Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. We are excited to be back! We have started the year with 6 classes once again including 22 new reception students. They have had a good start to the year, with everyone settling in quickly and under-way with their learning. Welcome to: Simon, Eren, Scarlett, Nathaniel, Hunter, William, Emma, Daisy, Nash, Charlee, Bridey, Taya, Annalise, Elsie, Gypsy, Macie, Miranda, Matthew, Evan, Harper, Angus and Valentina.

Acquaintance Night and AGM
Wednesday night was the Acquaintance Night and AGM for Governing Council. Those people who attended the Acquaintance Night were given the opportunity to not only meet their child’s teacher but also to find out how the class will operate and expectations. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child’s teacher to catch up on information which will assist you and your child to have a successful year.

The AGM was well attended and all positions have been filled. Over the next few newsletters we will feature the different councillors including a photograph of them so you will know who to speak to if you would like something brought to Governing Council.

Pupil Free day
Schools have 4 pupil free days each year and this Monday is our first one. Meadows staff will be joining staff from all the other schools and pre-schools in the Heysen Partnership, on the first stage of our Visible Learning journey. Visible learning is based on the work of Professor John Hattie which is focused on school improvement. Hattie’s mantra for all schools is ‘know thy impact’ and it looks at how teachers and leaders can learn to look for evidence of their impact on students, consider this evidence through their students’ eyes and take on board the lessons for their own learning and practice.

Staffing news
Congratulations to Candice Perkins who has won the new coordinator position for this year. Candice will work with her class four days a week and on Tuesdays Tamara Edwards will release Candice to work with all teachers. Candice will provide leadership in maths and will become the school’s coach for the Visible Learning.

Behaviour Expectations
Last term Governing Council and teachers reviewed our behaviour expectations. We have included the updated version for your information.
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2017
Congratulations and many thanks are extended to the new and continuing members of Governing Council for committing their time to support the school this year.

Governing Councillors for 2017 are:
Rebecca Viney, Joce Henderson, Katie Thorpe, Matt Hopwood, Kellie Holliday, Adam Frith, Suzie Bottroff, Jason Bird, Margaret Megson and Kayla Mahar
Retiring members: Lisa Bird and Michelle Eardley
Thank you very much for the way you represented the families of Meadows Primary School.

Positions will be announced in our next newsletter.
Governing Council meetings are held in weeks 4 and 9 from 7:00pm –9:30pm in the resource centre.

PARENT CLUB MEMBERS 2017
The Parent Club Members for 2017 are listed below. We would like to sincerely thank them for offering to support and help the school. Parent Club is a valuable part of our school community.

President - Tanya Gibson  Vice President - Carol Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer - Tammy McLean  Governing Council Rep. - Katie Thorpe
Committee Members— Bec Mulqueen, Clarissa Whiting, Suzie Bottroff, Carly Astill, Kate Parker
Parent Helpers— Sally Paech, Regan Thrun, Britt Long, Sam Jackson, Sarah Richardson, Krista Murray, Mel Scrase

Know Your House Teams
Sports Day is on 17th March 2017. Congratulations to the elected House Captains and Vice Captains. We know that you will be great role models for your teams. The colours and team leaders for the House Teams are as follows:
- **Eyre**—(Green) - Captains: Oliver & Lucinda  Vice Captains: Will & Ruby E
- **Barker**—(Red) - Captains: Cade & Izzy  Vice Captains: Tash & Caleb
- **Finniss**—(Yellow) - Captains: Ryley & Brie  Vice Captains: Todd & Ruby O-B
- **Mawson**—(Blue) - Captains: Ethan & Jacinta  Vice Captains: Charlotte & Hayden

A Sport’s Day program will be sent home closer to the event and will be available on our website. **Sports Day starts at 9am and finishes with a late lunch at about 1:30pm.**
Families are encouraged to wear team colours and food and drinks will be available to purchase.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2017
Congratulations to the students listed below who were selected by their peers to act in leadership roles within the SRC this year.
Yr 6/7 - Bella & Caleb
Yr 4/5 - Tyler B & Izzy F
Yr 3/4 - Bella C & Thomas J
Yr 2/3 - Kyra & Lucas B

The school leaders will be elected shortly and then all these students will be officially inducted into the SRC at an assembly this term.

