



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 3 Week 2

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Home Readers

I am trying to complete the stocktake of home readers so that the new readers that the P&C very kindly purchased can go into circulation but this process is being held up because there are still a large number of readers that haven't been returned. Please check around your home very carefully and return any 'lost' readers asap!

It is planned to have the kinder home readers ready for the end of this week.

Enrolments 2018

We are well into our plans for next year. To help us we need to know who is enrolling their child into kinder. If you know of anyone who is planning to come but have not yet contacted the school please urge them to do so asap!

If, for any reason, you won't be with us next year could you also let the office know. Thanks.

Book Week, Grandparents' Day, Open Day

Save the date! This activity will be held on Tuesday 22 August. It is planned to commence at 9.30 and finished by around 12.00 noon. There will be more details in the Noticeboard as the day gets closer!

Fathers' Day Breakfast

This year the P&C will be holding a special Fathers' Day breakfast on Friday 1 September. There will be a cooked breakfast and an amazing raffle (thanks to our fantastic OOSH). More details are to follow but please set this time aside as it should be a lovely morning for our dads.

Enjoy your week

Principal

INTERRELATE FAMILY EVENING PROGRAM

Interrelate will be presenting a sexuality and relationship evening program TONIGHT for parents and students in our school hall. Please see page 6 for more information and the booking and payment form.

SPELLING



Students from Year 3-6 have started practising for the Spelling Bee in class.

2017 Premier's Spelling Bee Word Lists Available

The official word lists for the 2017 Premier's Spelling Bee, provided by Macquarie Dictionary are now available for Stage 2 and 3 students to practise at home:

<http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/premiers-spelling-bee>

Password: riddle

Junior (Stage 2) levels 1-5

Senior (Stage 3) levels 2-7

Students will be selected from in-class Spelling Bee in Week 3 to participate in our school Spelling Bee finals on Wednesday 9 August (Week 4). Stage 2 at 9.45am and Stage 3 at 11.45am.

GYMNASTICS

Students in Years 3 to 6 commenced Gymnastics today. Students in Kindy to Year 2 will commence Gymnastics on Thursday. Please return your child's permission note as soon as possible, if not already returned.

Please note: Payment for Gymnastics for Term 3 MUST BE PAID BY FRIDAY 28 JULY 2017. After 28 July, students will not be able to participate in Gymnastics unless payment has been received at the school office.

AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early

Stage 1 Layla W, Tyler S, Lara B, Bailey B, Flynn S

Stage 1 Freya S, Tom B, Natan C M, Ari J, Hollie W, Jacob B, Oliver C, Balin P, Ashley B, Zali F, Hugo D

Stage 2 Calista C, Stella B, Braith L, Patrick D, Charlie H, William W, Freya M, Mikayla C, Ash O'M, Praneet S, Macey W

Stage 3 Annabel M, Cherri S, Noah S, Jaydon E, Grace B

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2018

Kindergarten Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday, 13 September. Invitations will be sent out to all the children who have indicated they will be enrolling next year. Should you know of anyone who has a child to enrol in Kindergarten next year, please ask them to do so as soon as possible so they will receive their invitations.

CAMP DEPOSITS - YEARS 3-6

Camp deposits for students in Years 3 to 6 were due by the end of Term 2. Thank you to the parents who have paid the deposit by the due date. However, we have a large number of students with the deposit outstanding. As the school needs to finalise the number of students who will be attending the camps it would be appreciated if the payment of outstanding deposits could be made as soon as possible. If your child is not going to be attending the camp in Week 8 Term 4, would you please advise the school office as soon as possible.

Should payment of the deposit cause concern or financial hardship, please contact the Principal, or the School Administrative Manager, to make alternate arrangements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Molly B, Charlie C, Henry K, Samuel W, Brady K



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 Wednesday 26 July 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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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.



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.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 26/7	Thurs 27/7	Fri 28/7	Mon 31/7	Tues 1/8
Kristen C	Louise J Karen P	Cheree Mc Amanda C	Volunteer required	Closed
Wed 2/8	Thurs 3/8	Fri 4/8	Mon 7/8	Tues 8/8
Kristen C	Atalie	Peta B	Volunteer required	Closed

The canteen is in 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
\$65.00**



BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 5

Book Club Issue 5 catalogues were sent home last week. If you wish to order items from Book Club for your child please return the order and payment to the school before Friday 28 July.

K/1E CUPCAKE DAY

K/1E will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday 1 August, 2017. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at K/1E's classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.)

Don't forget – Cup cakes are now 50 cents each for a delicious treat. Helpers on the day would be most welcome and should come to the canteen at 10.45 am.



