



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 1 Week 2 Tuesday 6 February 2018

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents

Parent Information Evenings

These will be held during the week starting 19th February. The session dates and times will be included in next week's Noticeboard. I would encourage you all to take the time to attend these meetings. You will be informed about what will be happening in your child's class and stage as well as school procedures including 'time out'. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

Safe arrival and departure from school.

Getting our children safely to and from school is so important and we all have a part to play for this to be a smooth and safe procedure. I have attached information from the Newcastle City Council regarding the rules around the No Parking, No Stopping and Bus Zone signs. Please read this carefully! Compliance with these signs will be monitored by the school, the Council and the Police! Just remember the rules apply to all of us and if we follow them the process will run efficiently.

Please remember that you are not permitted to do a U-turn outside the school.

The school car parks are for staff and delivery vehicles ONLY! Remember, just because you are dropping off a child doesn't make you a delivery vehicle. This includes band, dance and OOSH drop-off/pick-up.

Working with Children Check

In 2014 new Government laws were introduced requiring all volunteers at school to complete a 'Working with Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors'. These checks are completed at school and kept on file.

What do you need to do?

If you filled in your form last year you do not have to do it again.

Fill in the form (a copy is attached to this Noticeboard and copies will be available in the classrooms and front office).

Bring to the school office your 100 point Proof of Identity (see 'Appendix 6' attached) to be verified, signed and filed.

Before working in the classrooms ALL parents must first sign in at the front office, take and display a 'visitors' lanyard and sign out when they are leaving the school. NB this also includes all workers in the canteen. The visitors passes are not required if you are dropping off or picking up your children.

Please start filling in your 'Working with Children Check'. They need to be completed and filed at the school office by Friday 16 February.

Student Attendance at school

Students will achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options through regular attendance at school.

In NSW, all children from the age of 6 are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. All students must complete Year 10, or its equivalent. Young people below the age of 17 must be:

- in school, or registered for home schooling
- in approved education or training, such as a traineeship, apprenticeship or TAFE
- in full-time paid employment (average 25 hours a week)
- in a combination of work, education and/or training.
- Students 17 years and over who are enrolled in school are required to attend school regularly to meet HSC course requirements.

Parents must explain all absences to the school within 7 days.

For more information about compulsory school attendance, visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

You will also find attached to this Noticeboard a document called 'Compulsory School Attendance'. Please read it carefully as it contains more details and if you have any questions make sure you contact the school.

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.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT CONTINUED

Please note – Make sure you let the school know asap the reason why your child was not at school (this can be done using the Skoolbag App, a written note or an email).

NB - At the end of each week teachers will review their class roll and if there are any unexplained absences in their class they will send home a slip on green paper asking you to provide an explanation as to why your child was away from school. Please return these slips to the school office.

Reminder - Kinder end-of-day times

Just a reminder that for the month of February the kinder students finish their day at 3.00pm. Don't forget to collect them from the red seats in the infants COLA. From 5 March the kinder students will finish at the same time as the rest of the school ie 3.25pm.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office.

Enjoy your week
Steve Egginton
Principal

BAND NEWS

Band rehearsals will begin in week 2 Thursday at 7.45am—9.00 am in the school hall.

PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

The Performing Arts Committee, consisting of Miss Grist, Mrs Martyn and Mr Moran, are looking for any parents interested in being a representative to liaise with the committee for the various performing arts programs and events happening throughout the year.

This year there will be a parent representative for the band, and a representative for the choirs. The parent representative/s will also be required to help oversee the bank account used to help fund the performing art programs.

If you are interested in this role, please email the school or contact Miss Grist, Mrs Martyn or Mr Moran directly.

*The junior and senior choirs will be auditioning this week. Please see the choir teachers if you're interested.

SWIMMIING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 13 February for students in Years 2— 6.

A note has gone home with information and permission and payment slip. Payments may be made online through our school webpage. This is a very quick and convenient method of paying for all payments during the year.

