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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 2 Week 1 Tuesday 1 May, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

A warm welcome back to Term 2!

As the new Principal of Merewether Heights PS I am looking forward to meeting the 350+ students, staff members, parents and community members over the coming weeks. I am very excited to be working in a school held in such high regard as Merewether Heights PS and to be working with a dynamic and hardworking group of staff to provide the best possible learning experiences and outcomes for our students. I look forward to gaining a greater understanding of the context of the school and its operations and build a strong partnership with the school community.

This is sure to be a very busy term with many events occurring throughout the coming ten weeks.

There will be much to do and lots of fun and learning to be had!

I hope to meet many parents at the school's next Parents and Citizens Association meeting on Monday 7th May 2018 at 7pm in the staffroom.

Tim Beaven,
Principal Merewether Heights Public School

NAPLAN

The 'National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy' for students in Years 3 & 5 will be held on 15,16 & 17 May. Could you please make every effort for your child to be at school on these days.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2019

Online application for **Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019** are now open and close on **Friday 18 May**. Late applications will not be accepted. An information note is going home today with Yr 4 students.

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social

level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. **The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 1 August 2018.**

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are now available at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Download [Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019 \(PDF 330KB\)](#).

Please note the Opportunity Class is not located at Merewether Heights Public School.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 4 MAY

To show our support to the Newcastle Jets as they prepare to play their A League Grand Final, we are encouraging students to wear blue and red. GO JETS!



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.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY 4 MAY

Good luck to our students who are participating in the Zone Cross Country on Friday.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C is holding a Mothers Day Stall on Wednesday 9 May. Please see more information on page 4.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues are going home today. Please return orders and payments by Friday 11 May.

PSSA SPORT

PSSA Sport commences Week 2, Friday 11 May. All students attending must have notes and payments returned to school.

BOTTLE TOPS

Thank you for your response and supporting our call out for coloured bottle tops. We now have enough for our art work and no longer need them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Evie R, Jessica V, Zara C, Jimi E, Robyn C, Macey W, Cruz C, Parker M, Eve W.



UNIFORM NEWS

Please note that there has been a price increase to school hats. Hats are now \$15 each. Hats can be purchased at the office but must be the correct money please.

We are currently out of size 6 red fleece jackets in the clothing pool but they have been ordered and will arrive in 2 weeks. If you wish to pre-order a jacket, forms are available from the office and we will deliver the jacket to your child once they arrive. Otherwise they should be available at Clothing Pool on Tuesday 15 May. Sizes 8-14 are currently in stock.

Just a quick review of current uniform status for those switching over to winter uniform.

GIRLS

Winter tartan tunic with white long sleeve blouse (pointed collar).

Primary (3-6) also have the option of the tartan senior skirt available from Lowes but please be aware these are a high school sizing.

Long sleeve red polo (polo will arrive Lowes Newcastle in next week or 2). The long sleeve white polo can still be worn till 2020.

Grey culottes (new and available from clothing pool or Lowes Newcastle). Tartan culottes can still be worn and are still for sale from the clothing pool but will not be restocked once sold.

Girls grey winter pants (clothing pool)

White socks or black winter stockings.

BOYS

Long sleeve red polo (polo will arrive Lowe's Newcastle in next week or 2). The long sleeve blue polo can still be worn till 2020.

Long grey blokka pants

Plain grey socks

ALL

Red fleece zip jacket

Custom lightweight track jacket (available from Lowes later Term 2)

SPORT

Red long sleeve polo with grey unisex sport short/red sport skort or new custom track pants (will advise when available). White long sleeve polo and red shorts can continue to be worn until 2020.

White sport socks and any colour sport shoes.

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.

DIARY DATES TERM 2

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 1	30/4 Staff Development Day	1/5 School Resumes for Term 2	2/5	3/5 Starstruck Rehearsal	4/5 Zone Cross Country
WEEK 2	7/5 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	8/5 ICAS Digital Technology	9/5 Senior & Junior Choir Choralfest Mother's Day Stall	10/5	11/5
WEEK 3	14/5	15/5 NAPLAN	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 NAPLAN	18/5
WEEK 4	21/5	22/5 4P Cupcake Day	23/5 School Photos	24/5	26/5
WEEK 5	28/5	29/5 ICAS Science Test	30/5 Starstruck Rehearsal	31/5	1/6

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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, \$15 each. Please assist us and have the correct money for purchasing.



