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IMPORTANT DATES

**Aquaintance Night
& Governing
Council AGM
Tues. 16th Feb**

**Eyre—(Green)
Barker—(Red)
Finniss—(Yellow)
Mawson—(Blue)**

**Our Newsletters
are emailed to
you. If you would
like a hard copy
please notify the
Front Office.**



**Ice blocks every Friday
for \$1-00.**

Next newsletter

Friday 1st March 2021
Newsletter can also be viewed
in colour on the school
website :
www.meadowsp.s.a.edu.au

Newsletter - Week 3

Meadows Learner Qualities

Over the last couple of weeks our classes have been focussing on two of our Learner Qualities; Brave and Collaborative. It has been great to hear the language spill over into the yard as well as in classes. We have seen many examples of students, staff and parents demonstrating the dispositions of our Learner Qualities.

BRAVE

The Learning Pit

Making new friends

Leadership speeches and speaking in front of peers

Trying new things and being in new classrooms

Learning new things and revisiting prior learning

Embracing new challenges

COLLABORATIVE

Team work and establishing class expectations

Sharing ideas and learning with peers

Learning conversations with peers

Giving and receiving feedback

Communicating positively with students, staff and community members

2021 Site Improvement Plan Priorities

As a staff we have begun to implement our 2021 priorities which include; Literacy improvement, numeracy improvement and a continued focus on wellbeing and engagement.

Wellbeing & Engagement

We want our students to be able to articulate 'what they are learning, why they are learning it and how they know when they've learnt it.' We want our students to have the skills required to be successful learners not only at school, but beyond the classroom. We want our students to demonstrate empathy and kindness. Our Meadows Primary School Learner Qualities is a great place to start with this journey.

Literacy

We want all of our students to demonstrate growth... every child in every class. We will use evidence based programs and resources to tailor literacy learning that will help our student meet DfE benchmarks and elevate to high band achievement. Some new focus will be around the Big 6 of Reading, The Simple View of Reading and explicit teaching of phonics and spelling rules within classes.

Numeracy

We will continue to focus on increasing student achievement in maths through problem solving and reasoning. We will also increase automaticity and trust the count through interventions from R-7. We will use Back to Front maths and the Big Ideas in Number to help inform teacher practice.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Acquaintance Evening and AGM next Tuesday.

Jaslyn

"Together we achieve more"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION COMING

All families will receive a pack next week containing:

- Invoice for school fees
- Student Verification sheet (please make any changes, sign and return to the office)
- Student Absence forms (to be returned to class teacher if your child is absent)
- Any other relevant information

Please keep an eye out for this important information.

AQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Acquaintance night will be held on Tuesday 16th of February from 5:30—6:30pm. Mrs Dube will do a meet and greet session for parents of reception students in her classroom.

All other classes will have an Open Classroom from 5:30—6:30pm where you will have the opportunity to chat to teachers around classroom expectations and individual student needs.

Our specialist teachers will also be available from 5:30—6:30 (Ben in the STEM room and Courtney in the Indonesian room)

AGM of Governing Council will commence in the Library at 7:00pm after the Acquaintance Night. You are welcome to attend even if you do not wish to stand as a representative.



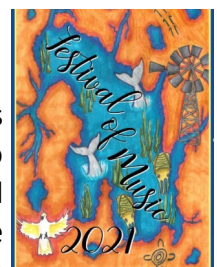
**Congratulations
to our **Brave**
awards
winners!**



2021 FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

We are very excited to start our Choir year with our first rehearsal this Thursday. Choir is available for students from years 5, 6 and 7. The first few lessons students are welcome to come and give choir a try but from week 6 students will be asked to make a commitment as we learn the songs to be performed at assemblies, local performances and the Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre. Choir books are now available for purchase from the office for \$25. This year students are also able to stream the music via the Festival of Music app.

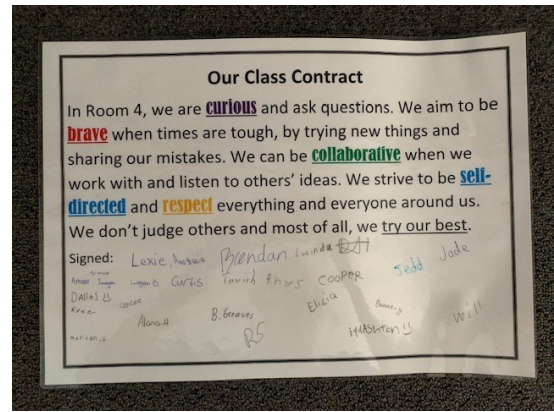
Cheers, Karen Brand



Student Voice and Agency is alive and well with our Year 5-6 students in Room 4!

All students and staff across the school have been busy in the first few weeks establishing relationships, setting classroom routines, expectations and learner goals with a focus on our Learner Qualities: Brave, Collaborative, Curious and Self-directed. To demonstrate our commitment towards our learning, we created a *class mantra* that included a collaborative view of what we thought each of the values meant to us. This then became our Class Contract.

In Room 4, we have celebrated these actions in a variety of ways beginning with the co-designing of student Learning Journey posters. Teachers and students have worked together to plan and discuss what information was to be shared and presented. The posters include: learning goals, personal interests, learner strengths, dispositions and styles, how the teacher can help and one skill that the student can teach another.



As part of our class commitment to the whole school focus on the 'Brave' Learner Quality, we began by sharing what it was like to feel stuck and how we have used a Growth Mindset to navigate our way out of The Learner Pit. Our students identified a personal moment, shared their feelings and strategies towards achieving success and how they could support another person.

Our students have also participated in a variety of Formative Assessment strategies used to share personal, teacher and peer feedback and understanding. We have used *Exit Cards* to share student understanding as well as *Plickers* digital technology to collect instant multiple-choice responses to questions created by the teachers, without requiring the use of computers or tablets only a unique printed card assigned to each student. Our students and looking forward to creating their own surveys and quizzes using this technology in the coming weeks.

