



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

OUT OF ZONE POLICY FOR STUDENT ENROLMENTS

I would like to once again draw your attention to the department of Education's Enrolment Policy as it relates to OOO students. After reading this information, if you still have any questions please contact me for clarification.

- Our school's Enrolment Policy is located with the map of the school's intake zone on the School's Website under Our School, Enrolment.
- Our school's current enrolment capacity (spaces available) is 363 based on 14 permanent classrooms. Therefore if enrolments are above 349 (I need to maintain 14 places as a buffer for people moving in-zone) the school will not be able to accept any non-local enrolment applications, this includes non-local siblings.
- **Our school's current enrolment is 349**, therefore until enrolments drop the school is not in a position to enrol non-local students in 2017.
- The school has recently reviewed enrolment projections for future years. I anticipate that the school may have spaces available for non-local enrolments for 2018. Unfortunately siblings are still considered as non-local.
- If it is determined that for 2018 some enrolment spaces are available for non-local students but demand exceeds the number available, a placement panel will be formed. The placement panel will determine the criteria for considering applications and the rank order of non-local applicants. Based on the decisions of the placement panel, enrolment spaces available will be offered in order of rank to non-local students.
- If a non-local student is enrolled at our school, younger siblings can only be considered for enrolment in future years if there are spaces available. This will not be able to be determined until approximately Sept/Oct for the beginning of the following year.

- If your family's current residential address is in the current intake zone, and you move outside the school's intake zone, younger siblings cannot be offered enrolment if no spaces are available for non-locals.
- Please be aware that High Schools also have an intake zone based on residential addresses. Regardless of the primary school your son or daughter attended, non-local students can only be considered for enrolment at a high school if spaces are available.

BEHAVIOUR CODE FOR STUDENTS

The Department of Education has a Behaviour Code for Students designed to promote a safe, supportive and responsive learning environment for everyone. I have attached this code to this week's Noticeboard. I encourage you all to carefully read this and join the school in promoting the behaviours outlined in it.

ANTI-BULLYING PLAN

As part of promoting our safe and supportive school we have developed our Anti-bullying Plan. This is attached to the school's website. Please take time to also look over this plan. If you have any questions please contact the school.

END OF DAY PROCEDURES

It is expected that at the end of each school day students and parents will leave the school in an orderly and timely manner. I know that there are a number of parents who like to use this time to catch up and that is good, but please make sure that you supervise your students during this time.

NB- students are not to play on the playground equipment unless their parent is directly supervising them – this means standing and watching at the equipment. Continued on next page.

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.

END OF DAY PROCEDURES CONT

The school has been stressing with students that if no one is there to pick them up they are go to the teacher who is on bus duty. That teacher will supervise them till their duty is finished (around 3.45pm) and then contact parents.

Please note that in the morning there is no teacher on duty before 9.00am so please do not send your child to school before that time.

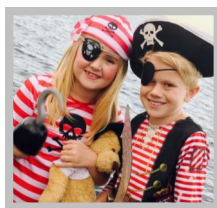
* Your child's first semester report will be going home on Wednesday 28 June.

Enjoy your week.

Steve Egginton
Principal

PIRATE DAY

This Friday, 9th June, we are having an Out Of Uniform "Pirate Day". Come dressed as a pirate and donate a gold coin. Pirate Day Friday is a national fundraising initiative to raise money and awareness for research into the treatment and cure of childhood brain cancer.



KINDERGARTEN 2018

If you have a child to start Kindy next year and have not received an enrolment form, would you please contact the school office as soon as possible to have your details included on our 2017 database and to ensure that you receive your invitation to Orientation Day and the Kindergarten transition program to be held in Term 4. Kinder Orientation will be held on Wednesday 13 September, 2017.

Should you know of anyone who has a child to enrol in Kinder next year, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible so they will receive an invitation.

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.

SPORT REPORT

REGIONAL X COUNTRY CARNIVAL RESULTS

What an amazing morning last Friday was! Our 4 young runners made history at MHPS –as the largest team to take part in the Hunter Regional X Country carnival. It was held Cessnock Racecourse.

Each of our team ran in the top 8 of their age group, with over 60 runners in each age division.

Ethan T 4th Boys 12/13 years age group

Sienna K 2nd Girls 11 years age group

Louis S 7th Boys 8/9/10 years age group

Zara C 2nd Girls 8/9/10 years Age group.

Further history has been made as MHPS now have 3 X Country Runners going off to the State X Country Meet to be held at Eastern Creek on Friday 21st July. Congratulations to each of you!

