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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am pleased to inform you that, through the Department of Education merit selection process, we have a new teacher for 5D. His name is Mr M and he is very much looking forward to taking over the class and to work with our choir. I would like to especially thank Ms Z for the work she has done with 5D as we have gone through the selection process to find the replacement teacher. Mr M will commence work on Tuesday 1 August.

Home Readers - Reminder

Could you please return all the readers you have at home so they can be ticked off, repaired if necessary and the new readers added to the levels. If everyone does their part the new, extended stock of readers will be ready for use from the beginning of term 3. If we are waiting for readers to be returned then this process will be delayed.

Semester One student reports

Tomorrow your children will be bringing home their half yearly report. This will be a new format to reflect the changes to the NSW curriculum. We are still in the 'teething' stage which means that some little errors might slip through. If this happens to one of your child's report please come and see the teacher and this will be rectified.

It has been a long, but very productive term. Everyone is ready for a holiday break. I would like to thank all the people who have given of their time to support the school in so many ways – your commitment is so much appreciated!

Take every opportunity to spend some quality time with your children and I hope you all have a great break!

Principal

JENNY'S CORNER WORKING BEE

Special thanks to the group of volunteers who came up to school on a Sunday afternoon to work on our 'Jenny's Corner'; Ignatius V, Bart M, John B, Carey H, Claire C, Toby W, Mark K, Craig M, John (a student's grandfather), Ashley C, Karen C, Greg B, Scott W, Travis P, Andres M and Mike C.

This area is certainly taking shape and should be ready for student use soon. Thanks to Ms C for her persistence and organisation.

PERFORMING ARTS MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who helped support our movie fundraiser last Sunday. It was a big success and all funds raised will go towards our future band and choir ventures.

Thank you.

The Performing Arts Committee

BAND NEWS

The Band Workshop schedule for this Thursday has been rescheduled to early next term and the band rehearsal will be as normal this Thursday morning.

ZONE ATHLETICS TEAM

Students representing Merewether Heights Public School at the Newcastle Zone Athletics Carnival will be distributed with their permission notes this week.

The track events will be held on Monday, 7 August (this includes the 1500m event) and field events (including the 800m) will be held on Tuesday 8 August.

For any enquiries, please contact Alison L.

PREMIER'S SPORTS CHALLENGE RUN OFF

The Run Off will be on Wednesday 28th June, commencing approximately at noon.

Students are required to wear running shoes and their sports uniform. Please bring a water bottle.

INTERRELATE—A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Interrelate will be presenting a sexuality and relationship evening program on Tuesday 25 July (Week 2 Term 3) for parents and students in our school hall. Please see page 5 for the booking and payment form.

REMINDER

Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Camp deposit due by Friday 30 June. Payments can be made at the school office or online using POP.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROMOTION

Merewether Heights Public School will be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. During previous campaigns, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to our parents, staff and the community.

From now until 19 September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it to the school office. Anyone from our school community – staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends – who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers for our students.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources, including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the school office.

FROM THE TEACHERS

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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.

AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early

Stage 1 Kobe M, Sophie B, Adrian F, Macy F, Scarlett W

Stage 1 Henry B, Aurelia Mc, Lucas S, Ivy R, Isabelle C, Zane W, Willow C

Stage 2 Heidi M, Finnley Mc, Evie R, Sofia W, Claye F, Ash O'M, Max W, Ruby-Lou N, Anastasia N, Jimi E, Macey W

Stage 3 Lotus S, Sienna K, Mia B, Siena J, Jasper P

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruby-Lou N, Emma N, Sienna W,
Georgina H, Zara C, Aurelia Mc, Praneet S



PICNICS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Do you have a child at MHPS and another child starting Kindergarten in 2018 You may be able to help! We are looking for a couple of parents to co-ordinate the Picnic in the Playground mornings for the 2018 Kindergarten students. These days are held during Term 4. If you would like to be our co-ordinator please contact the school office for more information.

