



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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STUDENTS RETURN COVID-19 SAFE

The NSW Department of Education has worked closely with NSW Health to develop a framework for COVID-19 response settings for schools. All regional schools are operating on Level 2.

The latest information can be found here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Key points relating to MHPS:

- Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless they have isolated for 10 days when no medical certificate is available or if they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient.
- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school grounds. Parents and carers are asked to please drop children off at the gates each morning and wait outside school grounds of an afternoon, remembering to socially distance.
- Students arriving late or being collected early. Please phone the school to arrange collection of your child at the top school gate.
- All essential visitors and school staff must sign in using the Service NSW QR code.
- At this stage all excursions and incursions are on hold. We will need to see how the COVID restrictions proceed over the coming weeks. We will keep you informed what this will look like as early as we are able to do so.
- All community events within school hours are on hold.
- School sport can resume on school grounds only with minimal mingling of student groups.
- School orientation programs are permitted with COVID-safe practices in place.

The staff will continue to review the restrictions and work with all community members to ensure the ongoing safety of our students.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Tim Beaven
Principal

SRC CHARITY EVENT WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST

This Wednesday our students are invited to take part in supporting the fundraiser 'Sleeping Rough For The Homeless', run by St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies).

To support this event students from Kindergarten to Yr 6 are asked to come along to school in their pyjamas for the day and suitable footwear.

Whilst we cannot have a sleepout at school it is hoping that all students can take part in this fundraiser, bringing along a gold donation, (which will be collected in the classrooms), to support those who are sleeping rough during these cold nights. Please wear suitable footwear.

SRC Charities & Ms Mitchell



KINDERGARTEN 2022 ORIENTATION

We have emailed Kinder Orientation invitations to families who have enrolled.

If you have a child to start Kindy next year and have not enrolled, would you please enrol as soon as possible to have your details included on our 2022 database and receive an invitation for Orientation Day.

Orientation Day will be held on Thursday 9 September.

Enrolment is done online. Please click on the link to enrol or go to our school webpage Enrolment Tab.

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4416>

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.

BOOK WEEK PARADE WEDS AUGUST 25

On Wednesday 25th August MHPS will be celebrating Book Week. The theme for book week this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' so students can come dressed related to the theme or any character from a book. There will be a whole school parade, but unfortunately due to current restrictions this will be for students only.

GYMNASTICS

Payment of \$40.00 for the in-school gymnastics program run on Tuesdays and Thursdays is due by Friday 6 August – this week. After Friday 6 August students who haven't paid for the gymnastics program will not be able to participate until payment has been received at the school office. Should payment of this amount cause concern or financial difficulty, please contact the school office. If you are unsure if you have paid for gymnastics, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Years 3 and 4 have an excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber booked from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 November (Week 8 Term 4). To enable us to finalise numbers attending, a deposit of \$150.00 was requested to be paid by Friday 13 August to confirm your child's attendance on this excursion.

Years 5 and 6 excursion to Canberra is booked from Tuesday 30 November to Friday 3 December (Week 9 Term 4). To enable us to finalise numbers attending, a deposit of \$300.00 was requested to be paid by Friday 13 August to confirm your child's attendance on this excursion.

The school office can accept full, part or prepayment towards these excursions. Payments can be made at the school office by cash, cheque, Visa/Mastercard. Payments can also be made by the Parent Online Payment system (POP). Payments can be made in total or paid off in smaller amounts weekly, fortnightly etc. Should payment of the deposit or the total cost of this excursion cause financial stress or difficulty, please contact the school office.

If your child/children will not be attending these camps, would you please advise the school office.

TRAIN ON DEBATE

On Wednesday 28 July our Train On Debate had a zoom debate versus Kahibah PS. The topic selected for the debate was "That Public Transport Should Be Free". MHPS had the negative side and presented a strong case but unfortunately we were not successful. Congratulations Kahibah PS.

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will only be open to online ordering for the foreseeable future. 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 in their classrooms.

Items purchased can be returned if incorrect sizing - please ensure tags are still on new items and contact MHPSuniform@gmail.com to arrange a swap.

