't Miss Out

Dates 17th April to 28th April

The Vacation Care Program and the booking sheet are available from OSHC, the front Office or may be downloaded from the school website. This coming April holidays the children can look forward to a Movie Day (Lego Batman Movie), a special excursion to the Monarto Zoo with Echunga OSHC and a Jumping Castle. We have also booked a visit from Bunnings which is always very popular with the amazing projects that Louise makes with the children. We have organised themed craft days and fun activities such as mask making, glass painting, cooking Anzac Biscuit and lots of Hall Games.

Looking for the OSHC Staff!

New OSHC Door Sign

We have created a door sign to let you know where we are. If you pop into OSHC in the mornings or afternoons and do not see Kayla and Zherie, we may be walking the Kindergarten Children to or from the Meadows Kindergarten. During OSHC sessions, we could be in several places, such as the hall, playground or sandpit or even on excursion (Vaccare). The door sign will indicate where we are.

We are always contactable via the OSHC mobile.

Emergency Contact Details

Are your Emergency Contact Details current? Have you recently moved or changed jobs? Please let us know if your contact details need updating. It is vital that we have current parents/caregivers details in the case of medical emergency, sickness or bushfires.

Healthy Eating at OSHC

At OSHC we strive to provide a healthy and fun menu of food for the children. Breakfast consists of toast, raisin bread, porridge, crumpets or Weetabix. After school consists of a fruit/savoury platter and a healthy snack such as mini pizzas, yoghurt and jelly, muffins. We also enlist the children’s ideas in working out a menu of what they like and getting them to help in it preparation.

Cheers
Zherie, Kayla, Barb, Laurie, Abby, Abbi and Monica
Ph: 83883510 or 0427 010 861
Red Cross—Pillowcase Project

On Wednesday, March 29 the Year 3/4 and 4/5 classes had a visit from a couple of Red Cross volunteers to learn about the ‘Pillowcase Project’. This initiative was begun after Hurricane Katrina devastated the United States of America and many families were seen leaving home with all their belongings stuffed in to a pillowcase. The students learnt about the Red Cross and the many services that they provide both in Australia and overseas. They learnt about why we plan for an emergency and what items they should pack when escaping in an emergency situation. At the end of the session students were given a special pillow-

Year 4/5 STEM

The Year 4/5 class spends their Friday afternoons solving the world’s problems one screw, bottle and rubber band at a time! In other words Friday afternoon is STEM time. Our first problem this year was to design and build a simple machine that would pick up rubbish. Thankyou to all the Mums and Dads who helped create the wonderful designs the students thought up. We took them all to the park a few weeks ago and tested them out. We are now working on self propelled vehicles ...watch this space!
Sculptors @ CRYSTAL LAKE

Crystal Lake Park, Devereux St. Macclesfield

This is your chance to view stone sculpting in action. Experience the spectacle of energy, sound and fury as marble and granite is transformed into timeless art.

You can also visit the Crystal Lake Art Exhibition where sculpture and art will be available for purchase.

Family Day Saturday 8th April
Enjoy a day full of childrens activities including, a treasure hunt, a Chocolate & Cheese Sculpting demonstration, and more!

Entry by gold coin donation

ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE
MEMORIAL PARK
MEADOWS
6-30 AM 25 APRIL
FOLLOWED BY
GUNFIRE
BREAKFAST IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL

Sculptors @ CRYSTAL LAKE
April 1 - 9
10am - 4pm

Witness eight top Australian sculptors transforming stone into sculpture over nine days.

Meadows Easter Fair
Meadows Memorial Hall
Approximately 100 stalls inside and outside with craft, collectables, produce, plants, bulbs and much more!
Free Admission, free disabled parking, wide variety of food and picnic areas
Special attractions
Native Animal Nursery
Face painting
Jumping Castle

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