HUNTER PSSA RUGBY UNION

Congratulations to Maxon C for his selection in the Hunter PSSA Rugby Union team. Mason will be playing at the State Rugby Union Carnival in August at Salamander Bay.

What a fantastic achievement !

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 28/6	Thurs 29/6	Fri 30/6		
Colleen L	Atalie	Alex F Tony		
TERM 3				
Wed 19/7	Thurs 20/7	Fri 21/7	Mon 24/7	Tues 25/7
Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Daryl S	Closed
Wed 26/7	Thurs 27/7	Fri 28/7	Mon 31/7	Tues 1/8
Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Volunteer required	Daryl S	Closed

The canteen is in urgent need of volunteers for Term 3. If you are able to provide any help at all, please see Kim in the Canteen.

CLOTHING POOL

**Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning
9 –9.30 am**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Purchase your 2017/2018 Entertainment Book now and the school benefits from your support. The school receives \$13.00 from each sale. To order your membership, you can either:
Order securely online at
<http://www.entbook.com.au/35r902> or
give the correct money (\$65) to the school office, however **please note payments cannot be made through the Parent Online Payment system.**

**ENTERTAINMENT
BOOKS
ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE OFFICE**



LOST PROPERTY

If students have misplaced items, please check the school's lost property. There are many jumpers there unnamed. All items will be disposed of by the end of the term.

A set of keyless entry keys for a car were handed into the school office last week. If you are missing a set, please ask at the school office.

DISCO

Our Term 2 Disco will be held on Thursday 29 June. Our infants disco for Kindies, Years 1 and 2 is on from 5.30 - 6.45 pm. The primary disco for students in Years 3 - 6 starts at 7.00 pm and finishes at 8.30 pm. To cover costs, the entry fee is \$5.00 per student. Each student receives a packet of chips and a drink as part of the \$5.00 cost.

The disco is for our school children only - please no pre-schoolers, high school students or parents in the hall.

We have a safety barrier to clearly show and restrict the movement of the children. We do this for safety reasons and this has worked well in the past.

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT DAY

Solar Buddy Fund Raiser

A massive shout out to all our students and families for their amazing efforts last Thursday 22 June. Our Solar

Buddy environment fundraiser went beyond any expectation we had hoped for and this is all due to the wonderful generosity and support from the families in our school. We raised a total of \$2000.00.

I have been able to order 80 kits which should arrive early next term. The students will be able to assemble these and write letters to the child the light is to be given to. Watch this space for further updates. And once again your support has been amazing.

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.



P&C FUNDRAISER

Sit back and let us do the driving

Join our shopping trip to
HOMEBUSH DFO & IKEA

on

Saturday 14 October 2017

Luxury coach departs from Merewether Heights
Public School bus stop, Scenic Drive, Merewether
Heights at

8 am and returns at 6.30 pm

Cost: \$55.00

Includes two shuttles between DFO & IKEA to tailor
your day to suit your shopping needs and enjoy a
movie on the way home.

Limited places available so don't delay your booking

For further information or to book your ticket

please visit [https://](https://www.stickytickets.com.au/53638)

www.stickytickets.com.au/53638

or phone Hollie T

All profits supporting the work of MHPS P&C



Keyboard Group Lessons

Have your child taught by an experienced, registered and
certified piano teacher during lunch time at school.

Only \$15 for a half hour group lesson . Small group of 4,
limited availability.

For bookings please call Lillian on 0401 787 997



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Department of Sport & Recreation are running a
school holiday program for kids and teenagers. For
more information log on to:
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

The Hunter Wetlands are running a July School Holiday
Program at Shortland. For more information please
telephone 49516466 or log on to:
www.wetlands.org.au

InZane Football are running holidays clinics. For more
enquiries please call 0402352132 or log on to
www.inzanefootball.com

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
NETBALL
DEVELOPMENT CLINIC**

~ Registrations NOW OPEN ~

*Are you a passionate Junior netballer who
would like to build confidence, develop teamwork
and further enhance your skills?
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.*

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

*~ REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN ~
For children turning the ages above this year*



