



# Noticeboard

## The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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**Term 2 Week 3 Tuesday 15 May, 2018**

### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

#### Congratulations Choirs!

Congratulations are extended to both the members and conductors of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 choirs that represented Merewether Heights PS at Choralfest, held at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre in Warners Bay. Both choirs displayed exceptional talent, harmony and stage presence and were rewarded for their efforts with 1st place in their respective categories. On the day, Sophie W (Year 3) was awarded an individual certificate from a well-credentialed and highly accomplished adjudicator for 'Standout Performance'. Well done to all students involved and thank you to our parents and friends who came to show their support.

#### Write4fun!

It has been a week of standout performances! This week students from 5/6N received notification of their achievements in the Write4fun writing competition from Julia Woods, managing editor. The letter stated: "Write4Fun is proud to announce that Merewether Heights Public School had 10 or more students successfully progress past the initial judging in the 2018 Schools Writing Competition. This year, the competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and we received over 10,000 entries! Your school has been recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement." Congratulations to the boys and girls of 5/6N!

#### Subway and Sushi Orders

This week the P&C canteen committee have been hard at work to continue to provide a service to our students and community by offering a special lunch order from Subway for Wednesday 16th May and a sushi lunch on Friday 18th May. Parents, please be aware that the Subway orders have to be collected Tuesday afternoon to ensure our orders are met. No orders for Subway can be accepted after school ends Tuesday. The sushi orders for Friday are delivered fresh to school from the provider but are unable

to be stored beyond the lunch service nor transported to alternate locations. As such, students participating in sporting events offsite are unable to be catered for in this special lunch provision due to their buses leaving at 12pm and not returning until approximately 3pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### Equipment use after school

Students and parents are reminded that for safety reasons, no student should use the play equipment in the school playground after the final school bell as there is no supervision in this area. It is also asked that all students waiting for pick-up in the afternoon wait on the red seats near the hall to ensure their safety. Have a wonderful week

Have a wonderful week

Tim Beaven,  
Principal

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 18 MAY

This Friday our school will be hosting a Walk Safely to School Day. We are encouraging you to drop your child, or join us at one of the locations listed below. Teachers will be located at three different locations to walk with students from 8:45am. Mr Beaven will be at the top gate to greet students and will have some healthy treats to hand out to encourage students to eat a healthy breakfast. Teachers will meet students at these three locations:

1. Corner of Ashford Parade and Scenic Drive.
2. Corner of Yule Road and Scenic Drive.
3. On Myamblah Crescent at the footpath between Myamblah and Takari Place.



#### 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.

## PRIVATE TRANSPORT

All parents involved in transporting other students to school activities must provide proof of their current car registration and licence. Also all students must be signed out at the office and signed back in if and when returning.

## ATHLETICS TRAINING

Commencing this Thursday, 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 Sport in Schools grant.

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

## 4P CUPCAKE DAY

4P will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday 22 May 2018. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 4P's classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.) Cup cakes are 50 cents each for a delicious treat.



## 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 7 for more information regarding ordering. Full school winter uniform will be required on the day.

For the girls this includes red and grey tartan tunic and white long sleeve blouse with regular collar or charcoal grey bootleg pants and white long sleeve polo top with school emblem, white ankle socks or black tights and all black leather school shoes.

For the boys this includes grey 'blocker' longs, sky blue long sleeve polo top with school emblem, grey socks with red and white bands and all black leather school shoes (no canvas or skate shoes).



## AWARDS *Congratulations to*

Early Stage Ruth K, William H,

Stage 1 Addyson M, Kobe M, Emersen L, Freya S, Frankie K, Isla C, Lexi K, Thomas M, Jesse W, Mia C, Lara B.

Stage 2 Nash P, Keira M, Emily H, Hollie W, Matthew S, Scarlet S, Claye F, Molly B, Zali F, Ari K, Willow C.

Stage 3 Corbin Y, Owen L, Elena H.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Riley M, Levi L, Charlotte H.