ANAPHYLAXIS

We currently have students at our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis (ie suffers from a severe allergic reaction) due to nut allergies, eggs, seafood, dairy products or bee stings.

All our children are special and have particular needs. These students' needs are potentially life threatening. We ask for your help to keep them all safe by not sending nut-based products to school with your child's recess or lunch. These products include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing nuts. Products that are labeled "may contain traces of nuts" do not generally present a threat.

These students have management plans in place while they are at school. All staff know these students and have participated in a training session run by an Anaphylaxis Educator to ensure they can act quickly in an emergency.

ANNUAL STUDENT & FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE OF INFORMATION

On 27 February, as part of our annual update of information for students and families, the school office will be sending home to parents a form containing personal information. This information includes address details, parent contact details, emergency contact details, doctors contact details and medical information relating to your child. These forms will be forwarded home with students. We will be asking parents to please alter any information on the form that needs to be changed, sign and date the form, and return to the school office as soon as possible. Even if there are no alterations to be made, we are asking parents to sign and date the form, and return to the school office as soon as possible.

If you do not want this information to be sent home with your child, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements.

Should your child have a medical condition which is not listed on the form, please contact the school office as soon as possible to provide details. It is essential that all medical conditions are noted to overcome the need to for you to provide this information on every permission note throughout the year.

Please note: It is a parent's responsibility to notify the school of any changes in their child's medical condition.

THANK YOU FROM THE OFFICE

The school office is manned from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday. It would be appreciated if phone calls/visits/enquiries etc. could be made during these hours. Due to the necessity for the office staff to undertake end of day procedures, it would also be appreciated if all payments could be made to the school office prior to 3.00 pm each day. The office staff is available to assist students, parents and staff with all enquiries, information, concerns etc., and would thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Payments to the Office

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or online. The online payments can be done through our webpage on the Make a Payment tab. This is a very easy and convenient method of payment. Follow the prompts but you only need to fill in boxes with a green asterisk.

Please note our eftpos does not accept American Express, AMEX or Diners Club cards.

Payments for clothing pool, band, dance groups, etc. cannot be processed by the school office, and should still be given to the coordinator for these groups.

Due to an increasing number of parents using our eftpos or online facilities, the school office does not keep a cash float and does not have a lot of cash on hand during the day. Therefore, we are not always able to provide change to parents or students, particularly in the morning. It would be appreciated when making a payment in cash that the correct money is provided.

We would ask parents to please put students' names on envelopes with payments enclosed to their class teacher.

It is important to read the school's weekly newsletter, "Noticeboard". Information relevant to various activities within the school and also out of school is detailed in Noticeboard. Closing dates/times for various things such as Book Club and P&C fundraisers are published in Noticeboard. To avoid disappointment, we would ask that parents take notice of these deadlines.

We would also ask you to note that cheques for P&C events/fundraisers need to be made payable to Merewether Heights Public School P&C, and are not to be included with any student payment to the school office for performances or excursions.

Throughout the school year students participate in various excursions/performances etc. which require a payment to be made. If at any time payments for excursions/performances, textbooks, voluntary school contributions, etc. causes concern or financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Egginton, Principal. Contacts made to Mr Egginton will be kept strictly confidential.

NOTICEBOARD BY EMAIL, SKOOLBAG OR WEBPAGE

We have the option for parents to receive the newsletter each week by hardcopy, email, skoolbag app or on our school webpage. The digital copy is a much quicker and clearer publication. It is also environmentally friendly vs a paper copy. For those families without internet access, a hard copy of the newsletter will be provided for you when you return the slip at the bottom of this page. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email, would you

Email the school and type "newsletter" in the subject line. We will then assume that you would like the newsletter emailed direct to you and we will also then have the email address to forward it to. All email address will be BCC when Noticeboard is sent, so you can be assured that we will not be sharing your email address with others. If your email address should change, it will be your responsibility to notify the school office.

All families who received their Noticeboard by email last year will continue to do so.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE TEAR OFF SLIP BELOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARDCOPY.

