



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 1 Week 4 Tuesday 20 February 2018

SCRIPTURE/ETHICS/MEDITATION

Scripture/Ethics/Meditation lessons will commence tomorrow, Wednesday 21 February. The notes have been collated and classes organised. If you did not return a note your child will be in the same as last year.

CLIMATE CAM

Our very first environmental project this year is to create 3D art works to be displayed around our school using milk bottle tops! To enable us to create these we ask if everyone could save their coloured milk bottle lids and bring them along to school. We do ask if these to could washed first. Milk bottle top lids can be given to either Mrs Hannah or Ms Mitchell.

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.

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. Payments can also be made with cash. Thank you to all who have made these payments.

CROSS COUNTRY THIS FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Our MHPS Cross Country carnival is to be held on Friday 23rd March 2018 at Myamblah Oval. Students should wear their sports uniform, a hat is to be worn and a water bottle is to be taken and their asthma puffer (if required).

This is held during sport time. A note with the details will be sent home this week.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Tuesday students from years 2-6 visited Wallsend Swimming Pool for the MHPS 2018 Swimming Carnival. It was fantastic to see so many students participating in the events and a wonderful day was had by all. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day.

The swimming ribbons will be presented this week and the members of MHPS Zone Swimming Team announced. They will compete at the Newcastle Zone Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool on Monday 26 February. Good Luck to our competitors.

House Point Leaderboard

1st Warrawong
2nd Algonia
3rd Manooka
4th Toorumbie

Congratulations to the following swimming champions:

Junior Girl Champions: Estella B
Molly B
Mia C

Junior Boy Champion: Tully D
Senior Girl Champion: Zara C
Senior Boy Champion: Ben M

Mrs Alison 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.

ANNUAL STUDENT & FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE

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.

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.



The graphic features the SkoolBag logo at the top, which includes a blue backpack icon. Below the logo, it says "Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:". A list of features follows, each with a red star icon: School newsletters, Notices, Events, Cancellations, Reminders, and "...and more!". At the bottom left, there is a blue button labeled "INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS". To the right of this button, it says "Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!". On the right side of the graphic, there is a small image of the school's crest, which is a shield with a red 'M' and 'H' and the text "MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL" below it.

AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early
Stage
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Stage 1 Finn B, James M, Tyler S, Olivia L, Tom M, Emersen L, Jenna Y, Marvin De R, Tobias H, Henry K.

Stage 2 Chelsea L, Ruby W, Kiara D, Hugo D, Alina S, Archie W, Jasmine D, Felix B, Will W, Charlie H, Eleanor M, Roy E.

Stage 3 Mila D, Owen L, Eve W, Lucy E, Chloe C.

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.

BOOK CLUB

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

SCHOLARSHIP

1 in 8 Hunter women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, with around 600 new cases diagnosed in the Hunter each year.

The Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation offers support and practical assistance to those undergoing treatment for breast cancer in the Hunter region. In particular I want to share with you, one of our programs aimed at helping the children who've had a parent diagnosed with breast cancer.

The Virginia Rigby Scholarship; named in honour of the Foundation's founder, Virginia Rigby, who lost her battle with breast cancer in June 2004 assists students in the Hunter region with some of the basic costs of educations such as text books, uniforms, school excursions etc.

To be eligible, applicants for scholarships must be the children of a parent who has been diagnosed with breast cancer or who have died from breast cancer.

For further information or if you would like an application form, please do not hesitate to contact me at supportivecare@hbcf.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lotus S, Alex A, Charlie H, Jenna Y, Roman P, Edith W, Lucas V, Archer C, Jake I, Seth P, Owen 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.

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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2018 Virginia Rigby Scholarship

This Scholarship assists students in the Hunter region who have a parent that has been diagnosed with breast cancer, or who have lost a parent to breast cancer, with their education expenses.

To apply or find out more visit :
hbcf.org.au/virginia-rigby-scholarship/



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 5/6N Cupcake Day	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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