A big ‘thumbs up’ to all the people listed on this page for their dedication and support in helping to make Meadows PS such a great place.
Meadows Bakery School Lunches Price List

A bakery price list accompanies this newsletter

Prices remain unchanged

The items in the green boxes are available every day while the ones in the amber box are only available on Fridays. From Monday to Thursday students are to bring their order written on the outside of an envelope (with their name & class) with money enclosed to the office and place it in the black basket by the front door. At lunchtime they need to come back to the office to collect. On Fridays, due to the high number of orders, envelopes will be collected from the classrooms and orders delivered back to rooms at lunchtime.

Late / Absent Notification Form - If your child is sick or late please either phone the school (83883216) or fill in the mango coloured slip and return to school with the child.

Do you like to sing, dance or act?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!


Weekly rehearsals are held at 2:

South - Hamilton Secondary College on Wednesdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 6.15 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.

Each troupe will be involved in 3 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Entertainment Centre between the 11th and 17th September, 2017.

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

At Meadows Primary School we are very interested in making sure you receive all of the information about what’s happening in our school. Skoolbag is a great way for us to get that information to you. Download the free Skoolbag App to access important information about what’s happening. Please call into the office for instructions on how to install Skoolbag on your smartphone or iPad.
December 2016/January 2017 Vacation Care

We have had lots of exciting events happen during the Meadows OSHC Vacation Care, firstly we are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Dayna Hill’s beautiful baby boy, Kyan Laurence Toristen Hill on 24th January 2017. Dayna will be on Maternity Leave for Term 1 and 2 and Kayla Mahar will fill in Dayna’s position as the Meadows OSHC Assistant Director.

Meadows OSHC Dec/Jan Vacation Care was busy, full of fun and thankfully not too many extreme hot days. The children enjoyed cooling off on the large inflatable water tunnel, learning Hip Hop moves taught by Move-it, singing along to the Jukebox and karaoke machine, watching ‘Trolls’ and ‘Moana’ at the Wallis Cinema and playing a round of Mini Golf at Hahndorf. We also joined Hahndorf OSHC on an excursion to Stirling to watch the musical ‘Oliver’ by the Hills Youth Theatre. Our theme days all were a great success and the children were keen to have a go at new crafts and activities. We made puppets, had a go at marbling, painting, cooking damper, constructing wooden Christmas stars with Louise from Bunnings, cruising on our bikes on Hot Wheels Day and generally chilling and playing Lego, cars, making, ...
RESPECT FOR SELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

BELIEF STATEMENT
At Meadows Primary School we believe in fostering a learning environment that:
- is respectful, safe, caring and fair.
- supports and protects the rights of students to learn and teachers to teach
- develops in students an acceptance of responsibility for their own behaviour
- is oriented to success so that all students have support and opportunities to be successful academically, socially and physically
- develops a partnership between staff, students and their families.

This policy is applicable in all areas of the school including out of school hours events and excursions.

RESPECT FOR SELF
Means:
understanding and celebrating diversity; understanding uniqueness; being inclusive; getting along, working together, being thoughtful and caring about yourself and others; showing consideration for our school environment; being responsible; making good choices, and being tolerant, fair, kind, generous, honest and loyal.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PROCESSES
Staff at Meadows Primary School share agreed Behaviour Management Processes, which aim to provide a consistent approach when responding to issues both in the classroom and in the yard. This is a whole school approach to effectively manage students' behaviour and foster a successful learning environment.

Classroom Management

Meadows Primary School operates within two fundamental rules:
- treat each other with respect
- make the classroom (learning area) a place of learning.

We believe that:
- an effectively managed classroom with clear guidelines, procedures and routines for common aspects of classroom life will ensure all students feel safe and able to engage in the learning process
- to ensure understanding and ownership, students must be jointly involved in the creation of these guidelines, procedures and routines
- students appreciate a straightforward and consistent approach.