NOTICEBOARD BY HARDCOPY

I wish to receive a hard copy of the Noticeboard .

Name of eldest child and class *(please print clearly)*

Name:

Class:

Parent Signature:

Telephone No

MAKERSPACE

We are in the process of creating a "Makerspace", a space to help teach students science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills and content in a fun and creative way. We are seeking assistance from our school community for donations of materials to help establish the space. We would greatly appreciate donations of the following:

- Tools such as socket sets, spanners, wrenches, Allen Keys etc (Tools to fix and maintain bicycles, scooters and skateboards)
- Lego blocks
- plastic storage containers
- fabric, felt, ribbon etc
- fish aquariums and equipment

Please contact Mr Lancaster at

merewethht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions, or to organise collection of larger items.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues went home yesterday and are due back by Friday 16 February. Each catalogue has an information sheet regarding ordering online. Payments can also be made with the correct money in a sealed envelope with the order sent into school.

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!

BONUS!

SCHOLASTIC

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will commence tomorrow, Wednesday 7 February.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Henry B, Isla R, Ishaan R, Matilda T, Alina S, Ari S, Gabriella L, Laila A, Nash P, Heidi M, Byron S, Kyuss W, Eva G, Abbie U, Kane L, Bryson H, William H, Izaac B, Louis S, Eden P, Mikayla C, Holly C, Jasmine D, Felix B, Cooper C, Josie P, Sarah F, Baxter C, Lucy H, Scarlett W, William, Jack N.



WENDY GREEN'S RETIREMENT

Wendy Green's retirement celebration is on Saturday 24 February at The Beaches Hotel 4.00-7.00pm. If you would like to attend and have not RSVP, contact the school for more information. Cost is \$45.00 a head.

LOST PROPERTY

To avoid children's belongings being lost, would you please label everything that your child brings to school. This includes lunch boxes, hats, all clothing, books, pencil cases, etc. This will enable any items found to be quickly returned to students. A cupboard containing lost property is located in the foyer on the western side of the staffroom.

CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

School hats are available at the office, \$12 each. Please assist us and have the correct money for purchasing.



Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS



Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers

Coles has launched their 2018 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that MHPS will be participating and collecting vouchers for additional sporting equipment. Every \$10 spent at Coles during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers our school collects, the more equipment we could receive.

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from tomorrow and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. A collection box for vouchers will be in the school office.

We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.



DIARY DATES

| TERM 3 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY. | | | | | |
| WEEK 2 | 5/2 P & C Meeting 7.00pm | 6/2 | 7/2 | 8/2 | 9/2 |
| WEEK 3 | 12/2 | 13/2 Swimming Carnival | 14/2 | 15/2 Selective High School Test | 16/2 |
| WEEK 4 | 19/2 | 20/2 3MC Cupcake Day | 21/2 | 22/2 | 23/2 |
| WEEK 5 | 26/2 Zone Swimming Carnival | 27/2 | 28/2 | 1/3 | 2/3 |

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.



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.

Due to the refurbishment of the canteen, it will operate from the AP's office (where the parent/teacher interviews are held). A restricted menu will apply.

The online ordering will be closed.

Canteen Renovation Menu 2018

Recess items

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| Pikelets | \$0.30 |
| ½ fruit cup (Seasonal) | \$1.00 |
| Curly Apple | \$1.00 |
| Chips (Honey Soy, Plain) | \$1.20 |
| Grainwaves | \$1.20 |
| Pretzels | \$0.60 |
| Popcorn | \$0.20 |
| Apple Crumble (Limited) | \$2.00 |

Lunch only items

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| Chicken Lettuce & Mayo Wrap | \$3.00 |
| Chicken & Cheese Salad Wrap | \$4.00 |
| Chicken Lettuce & Mayo Burger | \$3.00 |
| Beef Salad Burger | \$4.00 |
| Pie | \$2.70 |
| Sausage Roll | \$2.20 |
| Beef Noodles (Limited) | \$2.00 |
| Fried Rice (Limited) | \$2.00 |

Smoothies

Smoothies available this Friday

Banana, Mango or Strawberry

\$3 each

Order at the canteen by Thursday to get yours.