*For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au*

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When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 90 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 40,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year. Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. *We know how to help break the ice.* Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session - Year 3-6)

This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session - Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent's discretion)

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services presents a special evening program

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family | 2 sessions \$35 per family

Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Where: MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Tuesday, 25th July 2017

Time: Where did I come from? 6:00 pm SHARP Preparing for puberty 7:15pm

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class -----

a special evening program

Name of family: _____

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: Where did I come from? ☐ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

I have made an online payment to my school. My receipt no. _____

OR ☐ Eftpos ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque (payable to the school) ☐ Credit card (if accepted by school)

Credit card number: _____/_____/_____/_____ Expiry date: _____

CCV (3 digits on the reverse of the card): _____ Amount: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____



DIARY DATES

TERM 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 10	26/6	27/6 Public Speaking Finals 5/6N Cupcake Day	28/6 Premier's Sporting Challenge Run Off	29/6 Disco	30/6 Last day of Term 2

REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.

TERM 3

WEEK 1	17/7 Staff Development Day	18/7 Students resume for Term 3	19/7	20/7	21/7 State Cross Country
WEEK 2	24/7 P&C Meeting	25/7 Interrelate Family Night Program	26/7 Senior Dance Festival	27/7 Junior Dance Festival	28/7
WEEK 3	31/7	1/8 ICAS English K1E Cupcake Day	2/8	3/8	4/8
WEEK 4	7/8 Zone Athletics	8/8 Zone Athletics	9/8	10/8	11/8
WEEK 5	14/8	15/8 ICAS Maths 2N Cupcake Day	16/8	17/8	18/8
WEEK 6	21/8 P&C Meeting	22/8	23/8 Yr 5 & Yr 6 NPBS Maths Competition	24/8	25/8
WEEK 7		4P Cupcake Day Yr 6 Interrelate	Life Education Van	Life Education Van	Life Education Van

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.

MEREWETHER HEIGHTS OOSH AND VACATION CARE



Vacation Care Program July 2017

3rd July LASER TAG WARNERS BAY Cost \$20 pp 	4th July TV Game Show Day Featuring Minute to Win It and Family Feud 	5th July  Spring Loaded Cost \$20 pp	6th July Blackbutt Excursion Picnic and Play *Weather Permitting*  BYO Morning Tea, Lunch, Hat and Water Bottle.	7th July Movies \$15.00 pp  Event Cinemas Glendale
10th July Mayfield Bowling \$10 pp 	11th July PJ and Onesie day. Kinder to year 4. Come and Make S'mores And do some winter crafts	12th July Monopoly Fitness Challenge 	13th July Kavon Theme Restaurant \$15 pp Lunch included!! 	14th July Revolution Sports Park \$20 pp BYO lunch or money to purchase lunch at café. 
17th July Pupil Free Day Movies -Event Cinemas \$15.00 Kinder to Year 4 – Cars 2 Yr 5/6 – Spiderman Homecoming	18th July School Returns	TO BOOK IN PLEASE USE OUR ONLINE BOOKING SHEET THE LINK IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.		

Big Kids Club Activities – (Must be in Year 5 or higher)

3rd July Laser Tag \$20.00 pp	4th July Lunch @ Kotara Westfield \$12.00 pp	5th July Spring Loaded \$20 pp	6th July Blackbutt Excursion	7th July Movies – Transformers Movie \$15.00
10th July Mayfield Bowling \$10 pp	11th July Movies Diary Of A Wimpy Kid \$15.00pp	12th July Grilled Lunch Deal \$10.00pp	13th July Kavon Theme Restaurant \$15.00 pp	14th July Revolution Sports Park \$20 pp

For a booking sheet or enrolment form contact our service on the details below. We are fees up front service.

Fees are \$55.00 per person before further discounts. We have CCB and/or CCR discounts for all families.

EMAIL: mhts@ooshnewcastle.com.au

WE NOW HAVE AN ONLINE BOOKING SHEET.

GO TO <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B22583> to book in.