



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN CLOSED ON MONDAYS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NO ONLINE, PAPER-BASED OR COUNTER SALES.

(SEE BELOW FOR WAYS TO HELP REVERSE THIS)

As you may be aware, due to a combination of factors the canteen has suffered significant losses of over \$10,000 in the last 12 months, and the size of the loss was not known until February this year.

The canteen sub-committee of the P&C has been formed to address the reasons for the loss, how the loss was undetected over time, and how to make the canteen a sustainable service for the school community from now. The canteen sub-committee and Kim, the Canteen Manager, are working together to address these issues and the best way forward.

On current sales, it is necessary to close the canteen on Mondays to halt losses until we have evidence new strategies are working. The situation is obviously impacted by renovation works still yet to be completed. Our next step is **WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED OR WANT FROM A CANTEEN.** We must have this information to create a sustainable service and keep the canteen open at all. Please look out for notices of an online survey about the canteen in the next couple of weeks, here, through the noticeboard and on Skoolbag.

While it seems weird to post about closing the canteen and telling you to buy more - please do not be put off ordering your lunches and embracing the sleek renovation menu. Slow sales are a key part of the problem, and Kim is itching to take your orders Wednesday to Friday.

If you have any questions, please email the P&C Secretary

merewether.heights@gmail.com

Thanks, P&C Canteen Sub Committee.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

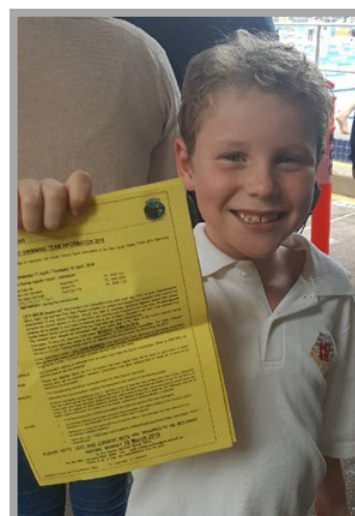
Time again for the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunts and hot cross buns. Time again for us to dig deep to donate Easter Eggs for our elderly friends at Carpenter Court. It has become a tradition over the years to donate to this worthy cause.

We always have plenty of eggs donated and will have a raffle for the P & C. This raffle will be drawn on Thursday 29 March at our Easter Hat Parade.

So, we are asking if this week could be your time to buy that extra Easter Egg and send it along to school. Please have all donations to the school office by Friday 23 March, to allow time for wrapping all the prizes.

STATE PSSA SWIMMING

A huge congratulations to Balin P who came 3rd in the 8yrs 50m freestyle at the Hunter Region Swimming Carnival last Monday and gained a place in the Hunter Region PSSA Swimming team to compete at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush on the 11-12th April. Well done Balin and good luck in April.



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.

CROSS COUNTRY THIS FRIDAY 16TH MARCH

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

A reminder that 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.

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).

We are looking forward to a great carnival and all students participate in this fun event.

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

Organiser

Amanda Mitchell

K-2 FUN RUN

To coincide with the Cross Country fun, students turning 5,6 and 7 will be participating in a Fun Run. The Fun Run will be held this Friday at school. Please ensure your child wears their sport uniform.

FROM THE OFFICE

There have been quite a few notes go home to parents in recent weeks. Have you received?

Textbook payment request (green note) – all students K-6. Payment is due 16 March.

Expression of Interest for Year 7 – Year 6 students only. Due 16 March.

Yr 5 & 6 excursion to Sydney (blue note). Payment is due 19 March.

Combined schools ANZAC ceremony (white note) – Year 6 only. Payment is due 6 April.

Dr Stelzer Writing Workshop (yellow note) - Yrs 2-6 only. Payment is due 6 April

Voluntary School Contribution request (pink note) – all students K-6

Annual Student & Family Details update (white note) - all students K-6. Please return asap.

Chocolate drive fundraiser (pink note) – Band, Choir and Starstruck families only.

If you have not received any of these notes, please ask at the school office.

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.** Entry forms are on page 4 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.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This year we will be having the parent/teacher interviews at the end of term 1, from Friday 6th April through to Thursday 12th April. This will be an opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with your class teacher where you can discuss together the progress of your child and share any concerns. Bookings for time slots will once again be done on-line. Please keep a close eye out for the details that will be included in next week's Noticeboard.

EASTER HAT PARADE THURSDAY 29 MARCH

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| 11.45 am | Parade begins in School COLA – don't forget to bring your camera for a photo. |
| 12.45 am | Easter raffle drawn. |
| 1.00 pm | Lunch. The P&C will be offering a Sausage Sizzle (Pre ordered). |
| 2.00 pm | Students return to classes. |

UNIFORM NEWS

Lowes Newcastle have reduced our discontinued short sleeve polos to \$5 each. They have around 20 white and 120 blue in stock in various sizes. These can still be worn until 2020. Our new custom shirts should be arriving in store early Term 2.

Lowes also have 20% off this Thursday for Lowes card holders so they are reduced even further to \$4 this Thursday only. They are open till 6pm.

We have organised a plain red long sleeve polo with grey logo for winter which should be available in store early Term 2 as well.

Toni Adams

Uniform Co-ordinator

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 15 March 2018 from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Unit to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to **Merewether High School, Chatham Road Broadmeadow.**

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The Test'
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the Test and should be read carefully.

BOOK CLUB

Catalogues for Issue 2 went home yesterday. Orders and payments are due by Friday 23 March.

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 and check the canteen menu.



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!

BONUS!

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

SCHOLASTIC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Juliet M, Immogen H.



2H CUPCAKE DAY TUESDAY 20 MARCH

2H will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday 20th March, 2018. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 2H'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.



AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early Stage 1	William R, Charlotte H, Xavier W, Fletcher D, Madison B, Zavier C, Kye S, Sophie G.
Stage 1	Benjamin C, Bailey B, George E, Huxley D, Isla C, Lucy T, Roman P, Henry B.
Stage 2	Lucy H, John O, Emerson W, Luke M, Rosie A, Jacob B, Samuel R, Samson C, Maeva O, Avalon P, Deegan H, Sofia W.
Stage 3	Riley M, Shayla W, Rory T, Caio R, Lotus S.

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:

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| <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)



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 Exclusive offer to
ZERO & REWARDS
CARD HOLDERS
20%*
OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
 AND
 EVERYTHING ELSE

INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 15TH MARCH
* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.
 Styles and colours may vary from store to store.
 No rate checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.
 Offer ends midnight (AEST) 15/3/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

SOUTH NEWCASTLE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

South Newcastle Junior Rugby League Club are looking for players turning **10 years** in 2018.

Our club is family oriented, community minded, fun, and we value teamwork and mateship. Training is on each Wednesday from 5.00 – 6.30pm and games will be played on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Renae on 0415 699 900 or stationstreet@icloud.com or Graeme on 0407 093 662 for more information.

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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DIARY DATES


TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
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 Yr 5 Sydney Excursion	22/3 Yr 6 Sydney Excursion	23/3 Book Club Due
WEEK 9	26/3	27/3	28/3	29/3 Easter Hat Parade	30/3 GOOD FRIDAY
WEEK 10	2/4 EASTER MONDAY	3/4 Music Camp	4/4 Music Camp	5/4 Music Camp	6/4 Cameron Stelzer Writing Workshop Yrs 2-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
WEEK 11	9/4 Parent/Teacher Interviews	10/4 KN Cupcake Day Yr 6 Students ANZAC Day Service Parent/Teacher Interviews	11/4 Parent/Teacher Interviews	12/4 Disco Parent/Teacher Interviews	13/4 Last Day of Term 1
TERM 2 WEEK 1	30/4 Staff Development Day	1/5 School Resumes for Term 2	2/5	3/5	4/5 Zone Cross Country

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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.

Payments Online

MHPS Webpage

Make a Payment Tab

Only fill in boxes with a green asterisk

Follow the prompts.

Payments made after 4pm will not register with our school until 24 hrs later.