



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 4 Week 4 Tuesday 31st October, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Week 4 already! How the term is flying by.

The school has been advised that the NSW Rural Fire Service will be conducting a Hazard Reduction Burn on Wednesday 1/11/17 at Fernleigh Loop. This should not interfere with our normal school routine. If we see smoke coming from this area we will know why.

In the last few weeks there have been reports in the media on Stranger Danger issues in the Newcastle area. It is therefore timely to remind all the children of Stranger Danger safety.

As the weather is now warming up it is necessary for the children to be wearing their school hat in the playground. Those without a hat will be asked to sit in the shade.

The last day for our Wednesday afternoon SRE, Ethics, Values, Meditation and Reading Groups will be in Week 7 (22/11/17). The end of year concert for scripture students will be held on Tuesday 28/12/17.

Primary students will be at camp in Week 8.

Mr John Pollock
Relieving Principal

MONEY IN CREDIT

During the year you may allocate money into Fees in Advance in preparation for up coming events. Some families still have money in credit. Could you please check with the office if you think you may have credit and use it before the end of year on school camps etc.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Kotara High School is holding a Year 6 into Year 7 information evening on Wednesday 15th November. This will be held in the Kotara HS Library commencing at 6.30 pm.

PRESENTATION DAY

This year Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 13th December.

Could the winners of all perpetual trophies in 2016 please return them to the school office by Monday 6th November, so that we have time to get them engraved for the 2017 students.

BOOK FAIR TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Our school is holding a Book Fair on Tuesday 14th November. Opening times are 8.30—9.20 am and 3.25—4.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books for Christmas while supporting our library. I look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Lochrin
Teacher Librarian

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

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.

NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE

Yr 6 Interrelate - due Wednesday 1st November

Yrs 3 & 4 Camp - due Monday 6th November

Yrs 5 & 6 Camp - due Monday 6th November

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.

JENNY'S CORNER PAVERS

Jenny's Corner is starting to take shape and we are keen to place our paver order very soon. Many people have already purchased a paver and have been patiently waiting for the completion of the project.

This is the last opportunity for you to design and purchase a paver for Jenny's Corner. The pavers cost \$25 and the order form and design details are attached to this edition of the Noticeboard. Please ensure you carefully follow the design instructions to ensure your paver can be recreated successfully.

The final date for paver orders is this Friday 3rd November 2017.

MHPS PERFORMING ARTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

MHPS will be hosting a Christmas Concert on Tuesday 5th December, 6.00—8.00 pm. This will be in place of the Performing Arts Presentation Night. The year 6 band students will be performing their solo pieces and choir students will be performing a range of songs both as solos and as a choir.

Please support our Performing Arts students. More information is on page 5 of this Noticeboard.

STUDENT BANKING VOLUNTEER

If you have some free time on a Thursday morning, volunteers are always welcome to help with the CommBank student school banking. Please contact Marianne Allen 0402 747 712 if you can help.



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 9 of this Noticeboard.Volunteers

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. The last picnic for the year is on Monday 13th November.



CANTEEN SPECIAL

The Canteen now is offering Hot Cheese Rolls for sale! Only \$1.00.



AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early

Stage 1 Lara B, Dane M, Hamish F, Reid H,

Stage 1 Tom B, Natan M, Thomas M, Erin M, Alina S, Simone H, Preston D, Oliver C, Joshua M, Grace C, Braith L, Amelia D.

Stage 2 Robyn C, Chase M, Macey W, Joshua D, Rory O, Max W, Gabby L.

Stage 3 Lotus S, Noah S, Cherri S, Sophia M, Tom N, Mia D, Toby W.

P&C FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia night done and dusted! All hands-on deck having a good time so no time for photos but we had a genuine cliffhanger! In a thrilling tiebreaker "J is for Genius" snatched victory from "The Barnaby Joyces".

Thanks to donors for their generous gifts, and our MHPS families, friends and staff who attended on the night. Well over \$3000 was raised for the school. As our fabulous MCs Toby and Amanda Watson said "thanks for bringing your brains" ...and your generosity! Special thanks to our donors and supporters:

Amanda and Toby Watson (Trivia Masters)
Charlestown Bowling Club
Little Kite Photography (Michelle Coghlan)
Fitness Junction (Kylie Harris)
Aimee Dobb, Artist and Interior Designer
Momentum is Your Friend Mountain Bike Tuition
"The Good Physio" (Toby Watson)
AJD drafting services (Andrew and Merrin Dewar)
iTravel, The Junction (Monique Taafe)
Sensational Skin Care, Merewether (Sarah Holness)
Lowes (via Toni Adams)
Kelly Taylor Professional Hairdressing (Kelly Taylor)
Zen Bamboo (Justin Popp)
Sanbah Surf Shop (Sophie Smith)
Merewether Vet (Karen Catchpole)
ENIGMA Jewellers (Kath Proszkowiec)
The Huang family (2H)

MANGOES

A huge thank you to each and every family who placed an order. This is a great fundraiser that is healthy, requires little work and is greatly profitable! We sold 180 trays which gives us a profit of \$1080!

When an exact delivery date is known we will publish it on MHPS Canteen Facebook, Skoolbag App and in the Noticeboard. Remember you will need to collect the mangoes in person, or they can be sent to OOSH if your child is attending on delivery day.

Mel Carstairs



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eden Gidley, Olivia Mills, Mia Barry, Luca Drelincourt, James Kyreakou, Isla Carstairs, Lexi Kinder, Dane Moffat.



CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

School hats are available at the office, \$12 each. Please assist us and have the correct money for purchasing.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 1/11	Thurs 2/11	Fri 3/11	Mon 6/11	Tues 7/11
Felicity T	Brooke D	Jane M Justine C	Closed	
Wed 8/11	Thurs 9/11	Fri 10/11	Mon 13/11	Tues
Colleen L	Edwina Nikki	Sam C Kristen G	Closed	

DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 4	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
WEEK 5	6/11 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	7/11 KM Cupcake Day Kindy 2018 Classroom Visit	8/11	9/11 Yr 6 Interrelate	10/11 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
WEEK 6	13/11 Picnic in the Play-ground	14/11 Book Fair	15/11 Year 6 Kotara HS Orientation	16/11 Yr 6 Interrelate	17/11 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
WEEK 7	20/11	21/11 2H Cupcake Day	22/11 Kindy 2018 Classroom Visit	23/11 Yr 6 Interrelate	24/11 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
WEEK 8	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
WEEK 9	4/12	5/12 3MC Cupcake Day Performing Arts Christmas Concert 6-8pm	6/12	7/12	8/12 Yr 3-6 Active Swim Yr 6 County Fair
WEEK 10	11/12	12/12	13/12 Presentation Day	14/12 Yr 6 Farewell	15/12 Party Day

PAYMENTS

Payments can be made quite easily on our POP (Parent Online Payment) system found on our webpage, www.merewethht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au , **Please Note; when making a payment online, only fill in the boxes with a green asterisk , no need for the student number.** Or correct money or cheque in an envelope to the office, or Eftpos at the office.

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.



MHPS Performing Arts

Christmas Concert

What: The Performing Arts students of Merewether Heights Public School are excited to be presenting a Christmas Concert. The junior and senior bands and choirs will be performing as well as Year 6 band soloists and choir soloists.

Date: Tuesday 5th December, 2017

Time: 6pm - 8:00pm (sausage sizzle from 5:15pm)

Where: MHPS Assembly Hall

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket / \$20 per family tickets:

Please come along to support and encourage the talented Performing Arts students in our school.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day but please RSVP as soon as possible. Please arrive early to secure your seats. There will even be a lucky door prize!

We will be hosting a sausage sizzle before the show. Band members are asked to bring along bakery items on the night to sell, and choir members are asked to donate a bag of lollies (which can be given to Mr Moran or Mrs Martyn prior to the night).

RSVP I will be attending the MHPS Christmas Concert

Family Name: _____

How many attending: _____

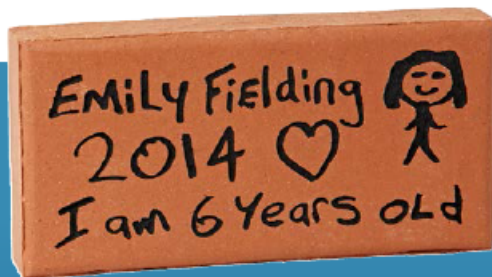
We will be purchasing _____ sausage sandwiches!



HAND DRAWN TEMPLATE

Merewether Heights Public School

We are giving our community the opportunity to purchase a personalised, hand drawn paver to place in 'Jenny's Corner'. This is a unique chance to add your personal touch to a very special area of our school.



OFFER: \$25

Your donation of \$25 entitles you to have your hand drawn image engraved into a brick as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in Jenny's Corner at Merewether Heights Public School proudly showing your donation.

HAND DRAWN DETAILS

Please follow the instructions below and overleaf to ensure your drawing details are not lost during the engraving process.

1. If you do not use the template over the page, keep your drawing within the dimensions of 190mm wide x 100mm deep.
2. ONE NAME PER PAVER.
3. Artline 70 'High Performance' permanent marker is the preferred and recommended marker to use.
4. NO colour pencils, colour textas, Biro's etc will be accepted.

See over for further instructions and template.

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash to:

Merewether Heights Public School
Office

Contact Name

Phone

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Street

City

State

Post Code

Our Donation

\$

For engraving details please complete the form on the reverse.

Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

SIGNATURE
= ENGRAVING =



HAND DRAWN TEMPLATE

ENGRAVING DETAILS

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS WHEN CREATING YOUR IMAGE.

1. ONE NAME PER PAVER.
2. Draw your image using a good quality medium thickness black marker pen (about 2mm thick).
eg Artline 70 'High Performance' marker.
Do not use a ballpoint pen, coloured text or pencils!
3. Make sure you rub out any pencil lines as these will show up on the finished paver.
4. Do not include computer-generated or pasted pictures.
The hand drawn image engraving process is set up to engrave hand drawn images only.

SAMPLE 1



THIS IS OK ✓

- Good clean writing
- Simple illustrations

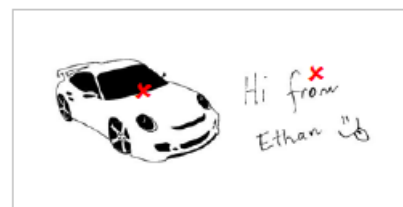
SAMPLE 2



THIS IS NOT OK ✗

- Too many names
- Illustrations too detailed
- Information gets lost

SAMPLE 3



THIS IS NOT OK ✗

- Do not include computer-generated or pasted pictures
- The process is set up to engrave hand drawn images only

Administrator note: Please photocopy this page for your records, cut out the drawing below and send the ORIGINAL to Signature Engraving.

PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE FOR EACH HAND DRAWN PAVER.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR DRAWING DOES NOT TOUCH OR GO OUTSIDE OF THE BORDER



100mm high x 190mm wide

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>

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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