



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents

SRE and SEE

From 2019, the Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) procedures in schools has changed. New enrolments will no longer notice a question about this on enrolment forms but will instead be issued a separate letter with option to select from based upon what is available in our school. All continuing families will automatically continue in the same group as last year unless a written request for a change is received. For more information on SRE and SEE activities at MHPS please refer to our school website

<https://merewethht-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Afternoon Pick-up

Last week it came to our attention that Rangers were targeting vehicles parking around our school. Keeping students safe around school zones is everyone's responsibility.

At a whole school assembly this morning, I have reminded all children who use our 'kiss and ride' zone that they are to wait inside our school fence with their designated teacher. When their family car pulls into the designated 'kiss and ride' zone the teacher on duty will walk them to their vehicle.

Thank you for observing parking restrictions around our school and for your patience during the end of day rush.

Tim Beaven
Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 12 February for students in Years 2— 6.

A note has gone home with information and permission and payment slip. **The deadline for notes and payments is Friday 8 February.** Payments may be made online through our school webpage. This is a very quick and convenient method of paying for all payments during the year.

NOTICEBOARD

To keep you informed we publish the school Noticeboard every Tuesday. Please look for it each week and take a few moments to read it carefully. The first Tuesday of each month will be a big one; then the rest of the month will be just a two page update of what is happening. The Noticeboard can be accessed by email, skoolbag app, on our webpage or a hard copy. **Please advise us, by returning the cut off notice, if you would like to receive a hard copy or by email. This notice must be returned by Monday 11 February. If we do not receive notification from you, we will presume you are accessing it from our app or webpage.**

All families who received their Noticeboard by email last year will continue to do so.

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.

KINDER END OF DAY TIMES

Just a reminder that for the month of February the kinder students will finish their day at 3.00pm. Don't forget to collect them from the red seats in the infants COLA. From 4 March the kinder students will finish at the same time as the rest of the school ie 3.25pm.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office.



FROM THE OFFICE

The school office is manned from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday. It would be appreciated if phone calls/visits/enquiries etc. could be made during these hours. Due to the necessity for the office staff to undertake end of day procedures, it would also be appreciated if all payments could be made to the school office prior to 3.00 pm each day. The office staff is available to assist students, parents and staff with all enquiries, information, concerns etc., and would thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Payments to the Office

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or online. The online payments can be done through our webpage on the Make a Payment tab. This is a very easy and convenient method of payment. Follow the prompts but you only need to fill in boxes with a red asterisk. Permission notes will still need to be signed and returned if paying by POP.

Please note our eftpos does not accept American Express, AMEX or Diners Club cards.

Payments for clothing pool, band, dance groups, etc. cannot be processed by the school office, and should still be given to the coordinator for these groups.

Due to an increasing number of parents using our eftpos or online facilities, the school office does not keep a cash float and does not have a lot of cash on hand during the day. Therefore, we are not always able to provide change to parents or students, particularly in the morning. 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.

It is important to read the school's weekly newsletter, "Noticeboard". Information relevant to various activities within the school and also out of school is detailed in Noticeboard. Closing dates/times for various things such as Book Club and P&C fundraisers are published in Noticeboard. To avoid disappointment, we would ask that parents take notice of these deadlines.

We would also ask you to note that cheques for P&C events/fundraisers need to be made payable to Merewether Heights Public School P&C, and are not to be included with any student payment to the school office for performances or excursions.

Throughout the school year students participate in various excursions/performances etc. which require a

payment to be made. If at any time payments for excursions/performances, textbooks, voluntary school contributions, etc. causes concern or financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Tim Beaven Principal. All information is kept confidential.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club- issue 1 has been sent home. Book Club provides a fun and convenient way of bringing the best in children's literature into your home. It's packed full of exciting books from best-selling authors, popular titles and series that kids love, as well as products and books that make perfect gifts for younger siblings who may not be at school yet.

Ordering from Book Club is easy—simply go online and place your order and then Scholastic's 'book elves' take care of the rest. Before you know it, your child will have a lovely surprise to take home once their order gets delivered to their classroom.

When ordering from Book Club, you are not only helping your children, but you are also helping your school—20% of your spend goes back to your school in valuable Scholastic Rewards, which are used to buy classroom resources.

To celebrate the start of the New Year, any family ordering from issue 1 will also receive a free All About Me Activity Journal to help us kick-start our 2019 plans. For more information about Scholastic and Book Club, visit www.scholastic.com.au

Please have orders back to school by Wednesday 13 February.

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!

BONUS!

SCHOLASTIC

ANAPHYLAXIS

We currently have students at our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis (ie suffers from a severe allergic reaction) due to nut allergies, eggs, seafood, dairy products or bee stings etc.

All our children are special and have particular needs. These students' needs are potentially life threatening. We ask for your help to keep them all safe by not sending nut-based products to school with your child's recess or lunch. These products include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing nuts. Products that are labeled "may contain traces of nuts" do not generally present a threat.

These students have management plans in place while they are at school. All staff know these students and have participated in a training session run by an Anaphylaxis Educator to ensure they can act quickly in an emergency.

ANNUAL STUDENT & FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE OF INFORMATION

In the next few weeks, as part of our annual update of information for students and families, the school office will be sending home to parents a form containing personal information. This information includes address details, parent contact details, emergency contact details, doctors contact details and medical information relating to your child. These forms will be forwarded home with students. We will be asking parents to please alter any information on the form that needs to be changed, sign and date the form, and return to the school office as soon as possible. Even if there are no alterations to be made, we are asking parents to sign and date the form, and return to the school office as soon as possible.

If you do not want this information to be sent home with your child, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements.

Should your child have a medical condition which is not listed on the form, please contact the school office as soon as possible to provide details. It is essential that all medical conditions are noted to overcome the need to for you to provide this information on every permission note throughout the year.

Please note: It is a parent's responsibility to notify the school of any changes in their child's medical condition.

CANTEEN

The canteen is open on Thursday & Friday. If you can volunteer the shifts are from 9am to 12noon. We have a prep day shift on the Wednesday in week 3 and we will be reopening the service on Wednesdays commencing week 4. The volunteer roster for the first four weeks of term 1 2019 is now open bit.ly/mhpscanteen2019.

SCRIPTURE/ETHICS/MEDITATION LESSONS

These lessons will be commencing soon with the following providers delivering the lessons. We have provided links for you to check the provider's curriculum.

Meditation— Mick Marcon

<http://meditateinnewcastle.org/buddhism-for-schools-sre/>

Religion Scripture—Beck Bishop

<http://www.newcastlecitysre.com/>

Ethics— Ainslie Frazer

<https://primaryethics.com.au/about-ethics-classes/our-curriculum/>

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.



CLOTHING POOL

Welcome Back to the clothing pool for 2019!

The clothing pool is open Tuesdays from 9am to 930am - if you are not able to come on this day please feel free to fill in the order form at the end of this newsletter, return to the office and one of our volunteers will fill it for you.

We sell new hats, red fleece jackets and girls grey skorts/red sport skorts and second hand items for all elements of the school uniform (except the new red polo)

If you have any preloved items in good condition we always welcome donations - just pop in a bag and send into the office or drop in on a Tuesday morning to the clothing pool!

Lastly, we have an amazing group of volunteers but are always looking for more so if you are able to help please email mhpsuniform@gmail.com.

Coming soon... online ordering via Quickcliq!

Thanks from the Clothing Pool Team

STUDENT BANKING

This year student banking will be held on Tuesdays. Please send in your bank books to your classroom on Tuesday, commencing next week, 12 February.

CHOIR 2019

If your child is interested in auditioning for Junior or Senior Choir this year, please see Mr Moran or Mrs Martyn ASAP.

Choir auditions will be this week and next week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEWCASTLE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Come and try at our Field Hockey Day and chat to other members about joining a team this season.

Saturday 16 February, 9.00—10.00 am

Newcastle International Hockey Centre

Turton Road, Broadmeadow.

Please register your interest at

www.ndwha.com.au

GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

Play all-girls junior cricket at your local club.

Girls aged 9-15.

Fridays 5-7pm. Come and Try day 8 February.