YR 6 - MOVING INTO THE TEEN YEARS

This program was scheduled for the last four weeks of Term 3. However, due to a timetabling issues with the program's provider, the Moving Into The Teen Years program for Year 6 will now take place in weeks 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Term 4. More information will be sent home later this term.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Last Friday Merewether Heights was represented at the Newcastle Zone Basketball Gala Day at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium. 22 schools from the area were in attendance and both of our teams represented the school in a manner that everyone could be proud of. For the first time since the beginning of the competition the girls side progressed to the quarter final. Many of the girls had never played Basketball before but transitioned skills learnt from other sports fantastically. The boys managed to progress one step further to the final 6 of the competition but went down by one point in a nail biter against Wallsend South PS. The teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by all involved on the day made it a great spectacle. Many thanks to all the parents who came and helped out on the day!



STATE CROSS COUNTRY

This year MHPS had three runners through to State level X Country. The event was held last Friday at Eastern Creek, Sydney. Our runners had impressive results!!!

Zara C participated in 2 km track in the 10 year girls and came in 23rd!

Ethan T ran in the 3 km 12 year boys and ran 33rd. Sienna K was in the 11 year girls 3 km event and came in 5th! Sienna will be travelling to Tasmania to be a part of the National Team.

Congratulations to our team in achieving such wonderful results.



COMMUNITY NEWS

“Why Cyber Security Matters to Everyone” - Vijay Varadharajan from the University of Newcastle is holding a free public talk on Thursday, 10 August from 6.00 to 7.00 pm at the Newcastle Conservatorium (Auckland Street, Newcastle), centred around providing practical advice for individuals, families and businesses to protect their private information and their applications. The talk will also explore recent developments in cyber security, the nature of cyber attacks and the capabilities of cyber criminals. The link to the free event is:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/why-cyber-security-matters-to-everyone-public-lecture-tickets-35499041589?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Newcastle City Knights Junior Touch Football - free “come and try it day” on Sunday 20 August from 1.00 to 4.00 pm at Newcastle Harness Club, Turton Road Broadmeadow. A junior competition will be held on Monday nights 4 September to 11 December - age groups 7 to 15 years. For more information please contact newcastlejuniors@gmail.com or register at www.newcastlecity.touch.asn.au

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P & C NEWS

As we pass the half way mark in our school year, Merewether Heights P&C would like to say

Congratulations and Thank You!

In just the first half of 2017, the P&C contributed significantly to the school.

- ◇ We assisted with the purchase of new Home Readers to assist in Literacy programs in the infants school (\$3,081)
- ◇ We have assisted with the purchase of Maths boxes to assist in the Maths program (\$1,346)
- ◇ We have assisted with the purchase of sports uniforms (\$863)
- ◇ We have assisted with the purchase of a COM box (\$3,263)
- ◇ We have assisted with the purchase of new computer tablets (\$2,099)
- ◇ We will also be assisting with the purchase of Readers for use in the primary Literacy program and with the purchase of kidney tables for use in group learning (Mothers Days stall funds).

These contributions to the school have only come about through the continued support from our families and the broader community. Whether it has been through the purchase of raffle tickets, contributions to fundraising events such as Mothers Day stall or by volunteering your time, you have all helped us build an improved learning environment for our children. Your support with enable us to continue assisting in many ways.

We look forward to working with the Principal and the staff at Merewether Heights P/S as we provide opportunities for all children to engage and achieve.

Thank you everyone!

Peta B
Co-President
P&C

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



Variety Kids Xmas Party 2017 Newcastle

Join us for the first Newcastle Variety Kids Christmas Party, a special event full of fun and entertainment for kids who have a disability, chronic illness or who are experiencing financial hardship.

There will be on stage entertainment, games, rides and even some special guests all the way from the North Pole! See the details below:

Wednesday 15th November

4pm – 9pm

McDonald Jones Stadium; Turton Road Broadmeadow

Cost: **FREE!**

Parents, guardians and siblings also welcome

Register your interest now via:

<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/events/>

For any questions, please contact us on 02 4965 4911
We hope to see you there!



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 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
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 Open Day / Book Week Parade / Grandparents Day	23/8 Yr 5 & Yr 6 NPBS Maths Competition	24/8	25/8
WEEK 7	28/8	29/8 4P Cupcake Day	30/8 Life Education Van	31/8 Life Education Van	1/9 Life Education Van
WEEK 8	4/9 Life Education Van	5/9 Life Education Van	6/9 School Concert	7/9	8/9
WEEK 9	11/9	12/9 KG Cupcake Day	13/9 Kindy 2018 Orientation Day	14/9	15/9 Hunter Water Safety Program K-6
WEEK 10	18/9	19/9	20/9	21/9 Disco	22/9

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.