



Noticeboard

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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WASTE FREE MONDAYS

Help us save our environment by not bringing plastic to school. Plastic does not breakdown so if we use reusable containers its easy! Use them, wash them, reuse them!

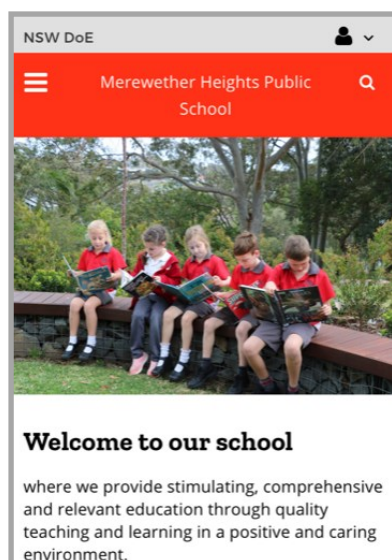


YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2020

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6. If you would like your child to be considered for Year 7 selective high school entry 2020, you need to apply on the internet. Detailed instructions are on page 6 of this newsletter.

NEW LOOK SCHOOL WEBPAGE

The Department of Education has released new webpages for schools. Please visit the webpage for the Noticeboard, news, photo gallery and events. It also a very convenient way to make payments to school excursions. The webpage has been made user friendly for phones and is best viewed on a phone. If you are using your computer, please use a browser other than Internet Explorer. The webpage no longer has a calendar but it has upcoming events with dates. If you open an event you can tap on "Remind me" and it will link with your calendar on you phone to set up alerts for your child's events.



OBSTACOOOL P&C FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday October 30 we will have a range of inflatables here at school with a cost of \$10 each child. **Please note that payments for this must be in cash. NO payments can be made by POP or Eftpos.** The permission note had a waiver form attached to it. We have now been advised that the waiver is not required to be signed and returned to school. However, we do need the permission note to be signed and returned for your child, together with the cash payment.

ACTIVE SWIM COMMENCES THIS FRIDAY

Active Swim Program for years 3-6 commences this Friday. Students should wear their swimmers under their uniform and they **MUST** be at school by 9.10 am and listen for the whistle to line up in the COLA to mark the roll and depart on time. Students should bring:

- A towel, a rash shirt and hat. Goggles and swimming cap (both optional)
- SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen, which should be applied at home before coming to school
- Underwear to change into after the lesson at the pool and waterproof bag for wet swimmers.
- Asthma medications, if applicable

STAGE 3 CAMP TO CANBERRA DEADLINE

This Friday, 19 October, is the deadline for notes and payments for the Stg 3 Camp to Canberra . Please assist us promptly with this as we need to correspond dietary requirements to the camp.

WANTED

4M are in need of old T shirts, long or short sleeved, any size or colour. Also we require a working electric frying pan and iron. If you can help please leave the items at the office or 4M classroom.

2S CUPCAKE DAY

2S will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday 30 October, 2018. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 2S's classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.) Cup cakes are now 50 cents each for a delicious treat.



SCHOOL HATS

Students are required to wear a hat when on the playground. If students do not have a hat they are required to sit in a shaded area. Hats are available at the office, \$15 each, cash only.

STARSTRUCK 2019 VOCAL AUDITIONS

Nominations are now open for student singers interested in applying for a vocal role in Star Struck 2019. These roles include featured artist, backing vocalist and core choir. More information is available at the school office or from Mr Moran and Mrs Martyn. Applications close on Friday 26 October 2018 by 4.00 pm. Round 1 audition dates are Friday 9 November and Saturday 10 November. Students auditioning for Star Struck 2019 are required to pay a \$20 audition fee.

SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS

Lowes has advised us that due to the high demand, the new polo shirts will not be in store until mid December.

LEAVING STUDENTS

To assist us with student organisation for 2019, other than Yr 6, please notify the school if your child will not be attending MHPS next year.

ARTWORKS

Student's artworks from the Art Exhibition are still available for purchase. \$8 each, \$14 for 2 or \$18 for 3.

LOST PROPERTY

A new large black lost property box for clothing only is now located outside the school hall. If your child is missing any clothing, please check in the box.

KID CODERS CLASS

Kid Coder Thursday class has 6 vacancies. Classes are held 8.00-9.00 am at MHPS. For more information visit www.kidcoders.com.au or phone Bec on 0418 161 775. With the weather warming up after the heavy rain, the

MOSQUITOE SEASON

mosquitoes will be swarming. Mosquito bites are unpleasant and they also transmit serious diseases. Please apply repellent to your child before school.