## 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.**



**Canteen and P&C Noticeboard**

Keep in touch with our school community on Merewether Heights Public School P&C and Canteen Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1096429923710549/>

## PSSA SPORT NEWS

Last Friday saw students from Merewether Heights PS compete in the opening round of this year's PSSA soccer and netball competitions against Kotara South PS. The boys travelled to Myer Park for soccer and the girls went to the familiar surrounds of National Park for netball.

The junior soccer side began the afternoon fantastically! Will H and Claye F both scored wonderful goals in the first half. Whilst Harry Geyer's awesome bursts of speed resulted in two second half goals. The final score was 4-1!

Not to be outdone, the senior side came out pumped up and dominated possession in the first half of their match. Two first half goals to Noah S enabled them to take the ascendancy into halftime. The highlight of the match came in the second half when a beautiful through ball from James B was flicked into the back of the net by Dylan M and on the back of that the senior side came away 3-0 victors.

Our PSSA netball teams played incredibly well together for their first game of the competition, especially with the awfully windy and cold conditions!

The junior team put up a tough fight against Kotara South and made a come back towards the end of the game with a final score of 8-6. Special mentions go to Ava S for her passing and catching skills and Jasmine D for her shooting effort.

The senior team played really well for their first game together and were unfortunately defeated with a score of 27-2. Special mentions go to Charlotte H for her incredible defending in the circle, and Stephanie L for finding the space on the court.

All students are to be commended on their sportsmanship and the proud way they represented the school. Good luck for the rest of the term!

Ms Norris and Mr Spriggs

## OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2019 APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 18 MAY

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.

## PAYMENTS

When making payments to school, please be aware that the office does not have a cash float. Therefore giving change is often not possible. It would be appreciated when making a payment in cash that the correct money is provided. We would ask parents to please put students' names on envelopes with payments enclosed to their class teacher.

Making payments online using the POP tab on our school webpage is very convenient for both parties.

***Special lunch orders, eg (Subway, Sushi) must be in separate envelopes with the correct money, clearly labelled with student's name and class. These orders cannot be done through the school POP method.***

## 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.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to Bunnings for supporting our Mother's Day stall by donating a variety of potted flowers.



## DIARY DATES TERM 2

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>REMINDER, THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.</b>					
<b>WEEK 3</b>	14/5	15/5 NAPLAN	16/5 NAPLAN	17/5 NAPLAN	18/5
<b>WEEK 4</b>	21/5	22/5 4P Cupcake Day	23/5 School Photos	24/5	26/5
<b>WEEK 5</b>	28/5	29/5 ICAS Science Test Sorry Day	30/5 Starstruck Rehearsal	31/5	1/6
<b>WEEK 6</b>	4/6 P&C Meeting 7.00pm	5/6 1G Cupcake Day	6/6	7/6	8/6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	11/6	12/6	13/6 ICAS Spelling Test Starstruck Rehearsal	14/6 ICAS Writing Test Starstruck Rehearsal	15/6 Starstruck Performance Excursion

# Merewether Heights Public School

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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.

**Soul CAFE**  
feed your soul



# 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 \$.....



## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)



# 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 include: Cover 1 - (5x7) 2- (2.5x3.5) 4 - Wallies with an extra set in 5x7 & 9x12" Enlargement

Book includes: Title 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" Enlargement

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

Qty Ordered **Family A Pack** **\$20**

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

Qty Ordered **Family B Pack** **\$30**

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

3 Digital image of family

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## SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY ORDER FORM

### STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR BREAD

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9-GRAIN WHEAT BREAD

☐

MULTIGRAIN WRAP

☐

GLUTEN FREE OPTION

**\$6** Sub of  
the Day™

### STEP 2: SELECT YOUR SANDWICH

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HAM

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ROAST BEEF

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TURKEY

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VEGE DELIGHT

### STEP 3: ADD YOUR FAVOURITE FILLINGS

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CHEESE

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TOMATO

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LETTUCE

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CUCUMBER

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SPINACH

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CARROT

### STEP 4: CHOOSE FROM EITHER FRESH FRUIT OR FRUIT CRUSH UP

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APPLE

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FRUIT CRUSH-UP

NAME

CLASS



**PLEASE ENSURE TO RETURN YOUR ORDER AND PAYMENT  
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY**