



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents

Reminder - Kinder end-of-day times

From next Monday, 5 March, the kindergarten students will be finishing at the same time as the rest of the school ie 3.25. You will continue to collect the children at the red seats in the infants COLA.

P&C Annual General Meeting

On Monday 5 March the P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting. The meeting starts at 7.00pm and is held in the staff room. Come along and help support the P&C with the valuable work they do for the school

Enjoy your week

Steve Egginton
Principal

CROSS COUNTRY NEW DATE 16TH MARCH

Our MHPS Cross Country carnival is to be held on Friday 16th March 2018 at Myamblah Oval for students ages 8 and over.

Students must be at school by 8.45am to be ready in class lines for roll call under the primary COLA. We will be walking down in class groups.

A permission note for 8 year old students to walk to Myamblah Oval will go home today. Students should wear their sports uniform, runners, a hat is to be worn and a water bottle is to be taken and their asthma puffer (if required).

Parents are welcome to join us at Myamblah Oval to watch the races.

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.

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.

2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Students at MHPS have the opportunity to enrol in the following University of NSW tests:

Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

These voluntary tests are for children in grades 3 – 6.

The note and payment MUST BE handed in to the school office by Friday 16 March 2018. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Applications are on page 3 of the Noticeboard. Please note the tests will be administered under the supervision of a staff member. The children not doing the tests will continue with their normal school routine.

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

Today, as part of our annual update of information for students and families, the school office has sent 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 have been forwarded home with students. We are 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.***

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.

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 APP



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
1

Stage 1 Sophie B, Claire C, Eva M, Gabrielle S, Scarlett W, Natan M, Riley B, Rex B, Edith W, Toby S, Frankie K.

Stage 2 Zara C, Harry Q, Oscar L, Willow C, Zali F, Kane L, Patrick D, Keira M, Tully D, Emma N, Finlay T.

Stage 3 Jimi E, Elena H, Josephine W, Charlotte H, Mikayla C, Jasmine L, Lucy E, Noah S Dylan M.

Are you thinking about becoming a foster carer?



Hunter Child and Family District Unit

Carer Development team

Ph: 40882001

<http://childstory.net.au/>

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

It is said, "It takes a community to raise a child".

Your Community needs you!

Across the Hunter we are recruiting for carers of all ages and backgrounds to meet the needs of our resilient, courageous children and young people up to the age of 18!



We are looking for motivated people to open their hearts and homes to children and young people requiring short-term assistance. Foster carers may be individuals, couples or families who are able to provide care on weekends, for a few days in an emergency, or for a few weeks until a more permanent home is available. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. Our Community is in need of passionate caring people especially if you are willing to care for children who are; older than 7, part of a sibling group, have a disability or health needs and or from an Aboriginal or culturally diverse background.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUNDAY MARCH 11th

KOTARA 9am – 4pm

The P&C are running a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings KOTARA on Sunday March 11th .

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the school, so please spread the word to all you know and come on down for a sausage or to say hi.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE

DAY so if you can help in any way on the day (even half an hour will help!) check out the post on P&C Facebook Group or email or text Imogene Rothnie:

imogenerothnie@gmail.com or SMS 0418 381 359.

Huge thanks to Larissa Street owner of OOSH for donating the food supplies!



Jacob A, Max J, Frankie K, Olivia L, Hamish A.



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.



ICAS TEST ENTRY FORM

Please tick the boxes against the tests you would like your child to do. Return the form **WITH** the money for the test/s by **FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018**. **No applications will be accepted after this date**. The tests are for students in Years 3 to 6 only.

Student Name:

Class:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Digital Technologies | \$9.00 | Tuesday 8 May 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | \$9.00 | Tuesday 29 May 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Writing | \$18.00 | Thursday 14 June 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spelling | \$12.00 | Wednesday 13 June 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | English | \$9.00 | Tuesday 31 July 2018 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mathematics | \$9.00 | Tuesday 14 August 2018 |

I have enclosed \$..... for the nominated competitions above or

I have made a Parent Online Payment Receipt no.

Signed: (Parent/Carer)

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 5	26/2 Zone Swimming Carnival	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3
WEEK 6	5/3 P&C Annual General Meeting 7.00pm	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 Cross Country
WEEK 8	19/3	20/3 2H Cupcake Day	21/3	22/3	24/3

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.