Therefore we will:
- jointly develop, record and display specific behaviours, routines and processes at the beginning of each year
- acknowledge positive behaviour or when rules and procedures are being followed, i.e. thank students for their cooperation in making the classroom a positive learning environment
- be aware of what is happening in all parts of the classroom at all times—by continuously scanning the classroom, even when working with small groups or individuals.
- intervene promptly when inappropriate behavior threatens to become disruptive
- acknowledge violations of classroom rules and procedures immediately and employ the specific consequences that have been established
- record significant or on-going breaches on EDSAS (DECD data recording system)
- use weekly Class Meetings as a forum to bring up issues of classroom management i.e. teacher or students provide a summary of their perception on how well students have followed the rules and procedures that week.
- explicitly teach social skills programs - ‘What’s the Buzz’ ‘Play is the Way’
- acknowledge students who follow the rules and respect others and their learning

**Consequences for inappropriate behavior**

- Warning/Rule reminder
- Time out in the class
- Time out in ‘behaviour buddy’ class
- Time out in the office – student to bring a completed white slip to the office; Principal informed and re-entry plan negotiated.
- Parents informed and meeting set up if necessary

**Verbal or physical violence** - the student is sent to the office without moving through the steps; ring office to let know who and why.
Consequences are enacted as per the school discipline policy.

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**Yard Expectations**

- Play safely in the yard staying within the school boundaries
- RESPECT other people’s feelings, rights and property
- RESPECT and care for our environment
- Listen to and follow instructions

**Therefore we will:**

- ensure students have a clear understanding of the Yard Expectations at the beginning of each year and periodically revisit as needed
- give logical consequence when a rule is not adhered to and inform the student/s of the next consequence should a future breach occur
- record any students who regularly re-offend
- acknowledge students who follow rules and procedures.

For students with disabilities all processes around behavior will be in enacted as fits their level of understanding and self control.
Who’s In Charge?

A FREE 7 week course for parents whose children are abusive towards them
Based on the work of Eddie Gallagher

This course is for parents of children between 8 and 18 who feel constantly challenged by their children’s behaviour. The course is based on the work of Eddie Gallagher and aims to:

- Reduce parents’ feelings of isolation
- Challenge parents’ feelings of guilt
- Create belief in the possibility of change
- Explore anger, both children’s and parents’
- Develop safety plans for families
- Help parents to look after themselves
- Clarify boundaries of acceptable and unacceptable behavior
- Examine strategies for creating meaningful and practical consequences for unacceptable behavior
- Reinforce progress and provide emotional support while you attempt to become more assertive parents

Venue
CAMHS MOUNT BARKER
23 Victoria Crescent
MOUNT BARKER SA 5251

Cost
Nil

Duration
12.30pm - 3.00pm

Dates (all sessions to be attended)
Session 1 - Thursday 16 February 2017
Session 2 - Thursday 23 February 2017
Session 3 - Thursday 2 March 2017
Session 4 - Thursday 9 March 2017
Session 5 - Thursday 16 March 2017
Session 6 - Thursday 23 March 2017
Session 7 - Thursday 30 March 2017

Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on
8215 6700 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

This project is jointly funded by Centacare Catholic Family Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Education and Child Development, and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

www.centacare.org.au

Keep your kids smiling

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment. Your clinic is:
Mount Barker School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8391 0858

KIDS KITCHEN

Students in the Yr 6/7 class will once again be cooking and serving yummy lunches to students on Wednesdays, under the guidance of our masterchef, Karen Brand. The first lunch will be on Wednesday 8th March, order forms will be sent home the week before.

Nicci’s Apples
Delicious fruit is available Monday, mid morning until Wednesday mornings in the front office. Apples & plums are currently available.

Yummy dried apples are $1-50 a bag.

Meadows Uniting Church
Presents..........

Moosic Group
For preschoolers and their carer.

Great place to meet other parents in the community. Please call Karen Crawford for more details 0409698646.

A fun interactive session of:
- music and movement
- rhythm and rhyme
- story telling and imagination
- fine motor skills
- song and dance
- exploring instruments

Session times:
Wednesday’s (in the school term)
- 9am - 9:50am
- 10am - 10:50am
- $2 donation
The Church near the Post Office - All welcome

SA Dental Service