



# Noticeboard

## The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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**Term 1 Week 11 Tuesday 10 April, 2018**

### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents

#### New Principal

The merit selection process for the new principal has been completed and I am pleased to announce that the new principal will be Mr Timothy Beaven. Mr Beaven is currently Deputy Principal at Rutherford Public School and will be commencing work at Merewether Heights PS on Monday 30 April. He will bring his own set of skills and enthusiasm and is very much looking forward to leading this school into the future.

#### Canteen

As you know the school canteen is going through a restructure. I would like to express my special thanks and commendation to the P&C exec and canteen representatives for the tireless work they are putting in to turn the canteen around. They have put so much thought and time into doing it right. It is a thankless task but they have done it with great bravery and compassion! Well done! I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation for the work that has been done over many years by our canteen supervisor, Mrs Kim Badham. She has given so much of herself and her expertise to provide a service for the school and its students – thanks Kim!

#### Farewell

This will be my last message for our Noticeboard. I will be walking out of here this Friday (Friday 13th ..... hmm) and starting the next chapter of my life. I have been working with children and families for all of my 39 years in education and it has been a very rewarding career and yes, if I had the choice, I would do it all again! I will be taking with me many special memories and friendships that will last the test of time.

MHPS has been a wonderful school and it has been my privilege to have been here. I will miss this school! It is a very special place that is unique in so many ways! The children, the parents and their families, the community and the staff – they all work together to maintain and grow the culture of the school, a culture built around success, nurturing, care and enjoyment and I am sure this

character and strength will continue and grow! I send a very heartfelt thank you all for your support and encouragement over the last 11 and a bit years! I will miss this place.

I will finish by wishing you all the very best. You have an amazing but also a very responsible role in loving, caring, nurturing and guiding your children to the point where they are able to make responsible, reasoned and effective decisions on their own. Every moment is precious so use your time wisely.

Steve Egginton  
Principal

#### Chicken Pox

We have confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in Year 6. Please be aware and look for symptoms.

What are the symptoms

- Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.
- Most people recover without complications, but sometimes the infection can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia **and** inflammation of the brain. Rarely, the infection can be fatal.

Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox. If chickenpox occurs in a vaccinated person it is usually mild and less contagious than in an unvaccinated person.

People are infectious from one or two days before the rash appears (that is, during the runny nose phase) and up to five days after (when the blisters have formed crusts or scabs)

## SCHOOL DISCO

Our Term 1 Disco will be held this Thursday 12 April. Our infants disco for Kindies, Years 1 and 2 is on from 5.30 - 6.45 pm. The primary disco for students in Years 3 - 6 starts at 7.00 pm and finishes at 8.30 pm. To cover costs, the entry fee is \$5.00 per student. Each student receives a packet of chips and a drink as part of the \$5.00 cost.

The disco is for our school children only - please no pre-schoolers, high school students or parents in the hall. We have a safety barrier to clearly show and restrict the movement of the children. We do this for safety reasons and this has worked well in the past.

2S is hosting the Infants disco and 4M is hosting the Primary disco. Parents, family and friends who can donate sweet treats (no toffees, no nuts) for selling on the night, please confirm you can do so to [Leasabeasley@outlook.com](mailto:Leasabeasley@outlook.com) and drop treats to the office on the day before 3.30pm.

## STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2018

Stewart House Donation envelopes are being sent home this week with the eldest child in the family. Your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools. Your donation could also win you a Family Holiday to a destination of your choice to the value of \$4,000. Simply place a \$2 donation into the envelope and return the envelope to school and YOUR FAMILY COULD WIN A \$4,000 HOLIDAY.

There are just 3 easy steps for students:

- On the DONATION DRIVE ENVELOPE please write your Name, Address, Telephone Number and School.
- Insert a \$2 Donation into the envelope and seal.
- Return to the school office by Friday 11 May 2018.

Everyone has a chance to win!!

## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you for your support by bringing in the vouchers. Last Tuesday April 3 was the last day to earn vouchers from Coles. Please send in any vouchers you have at home by this Friday April 13 so our points can be tallied and we can start selecting sport equipment for our school.

