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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

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. The booking site will be open on Wednesday 28 March at 9.00am.

You need to go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Select 'MAKE A BOOKING' and enter the event code xnb45.

Schedule:

Friday 6 April	* 4P
Monday 9 April	* 2H, 3H, 4M, 5/6N
Tuesday 10 April	* KG, KM, 1E
Wednesday 11 April	* KN, 1G, 5M
Thursday 12 April	* 2S, 6L
Thursday 3 May	* 3MC

Stranger Danger

It is very timely to remind our children of the dangers that strangers can create and educate them in what to do if approached by a stranger. Here are some tips I found on line.

"Children should memorise their full name, address and phone number with postcode. Older children should also memorize Mum's and Dad's mobile or work phone numbers. Make it fun by singing your address to the tune of the "ABCs" or "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" -- add your own silly lyrics to make it more memorable. Write each number from your home phone number onto a square of paper and have your child put the squares in the correct order to help her memorise them. Give quizzes of this information to keep it fresh and ask them to recite it before they get dessert or while they're in the bath.

Teach your child to be mindful of adults and explain to them that they are allowed to say "no" to grown-ups who frighten them or make them uncomfortable. You've probably taught your child to keep his hands and feet to himself, but the exception to this rule is if a stranger is trying to take him or do something mean to them.

If your child gets lost or needs help when you're not there, tell them to find a trustworthy adult and teach your child that police officers are safe strangers, so children feel comfortable approaching one if they need to. If they can't find a uniformed officer, tell them to "go to safety" by asking a mother with children or a person in a store uniform with a name tag for help. Next time you're out, point out strangers (who are out of earshot) and ask your child if that person is someone he should consider a safe stranger. Explain why that person may not be a good option if they answer incorrectly.

It's also helpful to role-play possible emergencies with your kids. Demonstrate how to dial 000 so that they can get help if they need it, and let them practice pushing the numbers on a toy phone or a real phone that's been unplugged. You should also come up with a family safety word to use in case anyone other than you or your spouse needs to pick them up from school. Let them pick a word or phrase that is meaningful to them, and tell them that anyone who picks them up will know that special word.

Talking about stranger danger with your child can be scary at first, but by introducing these ideas with fun activities and role-playing scenarios, it can be a little more enjoyable. Remember, the ultimate goal is to teach children to explore the world alone and safety skills will prepare them to do so when they are old enough. Practice these tips with your child often, and you can be confident that he'll know how to handle any situation."

Make sure you know where your children are at all times and the route they are taking to and from school. Make sure your child is not alone when coming to or going from school. If your child hears or sees something that makes them feel uncomfortable please make sure they tell both yourself and a teacher!

Enjoy your week

Steve Egginton
Principal

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Only 3 more days left to donate Easter Eggs for our elderly friends at Carpenter Court and our raffle. Thank you to those who have donated. 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.**

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

What a great day!

Last Friday students from Years 2 to 6 walked down to Myamblah Oval for our annual school Cross Country.

Every student who participated should be so proud of their results! The course was varied between flat and bush track. 8 to 10 year old students completed a 2 km course, while 10 years and older completed 3 km.

A big shout out to our 3 lovely parent volunteers who managed to ensure every runner was going on the correct path. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents coming to support our students.

We were fortunate with the cloud cover which made for good running conditions especially to ward off the mosquitoes.

The first 3 place getters in each age group will be attending the Zone Cross Country Carnival which is to be held Friday 4 May. A note will be given to those students who will be taking part. Good Luck!

House results from the carnival are as follows.

- 1st Manooka 181 points
- 2nd Algona 149 points
- 3rd Warrawong 143 points
- 4th Toorumbbee 117 points

Amanda Mitchell

EASTER HAT PARADE THURSDAY 29 MARCH

- 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.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students for being selected at the Newcastle Zone PSSA trials for their chosen sports:

- Max W (Basketball and AFL)
- James K (AFL)
- Rory O (AFL)
- Aidan M (Soccer)
- Noah S (Soccer)
- Annabel M (Netball)

Further congratulations to Max W (basketball and AFL), Aidan M (soccer) and Noah S (soccer) who have been selected to represent the Hunter Region in their chosen sports at various State Carnivals this year!

Regional soccer (29th March) and netball (23rd March) trials will be held over the next two weeks. We wish those representing the school luck!

Dustin Spriggs

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 was due March 16.

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.

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.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Orders and payments are due by Friday 23 March.

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

Reuben T, Shaye F, Josh G, Keira F, Emerson W, Archie W, Jett D, Damon O.



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.



AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

I am currently taking names for a Wednesday class Term 2 from 3.30p - 4.30pm. The cost is \$200 for a 10 week term and \$55 registration for 2018. Please message me on "AGCS Schools" Facebook page or email rhiannaelkin@aapt.net.au Please leave a contact number so I am able to let you know when I have 5 or more gymnasts. You can then confirm if you are still interested.

Thanks
Rhianna Elkin

FOR SALE BY TENDER

4m step ladder

Tenders close Friday 23 March at 9.00am

Please drop off your tender in an envelope at the school office. Please clearly write 'Ladder Tender' on the front. In the envelope will be your name, contact details and your tender amount.

The successful tender will be notified on Monday 26 March and payment due by Tuesday 27 March.

AWARDS Congratulations to

Early Stage 1	Imogen S, Cameron M, Patrick B, Lachlan E, Ivy S, Taylor D, Lachlan, H, Lottie C.
Stage 1	Cameron D, Ivy R, Lexi K, Lucas S, Thomas H, Cooper C, Asha H, Jett D, Archer C, Reid H, Occy E.
Stage 2	Finnley M, Holly C, Stella B, Matthew S, Ruby H, Joshua M, William W, Toby K, Keira F, Claye F, Scarlet S, Buddy L.
Stage 3	Delphi R, Laila A, James E, Max O, Ayla L, Tobin S, Lucia M, Jasmine L.

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.



DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS. STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
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	30/4 Staff Development Day	1/5 School Resumes for Term 2	2/5	3/5	4/5 Zone Cross Country
WEEK 1					

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Search site...

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.