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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

A week of firsts....

It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces at the Parents and Citizens Association meeting last night! The ongoing support the P&C provides to the school is greatly appreciated. I look forward to our next meeting on Monday 4th of June 2018 at 7pm in the staffroom.

Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate all of the students from Merewether Heights PS that competed last Friday at the Zone Cross Country. On the day, the students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and gave their very best efforts. It was pleasing to see so many parents from our community cheering the students on! I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Amanda Mitchell for her support of the students on the day.

Have a wonderful week

Tim Beaven,
Principal

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.

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>

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

CHICKENPOX

Please be aware that students have reported to having Chickenpox.

Signs and symptoms For chickenpox:

Mild fever, Runny nose, Fatigue, General rash.

Chickenpox causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into fluid-filled blisters. They then crust over to form scabs, which eventually drop off.

Your child is likely to have a fever at least for the first few days of the illness and the spots can be incredibly itchy.

Some children have only a few spots, but in others they can cover the entire body.

The incubation period for chickenpox is between 10 and 21 days. You are infectious from up to 2 days before the red spots appear and until around 5 days after all scabs or crusts are dry.

ATHLETICS TRAINING

Next week Dennis Pitt athletics coach will be joining our school each Thursday for five weeks to train Years 2-6 in a variety of athletics events.

The cost of this coaching is provided by our Sports in schools grant.

Students from Years 2 - 6 should wear sports uniforms on Thursdays from next week.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to every member of our team! Every runner performed so strongly in field of over 60 competitors in each event.

Three of the team have been successful to take part at the Hunter regional carnival.

Our best wishes to:

Zara C 11 year old girls event

Louis S 11 year old boys event

Sienna K 12 year old girls event.

Amanda Mitchell

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.

PSSA SPORT

PSSA and Interschool Sport commences this Friday 11 May. **All students attending must have notes and payments returned to school by tomorrow Wednesday 9 May.**

STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

During the last week of Term 1 Balin P represented the Hunter Region at the State Swimming championship held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Balin came 4th in his heat of the boys 50m 8yrs Freestyle. It will be an experience Balin will never forget. Congratulations Balin on your fantastic achievement.

Mrs Lochrin



HUNTER REGION HOCKEY

Congratulations to Tahne H who has earned a place in the Hunter Region PSSA Hockey Team.

Tahnee will be heading to Moorebank on June 26 to play in the State Hockey Carnival. Good Luck Tahnee.

Mrs Lochrin

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.

UNIFORM NEWS

EXCITING NEWS!!

The new long sleeve and short sleeve polos will be available from Lowes Newcastle from Thursday 24 May. This is the day after the 2018 school photos.

The lightweight custom track jacket and pant should be available by end of May and we will advise you when they arrive in store.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tahne H, Cherri S, Tobin S, Isabelle C, Hollie Webster, Gabriel Ali, Hamish Flaherty, Tyler Stazak, Jack Craig.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C is holding a Mothers Day Stall tomorrow Wednesday 9 May. Gifts are \$5 each.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues have been sent home. Please return orders and payments by Friday 11 May.

STEWART HOUSE ENVELOPES

To be in the draw for a \$4000 holiday, please return all Stewart House envelopes to school by this Friday 11 May.

SPORTS IN SCHOOLS VOUCHER

Sports in schools promotion has now finished. If you do have any vouchers please send them in as soon as possible so we can redeem them.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia each July to commemorate and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Merewether Heights PS has established a strong tradition of support and involvement in NAIDOC Week school initiatives.

As well as participating in various cultural activities and competitions, all students at Merewether Heights Public School are being invited to purchase NAIDOC merchandise. Monies raised from these purchases provide funds for an initiative called Koori Kids which promotes cultural development.

NAIDOC Week is 8th – 15th July. Orders are now being taken in preparation for our whole school celebration of NAIDOC Week which will take place in Term 2.

NAIDOC merchandise must be pre-ordered. To order, please complete the order form in this Newsletter and return to school with your money before Tuesday 29th May 2018.



CANTEEN NEWS

The renovation works are nearly complete. The sign off and handover should occur soon. On the weekend we were able to move in the equipment and stock. The space is looking terrific.

While we are working towards rebuilding the service and menu, we will be running a special day each Friday during Term 2 from week 3 (11 May) through to and including week 10 (6 July). We selected Fridays as historically it had the largest volume of sales when compared to the other week days.

Where possible, these days will provide gluten free options to cater for students with dietary requirements.

Please note the special days are not indicative of our future menu. They are offered to fill a void while we are reforming the canteen service.

We are also going to trial Subway's school lunch order program for four consecutive Wednesdays, starting 16 May. If it is popular, it may be another option to offer one day per week while the canteen is not running.

Please keep an eye out for week 3's special day order forms which will be sent home soon. We are also currently working on having the special days added to QuickCliq (our online ordering system) so families can use their credit.

We would welcome any volunteers who are able to help on the Fridays during Term 2. This could be a parent, grandparent or family member who has completed the Declaration for volunteers form available at the office. If you or anyone in your family would like to help, please let us know by email mhps.schoolcanteen@gmail.com.

We will be reintroducing a draw for canteen volunteers each term to show our appreciation for their time. Hollie Tuckerman has kindly provided our first prize which is a family pass to the Hunter Valley Zoo.

