



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

The end of year is fast approaching! The primary students have been at camp and by all reports had a wonderful time. The teachers are finalising their students' semester 2 reports and they will be handed to parents next week. Mrs Green is packing up her classroom for the last time. Classes for 2018 are being prepared, and the list goes on. I am sure that both the students and the staff are starting to look forward to their well-earned break!

Next Wednesday, 13 December, we will be holding our Annual Presentation morning that will be held under the school COLA on. This is our opportunity to reflect over the year that has passed and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that the students have shown this year! The Presentation Day will commence at 10.00am.

Can you help? The boat that has been a feature for the kindergarten students is starting to feel its age (and use). It is time to find a replacement. If you know of an old boat sitting around that doesn't need to float but would make an excellent addition to the area between the kinder classrooms (that will allow our students to let their imaginations and fantasies go wild) then please let me know!

20 sleeps till Santa
Enjoy your week

Steve Egginton
Principal



ACTIVE SWIM

REMINDER ACTIVE SWIM THIS FRIDAY

Please bring all of your swimming gear as in previous weeks.

MHPS PERFORMING ARTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS THURSDAY

Join us for a wonderful concert showcasing our Performing Arts students this Thursday, 7th December. More information and a RSVP is on page 4 of this Noticeboard.

YEAR 6 COUNTY DAY

The County Fair Day is on this Friday, 8th December, to raise money for their end-of-year farewell and gift to the school. The Year 6 students will be running all sorts of stalls, providing plenty of fun for everyone to enjoy. Most stalls will cost 50c to \$2.00. It will be an out of uniform day for all students. Year 6 will collect a gold coin in the morning from students for coming out of uniform and we recommend all children have around \$8.00 to spend at the fair. Please wear enclosed shoes and no singlet strapped tops. Also apply plenty of sunscreen.

Looking forward to a great day.

The Year 6 Teachers.

LIBRARY LOANS

Library borrowing has now finished for the year. Could you please ensure all MHPS Library books are returned as soon as possible.

There will be a special Library borrowing time for those keen readers who would like to borrow over the school holidays. This will be on Thursday 14th December.

OLD LIBRARY BOOK SALE

On Thursday 7th December, during lunch, MHPS Library will be selling disposed books for 50 cents each.

Thank you for all of your support in 2017

Mrs Alison Lochrin

Teacher Librarian

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.

MARCHING KOALAS

Eden G of Year 6 is the youngest member of the Hunter Region youth marching band, The Marching Koalas. Eden performs in the percussion section of the band where she plays the glockenspiel.

Eden will travel with the band in late December to participate in the 129th annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade in California on New Years day. The 8 kilometre parade occurs in front of a crowd of more than 750,000 people, plus millions more around the globe as the event is televised.

During their two week Californian tour, the Koalas will perform at Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park, Universal Studios and on the USS Midway aircraft carrier in San Diego.



THE SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you for the donation of gifts left under our giving tree. Our school community is very generous. We will be forwarding these gifts at the end of this week so there are still a few days to donate if you would like to.

We ask that you leave your unwrapped gift under the tree in the office.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Freya M, Zali F, Hugo D, Thomas B, Albie W and Fletcher, Hudson & Spencer D.



THANK YOU FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you Jeni Holland, for your valuable assistance and co-ordination of the Scholastic Book Club throughout 2017.

Also thank you to Marianne Allen, Sarah Fogg, Helen Townsend and Maggie Malik for processing the Student Banking during 2017.



LOST PROPERTY

All items of clothing, uniforms, bags and lunch boxes will be disposed of on Friday 15th December.

Stage 2 & 3 students enjoying camp activities.



DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 9	4/12 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	5/12 3MC Cupcake Day	6/12	7/12 Performing Arts Christmas Concert	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
TERM 1 2018					
WEEK 1	29/1	30/1 Students Yr 1-6 commence Term 1	31/1 Kindergarten commence Term 1	1/2	2/2
SWIMMING CARNIVAL TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018					

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.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 6/12	Thurs 7/12	Fri 8/12	Mon 11/12	Tues 12/12
Katie S Suzannah M	Louise J	Michael A		Closed
NO LUNCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL. ONLY COUNTER SALES.				

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.



Thank you for a great year of School Banking.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Wednesday 6th December. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.



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: Thursday 7th 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!



Please join us to wish

Wendy Green

best wishes on her retirement.

FEB

4.00-7.00pm

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The Beach Hotel

2018

99 Fredrick St,

Merewether NSW 2291

\$45 per head which includes canapés, cake, gift and flowers .

Acc Name: A M Hannah & M E Napper BSB: 650000 Acc No:
529416700

**RSVP to Ros Evans at rosalind.l.evans@det.nsw.edu.au or
0425 204 722 by Friday 9th February 2018.**



WHEN
January 17th—19th 2017
8:30am - 3:00pm

WHERE
The Junction Public School
Union St, Merewether

WHAT
A 3-day summer camp where children play a variety of modified sports with the guidance of expert coaches in a safe, positive and supportive environment

**BOYS AND GIRLS
WELCOME FROM
AGES 6 TO 12**

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SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

OPAL STUDENT CARDS.

2018 applications are now open online for students school bus travel. If parents could please apply as soon as possible it will allow time for verification and processing.

For more information see the link below

<http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students>





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SUMMER HOLIDAY GROM PROGRAM

\$180 for three days a week!

Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday starting the 3rd of January.

Book online today @ surfestsurfschool.com.au or call 0410 840 155

Availability

Wednesday the **3rd** till Friday the **5th** of January **2018**

Wednesday the **10th** till Friday the **12th** of January **2018**

Wednesday the **17th** till Friday the **19th** of January **2018**

Wednesday the **24th** till Friday the **26th** of January **2018**

Saturday and Sunday program each weekend of the holidays - \$150

This summer holiday's grom program is specially designed to make learning about beach safety and how to surf fun and easy. This program is taught by an ASI accredited surf school and is run throughout the summer school holidays.

The program runs for three days a week starting from the 3rd of January, every Wednesday Thursday and Friday at Nobbys Beach. All kids are provided with the right wetsuit, surfboard, sunblock and placed in the right age group.

Meeting point at the Surfest Surf School bus/trailer at Nobbys Beach.

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SUMMER GROUPS

Stepping Stones Therapy for Children are offering two super fun groups this January. The groups are aimed at primary school kids and will be run by Registered Paediatric Occupational Therapists.

❖ Move and Be Mindful Group

- ✓ Learn simple mindfulness techniques and strategies to help increase body awareness
- ✓ 9th & 18th January 10.00am – 12.00pm

❖ Sporting Chance Group

- ✓ Develop ball and racquet skills in a fun group setting
- ✓ 11th & 16th January 10.00am – 12.00pm



All groups will be held in the **Merewether Public School** hall (6 Henry St, Merewether)

To enrol please email: michelle@steppingstonesforchildren.com.au or phone 0410160174



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56 Maitland St,
Brantxon, NSW
2335



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


Merewether Heights OOSH

WE ARE CLOSED FROM 23RD DECEMBER AND REOPEN ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY

VACATION CARE PROGRAM DEC 2017 – JAN 2018

Monday 18th December Happy holidays from around the world Learn about how they celebrate in other countries, some fun games and try some yummy kebabs for afternoon tea. 	Tuesday 19th December Keeping it Cool at Charlestown Pool  Bring Swimmers, sunshirt, towel, hat, water bottle and food. Additional \$5 pp	Wednesday 20th December Emoji day Making emoji felt pillows, Face painting, hama beading, painting pots, shrinky dink emoji's, ALL THINGS EMOJI 	Thursday 21st December Movies "Wonder" Come join us for a day at the movies with popcorn and water included  Additional \$15 pp	Friday 22nd December Christmas Party Day Make a Christmas Present for a someone special.  Make some Christmas reindeers to eat and play some games with a Christmas theme. CLOSE FOR TWO WEEKS.
Monday Service Reopens 8th January Mad Scientists Day Come and make some cool science experiments.  Make some Afternoon tea like a mad Scientist.	Tuesday 9th January Water Play Day Bring your swimmers to OOSH to have some fun water play and games at OOSH. 	Wednesday 10th January Movies "Jumanji"  Event Cinemas Glendale Popcorn and Water included Additional \$15 pp	Thursday 11th January Where's Wally Day Making Where's Wally cookies, Pin the Bean on Wally, Where's Wally scavenger hunt and more.  BIG KIDS EXCURSION OPTION (11spots for year 5&6 kids only) HORSE RIDING \$20 pp	Friday 12th January Kavon Theme Restaurant  Come join us for a hysterical and entertaining day out. We get to take part in comedy show, have a disco with lunch included. Additional \$15 pp

Monday 15th January Candle Making Make a colourful candle to take home and prepare some delicious sorbet with fresh tropical fruits  BIG KIDS EXCURSION OPTION (11spots for year 5&6 kids only) JET BOATING ON LAKE MACQUARIE \$30 pp	Tuesday 16th January Ice Skating  Additional \$15pp Afternoon Tea Frozen Fruit slushies Bring change of clothes for skating and wear cool clothes on the day.	Wednesday 17th January Construction and Engineering Day. Come and build and construct a 3D tiny town with our oosh in a team building exercise. 	Thursday 18th January Water play and fun at oosh. Bring your swimmers and rash shirt for a day of water balloons, and fun. 	Friday 19th January Bowling Light snack at the Bowling alley included.  Additional \$15 pp Afternoon tea Fish Finger wraps and salad.
Monday 22nd January Mash up Monday. Do Painting, Collage, and all things creative, but mash two concepts together to get the result!  Make your own cold rock ice-cream choices for afternoon tea. YUM YUM YUM	Tuesday 23rd January Myth-buster Morning and Aussie Afternoon Test some myths and see if they are true or not and discover the real answer!  Aussie Tattoos, face painting and sausage sizzle 	Wednesday 24th January Charlestown Pool Slip, Slop, Slap We are off to the pool for some summer fun, please pack sunshirts, hat, towel, water bottle and food.  Additional \$5 pp	Thursday 25th January Dolphin Cruise Come and join us for our most popular day at OOSH in Summer. We take a bus to Nelsons Bay for a spot of Dolphin watching and a swim.  Additional \$25 pp ALL DAY EXCURSION BUS LEAVES AT 10am. Return at 4pm.	Friday 26th January Australia Day Public Holiday  WE ARE CLOSED

<p>Monday 29th January Pupil Free Day</p>	<p>Tuesday 30th January</p>		<p>FEES AND CHARGES</p>	
<p>Charlestown Pool Come join us on our last day of the summer holidays for a refreshing swim and some great fun!</p>  <p>Additional \$5 pp</p>			<p>FEES EACH DAY ARE \$55.00 per day before Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.</p> <p>With CCB And CCR can you can pay as little as</p> <p><u>\$8.50 per child a day!!!</u></p>	<p>We have 60 places, so your child won't be lost in the big crowds at our service!!</p> <p>We adhere to the ratios of 1 staff member to 15 staff to children at the centre. 1 staff to 10 children on excursions and 1:5 near water.</p>

TO BOOK IN PLEASE EMAIL US FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. Mhnts@ooshnewcastle.com.au

ALREADY ENROLLED? Then Click on this online booking sheet and book in the children and the days you want. It's that easy!

We have strict terms and conditions to be agreed to before acceptance of enrolment. Please see booking sheet for more details.

<https://goo.gl/forms/jOL2wo75jidlGMFK2>

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