Sandwiches Available all day

Whole meal bread or wrap

Add 20 cents for toasting

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| Cheese | \$2.00 |
| Cheese & Ham | \$2.60 |
| Cheese, Ham & Tomato | \$2.80 |
| Cheese & Vegemite | \$2.20 |
| Chicken Lettuce & Mayo | \$3.50 |
| Chicken/Ham Salad | \$4.00 |
| Chicken/Ham & Cheese Salad | \$4.50 |
| Honey/Jam/Vegemite | \$1.50 |

Drinks & Ice blocks

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| Milk (Chocolate & Strawberry) | \$1.50 |
| Juice (Apple, Apple Blackcurrant) | \$1.50 |
| Water | \$1.00 |
| Ice Blocks | \$0.20-\$1.50 |



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of a court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

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Merewether Heights Public School Uniform Transition Update

February 2018

| New Uniform Available Now | Lowes Newcastle | MHPS Clothing Pool |
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| Boys | Grey Blokka Short Grey Blokka Pant | |
| Girls | Grey Check Summer Tunic Tartan Winter Tunic Tartan Winter Senior Skirt White L/S Blouse Red Sport Skort | Grey Box Pleat Culotte Grey Winter Pant Red Sport Skort (larger sizes only) |
| Unisex | Grey Microfibre Sport Short | Red Bucket Hat Red Wide Brim Hat Red Fleece Jacket |
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| Discontinued Uniform Can be worn to 2021 | Lowes Newcastle | MHPS Clothing Pool |
| Boys | Blue S/S Polo Shirt Blue L/S Polo Shirt Grey Socks - Red/White Stripes | |
| Girls | | Tartan Culotte Check Summer Culotte (size 16 only) |
| Unisex | White S/S Polo Shirt White L/S Polo Shirt Red Unisex Sport Short | Red Fleece Vest |
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| New Uniform Available Term 2 2018 | Lowes Newcastle | MHPS Clothing Pool |
| Unisex | Red/Grey/White S/S Polo Shirt Red/Grey/White L/S Polo Shirt Red/Grey/White Track Jacket Grey Microfibre Track Pant | |
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| Footwear | | |
| Boys | Grey Socks Black Polishable Shoes/Joggers | |
| Girls | White Socks Black Polishable Shoes/Joggers | |
| Sport | White Sport Socks Joggers (any colour) | |

MHPS CLOTHING POOL ORDER FORM NEW ITEMS

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| DATE | |
| PARENT NAME | |
| CHILD'S NAME | |
| CLASS | |
| CONTACT NUMBER | |

| QTY | SIZE | ITEM | PRICE | TOTAL |
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| PRICE LIST | SIZES | PRICE |
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| Bucket Hat | S, M, L | \$12.00 |
| Wide Brim Hat | S, M, L | \$12.00 |
| Red Polar Fleece Jacket | 6-16 | \$40.00 |
| Girl's Grey Pleated Culotte (new item) | 4-16 | \$30.00 |
| Girl's Grey Winter Pant | 4-16 | \$20.00 |
| Girl's Red Sport Skort (also available from Lowes – selling out | 10-14 | \$20.00 |
| Girl's Tartan Culotte (discontinued – selling out old stock) | 4-14 | \$20.00 |
| Girl's Grey Check Culotte (discontinued – selling out old stock) | 16 | \$20.00 |

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete all details including Contact number
- Cash or Cheque only (payable to MHPS P&C). No Eftpos or Online payment facilities.
- Place correct money or cheque in envelope with order form
- Return envelope to the School Office
- Order will be fulfilled following next Clothing Pool date and returned to the School Office (Tuesdays)
- Hats are also available for purchase from the School Office
- 2nd hand items can be viewed and purchased at the MHPS Clothing Pool, Tuesdays 9.00 – 9.30am



School has started back and the holidays are now behind us, but the fun is just beginning for the year at Heidi's School of Dance.

