



# Noticeboard

## The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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**Term 4 Week 8 Tuesday 1 December 2020**

### COVID-19 UPDATE INFORMATION—IMPORTANT

The latest COVID restrictions for the Department of Education can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Please note that only “essential visitors” are still allowed on the school site at this stage.

Parents and volunteers for scheduled educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum are permitted on site and will be managed by individual classroom teachers, ensuring physical distancing for all adults is maintained. All essential visitors to the site must first attend the office to sign in and complete an ‘Essential Visitors to School Site Form’.

As COVID-19 continues to impact on the wider community and on schools, I have attached an excerpt from the Department of Education’s Advice for Families page regarding updates to student and staff safety measures. Please be aware of the following changes / continuation of practices regarding school operations at MHPS.

Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe.
- They are currently unwell. In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Also a reminder that parents/carers are not to be on site except for special circumstances. If you are bringing your child late to school, or need to take your child early from school, please phone the office to organise the collection of your child at the school gate.

### PRESENTATION DAYS

Dear Parents,  
As mentioned previously, this year’s Presentation Day will be held differently to other years to comply with our COVID-19 Safety Plan.

It is a requirement that we comply with the 4 square metre rule for all people participating (this includes staff and students) before we are able to invite parents, carers or special guests.

Unfortunately due to the size of our Hall and COLA assembly areas, we will be unable to allow parent or community participation nor special guests this year.

As there is typically high parent engagement in our Presentation Day, the school has purchased USB flash drives and will be recording the Infants and Primary Presentation Day ceremonies. All students who receive an award on the day will receive a copy of the filmed event.

This event will not be live streamed as we have multiple students who do not have permission to publish. These students’ names and images will not appear on the published recording that each award recipient receives.

Regards,

Tim Beaven

Please be aware of plague proportions of mosquitoes on

### MOSQUITOES

and around the school grounds. Please take precautions by applying insect repellent to your child before school each day.

You can view our fantastic virtual 2020 Art Exhibition

### VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION

through

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=f4ndSt92E2o>

The final product is incredible and we are so proud of all of the artworks!

You can pay for your child's artwork through POP

<https://merewethht-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or send in the

correct money in a labelled sealed envelope to the classroom teacher. 1 artwork is \$8, 2 artworks are \$14 or 3 artworks are \$18. **Payments are due by 4 December.**

## CANTEEN NEWS

### IN THE CANTEEN THIS WEEK

This Friday to coincide with the Silent Disco we are holding our Hot Dog Lunch special. Please order online at <http://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

Counter sales will happen as usual but the normal menu will not be available. Orders close online at 6 pm Wednesday.

### VOLUNTEERS

All volunteer spots are filled until the end of the year. Thank you so much to all our wonderful volunteers who have given their time so generously throughout 2020. Without your contribution to this service it would not be possible.

## ETHIC TEACHER/COORDINATOR

Could you be an ethics teacher or coordinator?

The Primary Ethics program is run at the school by volunteers. We are seeking a few more volunteers so that we can continue to provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children for 2021.

You don't need any teaching experience to be an ethics teacher - full training and lesson materials are provided by Primary Ethics (the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the program). Children discuss topics such as: imagining how others feel, how do we treat living things and fairness. Training consists of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Ethics is run on Wednesdays each week from 2:25-3:25pm.

We are also looking for someone to take over the coordination role for the ethics program. This role has more flexibility – requiring approximately 1-2 hours/week. The ethics coordinator communicates with school staff, supports ethics teachers and liaises with Primary Ethics (online training about what is required is provided).

If you or a friend/relative are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/> to find out more - or contact Ainslie (ainslie.frazer@gmail.com).

## TIMES TABLE CHALLENGE

The school times table challenge will be held Thursday 3rd December. Stage 2 and 3 finals will be filmed and posted on the school's Facebook page.

## KINDERGARTEN 2021

If you have a child to start Kindy next year and have not enrolled, please complete the online enrolment form on our webpage.

<https://merewethht-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

If you need any assistance with this please contact the school.

## DANCE GROUPS 2021

For children currently in Yrs 2,3,4 & 5 who are interested in joining our Dance Groups in 2021, please phone Zoe Jones on 0423 698 949

Junior Dance Group (Yrs 3&4) Friday mornings at 8.00am (School Hall).

Senior Dance Group (Yrs 5&6) Tuesday mornings at 8.00am (School Hall).

These classes entail learning a variety of dance steps in a fun learning environment. This is a great opportunity for children to participate in a group experience and build confidence through a love of dance whilst working towards learning a dance routine which the children perform at different events throughout the year.

It would be appreciated if all new enrolments could be to me by Friday 22 January 2021, so I can finalise numbers in classes and confirm the above times.