For more information phone Frankie 0425 297 714 or

francis.walsh@cricketnsw.com.au

NEWCASTLE CITY BLUES AFC

Sign up for junior AFL. Open for boys and girls 5-17yrs

Contact Renee Tate newcastlecityjniorafc@yahoo.com

NEWCASTLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Join us this year! Rehearsals 10am—1pm Sundays

Visit our website for more details

www.nyo.com.au

MEREWETHER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations are open for players and they close on February 15.

For more information contact Luke 0418 962 615

I WISH TO RECEIVE NOTICEBOARD BY ?

I wish to receive the Noticeboard by hard copy (please tick the box)

Or

I wish to receive the Noticeboard by email. My email address is

Name of eldest child and class (please print clearly)

Name:

Class:

Parent Signature:

Telephone No

DIARY DATES

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TERM 1 2019					
WEEK 2	4/2 Kindergarten commence 2019	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2
WEEK 3	11/2 P & C Meeting 7.00pm	12/2 Swimming Carnival Wallsend Swim Centre	13/2	14/2	15/2
WEK 4	18/2	19/2 Zone Swimming Carnival	20/2	21/2	22/2

PAYMENTS

Payments can be made quite easily on our POP (Parent Online Payment) system found on our webpage, www.merewethht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au , **Please Note; when making a payment online, only fill in the boxes with a red asterisk , no need for the student number**. Or correct money or cheque in an envelope to the office, or Eftpos at the office.



Kids look to you to keep them safe

For more information call **4974 2000** or visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

Always obey the signs



You can stop here for **2 minutes only**

- You can drop off or pick up your child here but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car
- Stop as close to the head of the zone as possible to allow easy access for everyone



You **CANNOT** stop here

You cannot drop off or pick up your child here



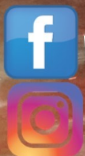
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You cannot drop off or pick up your child here



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3:30pm - 5pm 8 sessions - Term 1 - \$199

- Beginner to intermediate - Suitable for ages from 6 - 12 yrs old
- Coaching by level 2 instructors
- Hire equipment available
- MONDAY to FRIDAY - Choose a day!
Commencing Monday 11th February

**GREAT FOR BEGINNERS
TO INTERMEDIATE**



(Minimum numbers required)

12 seater mini-bus for \$50 per term per child •

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After school pick-up available •

Get a group together! - Perfect for busy/working parents •

BOOKINGS

- WEB - www.sanbahgrindhouse.com

ENQUIRIES

- PHONE - 0409604029
- EMAIL - info@sanbahgrindhouse.com



MHPS CLOTHING POOL ORDER FORM 2019

DATE	
PARENT NAME	
CHILD'S NAME/CLASS	
CONTACT NUMBER	

QTY	SIZE	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
TOTAL				

PRICE LIST - NEW ITEMS	SIZES	PRICE
Bucket Hat	S, M, L	\$15.00
Wide Brim Hat	S, M, L	\$15.00
Red Polar Fleece Jacket	6-16	\$40.00
Girl's Grey Pleated Culotte	4-16	\$30.00
Girl's Grey Winter Pant	4-16	\$20.00
Girl's Red Sport Skort (also available from Lowes – selling out)	10-14	\$20.00

SECOND HAND PRICE LIST	SIZES	PRICE
Girls Summer Tunic	Subject to availability	\$15.00
Girls Winter Tunic	Subject to availability	\$15.00
Polo Shirts – old style Blue (boys) and white (girls) – short/long sleeved	4-16	\$5.00
Boys Grey shorts/pants/tracksuit pants	4-16	\$5.00
Red Polar Fleece Jackets	Subject to availability	\$10.00
Girl's Red Sport Skort/ Unisex Red Sport Short	Various – subject to	\$5.00

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete all details including Contact number
- Cash or Cheque only (payable to MHPS P&C). No Eftpos or EFT facilities.
- Place correct money or cheque in envelope with order form and return envelope to the School Office
- Order will be fulfilled following next Clothing Pool date and returned to the School Office (Tuesdays) and given to your child in class
- Hats are also available for purchase from the School Office any day of the school week
- 2nd hand items can be viewed and purchased at the MHPS Clothing Pool, Tuesdays 9.00 – 9.30am