



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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PLAYGROUND WORKING BEE

Last Sunday a working bee took place in the playground. Mr B, together with a number of parents and students were busy planting 400 plants in the playground. Thank you all very much for making light work of this task. A special thank you to David M for organising the plant selection and for providing the delicious spit roast lunch for the hard workers.



GYMNASTICS - TERM 3

The gymnastics program started for all students last week - Primary on Tuesdays and Infants on Thursdays. 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.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Zara C who ran in the NSW State Cross Country last Friday, 26 July at Eastern Creek Sydney. Zara had a great run and came in 18th place in the 12 year old girls' event. Well done Zara!



DEBATING

Tomorrow 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. The debates will start 10.00 am, 10.30 am, 11.00 am, 11.30 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

The Premier's Debating team had their third debate against Hamilton Public School last Wednesday, with an interesting topic "That teachers should have to participate in all school sport and exercise classes just like students". MHPS were the affirmative team and put forward a convincing model and debate. Hamilton Public school had very commendable arguments. The debate was won by our school team. Congratulations to Mila D, Tobin S, Gabriella L and Ashleigh C.

Amanda M - Debating Coordinator

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.)



BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue 5 catalogues were sent home with students last week. Please return orders and payments or order and pay online by Friday 2 August.

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.

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.



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2019

To kick off 2019 Education Week activities, we will be holding NAIDOC celebrations at school. NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Merewether Heights has established a strong tradition of support and involvement in NAIDOC Week activities. Next Monday, 5 August our school will be taking part in NAIDOC based activities throughout the day. We are inviting parents to join us at 9.30 am for a traditional smoking ceremony and at 2.30 to 3.25 pm for traditional dance performances.

Students should wear full school uniform on the day.

SPECIALTY SCHOOL PHOTOS

Specialty school photos such as School Captains, Sports Captains, Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and SRC are now on display in the office foyer. If you would like to purchase a speciality photo please log onto www.newcastleschoolportraits.com Go to order Specialty Photos and put in the following code: **56512BV** This will take you to our school's specialty photos to order.

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
TERM 2					
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 Finals Stg 2 at 9.45 am Stg 3 at 12.15 pm	8/8 Infants gymnastics	9/8
WEEK 4	12/8 Stg 2 Public Speaking Belair P/S 9.30 am	13/8 Zone Athletics Carnival Primary gymnastics	14/8 Stg 1 Public Speaking Adamstown P/S 9.30 am	15/8 Stg 3 Public Speaking Kotara South P/S 9.00 am Infants gymnastics	16/8 Early Stg 1 Public Speaking Stockton P/S 9.30 am

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.

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>

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!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5/8	NAIDOC Celebrations
Tuesday 13/8	Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday 22/8	Book Week / Grandparents' Day
Tuesday 27/8	P&C Obstacool Fundraiser
Friday 30/8	Father's Day breakfast
Thursday 12/9	Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Day
Wednesdays 11/9, 18/9 & 25/9	Moving Into The Teen Years - Year 6
Thursday 26/9	School Disco

More information will follow regarding these events.



Obstacool is coming back to Merewether Heights Public School on Tuesday 27th August.

Obstacool is an exciting obstacle course for kids that travels the country sharing the fun and getting Aussie kids active! The course is made up of a mix of walls, tunnels, commando nets and more, plus the feature attraction, The Big Bopper which is 40m long! Students will get to spend 30 minutes on the course.

More information to come in the following weeks.

