

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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Term 3 Week 10 Tuesday 20 September 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Public Holiday

Thursday 22 September 2022 has been declared a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

NSW public schools will be non-operational on Thursday 22 September and there will be no staff or supervision available on school sites.

School will resume Friday 23 September.

Share our Space

Merewether Heights Public School has been included in the Share Our Space initiative.

Please be aware that our school is *only open* as part of Share Our Space on *public holidays and over weekends* as our school has a vacation care.

The outdoor facilities at our school will be available to use from 8am to 5pm on weekends and public holidays only as part of Share Our Space.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Every year the school seeks input from students in years 4-6, staff and families through the Tell Them From Me survey. This is a short survey that allows for parent input into and satisfaction with the school. We appreciate your input to the below parent survey:

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/mhps2022

Tim Beaven Principal

SRC OUT OF UNIFORM DAY WED 21 SEPT

The SRC is holding an Out of Uniform Day tomorrow, Wednesday 21 September. We are requesting for students to give a gold coin donation and come dressed wearing crazy hair and crazy socks. We will forward the funds raised to The Kids' Cancer Project.



CAMP DEPOSITS

Great Aussie Bush Camp – Years 3 and 4 will be held from Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 November (Week 7 Term 4). To finalise student numbers for this camp, the school has requested a deposit of \$150.00 which is now overdue.

Goldfield Camp — Years 5 and 6 will be held from Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 December (Week 9 Term 4). To finalise student numbers for this camp, the school has requested a deposit of \$200.00 which is now overdue.

If your child will not be attending either camp, would you please let the office know.

FAMILIES LEAVING MHPS

Organisation has commenced for classes for the 2023 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 2023 and your early advice would be greatly appreciated.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation has been postponed to Thursday 20 October. An email has been sent to all families involved to advise them of the changes.

DIARY DATES

Out of Uniform Charity Day –Wednesday 21 September National Day of Mourning Public Holiday Thursday—22 September

Last Day of Term 3—Friday 23 September
School Commences Term 4 Monday 10 October
Stg 3 Oztag Gala Day—Wednesday 12 October
Kinder Orientation—Thursday 20 October
School Disco - Thursday 20 October
Yr 6 Farewell— Tuesday 13 December
Presentation Day— Tuesday 13 December

P & C NEWS

MHPS Ball Fundraising Success

The P&C would like to thank all those who participated in the ball to help make it a fundraising success. Thanks particularly to the hard working Ball Committee who worked so hard over a number of months to make sure we all had a great time. Early numbers show that the MHPS 2022 Masquerade Ball has surpassed everyone's expectations and has raised over \$20,000!

Thank you to all who gave generously. It was lovely to know we are surrounded by such a kind and giving community.

Thompson's Pie Drive open now

Order now so you are stocked for the holidays!

In preparation for hungry children, and the dull lunchbox duty, fill your freezer with Thompson's pies, brownies, sausage rolls and other treats. If you have a party coming up, they make catering a snap! Forward the ordering link and code on to family and friends too.

https://thompsonspies.com.au/order-online/

Our code: MHPS0922

Please don't forget to add the code in- it identifies which school should get the fundraising money!

Our Thompson's Pies fundraiser is from now until Sunday 9 October 2022.

NOTE: \$50 minimum order required. All orders will be delivered to your door.

P&C Email

merewetherheightspublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



HUNGRY HEIGHTS CANTEEN

Canteen is open Wednesday- Friday Online ordering Wednesday—Friday. http://www.quickcliq.com.au/

Don't forget to sign up on the link below if you are available to volunteer.

https://signup.zone/hungry-heights

CLOTHING POOL

Due to the public holiday on Thursday the clothing pool orders will be filled on this Wednesday 21 September.

Clothing pool will continue to operate online for the time being - orders will be filled each Thursday morning - cut off time is 8am Thursdays. Please check orders once received and email any concerns to

mhpsuniform@gmail.com

You can also email this address to arrange to look at any items in stock at the clothing pool Order online http://www.quickcliq.com.au/ via the uniform tab.

Hats can be purchased at the office for \$15 cash, correct money please.

QR CODES

The school now has QR codes on our permission notes to scan and it will take you directly to our website payment page. We hope you can utilise this and it saves you time.



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.

We use Skoolbag to push out notices relating to COVID throughout the term, including notices of positive cases of students who have been in attendance at school.



Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors of the MHPS P&C Ball





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Breakfast with the whales at Glenrock

Glenrock State Conservation Area

Thursday 6th October, 2022 7am –9am

Bring your own breakfast to enjoy, while taking in the stunning scenery at Hickson Street lookout as the sun rises to start a new day.

Learn how to scan the rolling blue for signs of humpback whales making their annual migration south, as they return to the Antarctic waters.

Listen to an NPWS guide, as you share in the stories of these majestic creatures. Keep an eye out for the frolicking play of this season's baby whales learning the way home.

A wonderful, peaceful way to start the day and experience the beauty of this stunning coastal park.

If you have binoculars, please bring them along. Don't forget your cuppa and special breakfast treat.

Bookings essential—Fees apply

For more information and to book please visit Breakfast with the whales at Glenrock | NSW National Parks or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)

Photo: (Photographer J. Spencer) DPIE 2018 (December)







Cultural Connections Tour

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

Aboriginal culture is very much alive today in NSW national parks. Aboriginal people have always 8 will always have a deep connection with the landscape and everything in the landscape has significance including the land and waterways, plants and animals. This history will forever be an integral part of this landscape.

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For more information or to book please visit: or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)









Junior ranger: Fossil forest ramble

Glenrock State Conservation Area

Wednesday 5th October, 2022 10 am -12pm

Join us for an adventure at Gienrock and discover the fossilised forest on the rock platforms at Dudley Beach. Weave along Bombala walking track through the bush with your NPWS guide, as you descend to the seduded Duley Beach in Gienrock State Conservation Area.

Learn about these ancient rainforest giants that once grew here, as you explore this unique environment. While standing amongst the giants of the past, pick up some skills from your experienced guide to search the waters for migrating whales.

If you have binoculars, bring them along to help you spot these giants of the deep, as they return south to their home. At the end of this tour, you are welcome to share the trails with your NPWS guide to return to your car. Or you may like to pack a lunch and stay on this hidden gem of a bear and explore on your own.

For more information and to book please visit Junior ranger: Fossil forest ramble | NSW National Parks or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)

Photo: Glenrook SCA (Photographer S. Milgate) DPIE 2018 (December) (2019)









Wednesday 28th September, 2022 10am –12pm

Join an Aboriginal Ranger on a cultural journey you won't forget! Along the way, you'll connect with this beautiful country as you listen to cultural stories. Explore this amazing park, whilst gaining a unique insight into the wisdom of the world's oldest living culture. Discover the amazing variety of native plants that were utilis for food, shelter and medicinal purposes.

Please wear enclosed shoes and bring insect repellent, hat and sunscreen as well as drinking water and snacks.

Bring your lunch and enjoy the great picnic and free BBQ facilities available in the park.





