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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 3 Week 5 Tuesday 15th August, 2017

ILLNESS

The school has had a confirmed case of Influenza A and also Chickenpox. Please ensure that you keep sick children at home so they can have time to recover and to help prevent the spread of the flu and disease to others students and staff. We have been sending quite a few ill children home each day, with a variety of complaints. Don't forget to phone the school, or send a note, or use the Skoolbag App to explain any absences your child may have.

BOOK WEEK

Next Tuesday 22nd August, MHPS will be celebrating Education Week, Grandparents Day and Book Week with a Book Week Parade, classroom visits and a special morning tea for grandparents. We will also have performances by our junior and senior dance groups and the band. A note has gone home today with more information. The celebrations commence at 9.30 am and with an approximate finish at midday. We look forward to seeing you there.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

The P&C are holding a Father's Day Raffle with 3 fantastic prizes.

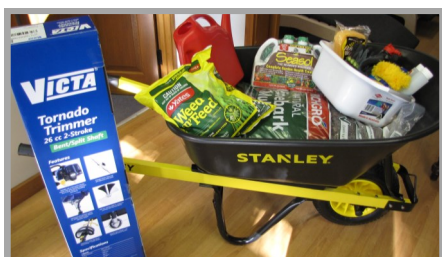
1st prize: 100L wheelbarrow and garden supplies.

2nd prize: Victa Tornado Trimmer 26cc 2 stroke.

3rd prize: Car cleaning products.

The prizes were generously donated by Merewether Heights OOSH and Vacation Care.

Tickets have been sent home today and it will be drawn at the Father's Day Breakfast. We hope you can support this fundraiser. Good luck.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2018

Kindergarten Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday, 13th September. Invitations have been 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.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to our Public Speaking representatives that attended different schools last week to compete in the Zone Finals. The Zone Coordinator sent an email to say that all students did a fabulous job and should be commended for their efforts. Special mention must be made to Darcy P and Archer C in our Kindergarten classes who both received Highly Commended.

Libby McClymont

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

We had another very close competition in both Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Spelling Bee school competition this year. All the students who represented their classes did a fantastic job and spelt some very difficult words. A big congratulations needs to go to Billie T (4M) and James K (4M) who were our Stage 2 winners and our Stage 3 winners were Ethan T (5/6N) and Jonah S (5/6N). These four students will represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals at Hamilton Public School on Wednesday 13th September. We wish them all the best.

Libby McClymont
Spelling Bee Coordinator



AWARDS Congratulations to

Early Stage 1 Macy F, Dane M, William R, Hudson D, Gabrielle S.

Stage 1 Lucy T, Indigo B, Emersen L, Hollie W, Dylan C, Meika W, Emerson W, William H, Matthew S, Indi W, William W, Sophie W.

Stage 2 Tully D, Cameron H, Jasmine D, Amelia D, Logan W, James K, Max W, Eva S, Sienna M, Delphi R, James E, Baxter C.

Stage 3 Conrad A, Chloe C, Owen C, Lucy A, Grace B.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mitchell Hall, Ava Kyreakou, Deegan Hook, Jack Ward.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All students who are participating in the 2017 PRC must have their reading logs handed to Mrs Lochrin by Friday 25th August.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

This year we are holding another Climate Cam Movie Night, on the 25th of August at the Hall. Be there at around 6:30 for 7:00 start, (remember to wear your pyjamas, and bring some blankets and a pillow). The entry price is \$5 each but if you want to purchase popcorn and drinks bring an extra \$4. We are raising money for the World Wildlife Fund. Last year we raised \$520 this year we are hoping to reach above and beyond so make sure you bring the whole family!!! Hope to see you all there!!

From Climate Cam, Ava Kyreakou, Siena Jenkinson, Alex Mingay.

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CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

CANTEEN ROSTER

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
Wed 16/8	Thurs 17/8	Fri 18/8	Mon 21/8	Tues 22/8
Kath N	Edwina M Nikki N	Sussanah M	Volunteer required	Closed



PSSA STATE RUGBY UNION

Congratulations to Mason C who was named captian of the Hunter Region PSSA Rugby Union Team. Good luck next week Mason at the State PSSA Rugby Union Championships being held at the Salamander Bay Sports Complex.

NEWCASTLE ZONE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

Last Monday and Tuesday students representing MHPS participated at the Newcastle Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival.