## HUNTER REGION PSSA NETBALL GALA DAY

Annabel M represented the Newcastle City Zone Netball team on Friday at the Hunter Region PSSA Netball Gala Day. She was selected to attend the final selection trials next term and was part of one of the winning teams of the day.

Congratulations Annabel, a tremendous achievement. Alison Lochrin



## LOST PROPERTY

We have a large collection of lost property which can be located in the home reader room. Some of this includes swimwear, uniforms, a jazz shoe and many containers. If it is not claimed by the last day of term it will be disposed of.

## ADVANCE NOTICE—SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken for the whole school on Wednesday, 23 May 2018. This year all school photos will be ordered online. Please see the notice on page 5 for more information regarding ordering. Full school winter uniform will be required on the day.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lucy E, Caio R, Rory O, Cruz D, Reid H, Freya A, Sam R, Kye Y, Balin P, Indi W, Ophelie B, Thomas M, Hayden L, Conrad A, Charlie D, Max W, William R, Xavier C.



## DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED UNTIL NEXT TERM    STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.</b>					
<b>WEEK 11</b>	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
<b>TERM 2</b>	30/4 Staff Development Day	1/5 School Resumes for Term 2	2/5	3/5 Starstruck Rehearsal	4/5 Zone Cross Country
<b>WEEK 1</b>					
<b>WEEK 2</b>	7/5	8/5 ICAS Digital Technology	9/5 Junior Choir Choralifest Mothers Day Stall	10/5	11/5
<b>WEEK 3</b>	14/5	15/5 NAPLAN	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 NAPLAN	18/5

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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.**

### 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.



# Merewether Heights PS P&C Mother's Day Stall!

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

During the morning session of class

We are calling for donations of unwrapped gifts based on your year's allocated theme.

The cost of gifts at the stall will be **\$5.00 per gift**.

Please send any donations and \$5.00 per gift in a specially marked envelope by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. This allows time for us to stocktake and purchase additional gifts if required. Your child's name will be marked off their Class list, and a "Voucher" issued on the day for them to exchange at the stall.

Please note donations are not mandatory, but will assist in making this event a small profit to go towards purchasing educational items for the school.

Special thanks to Larissa from MHP\$ OOSH for donating gift bags and a selection of gifts!

Kindy	Yummy Mummy – chocolates, biscuits, lollies
Year 1	Pretty Mummy – nail sets, nail polish, creams, jewellery, perfume
Year 2	Sunny Mummy – sports items, gardening items, beach/park fun
Year 3	Bookworm Mummy – magazines, novels, colouring books
Year 4	Gourmet Mummy – cooking items, recipe books
Year 5	Time-out Mummy – mugs, specialty teas, music
Year 6	Home-style Mummy – home wares, candles





# Merewether Hts Public School 2018 School Photos

All 2018 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

[www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com)

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with Mastercard or Visa cards.

### School Packages

**Premium Hard Cover A4 Photobook**

**Qty Ordered A Pack \$50**

Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 3-Wallies with an extra set in 50% & a 5x12 Engagement

Book includes: The Page, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Autographs Page

Free low res Digital image of individual

**Standard Packages**

**Qty Ordered B Pack \$40**

1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallies & 5x12 Engagement

Cover Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo

Free low res Digital image of individual

**Qty Ordered C Pack \$35**

1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallies

Cover Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo

Free low res Digital image of individual

**Qty Ordered D Pack \$25**

Cover Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo

**Qty Ordered E Pack \$20**

1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallies & low res digital image

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

### Family Packages

**Family A Pack \$20**

1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallies

**Family B Pack \$30**

1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallies 8x10 Engagement & Digital image of Family

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### APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

From birdwatching to picnicking, from canoeing to bike trails, the Hunter Wetlands Centre has it all!

Book in for one of our special programs or drop in for dip-netting, Discovery Playground, Magpie Geese feeding, Reptile Encounters or many more. BBQ picnic or eat at the Wetlands Café.

Please wear closed in shoes, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

More information is available at [www.wetlands.org.au](http://www.wetlands.org.au)

Or phone 49516466

### SOUTH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

We are looking for players turning 10 yrs in 2018.

Our club is family oriented, community minded, fun and we value teamwork and mateship.

Training is on each Wednesday from 5-6.30 pm and games will be played on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Brent on 0419 484 539

or Renae on 0415 699 900 for more information.