Hats can be purchased at the office, (cash only) \$15. For any queries please contact MHPSuniform@gmail.com

CANTEEN

Canteen operating days are Wednesday to Friday.

Online ordering <http://www.quickcliq.com.au/>

The Canteen is ready for full operation this week with our full menu offering. The Canteen is a service within the school that is able to remain open until otherwise advised. As parents and family this is now the only area we can assist during school hours.

In order to keep open we need to fill our volunteer roster for the term. You can register at

<https://signup.com/go/RfnxfgE>

Our shifts in the canteen are broken into two each day we operate and are only 1 1/2 - 2 hours of your time. All volunteers will be required to sign in at the office and wear a mask at all times while on site.

Volunteers Needed Canteen

Wednesday 4 August - 1 Volunteer Needed

Thursday 5 August - 1 Volunteer Needed

Friday 6 August - 3 Volunteers Needed

Wednesday 11 August - 1 Volunteer Needed

Thursday 12 August - 1 Volunteer Needed

Friday 13 August - 3 Volunteers Needed

DONATIONS

Our charity team is asking for any unwanted blankets or flannelette sheets so we can donate them to Dog Rescue Newcastle who will forward them to dogs who are currently in very cold country ponds.



DIARY DATES

TERM 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 4	2/8	3/8 Primary Gymnastics	4/8 Out of Uniform day	5/8 Infants Gymnastics	6/8 Zone Athletics
WEEK 5	9/8	10/8 Primary Gymnastics	11/8	12/8 Infants Gymnastics	13/8
WEEK 6	16/8	17/8 Primary Gymnastics	18/8	19/8 Infants Gymnastics	20/8

NEWCASTLE CITY TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2021 Junior Spring Competitions



All the info and registration links on our website and follow us on the socials:



newcastlecity.nswtouch.com.au/juniors

Affiliated with NSW Touch and Touch Football Australia. Representative opportunities for registered players

Register now!

Tuesday Evenings
Starts 7th September
10 Rounds

Boys and Girls competitions

Under 7s

Under 9s

Under 11s

Under 13s

U15s, U17s- see form on the website

Managers register your team for free and send a link to your players to register and pay.
Don't have a team? Register as an individual and we'll help you find one.

Early Bird Special

\$100 per player registration fee
Includes new reversible singlet
Active Kids vouchers accepted

Thanks to our major sponsors:

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 and change of details.



PAYMENTS

Payments can be made quite easily on our POP (Parent Online Payment) system found on our webpage

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

NEWCASTLE CITY CRICKET CLUB
GIRLS & WOMEN'S CRICKET "COME & TRY" DAY
SUNDAY 29 AUGUST
SMITH PARK, BROADMEADOW

PROGRAM:
1.30-2.30PM: AGES 5 TO 10
2.45-3.45PM: AGES 10 TO 15
4.00-5.00PM: AGES 15 & UP INCL WOMEN

PLEASE RSVP / OR REGISTER YOUR GENERAL INTEREST IN SEASON 2021/22 EOI HERE:
<http://bit.ly/NCCC2021GirlsComeTry>

** FREE BBQ IF YOU RSVP ** LUCKY DOOR PRIZES **

ENQUIRIES TO: NEWCASTLECITYGIRLSCRICKET@GMAIL.COM

Please Check Newcastle City Cricket Club Facebook Page for any last minute updates

PLAY TOUCH FOOTY!
JUNIOR COMP REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Girls & Boys
7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s
Teams or Individual

CUBS Program
4 to 6 yrs of age

\$100 Rego includes:
- official referee,
- Affiliation with Touch Football Australia,
- Sports Cover Insurance,
- reversible playing singlet or boot bag

CUBS Program - \$60 inc shirt & ball

Tuesday Evenings
R1 - 24 Aug
R2 - 31 Aug
R3 - 7 Sept (CUBS Start)
R4 - 14 Sept
R5 - 5 Oct
R6 - 12 Oct
R7 - 19 Oct
R8 - 26 Oct
R9 - 2 Nov
R10 - 9 Nov
Semi & GFS - 16 Nov

WE'RE COVID SAFE

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER BY 16 AUG

WWW.WALLSENDTOUCH.COM.AU

PIC-COLLAGE