Call us now to enrol in the fun today!

www.heidisschoolofdance.com.au | Ph: 0403 092 256
18 Hall St, Newcastle West



Does your daughter love to dance?

Keep her happy and join

Merewether Physie

Physie is a fusion of dance and sport that empowers girls and women through the joy of dance and the power of belonging.

Registration Day

Tuesday 6th February 4pm-6pm

Holy Family Centre, Cnr Pell & Janet Sts, Merewether



Classes resume Tuesday February 13th, 2018

Enquires please phone:

Phoebe 0402858857

GYMNASTICS

After school gymnastics will be starting this week on Tuesday and Thursday. I am also taking names for a Monday afternoon class from 3.30—4.30pm. Please email me to put your child's name down for the lesson.

rhiannaelkin@aapt.net.au

Rhianna Elkin

Ph 0424 574 085

MEREWETHER CARLTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Registrations to play Rugby Union with our club are now open for players from 7—17yrs.

For more information visit

www.merewethercarltonjuniorrugbyclub.com.au

Or Facebook Merewether Carlton Junior Rugby Club

Any questions please contact

Darrell Sherry 0427 047 110

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.

For bookings please call Lillian on 0401 787 997



BASEBALL

It's Time To Play Ball 4– 16 yrs

For more information Ph 0412 423 769



TANTRUM
THEATRE,
PERFORMANCE,
+ WORKSHOPS

CREATIVE DRAMA WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 4pm - 5pm: Kinder - Year 2
TUESDAY 4pm - 5:30pm: Year 3 - Year 4
WEDNESDAY 4pm - 6pm: Year 7 - Year 9
THURSDAY 4pm - 5:30pm: Year 5 - Year 6
FRIDAY 4pm - 6pm: Year 10+

Workshops start during the second week of each school term at Tantrum Studio: 101 City Road, Merewether (Access via Allworth Street)

Putting young people at the centre of the creative process for over 40 years.



For more information and to enrol visit
www.tantrum.org.au
or call **49297279**



Always obey the signs

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| <p>You can stop here for 2 minutes only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can drop off or pick up your child here but you must either stay in the car or within 3metres of the car Stop as close to the head of the zone as possible to allow easy access for everyone | | <p>You CANNOT stop here</p> <p>You cannot drop off or pick up your child here</p> | | <p>You CANNOT stop here unless driving a bus</p> <p>You cannot drop off or pick up your child here</p> | |
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SOUTHERN CROSS
TAE KWON DO
 ACADEMY
For Men Women & Children (From 5 yrs +)

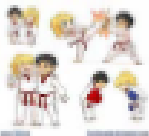




Is your child interested in TAE KWON DO

New SCTKD students will be able to access the NSW Government initiative - Active Kids rebate. \$100 rebate from the Government.

Join us at:

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| <p>CARDIFF SOUTH Ullinga Park Community Hall 1A Lodwick Lane Mon: 5.30 – 6.30pm</p> | <p>DUDLEY Dudley Vintage Hall 96 Ocean Street Tues: 5.30 – 6.30pm</p> |
| <p>THE JUNCTION St Josephs School Hall 182 Union & Kenrick St Tue: 5.45 – 6.45pm</p> | <p>WALLSEND Callaghan College Cnr Minmi & Macquarie St Wed: 5.45 – 6.45pm</p> |

Scan the QR code and check out our website

4934 2806 or 0403 799 981
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Appendix 5 – Declaration for volunteers and non child related contractors



This declaration must be completed by **volunteers** and **non-child related contractors** seeking engagement with the Department of Education (the department) where the person is exempt under the [*Child Protection \(Working with Children\) Regulation 2013*](#) from having to hold a Working with Children Check clearance. See the department's [*Working with Children Check Procedures*](#) for more details.