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

Wednesday 9th 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 4th 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 MHPS 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

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

<p>Gly Ordered</p> <p>A Pack</p> <p>\$50</p>	<p>Portraits include: Cover 1 - (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 3- 4- Wallies with an extra set in 5WV & a 5x12" Engagement</p> <p>Book includes Title Page, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Anniversary Page</p> <p>2013</p> <p>Autograph</p>	<p>Free low res Digital Image of individual</p>
<h3>Standard Packages</h3>		
<p>Gly Ordered</p> <p>B Pack</p> <p>\$40</p>	<p>1 - (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 3- 4- Wallies & 5x12" Engagement</p> <p>Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>	<p>Free low res Digital Image of individual</p>
<p>Gly Ordered</p> <p>C Pack</p> <p>\$35</p>	<p>1 - (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallies</p> <p>Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>	<p>Free low res Digital Image of individual</p>
<p>Gly Ordered</p> <p>D Pack</p> <p>\$25</p>	<p>Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo</p>	<p>Free low res Digital Image of individual</p>
<p>Gly Ordered</p> <p>E Pack</p> <p>\$20</p>	<p>(5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4- Wallies</p>	<p>Free low res Digital Image of individual</p>

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

Family Packages

Family A
 City Ordinal
 Pack
\$20



1-5x7" 2-2.5x3.5" 4- Wallets

Family B
 City Ordinal
 Pack
\$30

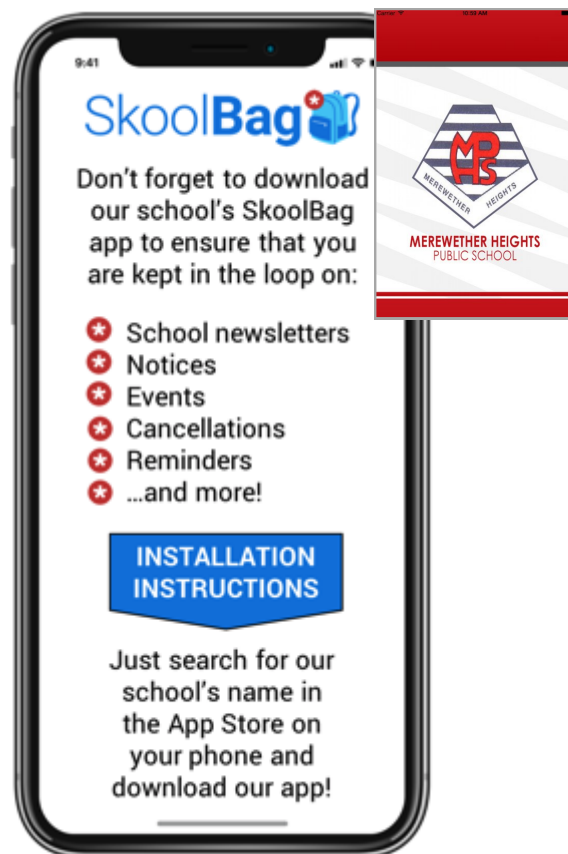


1-5x7" 2-2.5x3.5" 4- Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement & Digital

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194 Union Street
The Junction p: 4962 1116

itravel Warners Bay
Shop 8a, 478 The Esplanade
Warners Bay p: 4947 1116

Open hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12pm



Do you have a spare winter coat gathering dust in the back of your wardrobe?

Donate it and help someone who needs it more than you!
itravel The Junction and itravel Warners Bay are collecting
donations of winter coats throughout the month of May 2018.

travel will pass these coats on to the wonderful Soul Café, Newcastle who will make them available to guests in need to help cope with the cold of winter.

Did you know: Soul Café feed 100-150 people a day, free of charge. Many are homeless. 60-70% of their patrons are male.

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