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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 3 Week 9 Tuesday 12th September, 2017

SCHOOL CONCERT

It was so good to enjoy together our school concert last Wednesday. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves performing for you and so a great night was had by all. I would like to, on your behalf, thank all the school staff who put so much effort into helping to make the concert a great event! I would also like to thank again Mrs Stazak and her university volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide a great bar-b-que and food service. Finally, a big thank you for your continued enthusiastic support of the school – this is never taken for granted and is always very much valued!



From 19th Sept through to 26th October I will be taking leave to go and explore Israel and Jordan. During this time Mr Pollock will be relieving as principal and Mr Greentree will be taking the 4P class.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday break!

Enjoy your week
Steve Egginton
Principal

VOLUNTEERING

Due to new department guidelines, any parent/carer volunteers must complete a new declaration and provide 100 points identification. You do not need a Working with Children Check but you must sign in at the office every time you volunteer and have completed the departments declaration. New forms have been sent home to people who have previously filled in the older forms. Please return these as soon as possible.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff at MHPS will be undertaking after school training session during term 4. The first session will be on Tuesday 10th October where the teachers will be developing their skills in the teaching of reading and comprehension. The second evening will be on Wednesday 25th October 2017. This session will be presented by the DTC Wellbeing Services Newcastle and is designed to help the staff understand and support each other at work.

Mr John Pollock
Assistant Principal

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

All orders and payments for the Year 6 Shirt must be at the office by next Monday, 18th September. **No late orders can be accepted.** If you are paying by POP this would have to be done online by 4.00pm on Friday afternoon. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

K-2 REPTILE PARK EXCURSION

Permission notes and payments for this excursion are due by this Friday, 15th September. Please note if you are paying online POP, this needs to be done by 4.00pm Thursday. Also please retain the information above the permission cut off as it has the details of time and requirements for the excursion.

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.

PSSA RUGBY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mason C captained the Hunter PSSA Rugby team at the PSSA Rugby State Championships held at Salamander Bay last month. Mason was honoured to be elected Team Captain.

Unfortunately they lost their first 2 games, which ruled them out of the finals, but they won the next 4 games. They went on to win the Convener's Shield.

Fantastic effort Mason.



AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early

Stage 1 Lucas V, Indianna S, Jesse W, Macy F,

Stage 1 Kyuss W, Aurelia M, Zoey M, Toby S, Rosie A, Tom H, Lucas B, Halle S, Tobias K, Jacob B, Marley C, Lucy H.

Stage 2 Bryson H, Mia C, Claye F, Daniel D, Sienna M, Zara C, Rory O, Ben M.

Stage 3 Jasper P, Holly B, Eden G, Siena J, Mia B, Jacob A, Kiara E.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property cupboard is again overflowing with school and non-school items, including hats, jackets and lots of plastic containers and drink bottles. These items do not have names on them. If your child is missing any items, please check the lost property cupboard in the western foyer of the staffroom, where the home readers are kept. All items in lost property will be disposed of at the end of this term.

We ask parents to please label all items so when things go missing we can return them as soon as possible.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2018

Kindergarten Orientation Day is tomorrow, 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.

PICNIC IN THE PLAYGROUND FOR KINDY 2018

A terrific way for 2018 Kindergarten children, mums and dads to get to know each other before school starts next year. We will meet near the play equipment at 10.00 am, share a picnic and we plan to finish at 11.15 before the students come out for recess.

Dates are as follows

Tuesday 10th October

Thursday 26th October

Monday 13th November

More information will be given out at Kinder Orientation.

CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linus D, Sophia M, Hannah S, Ethan T, Rebecca V, Chloe M, Erin M, Abbie C, Occy E.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 13/9	Thurs 14/9	Fri 15/9	Mon 18/9	Tues 19/9
Felicity T Julie S	Atalie	Al L Kim P	Volunteer required	Closed
Wed 20/9	Thurs 21/9	Fri 22/9		
Volunteer required	Brooke D	Volunteer required		

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROMOTION

Merewether Heights Public School is taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. From Wednesday 26 July until 19 September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. These stickers can be placed in the bin at the office. Please bring in your stickers ASAP as they will have to be sent off at the close of the promotion.

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Voting Forms have been sent home. **Please vote and return to the office by this Friday September 15.** If more than 50% of respondents vote YES then the P&C will move to proceed with the changes. New elements would be available approximately Term 2 2018 and the 3 year transition period would run till Term 2 2021.

DANCE GROUPS ENROLMENT TERM 4

For children currently in Yrs 2,3,4 & 5 who are interested in joining our Dance Group please phone Zoe Jones on 0423 698 949 between 9.00am and 12 noon.

Junior Dance Groups (Yrs 2&3) Friday mornings at 8.00am (School Hall).

Senior Dance Groups (Yrs 4&5) Tuesday mornings at 8.00am (School Hall).

The cost of the classes is \$85.00 per term. Classes will commence Week 1 of Term 4.