Zoe Jones - Dance Teacher

## FAMILIES LEAVING 2020

Organisation has commenced for classes for the 2021 school year. If you know of any child who will not be attending our school next year please advise the school office as soon as possible. We have a number of people enquiring about vacancies for 2021 and your early advice would be greatly appreciated.

## CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool is currently operating online only via quickcliq. All stock including second hand items are on the site. To order online click on the link below and set up an account. <http://www.quickcliq.com.au/> Orders will be filled on Thursdays and delivered to students at school.

Hats can still be purchased at the office, correct cash only. \$15.

Please contact [mhpsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:mhpsuniform@gmail.com) for any questions or concerns.



# P&C



To celebrate the end of a challenging year for our students, the P&C have sponsored this special event! Students will participate in an outdoor silent disco with all their favourite tunes in staged groups throughout the day!

**WHEN:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Mufti clothes

**WHAT TO EAT:** Purchase your special canteen menu item via Quickcliqs, and tasty treats will be for sale over the counter

**COST:** Gold coin donation for mufti clothes, which will be donated to Carpenter Court, Merewether for Christmas gifts.

A special thanks to Mrs Hannah and the teachers for assisting with the organisation. None of this would be possible without you!



## End of term Lunch Special

Friday 4 December 2020

HotDog with Drink & Frozen Snap Stick for Only \$6

Order online at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotdog Menu	Price \$	Quantity	Total Price \$
Hotdog in Roll <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce <input type="checkbox"/> Mustard <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Sausage	6.00		
Drink Menu	Choose one Drink		
Juice Bomb <input type="checkbox"/> Blackcurrent <input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry <input type="checkbox"/> Watermelon <input type="checkbox"/> Vanilla lime <input type="checkbox"/> Orange/Passionfruit <input type="checkbox"/> Lemonade <input type="checkbox"/> Grape			
Water <input type="checkbox"/> Still <input type="checkbox"/> Sparkling			
Extra Hotdog	Price \$	Quantity	Total Price \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce <input type="checkbox"/> Mustard <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Sausage	2.50		

Please find enclosed payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my End of Term Lunch Special.

Order online at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au). Orders close 2/12/2020 at 6pm

The canteen menu will not be available on this day. Over the counter sales available.

# Children's Cartooning Programs

With life slowly returning to normal we have made our program Covid-Safe. We are also a Creative Kids provider.

## Newcastle

Belair Public School, 34 Carolyn Street Adamstown Heights, Newcastle.

**Monday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

## Covid-Safe

- Social distancing adhered to
- Washing of hands & sanitising maintained during the classes
- Smaller group sizes.

## Bookings

Go to [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

Click on the colourful Cartoon Camp button in the middle of the home page

Select your location

Complete the on-line form & payment

## Early Bird Special

Book & pay for the 5 Long Days Monday to Friday and will give your child / children a set of 6 cartooning books.

Payments must be before Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm.

**If you are using a voucher – please call our office with the Creative Kids Voucher details.**

We look forward to seeing the children once again & old friends reuniting & new friendships made.

**Danny Cohen, Joel Cohen, Martin Cohen, Talia Cohen, Melissa Cohen, Sylvia Jamcotchian & Therese Ohanessi-**

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Opening in Merewether Heights Public School  
From 2 Feb 2021

Co-vid Safe classes. Active Kids Vouchers Redeemed.



A stylized yellow acoustic guitar illustration is positioned on the left side of the poster. It shows the headstock with tuning pegs, the neck with strings, and the body with a circular soundhole and bridge.

**Enrol Now for 2021**

# **GUITAR LESSONS**

**Qualified Music Tutor in  
Merewether Heights**

**30 years industry experience  
Private and Group Lessons  
All Ages and All Skills**

- **Acoustic Guitar**
- **Electric Guitar**
- **Bass Guitar**
- **Ukulele**
- ✓ **Creative Kids Voucher**
- ✓ **Working With Children Check**
- ✓ **Covid Safety Plan**

**Matt : 0401 626 298**  
**info@guitarforall.com.au**

# Summer Holiday Programs

NEWCASTLE  
surfest  
surf  
school



Call to book 0410 840 155  
Book online [surfestsurfschool.com.au](http://surfestsurfschool.com.au)

**2 day program**  
(6hrs total surfing)

**Session times:**  
Mon-Tues: 9am - 12pm

**Price: \$165**

**Dates:**  
4th-5th Jan    18th-19th Jan  
11th-12th Jan    25th-26th Jan



**3 day program**  
(9hrs total surfing)

**Session times:**  
Wed - Fri: 9am - 12pm

**Price: \$230**

**Dates:**  
6th-8th Jan    13th-15th Jan  
20th-22nd Jan