



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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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:

Monday 19 February

1E @ 3.45 in the 1E classroom

2H & 2S @ 4.00 in the Library

Tuesday 20 February

KM, KN & KG @ 4.00 in the KN classroom

5M @ 4.00 in the 5M classroom

Wednesday 21 February

5/6N @ 4.00 in the 5/6N classroom

6L @ 4.00 in the 6L classroom

1G @ 4.00 in the 1G classroom

Thursday 22 February

3MC, 3H, 4M & 4P @ 4.00 in the Library then in their classrooms.

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.

SRE

A note regarding the options for SRE this year has been sent home today. We will be holding sessions for scripture, ethics and meditation. Please read the note carefully before making your choice as there will be no changes made to the classes until a review at the end of semester 1. If no note is received by Monday 19 Feb your child will be included in the same class they had last year or for the new kinder students they will go to scripture. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate Mrs Lochrin who was awarded Life Membership to the Newcastle PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association). This is a great honour and well deserved as it recognises and acknowledges the work that Mrs Lochrin has done for primary sport in our area. Mrs Lochrin has also done a

fabulous job with our school swimming and athletics carnivals and yesterday was another example of her planning, preparation and execution.

Kinder end-of-day times

Just a reminder that for most of 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

WORKBOOKS AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Notes have gone home for Voluntary Contributions and Workbooks. These payments can be made online on the school's website page. Go to the Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts. Only fill in the boxes with Green Asterisks. You do not need the student registration number to complete this transaction.

NEWCASTLE PSSA SPORT TRIALS

Students in Year 5 and 6 will be asked this week to put their names down to be considered to try out for Newcastle Zone PSSA sporting trials occurring throughout the year. The students will need to put down the club and grade they are currently playing and how many years they have played their nominated sport.

Newcastle PSSA have trials for the following sports:

Hockey, Tennis, AFL, Soccer, Cricket, Netball, Touch Football, Basketball, Diving, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Golf, Softball.

Mrs Lochrin

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the 2018 school year!

Library borrowing has commenced so please remember to pack your child a library bag to help carry and protect books borrowed. Class borrowing times are detailed below.

Class Borrowing Times			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3MC	4P	5M	1G
KG	5/6N	6L	2H
KN	KM	1E	2S
	3H		4M

Loans are for a two-week period and may be renewed if needed. Students should return books on loan before borrowing additional books. The library is also open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays, second half of lunch for student use.

If you have any concerns please visit me in to the library.

Happy Reading
Mrs Lochrin

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

Apologies to anyone effected by the wrong date in last week's school diary dates. The correct date is Thursday 15 March 2018.

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.



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early
Stage
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Stage 1 Jacob Carroll, Freya Sessions, Evie Taaffe, Adrian Finn, Evie Collins, Hayden Lane, Izaac Barber, Meika White, Leila Harris.

Stage 2 Kieran Finn, Ava Simmons, Cooper Howard, Cam Hussain, Alexandra Adams, Mia Campbell, Amber Townsend, Nash Petersen.

Stage 3 Madeliene Bergqvist, Aidan Maher, Sabian Camillo, Reuben Townsend, Sarah Fogg, Conrad Adams.

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 contact the school.

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.

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.

GYMNASTICS

After school gymnastics started last week. The Tuesday class is currently full. I have a couple of places left at this stage on Thursday and the Monday class, (infants only for Monday). I am happy for your child to pay \$20 for the lesson as a trial prior to paying a term fee and registration.

I am also taking names for a Wednesday and Friday class for next term. The cost will be \$200 for a 10 week term and \$55 registration fee for 2018. If you are interested, Please email: rhiannaelkin@aapt.net.au. Thanks!

BOOK CLUB

Orders and payments for Issue 1 are due by Friday 23 February.

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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Patrick D, Harrison G, Keira M Rex B, Leila H, Kobe M, Chelsea L.



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.

CUPCAKE DAY 3MC

3MC will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday 20th February, 2018. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 3MC's classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.) Cup cakes are now 50 cents each for a delicious treat.



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.



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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
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 4	19/2	20/2 3MC Cupcake Day	21/2	22/2	23/2 Book Club due
WEEK 5	26/2 Zone Swimming Carnival	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3
WEEK 6	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3
WEEK 7	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3 Selective High School Test	16/3

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.

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Merewether Heights Public School strives to provide a stimulating, comprehensive and relevant education for all our students through quality teaching and life-long learning practices in a positive and caring environment.

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