



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 3 Week 3 Tuesday 1st August, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate our dance groups who performed so well at the Dance Festival last week. They work so hard through the year to get to this point and they did an amazing job! Well done girls, well done Miss Zoe their dance teacher and well done to all the parents who support their daughters in this very worthwhile endeavour! I am looking forward to seeing the girls perform at school at our special Book Week, Grandparents' Day and Open Day.

Home Readers

Our home readers are once again available for use. A new catalogue has been produced and will be distributed by the class teachers. Just as a reminder, once a student has a home reader they will need to bring that reader to swap it for a new one. Please note also that the teachers will set the level of home reader that the student is on. If you have any questions please see your classroom teacher.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - 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

Steve Egginton
Principal

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 Mr Egginton, Principal, or Mrs Yelds, School Administrative Manager, to make alternate arrangements.

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.

SPELLING BEE

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.

Libby McClymont

AWARDS Congratulations to

Early Stage 1	Sibylla W, Asha H, Benjamin C, Jett D, Spencer D, Olivia L.
Stage 1	George E, Lucas S, Lexi K, Marvin D, Charlie C, Daniel A, Marley C, Zane W, Kieran F,
Stage 2	Avalon P, Cameron H, Mia C, Roy E, Grace C, Tobin S, Gabriella L, James E, Ashleigh C.
Stage 3	Tahne H, Max O, Tye W, Holly B, Madeliene S, Eden G.

FROM THE TEACHERS

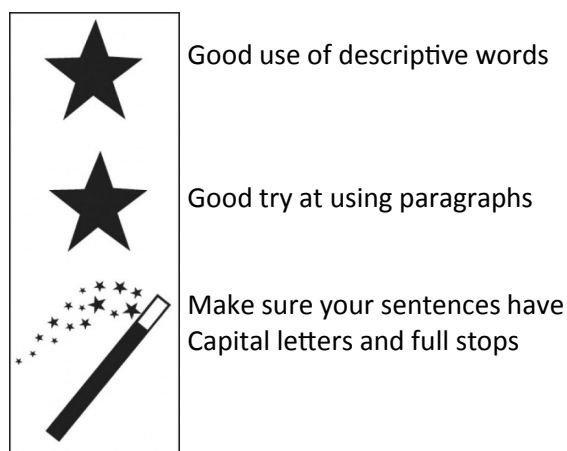
Writing Assessment

Teaching staff at Merewether Heights Public School have been undertaking professional development sessions that focus on formative assessment strategies. Formative assessment informs the teacher of each student's strengths and weaknesses and allows the teacher to modify their teaching programs according to student need.

Formative assessment also allows teachers to provide quality feedback to students so they understand aspects of their work that may need attention. This term teachers are trialling the use of a 'two stars and a wish' stamp to provide quality feedback to their students. Each writing sample will be marked using the stamp and students will be provided with feedback of two things they did well (stars) and something they need to work on (wish).

This feedback will be discussed with the students so that they have a clear idea of improvements they can make to their writing. Research has shown that comment based feedback is more effective than grade based feedback and teachers will be discussing the effectiveness of the 'two stars and a wish' strategy at future staff meetings.

Example



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harry Queenan & Lucy Tuckerman.



CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 2/8	Thurs 3/8	Fri 4/8	Mon 7/8	Tues 8/8
Kristen C	Atalie	Peta B	Volunteer required	Closed
Wed 9/8	Thurs 10/8	Fri 11/8	Mon 14/8	Tues 15/8
Alex V	Tracee S Felicity T	Amanda W Amanda C	Volunteer required	Closed

SOLAR BUDDY LIGHTS

Over the last week all our classes have been busy assembling their solar lights and making a variety of cards and origami for our Solar Buddy's. Everyone has worked so positively and enjoyed this experience. Our lights and letters, drawings and origami will be packed for shipment today to embark on their journey to students who will definitely benefit from the gift of light.



Amanda Mitchell



SPORT NEWS

Lachlan B represented the Hunter Region at the State Basketball Competition held at Goulburn last week. The Hunter PSSA Basketball Team came in 9th. Lachlan played consistently well over the three days and gained valuable experience. Fantastic effort Lachlan .



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.

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>

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

Save the date!

FRIDAY 27th October

For your chance to win big at the:

MHPS P&C FUNDRAISING



Charlestown Bowling Club

Doors open 6.30 pm, trivia starts 7 pm.

**Cost: \$25 per person, OR \$200 per table of 10
purchased in advance.**

**Ticket includes: trivia, 1 drink voucher
tap beer, wine (still or sparkling), soft drink
Meals and snacks from the bistro menu can be
ordered at guests own expense.**

**Prizes for the most trivial minds!
Door prizes and raffle.**

**Bring your family, friends, sporting team
250 tickets available.**

Tickets available soon on [stickytickets.com.au](https://www.stickytickets.com.au).

DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 3	31/7	1/8 ICAS English K1E Cupcake Day	2/8	3/8	4/8
WEEK 4	7/8 Zone Public Speaking Kinder @ Stockton PS, 11.40am Zone Athletics	8/8 Zone Athletics	9/8 Zone Public Speaking Yr 3 & 4 @ Carrington PS 12.00pm	10/8 Zone Public Speaking Yr 5 & 6 @ Stockton PS 11.40am	11/8 Zone Public Speaking Yr 1 & 2 @ New Lambton South PS 11.40am Yr6 Kotara HS taster lesson
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 Y6 Kotara HS Numeracy Program	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 Fathers Day BBQ
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 K-2 Reptile Park Excursion	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.

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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.