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 in the eforms section.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Isabella Ward, Eli Moore, Harrison Green, Rosie Agnew, Sophie Walsh, Hugo Moore, Lucas Smailes, Isla Caddies, Rhys Jenkins, Rory Turnbull, Jessie Taylor, Ingrid Stolk, Macy Filipcevic, Adrian Finn, Indi Smith, Cameron Morris, Banjo Saddington, Max Owens, Kaitlin Bromfield-Ross, Tilly Gidley, Alex Poole, Sofia Borri, Dylan Webster, Emersen Long, Claire Cordery, Kiara Dexter



CLOTHING POOL

Clothing Pool is open every Tuesday morning

School hats are available at the office, \$15 each. Please assist us and have the correct money for purchasing.



KINDERGARTEN 2019

Should you know of anyone who has a child to enrol in Kinder next year, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible .

PICNIC IN THE PLAYGROUND

This is a terrific way for 2019 Kindergarten children and parents to get to know each other in a very informal way before school starts next year.

This year's Picnic in the Playground dates are as follows:

Friday October 19

Thursday November 1

Monday November 12

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking is on Wednesdays each week. This is supervised by a parent, Marianne Allen. Marianne would like some additional help each week and also to replace her while she is on leave in October. Please contact the school office or Marianne Allen on 0402747712 if you can assist.

DANCE GROUPS

For children currently in Yrs 2,3,4 & 5 who are interested in joining our Dance Groups please phone Zoe Jones on 0423 698 949 between 9.00am and 12 noon.

Junior Dance Group (Yrs 2&3) Friday mornings at 8.00am (School Hall).

Senior Dance Group (Yrs 4&5) Tuesday mornings at 8.00am (School Hall).

The cost of the classes is \$85.00 per term. Classes will commence Week 1 of Term 4.

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 ASAP, so I can finalise numbers in classes and confirm the above times.

Zoe Jones - Dance Teacher

P&C NEWS

HAPPY TERM FOUR, PEOPLE!

To celebrate the P&C has launched ticket sales for the 2019 Autumn Ball! Sales GO LIVE 5.00pm Monday 15 October on the QuickCliq ordering app.

Simply click on EVENTS from the drop down menu in the app and Place Your Order for a magical evening of fine dining, drinks and dance-dance-dancing!!

The Autumn Ball (15 MARCH 2019 at Merewether Surfhouse) is held to raise money for the MHPS P&C and will include a fabulous auction, lucky door prizes and raffles. All proceeds raised on the night will come

straight back to your kid's classrooms and playgrounds.

Early bird tickets are \$130pp (tables of ten for \$1300) and include canapes, drinks all night, 3-course meal and a stellar line up of entertainment. Get in before the end of term because ticket prices increase in Term 1, 2019!

Get your partner, besties, parents, fellow school crew, colleagues together for a night to truly remember

CANTEEN NEWS

The Volunteer roster has been opened for Term 4. If you, your spouse, grandparent, aunty/uncle etc are able to assist with volunteering, please allocate yourself to a shift at bit.ly/mhps-canteen. To make volunteering easier, we have reduced shifts from 5 hours down to 3 hours (11am to 2pm). However if you cannot make a full shift, please keep in mind we would be very happy for you to drop in for an hour.

Our new menu and our Wednesday Subway menu is now available on Quickcliq, our online ordering system. If you have not used it before I strongly urge you to consider. To date we have printed over 11,000 pages in order forms!

Benefits of using Quickcliq's:

- Convenient online ordering system, no longer do you need to hunt for coins
- Helps you stay organised, you can order up to 4 weeks in advance
- You receive a confirmation email outlining your order so you have confidence your order has gone through
- Assistance in ordering stock. With bags and cash it is impossible to know what quantity of stock we need and we need to be careful not to have wastage
- Your order streamlines the entire work process for running the canteen, anything that is manual is more time consuming and this becomes very difficult with a small number of volunteers
- You can add credit via direct deposit (free), PayPal or Credit card
- The service charge is only 19c and charged only once per student per day
- In the future we will be adding the clothing pool, P&C school events and fundraising (ie the Mango drive is now live)
- From week 2 term 4 there will be a limited menu for cash orders, whereas the full menu will be available online.

Please visit quickcliq.com.au to open your account.

DIARY DATES TERM 4

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STUDENT BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY.					
WEEK 1	15/10 Students commence Term 4	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10 Primary Active Swim Kindy 2019 Picnic in the Playground
WEEK 2	22/10	23/10	24/10 Bandfest	25/10	26/10 Primary Active Swim
WEEK 3	29/10 Yr 2 Swim Scheme	30/10 2S Cupcake Day Yr 2 Swim Scheme OBSTACOOOL	31/10 Yr 2 Swim Scheme	1/11 Yr 2 Swim Scheme Kinder 2019 Picnic in the Playground	2/11 Primary Active Swim Yr 2 Swim Scheme
WEEK 4	5/11 Yr2 Swim Scheme Yr 5 & 6 Canberra Ex- cursion	6/11 Yr2 Swim Scheme Yr 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion	7/11 Yr2 Swim Scheme Yr 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion	8/11 Yr2 Swim Scheme Yr 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion	9/11 Yr 2 Swim Scheme Yr 3 & 4 Active Swim

PAYMENTS

Payments can be made quite easily on our POP (Parent Online Payment) system found on our webpage, www.merewethht-p.schools.nsw.edu.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 at the office.



