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## The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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**Term 2 Week 9 Wednesday 21st June, 2017**

### DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

#### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It was a fabulous day yesterday! The children competed really well and there were some amazing performances. Special thanks need to go to Mrs Lochrin and all the teachers who helped the day run so smoothly. Mrs Lochrin is busily going through the results so that a school team can be selected to represent us at the Zone Athletics Carnival.

#### HOME READERS

Thanks to the P&C we have a large number of new home readers to boost our stock! It will be great to have new books for the kids to read at home. Before we can put them into circulation we need to have a stock take so home readers will finish this week! 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

Next week 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.

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

#### JENNY'S CORNER WORKING BEE

Special thanks to the group of volunteers who came up to school on Sunday afternoon to work on our 'Jenny's Corner'; Ignatius Verbeek, Bart Masters, John Beasley, Carey Harris, Claire Cremer, Toby Watson, Mark Knight, Craig Moore, John (a student's grandfather).

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

#### STARSTRUCK

Last Friday and Saturday 16 students from year 4 performed four amazing StarStruck shows. They have been to numerous rehearsals and given up lunch times to learn and practice the dance moves. They all displayed beautiful Merewether Heights manners and are to be congratulated on for their dedication and efforts. *Well done girls!*

Thank you to Ms Norris for the time and dedication shown to our Starstruck students.



#### SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT DAY

**How and when this will be done.**

**Tomorrow, Thursday 22nd June 2017**

Our school is holding a very special OUT OF UNIFORM DAY to raise as much money as possible to build as many solar lights as we possibly can to give the gift of light to as many children in Africa who have NO ELECTRICITY! Something we all take for granted. Please bring a gold coin donation or more to support this initiative.

MHPS Climate Cam Team



## PERFORMING ARTS MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Please come along and see a great movie and support the MH Performing Arts at the same time. The band and choir are holding a fundraising movie afternoon this **Sunday, 25 June** at the Tower Cinemas, King Street Newcastle. The movie being shown is Despicable Me 3. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Our school Public Speaking Finals will be held in the last week of term. Teachers will let parents know if their child will be speaking in the finals. Parents are most welcome to come and support their children in the school hall.

Date Tuesday 27th June  
Kindergarten and Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2) - 9.30am  
Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) and Stage3 (Yrs 5 & 6) 11.45am

## 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 6 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.

## 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



### 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 Indianna S, Isla C, James M, Macy F, Georgie N,

Stage 1 Ryder N, Marvin D, Lucy T, Leila H, Toby S, Rex B, Isla R, Jenna Y, Toby K, Ashley B, Hugo M,

Stage 2 Joseph H, Immogen-Rae H, Mikayla C, Andrew C, Ben M,

Stage 3 Dylan M, Owen C, Lachlan B, James C, Jay H, Nate H.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Weds 21/6	Thurs 22/6	Fri 23/6	Mon 26/6	Tues 27/6
Kristen C	Susie R Amy B	Jody C Elise M	Sue M	<b>CLOSED</b>
Weds 28/6	Thurs 29/6	Fri 30/6		
Colleen L	Atalie	Alex F Tony		

## CLOTHING POOL

TUESDAY 9.00—9.30 AM

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jay Y, Anastasia N, Siena J, Jordon T, Campbell M, Toby S.



## FROM THE TEACHERS

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## 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.

## 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.

## DISCO

Our Term 2 Disco will be held on Thursday 29th 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.

## 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.**



***Please support us and  
enjoy a great movie at  
the same time!***

**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.

**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.



**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



# 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 5-8; 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
<b>WEEK 9</b>	19/6	20/6 Athletics Carnival	21/6	22/6 Out of Uniform Solar Buddy Experience	23/6 Sunday 25/6 Movie Fundraiser 12.45pm
<b>WEEK 10</b>	26/6	27/6 Public Speaking Finals 5/6N Cupcake Day	28/6 Premier's Sporting Challenge Run Off	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.**

### TERM 3

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

### 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](http://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

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

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

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

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](mailto:mhts@ooshnewcastle.com.au)**

**WE NOW HAVE AN ONLINE BOOKING SHEET.**

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