This declaration does not apply to volunteers who are

- Working as part of a formal mentoring program (whether or not a parent or close relative at the school at which they are volunteering) or
- Involved in intimate, personal care of children with a disability (whether or not a parent or close relative at the school at which they are volunteering) or
- Not a parent or close relative of a student at the school at which they are volunteering

This declaration does not apply to contractors who are

- Ordinarily involved in direct contact with children for extended periods (for e.g. Speech Pathologists, health workers, band tutors, music tutors)

Those workers listed above need to provide the school with Appendix 11, a WWCC clearance and 100 points of ID in order that they can be verified via eCPC. This documentation will be filed in secure storage at the school for 7 years post employment/engagement.

This declaration DOES apply to volunteers who are:

Parents or close relatives who volunteer at their child's school. This includes day to day reading helpers, canteen helpers etc., who are a parent or close relative to a child at the school at which they are volunteering. These workers DO NOT need a WWCC number and **should not** be asked to provide one. These parents should complete this Appendix and provide the school with 100 points of ID. This information should be used to conduct a person search via eCPC. These people **should not** be established on eCPC.

This declaration DOES apply to contractors who are:

Hired by the school or P&C to perform maintenance services or other additional services, however the work will not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods (for

e.g. tree lopping, electrical testing, and annual maintenance of fire extinguishers). These contractors should complete this Appendix and provide the school with 100 points of ID. This information should be used to conduct a person search via eCPC. These people should not be established on eCPC.

Note: Contractors working in the Assisted School Travel Program and contractors employed through the department's maintenance program are not required to undergo any school based screening.

Applicant Details

First name: _____ Surname: _____
Previous names: _____
Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
Place of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____
Street address: _____
Suburb: _____ State _____ Post Code _____
Occupation _____

Identity documents

| Please provide details of the approved documents according to the 100 point proof of ID check | | |
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| Document Name | Issuing Agency | Reference number |
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I declare:

1. I am in child-related work or applying to be in child-related work within the meaning of the NSW *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*, but am exempt from the requirement to hold a working with children check clearance under the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013* at the time of the making of this declaration.
2. I have not been refused a working with children check clearance under the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (this declaration may be made if a clearance was subsequently granted to you).
3. I have not had a working with children check clearance cancelled under the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (this declaration may be made if the clearance was surrendered by you, a clearance was subsequently granted to you, or the cancellation was overturned on review).
4. I am not currently subject to an interim bar on engaging in child-related work under

the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012*.

5. I have not been convicted of an offence, or subject to a finding of guilt for an offence or a finding that the charge for an offence is proven, where the offence was committed as an adult in New South Wales or elsewhere and was an offence of the following kind:
- a. a sexual assault or intercourse offence;
 - b. the common the common law offence of rape or attempted rape;
 - c. an indecent assault offence;
 - d. a sexual servitude offence
 - e. observing a person engaged in a private act, for the purpose of obtaining sexual arousal or sexual gratification (voyeurism);
 - f. filming another person engaged in a private act or filming another person's private parts, for the purpose of obtaining, or enabling another person to obtain, sexual arousal or sexual gratification;
 - g. installing a device, or constructing or adapting the fabric of a building, for the purpose of facilitating the observation or filming of a child, with the intention of enabling any person to commit an offence referred to at (d)-(e) above;
 - h. murder of a child;
 - i. manslaughter of a child (other than as a result of a motor vehicle accident);
 - j. intentional wounding or causing grievous bodily harm to a child who was three or more years younger than me;
 - k. a child prostitution offence;
 - l. an offence involving an act of indecency with or towards a child;
 - m. procuring or grooming a child under 16 years of age for unlawful sexual activity;
 - n. using a child for the production of child abuse material, or producing, disseminating, possessing or importing child abuse material;
 - o. possessing or importing child pornography;
 - p. offences relating to the use of a postal or similar service for child pornography material or child abuse material;
 - q. offences relating to the use of a postal or similar service involving sexual activity with a child under 16;
 - r. publishing indecent articles;
 - s. an offence of kidnapping a child, unless a parent or carer of the child at the time of the offence;
 - t. a forced labour or deceptive recruiting for labour or services offence, where the victim was a child;
 - u. intentional or reckless infliction of grievous bodily harm on a child, during or after the delivery of the child;
 - v. intentionally abandoning or exposing a child under the age of seven;
 - w. bestiality;
 - x. an offence an element of which is an intention to commit one of the above offences; or
 - y. an offence of attempting, or of conspiracy or incitement, to commit one of the above offences.

