



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child to start Kindy next year and have not received an enrolment form, would you please contact the school office as soon as possible to have your details included on our 2020 database. This will ensure that you receive your invitation to Orientation Day and the Kindergarten transition program to be held in Term 4. Should you know of anyone who has a child to enrol in Kindy next year, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS

Congratulations to all of our class representatives who presented their speeches in our school Public Speaking Finals last term. Our adjudicator Mrs Jan M found it very hard to come up with only two finalists for each stage group. Special mention needs to go to our school finalists who will represent our school at Zone. Zone Final dates haven't yet been confirmed.

Early Stage 1- Ben C and Isla P
Stage 1- Archer C and Asher C
Stage 2 – Balin P and Lincoln C
Stage 3- Felix B and Tobin S

We wish them all the best of luck at the Zone Finals.

Mrs Mc - Public Speaking Coordinator

DEBATING

Next Wednesday on 31 July, Merewether Heights Public School is holding Round 3 of the Train On Debating Gala. Parents are welcome to come and watch debates which will be held throughout the day with students from various local schools participating. Notification of debate times will be in next week's Noticeboard.

Ms M - Debating Coordinator

SCHOOL BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES

There have been some timetable changes to school services to improve reliability. Parents and students need to check their trip to and from school. Visit newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services and type your school name into the search field. Select your school bus route to download a PDF timetable.

2019 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Students at MHPS have the opportunity to enrol in the following University of NSW tests:

Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English and Mathematics.

These voluntary tests are for children in grades 3 – 6.

The note and payment MUST BE handed in to the school office by Thursday, 15 August 2019. No applications will be accepted after this date. Entry forms are on page 3 of this Noticeboard. Please note the tests will be administered under the supervision of a staff member.

Please note that these tests will be held before school and supervised by the Principal. Students will need to be at school at 8.30 am to undertake the tests.

GYMNASTICS - TERM 3

The gymnastics program started for Primary students today and will start for Infants students on Thursday. Please send in any outstanding permission notes asap. Payment for the gymnastics program needs to be made by Friday 2 August 2019. After that date students will not be able to participate in gymnastics until payment of \$40.00 has been received at the school office.

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.

YEAR 5 CUPCAKE DAY

Year 5 will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday 6 August. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at your child's classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.) Cup cakes are 50 cents each.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue 5 catalogues are being sent home with students today. Please return orders and payments or do it online by Friday 2 August.

CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget the canteen is open Wednesdays. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far for canteen duty. We have broken the days up into hour time slots to allow for more flexibility. Please sign up today as there are days we will have to close if we cannot get volunteers. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/RfnxfgE>

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.



CLOTHING POOL

Thank you for the ongoing support of the clothing pool.

You can now order ONLINE via Quickclips- simply log on to your account like you would for a canteen order, tap on the Uniform link button, select a child and order away! Currently all new uniform stock (hats, fleece jackets/vests, girls grey culottes, girls red sport skorts, girls grey long winter pants) are all available with stock and size numbers on the site.

Second hand clothing that is available will be added to the site over the next few weeks.

Once we receive your order, these will be processed each Tuesday and you can choose to pick up at the clothing pool or have the items delivered to your child's class! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns via the email MHPSuniform@gmail.com - more information will be in next week's newsletter!!

Donations are always welcomed - please send in to the office or drop in at the clothing pool on a Tuesday!

We have some amazing volunteer parents - a big thank you to these people! Unfortunately some of our volunteers can't help this term so we are in DESPERATE need of some help - please contact Natalie if you can assist!

CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

9 –9.30 am

STUDENT BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

| TERM 3 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| TERM 2 | | | | | |
| WEEK 1 | 22/7 SDD | 23/7 Primary gymnastics | 24/7 | 25/7 Infants gymnastics | 26/7 |
| WEEK 2 | 29/7 Hunter Dance Festival Senior Group | 30/7 Hunter Dance Festival Junior Group Primary gymnastics | 31/7 OC Test Train-on Debate Gala Day | 1/8 Infants gymnastics | 2/8 |
| WEEK 3 | 5/8 NAIDOC performance | 6/8 Cupcake Day Yr 5 Primary gymnastics | 7/8 School Spelling Bee Final | 8/8 Infants gymnastics | 9/8 |
| WEEK 4 | 12/8 Stg 2 Public Speaking | 13/8 Zone Athletics Carnival Primary gymnastics | 14/8 Stg 1 Public Speaking | 15/8 Stg 3 Public Speaking Infants gymnastics | 16/8 Early Stg 1 Public Speaking |

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen is back in Term 3 with new menu items and the return of old favourites. We have a number of new initiatives we will roll out this term and look forward to sharing them with you shortly.

Thanks to everyone who supported us in Term 2. It was a busy but rewarding term with us adding an extra day of operation. I am pleased to say we survived financially and mentally and look forward to another successful term.

As always the success of the canteen relies on our wonderful volunteers. Please sign up for a day and help Jess deliver this service to our kids. You can register at <https://signup.com/go/RfnxfgE> We appreciate life is busy and have broken our shifts into 1 hour segments to help you find some time.

See you in the canteen soon.

Cheers The Canteen Committee

Volunteers Needed

Friday 26 July - 2 Volunteers Needed

Thursday 1 August - 1 Volunteer Needed

Friday 2 August - 2 Volunteers Needed

PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE

Playground Working Bee

When: Sunday 28 July 9am - 12noon

Location: Playground adjacent to Summer Place

Come along this Sunday to help beautify the new upgrade to the Primary playground. Over the holidays the sandstone blocks were positioned and we are completing the landscaping under the expert direction of Dave M. Bring your gardening tools and kids for a lovely morning in the sun finishing this new area. Lunch will be provided following. Many hands make light work. Register on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/710168756077874/>

or message on 0439618184. Look forward to seeing you there.

ICAS TEST ENTRY FORM

Please tick the boxes against the tests you would like your child to do. Return the form **WITH** the money for the test/s by **THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019**. **No applications will be accepted after this date.** The tests are for students in Years 3 to 6 only.

Please note that these tests will be held before school and supervised by the Principal. Students will need to be at school at 8.30 am to undertake the tests.

Student Name:

Class:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Digital Technologies | \$14.50 | Tuesday 3 September 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | \$14.50 | Thursday 5 September 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Writing | \$14.50 | Tuesday 10 September 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spelling Bee | \$14.50 | Thursday 12 September 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | English | \$14.50 | Tuesday 17 September 2019 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mathematics | \$14.50 | Thursday 19 September 2019 |

I have enclosed \$..... for the nominated competitions above or

I have made a Parent Online Payment Receipt no.