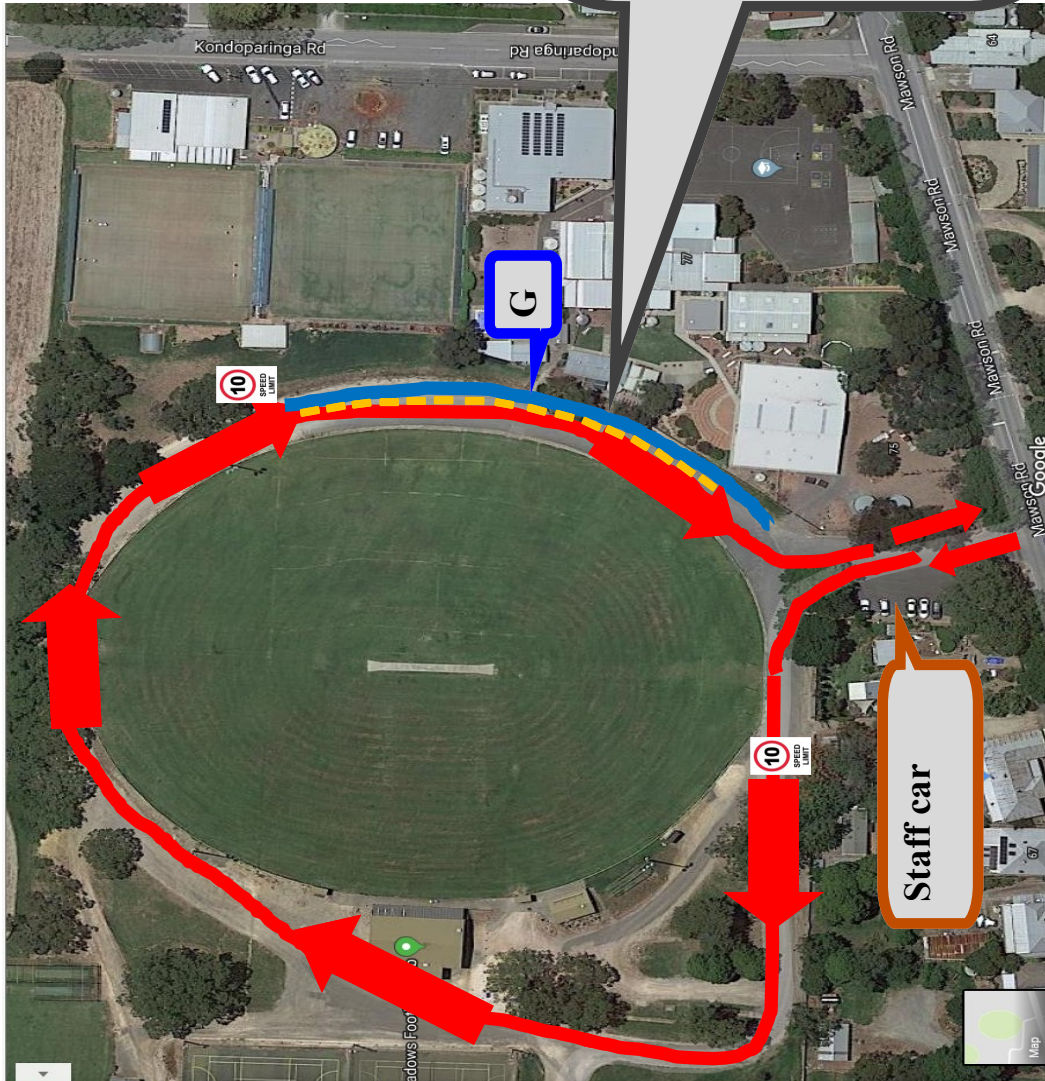
Throughout the past two weeks, students have been intently discussing the roles and responsibilities at both a classroom and whole school community level. To do this, students collectively unpacked what was involved in each job and then outlined the qualities and skills that they might need in order to be successful in that role. By acknowledging what makes a great leader and by making connections to their own personal experiences, students were able to diligently plan, draft and write Job Applications for these roles and present these to fellow classmates and staff. Those students aspiring to be School Leaders and in House Captains roles will also have the opportunity to present these speeches to the whole school as a part of the selection process. A big well done to those that have stepped up to apply and good luck to everyone! We can already see some excellent leadership happening here at Meadows in Room 4.

To find out more about what has been happening in our classroom and the next exciting steps of Visible Learning, families are invited to our open classroom at the upcoming Acquaintance Night. This years' format will be a casual classroom walk through with an opportunity to chat to teachers around classroom expectations and individual student needs.

~ Kimberley Kennedy & Shaun Barber ~ Year 5/6s

School drop off and pick

- To keep everyone safe please:**
- Drive around the oval in the direction of the red arrows
 - Obey the speed limit
 - Park next to the blue line oval side leaving a safe walking area
 - Walk in the safe walking area not on the roadway
 - Do not let children



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ROAD DIRECTIONS AROUND THE OVAL

For those families who use the drop off zone at the oval entrance, please remember to travel at 10km per hour or less in a **CLOCKWISE** direction right around the oval and stop in the parking areas only, keeping the walking lane (marked by the blue line) free for pedestrians.

Students must not ride their scooter/bikes in the school yard during school times 8:30am -3:30pm. Thank you for your support and safety diligence.

**SAFETY FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
IS PARAMOUNT**

Meadows PS Open Air School Disco

Friday 26th February 2021

6:00 til 8:00 pm

Tickets are still available from the office \$10.00 Admission
which includes entry, pizza, drink, fruit and a donut



Parents to drop off and pick up at the school front gate (only).

