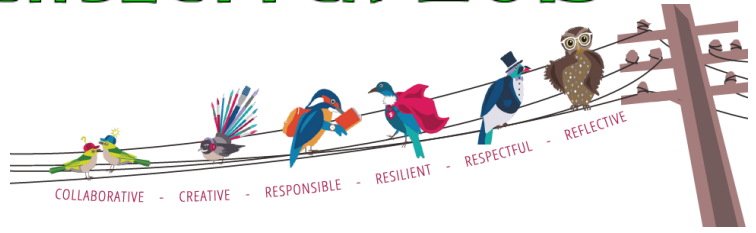




# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2019



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to see so many parents at Meet the Teacher night last night. For me it was a wonderful opportunity to introduce myself to everybody and present some of the school initiatives for the year. There was a really great buzz about the school and I enjoyed hearing about how well the children are settling back into school.

Our school roll is currently at 722 and we are expecting this number to rise to just over 800 students this year.

## STAFF NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff to Meadowbank School:-

- > Polly Stewart who joins our Year 5 team in Room 21.
- > Wendy Templer who joins our Year 4 team in Room 31.
- > Abby Ogram who joins our Year 4 team in Room 37.
- > Carlin Shaw who will be teaching Te Reo across the school.
- > Ally Cockerill will be working in Room 5 (New Entrant classroom) until mid March when she will move to her own class.

In other staff news ... ..

- > Lauryn Buchanan (Year 1 Team Leader 2018) welcomed a baby boy on 7 February - mother and baby are doing well.
- > Nicky Durkin and Katy Synge will be training in Reading Recovery and sharing the New Entrant classroom.

## SCHOOL INVOICES

Student invoices were sent home yesterday.

These include Excursion/Performance; Year 6 Camp; Year 6 Waterwise; Year 5 EOTC; Garden to Table (Year 4 & Year 5); Athletics (Y2 to Y4); Maths-Whizz (Y5 & 6) Reading Eggs (Y1 & Y2); Hilton Brown Swimming; School Donation Request.

The preferred method of payment is through the parental portal <https://parent.musac.school.nz> and follow the steps on line - if this is your first time registering - you will need to use the email address you have supplied the school with and this will activate a password for you. There is also a link on our school App under the Links tab.

If you would like to discuss confidential payment options or have any queries please contact Stephanie de Frere [sdefrere@meadowbank.school.nz](mailto:sdefrere@meadowbank.school.nz)

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board is the governing body of our school. They establish the school's policies and strategic direction.

Our Management Team then ensures that these priorities are acted upon.

Our trustees are:-

Anna Thorburn (Chair)	☎ 021 119 0086	💻 anna.thorburn@oceaniahealthcare.co.nz
Rachel Murdoch (Deputy Chair/Community)	☎ 021 722 475	💻 rachelmurdochca@gmail.com
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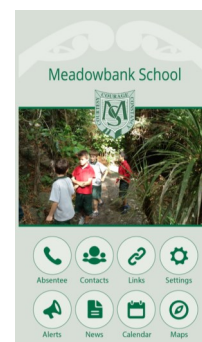
The Board meets monthly and these are public meetings. Our first meeting for 2019 is **Wednesday, 20 February** at 7pm in the Senior Staffroom - you are welcome to attend.

This year we will be holding Board Elections - we will be seeking nominations by Friday, 24 May.

# SCHOOL APP

This is an extremely valuable communication tool for our school and we use it regularly to keep our parents in the loop.

If you previously selected your child's class for alerts last year, this will have changed and you will need to reset your groups (go to the settings tab on the home page). If you don't have the App you can download this from your smartphone for free via the Play Store and search for Meadowbank School.



# PROPERTY UPDATE

You will have noticed that over the holiday break our old administration block was demolished and we moved our senior school offices to the Theo Lynds block (old Room 17 to 19) while the new block is being constructed. We are currently at the exciting stage of the design phase and we are starting to capture a vision of what an amazing space it will be. Construction on the new build will commence later this year.

We will be relocating the Mandarin Room to make way for the new build. We are working our way through this process and will keep everyone well informed of its new location on the senior campus.

We also have plans this year to upgrade the Senior School playground. This will be an exciting project and we are going to involve the kids as much as possible as they are the ones who ultimately use it.

Watch this space!