Not only did we look fantastic in our MHPS Athletic singlets but there were great performances all round and terrific sportsmanship was displayed. These particular student's outstanding results gained them a place in the Newcastle Zone team to compete at the Hunter Region PSSA Athletics Carnival on Friday 1st September:

Zara C	Jnr Girls 800m & 1500m
Sienna K	11yrs Girls 200m, 800m, 1500m
Rory O	Jnr Boys High Jump & Long Jump
Tye W	12yrs Boys Shot Put
Louis S	Jnr Boys 800m
Ethan T	12yrs Boys 1500m
Laila A	9yrs Girls 100m
Aidan M	Senior Boys Relay
Toby C	Senior Boys Relay
Max O	Senior Boys Relay
Angus O	Senior Boys Relay

Good Luck to you all.
Mrs Lochrin

NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Sienna K had an amazing meet at the championships in Tasmania. Her individual event on Saturday morning was a tough one with incredibly difficult conditions. Sienna pushed on and ran a brilliant 20th. The NSW Team picked up a Bronze Medal.

Monday morning Sienna took part in the NSW Relay. She smashed home, coming in 2nd place and added a Silver Medal to her outstanding achievement. Well done Sienna.

Amanda Mitchell

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.



Would You and Your Family Like To Get Healthier?

Back2Basics Family is an online program aimed at getting children and their families healthier! Participating in the program is **free** and your family may receive 2 online face-to-face consultations with an Accredited Practising Dietitian, plus 3 months online resources including free subscriptions to our Nutrition website custom-design for families and a Facebook support group exclusively for program participants only.

Your family can participate in the program, if:

- ✓ You have access to the internet via a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or computer
- ✓ You have a child aged 5–11 years (before 12th birthday) who is above healthy weight
- ✓ At least one parent or carer is willing to participate in the program
- ✓ You are able to attend appointments at the University of Newcastle (Callaghan)

Register your interest at
www.bit.ly/telehealth5

Wondering if your family can participate? Ask us today or fill in our online form at above link!
For more information contact Li Chai at b2bfamily@newcastle.edu.au or 4921 5355

This project has been approved by the Hunter New England Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. 16/07/20/4.04 and the University of Newcastle Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2016-0329.

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

Tickets on sale NOW at:

www.stickytickets.com.au!

For your chance to win big at the:



FRIDAY 27th October

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.**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS by credit card: copy
this url:**

www.stickytickets.com.au/56481

Or search "MHPS" at stickytickets.com.au

**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.**

***selling all 10 seats is the responsibility of the pur-
chaser, no partial refunds possible unfortunately.**

Tickets: www.stickytickets.com.au/56481

DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 5	14/8 Performing Arts Meeting 4pm	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 Regional Spelling Bee	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 Last Day of Term 3

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.





HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.



Product Description	Price	Quantity
Harold Tattoo	\$0.50	
Harold Post-It Note	\$1.50	
Harold Handball	\$3.00	
Small Harold Soft Toy (20cm)	\$8.00	
Large Harold Soft Toy (35cm)	\$15.00	
Activity Bag (Crayons and Colouring in pages)	\$3.00	
Total Owning		

Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

NB Harold Products are subject to availability

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



☐ I would like to donate _____ to Life Education NSW. Child's Class: _____
Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _____ Phone (optional): _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

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Patron: His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC, DSC (RET'D) Governor of NSW

in2cricket (suitable for girls and boys 5-7 yrs and runs through term 4)

Friday at Townson Oval Merewether starting 13th October. Registration is \$95

<http://playcricket.com.au/learn/in2cricket>

T20 Blast (suitable for girls and boys 7-9 yrs of age and runs through term 4)

Mondays in Newcastle starting 16th October, Wednesday at Ford Oval New Lambton (includes all-girls comp) starting 18th October and Thursday at Charlestown Oval starting 19th October. Registration is \$125

<http://www.playcricket.com.au/learn/t20-blast>

Friday afternoon all-girls games (girls 9-12 yrs) Smith Park Hamilton North during term 4. Registration is \$50

<http://www.sydneysixersgirlscricket.com.au/>

Saturday Morning Competition (boys and girls aged 9 to 17). October '17 to March '18 with break over Christmas School Holidays. Games run for 120 to 180 minutes on a Saturday morning.

Registrations: <http://playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=15577>

Further details registrar@tigersjuniorcricket.com.au <http://tigersjuniorcc.nsw.cricket.com.au>

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Pathway to Merewether District Cricket Club