No student is to walk home without an adult.


REMEMBER TO CHECK IN!!!!

SA.GOV.AU or 1800 253 787

KEEPING SA SAFE & STRONG

Government of South Australia

COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN
Meadows Primary School



Checking in is quick and easy:

1. Scan the QR code with the free mySA GOV app or your phone camera
2. Enter your name and mobile number
3. Follow the prompts
4. Show staff your green tick

Remember:

- ✓ Do not enter if you are unwell
- ✓ Stay 1.5 metres from others not in your group
- ✓ Regularly wash or sanitise your hands

The COVID-Safe QR Code was issued on 22/12/2020

COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

The school now has a QR Code for parents to check in when you enter the school. Please scan in each time you enter the school grounds. Codes are available in the office and on the windows of each classroom. If you prefer not to scan there is a sign on book in the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mawson Café will be providing school lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Meadows Bakery will still provide lunches on Friday from next week.

Please order online via the Mawson Café QR Code.

On your order please include

- Student name
- Room number
- Any student allergies



MEADOWS MAGIC

IMPORTANT DATES-

30 JANUARY

- REGISTRATION OPENING

24 FEBRUARY

- PRE SEASON TRAINING

31 MARCH

- TRAINING STARTS



The Netball club will be holding a Bunnings BBQ in Mt Barker this Sunday. If you need any more information in regards to registration please email the club on

meadows.netballclub@hotmail.com



Happy New Year to all our families.

We welcome Layla, Liam, Alexa, Jett, Jamie and Oliver.

It is also exciting to see our Kindy children from last year enjoying their Reception year.

We have been getting to know our new friends and settling back into our OSHC routines during week 1 & 2.

Week 3 has been all about Chinese New Year and we will be celebrating with a party on Friday afternoon.

The children have enjoyed group games where they are practicing patience and offering support and encouragement to their younger peers.



Signing In

From Monday 15th February, we will have our sign in sheets in our new parent area on the deck. Please remember to sign your child in and out.

To assist us in keeping everybody safe, please ensure you sanitise your hands before touching the door handle and sign in using the QR code or contract tracing record sheet.

Vacancies:

Yes we have vacancies. Please contact us for more details:

- In person at the OSHC room
- Email: oshc.meadows423@schools.sa.edu.au
- Phone: 0427 010 861

Staffing

We would like to welcome Claudia Cresp to our team. Claudia is studying her Bachelor of Teaching.

We also said a brief good-bye to Bec who has headed to Kangaroo Island for a 5 month placement for her studies.

With thanks from all our staffing team

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 1 | 25th Jan School Closure | 26th Jan Australia Day | 27th Jan | 28th Jan | 29th Jan |
| Week 2 | 1st Feb | 2nd Feb | 3rd Feb Parent Club | 4th Feb | 5th Feb |
| Week 3 | 8th Feb | 9th Feb | 10th Feb | 11th Feb Cluster choir visit | 12th Feb |
| Week 4 | 15th Feb | 16th Feb Acquaintance Night AGM | 17th Feb | 18th Feb Assembly | 19th Feb |
| Week 5 | 22nd Feb | 23rd Feb | 24th Feb | 25th Feb Swimming SAPSASA | 26th Feb Disco |
| Week 6 | 1st March | 2nd March | 3rd March Parent Club | 4th March | 5th March |
| Week 7 | 8th March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday | 9th March School Photos | 10th March | 11th March | 12th March 13th March Working Bee |
| Week 8 | 15th March | 16th March | 17th March | 18th March | 19th March Sports Day |
| Week 9 | 22nd March Interviews this week | 23rd March | 24th March | 25th March NAPLAN Practice | 26th March |
| Week 10 | 29th March | 30th March | 31st March | 1st April Assembly | 2nd April Good Friday |
| Week 11 | 5th April Easter Monday | 6th April | 7th April | 8th April SAPSASA Athletics | 9th April Colour Run |