# REPORTING YOUR CHILD ABSENT

Student safety is our priority. If your child is sick / absent or going to be late for class please ensure that you contact the school, either:-

- click on the Report Absence function on the homepage of the school website, completing the relevant details; or
- click on the Absentee tab on the School App; or
  - phone the school office;
  - please do not email the teacher as they may be absent too.

Please provide the reason for the child being away ie: doctor, sick, tutoring, holiday etc. If we do not receive a message we will need to contact you. With 5-6% absenteeism on any one day (more on a Monday / Friday); this can take some time and valuable time is lost in locating a missing child.

# MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES

We understand that some parents choose to send their children to school with a mobile phone or a smart watch for safety reasons.

Please note that the procedure is that if your child brings their phone to school they are to leave their phone in the school office and collect it at the end of the day.



If your child has a smart watch, please make sure that it is switched to 'school mode' during school hours.

# FOMS (FRIENDS OF MEADOWBANK SCHOOL)

It was great to see such a great turn out at the FOMS meeting on Monday evening. FOMS are looking for helpers on Sausage Sizzle days. There are 3 specific roles:-

- > Purchase apples from Countdown Meadowbank and deliver to school by 9.45am.
- > Distribute supplies from the Senior campus to the Junior campus before 10.45am.
- > Back-up Report Runner (only needed when someone is away).

If you can help with any of these roles, or have any queries please contact Felicity McKenzie

 [fmmckenzie@iinet.net.au](mailto:fmmckenzie@iinet.net.au) or  021 028 15224 or check out FOMS Facebook page.

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS** Next week the Walking School Buses will be starting a "Give it a Go" promotion. Children who are already part of a walking school bus are encouraged to invite a friend to give a walking school bus a go. During the promotion any new student who participates will be given a small loot bag of goodies. If you would like to know more information please contact Nadia de Blaauw

 [nadia.deblaauw@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nadia.deblaauw@xtra.co.nz)

To join a Walking School Bus all relevant information is on the school website under Our School tab, then click general information.

## Hilton Brown SWIMMING

Once again we have Hilton Brown providing a Swimming Enrichment Programme of 10 x 30 minute lessons for all students in Year 1 to 6 (except Room 5 students who will swim in Term 4).

For \$57 they provide 3-4 professional swimming instructors who work with smaller groups of children, being in the water alongside the students. Dates for swimming lessons are as follows:-

Year 5 & 6	Monday, 11 February to Friday, 22 February
Year 1 & 2	Monday, 25 February to Friday, 8 March
Year 3 & 4	Monday, 11 March to Friday, 22 March

## SPORTS

Please note the upcoming Swimming Sports events ... ..

Year 5 & 6	-	Tuesday, 5 March at Glen Innes YMCA Pools
Year 1 & 2	-	Thursday, 28 March (held in our school pool)
Year 3 & 4	-	Tuesday, 2 April (held in our school pool)

Zone Swimming Sports for Year 5 & 6 will be held at St. Kentigern's on Tuesday, 19 March.

## TOP SCHOOLS

Top Schools is a fun tabloid sports day held at Churchill Park School on Sunday, 10 March. We can enter year 3/4 teams and year 5/6 teams. Please register your interest via this link <https://goo.gl/forms/LeuqHJ5wfGZI8DYJ3> or on the school website under Learning Area - Sport.

## SUMMER FIELD DAY

Year 5 & 6 Summer Field Day is being held on Tuesday, 26 March - save day 2nd April - this is an all day event held at different venues. Further details will be sent home closer to the time.

## FEBRUARY

20	BOT Meeting - 7pm
22	Singing Assembly
25	Standardised Testing commences Year 1 & 2 Hilton Brown Swimming (until 8 March)

## MARCH

1	Year 6 Waterwise commences
5	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports - Glen Innes
8	Room 14, 15, 16 Assembly presentation
11	Year 3 & 4 Hilton Brown Swimming (until 22 March) FOMS Meeting - 7.30pm [Senior Staffroom]
19	Year 6 & 6 Zone Swimming Sports
20	BOT Meeting - 7pm
22	Room 12 & 13 Assembly presentation
26	Year 6 Camp - Lakewood Lodge Year 5 & 6 Summer Field Day



## CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Students had their class and individual photos taken and will be bringing home their order envelopes tomorrow. You can pre-view the portrait and class photos online before ordering.

All ordering instructions are on the envelope provided with orders closing Friday, 1 March.

## FRIDAY FLYERS

Throughout the year your child will come home with various flyers on a Friday from local businesses. These flyers are distributed at a cost from the originator and are a valuable fundraiser for the school.