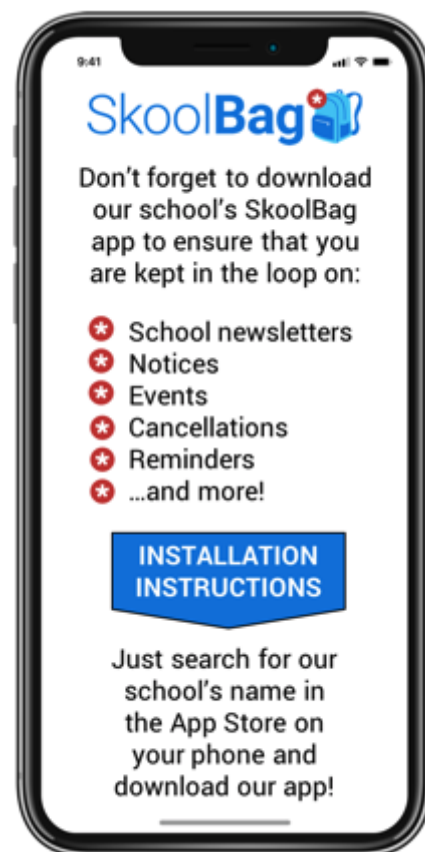


**Canteen and P&C
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Keep in touch with our
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community on
Merewether Heights Public
School P&C and Canteen
Facebook page:
[https://www.facebook.com/
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AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early Stage 1	Josie P, Hudson D, Leo C, Andrea M, Xavier L, Isla D, Scarlett, Asher C.
Stage 1	Dylan C, Ingrid S, Georgie N, Jesse W, Abbie C, Samuel W, Campbell M, Aurelia M.
Stage 2	Ashley B, Daniel A, Hugo M.
Stage 3	Jacob A, Corbin Y, Eve W, Josh de.



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.



DIARY DATES TERM 2

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
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
WEEK 6	4/6 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	5/6 1G Cupcake Day	6/6	7/6	8/6

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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.

Help keep Newcastle's needy warm this winter....

DONATE YOUR PRE-LOVED COAT to itravel DURING MAY!

Drop off locations:

itravel The Junction
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

itravel



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.

itravel 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.



NAIDOC

WEEK 2018
July 8th-15th 2018



Polo Shirts
\$ 13.00

Beanie
\$ 3.50



Wrist Watch
\$4.00

NAIDOC Lapel Pins
\$2.50



Mini Tennis Ball \$2.50

Pencil Case Pack \$ 2.50



Respect Bands
\$2.00



NAIDOC Bunting
\$40.00



Please return this order form by Tuesday 29 May

STUDENT NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

Payment has been made by cash _____

or

Payment has been made by POP receipt number _____

ID NUMBER	ITEM	COLOUR	SCHOOL PRICE	QTY	TOTAL COST
NAIDOC 01/18	NAIDOC Pencil Case Packs <small>(Pencil case, Respect band, pen, pencil and eraser)</small>	Culture – Respect (original Indigenous design)	\$2.50		
NAIDOC 02/18	Respect Bands Only	Red/Black/Yellow	\$2.00		
NAIDOC 03/18	Wrist Watch	Black Band and Indigenous design logo	\$4.00		
NAIDOC 04/18	Beanie	Black (with logo)	\$3.50		
NAIDOC 05/18	Balloons – NAIDOC Logo	(packet of 100) Red/ Black & Yellow	\$40.00		
NAIDOC 06/18	NAIDOC Polo Shirts <small>(Sizes small-6XL)</small>	Black (New Design logo)	\$13.00		
NAIDOC 07/18	NAIDOC Lapel Pins	(Specially designed NAIDOC logo)	\$2.50		
NAIDOC 09/18	Mini Tennis Balls (PU)	Red/ Black & Yellow with NAIDOC logo	\$2.50		
NAIDOC 10/18	NAIDOC Bunting	Promotional bunting for NAIDOC Events (10M)	\$40.00		
NAIDOC 11/18	NAIDOC Temporary Tattoos	Specially designed NAIDOC Logo(packet of 100)	\$40.00		
NAIDOC 12/18	Aboriginal Flag <small>(for flagpole 183cmx91cm)</small>	Traditional Polyester	\$145.00		

IF ORDERING POLO SHIRTS PLEASE INDICATE SIZE & QUANTITY HERE

S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL ☐ 5XL ☐ 6XL ☐

NOTE : Please allow and extra \$1 per shirt if ordering larger than 3XL

Sub Total \$.....

+ Postage & Handling \$19.30
(Subject to quantities)

Total \$.....

School Banking 2018 is off to a super start.



This year's School Banking Super Savers adventure is well underway, giving children an engaging way to learn good saving habits that will last a lifetime. Check out the latest rewards below to encourage super saving behaviour from students in Term 2.

If you'd like to find out more about School Banking, or if you'd like to explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

New Super Savers reward items.

To encourage regular saving behaviour, children can redeem a reward after they've made 10 School Banking deposits. There are two new reward items available in Term 2 (while stocks last):

- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light



Good saving habits support your school.

Your school will receive \$5 for every 10 School Banking deposits made per student.

This Regular Savers Contribution can be used for new school resources like learning materials, such as books and sports equipment, or other school fundraising needs.

Activity.

Lucas received \$10 for his birthday. Help Lucas through the maze and count the \$1 coins to find out how much of his birthday money he spent and saved along the way.