Amanda Mitchell

PSSA SPORT

Last Friday both junior and senior PSSA soccer sides fought out tough contests against Adamstown PS. The junior side battled hard in windy conditions all game but were extremely unlucky to go down 1-0. Jack W did a fantastic job as goalkeeper in the first half and he received fantastic support from Christian M down back. Baxter C and Cameron H were lively up front and very unlucky not to score on a number of occasions.

The senior soccer team also found themselves in a tight arm wrestle but did a great job to come away 2-0 winners. After a tightly contested first half Dylan Manitta scored a terrific goal to give us a 1-0 lead going into halftime. Noah S, Ethan L and Jonah S were solid in defence all game and this was instrumental for the victory in the end.

The junior netball team started their game strong with the lead for the first half. Unfortunately Adamstown came back in the second half with the final score being 4 -6 Adamstown way. There was excellent shooting from Matilda G throughout the game and well done to Jasmine D during her centre position.

The senior netball team took the lead throughout their game against Adamstown and won 15-5. Fantastic playing by Jade M throughout the game and excellent shooting from both Hannah S and Holly B.

All PSSA sides have the bye in weeks 7 and 8.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

MHPS will be running a 1500m event at the Athletics Carnival in June, as this event will be run at the State Carnival. If you wish to enter you will need to fill in the permission note prior to the carnival. The event will be held at 9.00am so you will need to find your own way to the venue.

Please contact Mrs Lochrin for a note and more information.

AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early Stage 1	Sophie B, Indianna S.
Stage 1	George E, Cameron D, Kyuss W, Matilda T, Cruz C, Lara W, Levi Le , Chase C, Emily H, Lucas B, Kieran F, Ari K, Ava S.
Stage 2	Cooper H, Molly B, Jessie T, Riley M, Anika R, Eden P, Tobin S, Angelina E.
Stage 3	Harry T, Caio R, Lucia S, Ky M, Sebastian C, Mia D.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Weds 7/6	Thurs 8/6	Fri 9/6	Mon 12/6	Tues 13/6
Kath N	Alex V	Kristen G	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	CLOSED
Weds 14/6	Thurs 15/6	Fri 16/6	Mon 19/6	Tues 20/6
Suzannah M	Tracee S	Vicki B	Monique T Kelly T	CLOSED

CLOTHING POOL

TUESDAY 9.00—9.30 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cohen H, Patrick M, Jasmine L, Dylan M, Jacob S, Delphi R, Nyla H, Finn M, Roy E, Joshua M, Oscar L, Owen C, Toby H, Freya S, Finn B.



FROM THE TEACHERS

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STARSTRUCK PERFORMANCE EXCURSION

All tickets for this excursion have now been sold.
Please do not send in money or notes to purchase tickets.

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://www.stickytickets.com.au/53638>

or phone Hollie Tuckerman on 0439 618184

All profits supporting the work of MHPS P&C



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.**



Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

Students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools

Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour code for students: actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code

Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others

Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning

Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Merewether Heights Performing Arts presents



Fundraiser Movie

When: Sunday 25th June
Time: 12.45pm for Stalls, Competitions and Raffles
1.45pm Movie Screening
Venue: Tower Cinemas – King Street, Newcastle
Cost: \$12.00 each. Tickets should be purchased prior to the event and will be sent home the week before the screening.
Payment can be made via the school website on POP or at the school office via cash, cheque or EFTPOS.



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 7	5/6	6/6	7/6 K-2 Responsible Pets Program	8/6 Yr 5 & 6 Excursion	9/6 Book Club Due Out of Uniform Pirate Day
WEEK 8	12/6 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	13/6 ICAS Writing	14/6 ICAS Spelling Writing Starstruck Rehearsal	15/6 ICAS Writing Starstruck Rehearsal	16/6 Starstruck Performance
WEEK 9	19/6	20/6 Athletics Carnival	21/6	22/6	23/6 Sunday 25/6 Movie Fundraiser 12.45pm
WEEK 10	26/6	27/6 5/6N Cupcake Day	28/6	29/6 Disco Band Workshop 9.00 am—1.30 pm	30/6 Last day of Term 2

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

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.



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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.

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Presenters



CAZ MOFFAT
Certified EFT Therapist



CARLA BONETTI
Psychologist

Weekend Workshop

June 24 & 25
(9am - 5pm)

\$650 + GST per couple

Includes all materials, lunch and refreshments on both days. Early bird special \$600 plus GST per couple if registered by May 25.

Noah's On the Beach, Newcastle

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