



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

It is nice to be back after my time overseas. I would like to thank My Pollock for relieving in the principal's chair and for Mr Greentree for the work he did with 4P.

Well done to all the people involved with the work being done on Jenny's Corner and the murals around the infants classrooms. The area is looking fabulous. So many of these projects are coming to completion thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of these people!

The end of the year is such a busy time with preparing annual reports and planning for next year. At Monday night's P&C meeting Mrs Hannah presented the findings from the parent, staff and student surveys that have been conducted and at the next meeting I will present our draft 2018-2020 School Plan that will reflect the information gathered.

School Camps

We are finalising our plans for the school camps that are happening in week 8 (week starting 27 Nov). All notes and money were due on the 6th November! If you have not have paid please do so by **MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER**. Students who have not paid by this date will have to be removed from the list of camp participants. If meeting this deadline is going to cause financial hardship please come and see me so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Well done to all the years 5 & 6 children who sat this test. I would like to particularly congratulate the following students who were awarded High Distinctions: Mitchell H, Ethan T, Jonah S and James C.

Enjoy your week

Steve Egginton
Principal

HIGH DISTINCTION ACHIEVERS



BOOK FAIR TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

If you could volunteer in either of these time slots, could you please contact the office.

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

Next Tuesday, 14th November, students may come dressed Out of Uniform. We are

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

OUT OF UNIFORM TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

asking for a gold coin donation from each student to support the Cancer Council.



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.

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.

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.

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.

REPORT FROM TONGA

Last Thursday Dennis Pitt came to show us a video of his trip to Tonga and to thank MHPS for the generosity for the shoes our school community were able to provide. He said they were able to provide many villages with footwear they had never previously had. Below is the link to the video taken to show some of the children they worked with.

<https://youtube.be/VEbXdjqXB1Y>

<https://youtube.be/ikSm7B7J-Xa>

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.



ACTIVE SWIM PROGRAM

Our classes are having an amazing time at Charlestown Pool learning to perform a variety of skills to help them in survival situations. These include; treading water for various durations 4 minutes plus and safety jumps. Not forgetting water games such as tunnel ball where each child pops down and swims through their teams legs.



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 7 of this Noticeboard.

AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early

Stage 1 Macy F, Jesse W, Finn B, Addyson M,

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Stage 2 Pat D, Will W, Charlie H, Stella B, Max J, Kane L, Annalise D, James K, Angelina E, Rory T, Charlize S.

Stage 3 Isabella W, Jacob S, Sarah F, Bodhi C, Cohen H, James B, Maddie B.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Please be advised that from November 26 2017, there will be substantial changes to bus, train and ferry timetables that may impact on your children's journey to and from school.

With over 8,600 changes taking place we advise you to check the timetables for possible alterations to services which may also include faster trains, departure and arrival times different stops of platforms and on some occasions, complete changes of train lines.

Check transportnsw.info

<http://transportnsw.info> or call 131 500 for more information.



Canteen Christmas Special Day



Friday 24th November

The Canteen is getting into the spirit of Christmas
Special counter items will be available on the day
50c to \$2

Every lunch order will receive a special treat



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tye W, Kiara E, Scarlett K, Maeva O, John O, Ashley B, Thomas H, Lara B, Jesse W.



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 SPECIAL

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



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 8/11	Thurs 9/11	Fri 10/11	Mon 13/11	Tues 14/11
Colleen L	Edwina Nikki	Sam C Kristen G	Monique T	Closed
Wed 15/11	Thurs 16/11	Fri 17/11	Mon 20/11	Tues 21/11
Kath N	Amanda W Amy B	Peta Baartz		Closed

DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
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 Out of Uniform Day	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 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	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!



ANGELA NORTH

B.A CREATIVE ARTS, PERFORMANCE,
DIP.ED. SECONDARY, DRAMA

HOLIDAY DRAMA WORKSHOPS

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Come and do workshops with a theatre professional who has 20 years experience as a theatre, film and TV actor, and 10 years experience as a fully qualified Drama teacher. Let me introduce you to the world of theatre by experimenting with voice, movement, character, games and ensemble.

When: Tuesday 23rd , Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th January.

Where: Henderson Park Hall, Adamstown.

Times: 9am-5pm

Cost: \$100 /day

Have fun, express and surprise yourself. Practice putting yourself out there, gain confidence and work as a team!

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Book before Dec 15 &
get all 3 days for \$250

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INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 16/11/17. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

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

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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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