These classes entail learning a variety of dance steps in a fun learning environment. This is a great opportunity for children to participate in a group experience and build confidence through a love of dance whilst working towards learning a dance routine which the children perform at different events throughout the year.

It would be appreciated if all new enrolments could be to me by Friday 22nd September, so I can finalise numbers in classes and confirm the above times.

DISCO

Our Term 3 Disco will be held on Thursday 21st September.

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.

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 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
TERM 4					
WEEK 1	9/10 School resumes for Term 4	10/10 Picnic in the Playground	11/10	12/10	13/10 Yr 3-6 Active Swim P&C Shopping Bus Trip Saturday 14th.
WEEK 2	16/10	17/10	18/10 Bandfest	19/10	20/10 Yr 3-6 Active Swim
WEEK 3	23/10 Yr 2 Swim School	24/10 Yr 2 Swim School 6L Cupcake Day	25/10 Yr 2 Swim School	26/10 Yr 2 Swim School Picnic in the Playground Yr 6 Interrelate	27/10 Yr 3 –6 Active Swim Yr 2 Swim School
WEEK 4	30/10 Yr 2 Swim School	31/10 Yr 2 Swim School	1/11 Yr 2 Swim School	2/11 Yr 2 Swim School	3/11 Yr 2 Swim School Yr 3-6 Active Swim

PRESENTATION DAY Wednesday 13th December.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL Thursday 14th December.

PARTY DAY Friday 15th December.

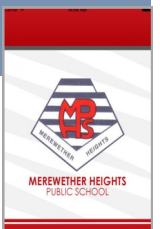


PAYMENTS

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.



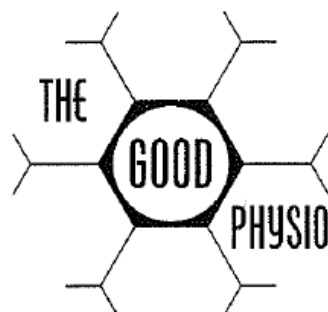
Any Good combination is more than the sum of its parts. Think...
Han x Chewie Fish x Chips Maverick x Goose
THINK NEWCASTLE'S OWN KILLER COMBO

DAVE ROBERTSON'S



TOBY WATSON'S

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On their own, these two local running performance experts have made the running movement in Newcastle more results-driven, less injury-prone and - best of all - totally enjoyable.

On their own, they are Robbo and Tobes.
Together, they are the

'SONS OF RUNARCHY

And they're setting up performance-driven running workshops near you....

**if you're preparing for the Fernleigh 15, Blackmore's, Central Coast Half or
Just want to get more from your parkrun
YOU NEED...**

A specialised **running technique** assessment that includes video analysis and feedback to improve your current form.
Run Better Newcastle will help you identify patterns that hinder and help your running.

A strength and movement assessment and a physio analysis of your current running issues.
The Good Physio Newcastle will help you develop techniques to build resilience and **injury prevention** into your training.

YOU NEED THE 'SONS OF RUNARCHY. SO, WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU?

The 'Sons of Runarchy Workshops are designed for beginners right up to elite runners and are scheduled for individuals in a group setting at Merewether Baths from 10 - 11.30am on these dates

Thursday 31 August 2017

Thursday 7 September 2017

Thursday 14 September 2017

Come to one, come to all

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

PHONE 0428 710 747

Group bookings of 4 or more can be tailored to your group's needs and scheduled accordingly. Just phone us to discuss your requirements.

Sessions are 75 minutes combined (running technique assessment x physio performance screening) for only \$120 - **claimable through your health fund**

(and you thought the 'Sons of Runarchy was a good call).

Get running better today!



HUNTER WETLANDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Hunter Wetlands have a great program to entertain the children during the September/October school holidays. Activities include: Art, sensory walks, animals habitats and much more. For more information phone 49 516466.



KID CODERS

Teaching kids computer programming

Join us for some school holiday fun.
Learn what it takes to code a game from start to finish.

WHEN: 25th & 26th SEPTEMBER (classes run for 3 hours)

WHERE: MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
For ages 7 - 12 yrs

WWW.KIDCODERS.COM.AU

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

**2 DAY SKILL CLINICS
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS**

**SPECIALIST CLINICS
FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS**

**AFTER SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

~ **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** ~
For children turning the ages above this year



For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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Service changes

Dear Parents,

CHANGES TO SCHOOL ROUTE 815 FROM 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

Please be advised that from Monday 11 September, route 815 will be permanently relocated on to King Street to accommodate construction of the Newcastle Light Rail on Hunter and Scott streets.

Buses will be diverted onto King Street at Darby Street with bus stops available at the following locations:

Morning

- Customs House, Watt St
- King St at Bolton St
- King St at Perkins St
- King St before Darby St

Afternoon

- King St after Darby St
- King St at Perkins St
- King St before Watt St
- Customs House, Watt St

For more information about these changes please visit newcastletransport.info or contact 131 500.



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