I undertake, as a condition of my continuing to perform child-related work (including volunteering) for _____ School that I will notify them of:

- (a) any refusal to grant me a working with children check clearance under the NSW *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*;
- (b) the cancellation of any working with children check clearance I may hold under the NSW *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*;
- (c) the imposition of an interim bar under the NSW *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* that prevents me from engaging in child-related work that requires a working with children check clearance; and
- (d) any conviction imposed on me for an offence, or finding that I am guilty of an offence, or finding that the charge for an offence against me is proven, where the offence is of the kind referred to in the attached Declaration.

I declare that I am not a disqualified person within the meaning of Section 18 of the NSW *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

I am aware that providing false or misleading information in this document may lead to the following:

- the department withdrawing any offer of engagement that it has made to me; or
- the department terminating my engagement; and
- the department considering any false or misleading information I provide, when considering any future applications by me for employment or engagement.

Signature _____ Date / /

Proof of Identity



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NOTES:

1. All persons who are employed or engaged in child-related work are required to provide *Proof of Identity* that meets the 100-point check. This document sets out the documents that may be provided, including the value of each document.
2. Other than Special Categories 4 and 5 provided below, the 100 points proof of identity documents must include ONE Category 1 document; or at least ONE Category 2 document containing a photograph. Collectively, these documents must, as a minimum, also provide evidence of the person's date of birth and signature.
3. If a name used in one document is different from that shown on the other documents provided, evidence of the name change is to be provided (for example, *Marriage or Change of Name Certificate*, or divorce papers issued by the Family Court). These documents DO NOT count towards the 100 points.
4. **All original documents must be sighted and certified by the relevant hiring manager or human resources/recruiting area.** Alternatively, certified copies may be provided, as certified by a Justice of the Peace or a legal practitioner with a current practising certificate.

The suitable wording for certification of the copy would be: *"I certify this is a true and unaltered copy of the original"*.

The certification statement is to be written on the copy and then signed by the officer. In addition, the person must print their name and position.

Category 1 – 70 points

(Only ONE form of identification accepted from this category.)

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract
- Australian Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate
- International Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport e.g. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature)

Category 2 – 40 points

(More than one of the following documents may be counted. The initial document will score 40 points, and any additional documents will be awarded 25 points each.)

- Current Licence or Permit (Government Issued)
- Working With Children/Teachers Registration Card
- ASIC/MSIC Card
- Public Employee Photo ID Card (Government Issued)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card
- Current Tertiary Education Institution Photo ID
- Reference from a Doctor (must have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months)

Proof of Identity

Category 3 – 25 points

(More than one of the following documents may be counted; each will score 25 points.)

- Foreign/International Driver's Licence
- Proof of Age Card (Government Issued)
- Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card
- Council Rates Notice
- Property Lease/Rental Agreement
- Property Insurance Papers
- Tax Declaration
- Superannuation Statement
- Seniors Card
- Electoral Roll Registration
- Motor Vehicle Registration or Insurance Documents
- Professional or Trade Association Card

To use more than one of the following documents, they must be from different organisations:

- Utility Bills (e.g. Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water)
- Credit/Debit Card
- Bank Statement/Passbook

Special Category 4 – Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community

The applicant will meet the 100-point requirement if the applicant is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community, and the identity of the applicant is verified by two persons recognised as 'Community Leaders' of the community to which the applicant belongs.

Special Category 5 – Person under the age of 18

A child will meet the 100-point requirement if his or her Identity is verified from ONE of the following:

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract;
- Australian Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Australian Citizenship certificate;
- International Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport eg. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature); or
- A statement from an educational institution, signed by the principal or deputy principal, confirming that the child attends the institution (statement must be on the institution's letterhead).