The MANGO FUNDRAISER
Fresh North Queensland Mangoes
Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, the Merewether Heights Public School P&C are offering you the chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive. We will be selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per tray is: **\$25.00**

We have elected a delivery date of **December**. **W/C 3rd**

Order forms will be sent home at the end of Term 3, so keep an eye out! Online ordering and payment will be available this year through Quickcliq to make the process easier. There is no limit per family, so fill your car, and your house just in time for Christmas!





Coming to Merewether Heights Public School in Term 4!

When: Tuesday 30th October

Time: Each class will be given 45 minutes timetabled throughout the day to enjoy the course with their classmates

How much: \$10 per child

Why: This is a fundraising activity by the P&C to enable us to contribute to furniture for an outdoor learning space!

More information to follow in the coming weeks, including other exciting activities on the day, merchandise, and permission notes






MHPS TEST MENU

STARTS 20TH SEPT 2018

SANDWICHES

Wrap 30c Toasted 20c Gluten Free 50c

Vegemite/Jam/Honey \$1.60
Cheese \$1.80
Cheese & Vegemite \$2
Ham \$2.60
Ham & Cheese \$2.90
Salad \$3
Ham & Salad \$4
Chicken Breast \$3
Chicken & Salad \$4
Salad includes:
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot,
Cucumber, Beetroot & Cheese

HOT FOOD HOME MADE

Pasta Bolognese \$4
(optional cheese no extra)

Pizza

Cheese \$3
Ham & Cheese \$3.50
Ham, Cheese & Pineapple \$4
Chicken & Cheese \$3.50

HOT FOOD

Chicken Nugget 50c

Sausage Roll \$1.80

Small Pie \$1.80

Large Pie \$2.80

Tomato/BBQ Sauce 30c

SALAD BOXES

Salad Includes:
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot,
Cucumber, Beetroot &
Cheese

	Small	Large
Plain	\$2.50	\$3.50
Chicken	\$3.50	\$4.50
Ham	\$3.50	\$4.50
Tuna	\$3.50	\$4.50

DRINKS

Water \$1.50
Juice Bombs \$2
Flavoured Milk \$2
(Choc/Strawberry)
Warm Milo \$1.50

SNACKS

Mini Muffin 50c
Bliss Balls 3 for 50c
Sultanas 80c bag
Curly Apple \$1
Popcorn 50c
Red Rock H/Soy Chips \$1.80
Grain Waves \$1.80

FROZEN

Over counter sales only

Frozen Pineapple Ring 20c

Small Juice/Milk Cup 20c

Large Juice/Milk Cup 40c

Fruit Juice Icy Tube 60c

Frozen Triangles 60c

KID CODERS

Teaching kids computer programming

Join us for some school holiday fun.
Learn what it takes to code a game from start
to finish.

WHEN: 8th & 9th OCTOBER (classes run for 3 hours)

WHERE: MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
For ages 7 - 12 yrs

WWW.KIDCODERS.COM.AU

BRANCH OUT AT THE MHPS AUTUMN

ball
15 MARCH 2019

GO OUT ON A LIMB - GET YOUR BUNCH TOGETHER
LIMITED early bird and kindy 2019
TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON

WE CAN GUARANTEE... A spectacular venue ... A fine dining and dining
experience ... Talented local and visiting entertainers ... The chance to bid
for and win some incredible prizes... A barrel of laughs and ... memories
made with your school community. All this ...
and proceeds come straight back to the kids and classrooms of
Merewether Heights Public School

TURN OVER A NEW
LEAF IN TERM ONE



SUBWAY

STUDENT ORDER FORM FOR WEDNESDAY

\$6

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR BREAD

☐ 9-GRAIN WHEAT BREAD ☐ MULTIGRAIN WRAP ☐ GLUTEN FREE

STEP 2: SELECT YOUR SANDWICH

☐ HAM ☐ ROAST BEEF
☐ TURKEY ☐ VEGE DELIGHT

STEP 3: SELECT YOUR SALADS

☐ CHEESE ☐ TOMATO ☐ LETTUCE
☐ CUCUMBER ☐ SPINACH ☐ CARROT

CONDIMENT OF CHOICE: _____

STEP 4: SELECT YOUR SIDE

☐ APPLE ☐ FRUIT CRUSHIE

STUDENT NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

To assist us please return correct money and order form to the office by TUESDAY in a separate envelope,
clearly labelled with the student's name and class.

Now online at www.quickcliq.com.au

No changes to the above offer, no refund, no late orders and no POP payments can be accepted.

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Tim Beaven
Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2020 through the High Performing Students Unit website between 9 October 2018 and 12 November 2018.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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