



# Noticeboard

## The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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### Term 4 Week 1 Tuesday 10th October, 2017

#### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to our final term for 2017. I hope that you managed to enjoy some family fun during the school holidays.

Term 4 will be another busy and productive period of learning. It will include the Primary Active Safe Swim activities for Friday sport, Year 2 Intensive Swimming lessons, Bandfest, class excursions, Kindergarten 2018 students' Picnics in the Playground, Stage 3 Broken Bay camp, Stage 2 visit to Camp Toukley, Semester 2 Student Progress Reports, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell and Party Day.

Due to the bushland across the road from the school, M.H.P.S is included on the list of schools seen as being "at risk" in the event of bushfire. As part of our emergency procedures the school has plans in place should the need ever arise to evacuate. Also should the Bushfire Rating Level for our local area reach "Catastrophic" parents would be advised to keep their children at home until safer conditions returned. Those groups who use the school facilities are also to follow this safety requirement.

Mr J Pollock,  
Relieving Principal

#### ACTIVE SWIM SURVIVAL PROGRAM

Active Swim commences this Friday, 13th October. All permission notes and balance of payments must be returned to school by this Wednesday 11th October. All students attending must be at school by 9.15 am with sunblock on and swimmers on under their school uniform. Don't forget a towel and underwear and a bag for wet swimwear.

#### SELECTIVE SCHOOL 2019 APPLICATIONS

Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For

information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Please refer to the intention to apply for Yr 7 entry to selective high school in 2019. Applications close 13th November 2017.

The Intention to apply form is on page 5 of this Noticeboard.

#### VOLUNTEERING

Due to new department guidelines, any parent/carer volunteers must complete a new declaration and provide 100 points identification. You do not need a Working with Children Check but you must sign in at the office every time you volunteer and have completed the departments declaration. New forms have been sent home to people who have previously filled in the older forms. **Please return these as soon as possible.**

#### NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

- \* Active Swim Survival Program—Balance of \$10 and permission note
- \* Year 2 Swim School Scheme—payment of \$90 and permission note.
- \* Yr 6 Interrelate—payment of \$37 and permission note.
- \* Senior School Band Bandfest— permission note.

#### Important Anaphylaxis Notice

We have students who are at risk of severe allergic reaction to some food items. **This condition is potentially life threatening.** Please do not send nut-based products to school with your child's recess or lunch. Products include peanut butter, Nutella, sesame seed, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars.

## LEARN & EARN REWARDS

Thank you to all who supported our school by bringing in the Woolworths Learn & Earn stickers. The stickers have been sent off and we look forward to purchasing new resources for our school.

## PICNIC IN THE PLAYGROUND FOR KINDY 2018

A terrific way for 2018 Kindergarten children, mums and dads to get to know each other before school starts next year. We will meet near the play equipment at 10.00 am, share a picnic and we plan to finish at 11.15 before the students come out for recess.

Dates are as follows  
Thursday 26th October  
Monday 13th November



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hamish B, Beau C, Billie T, Noah J, Benjamin C, Flynn S, Oliver R, Isabella W, Eli M, Harrison G, Rosie A, Sophie W, Hugo M, Lucas S, Isla C, Rhys J, Indi S, Rory T, Jessie T, Ingrid S, Macy F, Adrian F.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 11/10	Thurs 12/10	Fri 13/10	Mon 16/10	Tues 17/10
	Alex V	<b>Volunteer required</b>	Monique T	<b>Closed</b>
Wed 18/10	Thurs 19/10	Fri 20/10	Mon 23/10	Tues 24/10
Marianne A	Brooke D	Clare C		<b>Closed</b>

## CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

## JENNYS CORNER WORKING BEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will have Jenny's corner finished for the Presentation Day on Wednesday, 13th December 2017. The gabions and seating have been finished. Now we need volunteers to help prepare the garden beds, ie remove lawn and level off ground.

We would greatly appreciate volunteers...

When - Saturday, 21 October

Time - 8:30am to 11:30am

Equipment - please bring gardening gloves, rake, shovel, spade and/or hoe

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues went home today. Please return your orders and payments by Friday 20th October.

## P&C FUNDRAISER



If you love mangoes, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive. We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest. Cost per tray is: \$25.00. Place your order by: Friday 27th October 2017. Please note, No POP payments can be accepted.

We have elected a delivery date of week commencing 4th December. As soon as we know an exact date, we will advise you so you can collect them as they arrive.

This is a fantastic, HEALTHY fundraising option for our school – please jump on board! There is no limit per family, so fill your car, and your house just in time for Christmas! Order forms are on page 5.

## DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.</b>					
<b>WEEK 1</b>	9/10 School resumes for Term 4 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	10/10 Kindy 2018 Picnic in the Playground	11/10	12/10	13/10 Yr 3-6 Active Swim 9.15am
<b>WEEK 2</b>	16/10	17/10	18/10 Bandfest	19/10	20/10 Yr 3-6 Active Swim 9.15am
<b>WEEK 3</b>	23/10 Yr 2 Swim School	24/10 Yr 2 Swim School 6L Cupcake Day	25/10 Yr 2 Swim School	26/10 Yr 2 Swim School Kindy 2018 Picnic in the Playground Yr 6 Interrelate	27/10 Yr 3 –6 Active Swim Yr 2 Swim School Mango Orders Due
<b>WEEK 4</b>	30/10 Yr 2 Swim School	31/10 Yr 2 Swim School	1/11 Yr 2 Swim School	2/11 Yr 2 Swim School Yr 6 Interrelate	3/11 Yr 2 Swim School Yr 3-6 Active Swim
<b>WEEK 5</b>	6/11 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	7/11 KM Cupcake Day	8/11 Performing Arts Presentation Night	9/11 Yr 6 Interrelate	10/11 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
<b>WEEK 6</b>	13/11 Picnic in the Play-ground	14/11	15/11	16/11 Yr 6 Interrelate	17/11 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
<b>WEEK 7</b>	20/11	21/11 2H Cupcake Day	22/11 Kindy 2018 Classroom Visit	23/11	24/11 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
<b>WEEK 8</b>	27/11 Yr 5&6 Camp	28/11 Yr 5 & 6 Camp Kindy 2018 Parents Info Night	29/11 Yr 5 & 6 Camp Yr 3 & 4 Camp	30/11 Yr 5 & 6 Camp Yr 3 & 4 Camp	1/12 Yr 5 & 6 Camp Yr 3 & 4 Camp
<b>WEEK 9</b>	4/12	5/12 3MC Cupcake Day	6/12	7/12	8/12 Yr 3-6 Active Swim Yr 6 County Fair
<b>WEEK 10</b>	11/12	12/12	13/12 <b>Presentation Day</b>	14/12 Yr 6 Farewell	15/12 Party Day



Til the MHPS Fundraising

## TRIVIA NIGHT



***No need to wait if you don't have a table of ten – book individual tickets now for \$25 each and make up your team on the night!***

[www.stickytickets.com.au/56481](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/56481) or search MHPS on sticky tickets site

*Come along for a night out to remember*

**PRIZES TO BE WON!** There will be raffles, pay to play comps, and lucky ticket draw!

***PLUS WINNING TEAM WINS TEN \$50 entertainment vouchers***

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

**WHERE:** Charlestown Bowling Club

**WHEN:** FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. Doors open 6.30 pm, trivia starts 7:30 pm.

**COST:** \$25 per person, OR \$200 per table of 10 purchased in advance.

**Ticket includes:** trivia, 1 drink voucher  
tap beer, wine (still or sparkling), soft drink

**FOOD:** Meals and snacks from the bistro menu can be ordered at guests own expense.

*Bring your family (licensed venue, event targeted at adults), friends, sporting team*

## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 10 October 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> on 10 October 2017 and closes on 13 November 2017. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is **not an application** and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.** This is a notice to your primary school only that you *intend* to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

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## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in 2019

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

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Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CUSTOMER ORDER FORM

### Merewether Heights Public School

Corrick Plains Pty Ltd • ABN 21 685 452 996 • PO Box 28, Giru QLD 4809

Name: .....

Class: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

#### Coordinator/Office use

Coordinators Name	Price	Expected Delivery	Return form with payment by
Mel Carstairs	\$25.00	W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017

- The cost per tray is **\$25.00**.
- You can order as many as you like – ask your family, friends, neighbours, strangers!
- We can only accept cash (the correct amount, please not heaps of coins!). ***No POP Payments can be accepted.***
- Please put the money and order form in an envelope and return to the school **NO LATER** than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

CHILD'S NAME (please use your eldest child's name & include their class name)	NUMBER OF TRAYS	MONEY ENCLOSED

\*Please note that while every effort will be made to deliver your orders to your School/Club/Organisation on the preferred delivery date, however the occasional delivery may be delayed due to logistical difficulties beyond our control. Your coordinator will notify you of any changes.

The Fred Hollows Foundation

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# FUNDRAISING GUIDE



50% women    30 – 60 km events    Teams of 4

www.hollows.org | 1800 203 691 | www.coastrek.com.au

Coastrek is a physical, mental and emotional challenge that will push you to your limits. It is also a rewarding fundraising challenge for you and your team.

The funds you raise will support The Fred Hollows Foundation restore sight to people living with avoidable blindness in over 25 countries around the world, including in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Founded by the Wild Women On Top, the treks have become one of Australia's most popular charity challenges. With the aim to get women walking for fitness, fun and fundraising, Coastrek is truly a life changing experience.

For more information

<https://sydney.coastrek.com.au/resources>

## SKOOLBAG APP

The MHPS Skoolbag App is a great way to stay in touch and up to date with the school. We send alerts and event information as well as the Noticeboard. You can also notify the school regarding absences.



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## SCHOOLWEAR & EVERYTHING ELSE

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THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER**



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# Service changes

Dear Parents,

## CHANGES TO SCHOOL ROUTE 815 FROM 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

Please be advised that from Monday 11 September, route 815 will be permanently relocated on to King Street to accommodate construction of the Newcastle Light Rail on Hunter and Scott streets.

Buses will be diverted onto King Street at Darby Street with bus stops available at the following locations:

### Morning

- Customs House, Watt St
- King St at Bolton St
- King St at Perkins St
- King St before Darby St

### Afternoon

- King St after Darby St
- King St at Perkins St
- King St before Watt St
- Customs House, Watt St

For more information about these changes please visit [newcastletransport.info](http://newcastletransport.info) or contact 131 500.



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