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.

Road Safety Reminder
It is timely to remind our children about the importance of being safe on the roads and footpaths when coming to and going home from school. Stress with your children to use the footpath and only cross roads when they have to. Bikes, skateboards and scooters bring their own problems and you need to educate your children on the safety procedures that need to be followed. I will be stressing these messages this week as well!
NSW State Carnival – Athletics
Congratulations to Milly S who has been selected in the NSW Athletics Team to compete at the National Titles to be held next month in Tasmania!

Text Book Payments and Voluntary School Contributions
I would like to thank all the people who have made these payments over the last couple of weeks. This money will allow us to further implement the programs needed to ensure your children are receiving the quality education they deserve.

P&C Election Day BBQ
The P&C will be holding a fundraising Election Day stall this Saturday and they need your support! They need parents to cook and children to serve. Even if you can give just an hour of your time you will be able to help on the day. Please text John V with the times that you are available and he will be able to create a roster for the day. This is a great fundraising opportunity with a ‘captive audience’ – all we need now are volunteers! Please show your support.

Enjoy your week!

Steve Egginton
Principal

Early Stage One Awards:  Patrick D, Benjamin T, Bryson H, Scarlet S
Happy Birthday to:  Miles H, Ruby P, Leila B, Matilda G, Stella B, Sofia B, Finlay T

From the Office...

HAVE YOU RECEIVED?
• An orange note titled General Permission to Publish and Disclose Information for all students. This form was due by Friday 16 May, 2014. Please ensure this form is returned to school as soon as possible.
• Please note that all Camp Deposits for Years 3 – 6 were due at the end of Term 2. If you have not paid your child’s deposit and your child intends to go to camp, please pay the deposit as soon as possible. If you do not intend sending your child to camp, please advise the school office as soon as possible.
• Pink Stumps Day permission note.

We would like to welcome Mrs Tanya O to the school. Mrs O has been appointed as a School Administrative Officer from the beginning of Term 4, and will be working in the school office each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We would like to thank Mrs Tammy M and Mrs Anne G who have been working in the vacant position for all of their hard work. Mrs M and Mrs G will still be working at the school on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.
YEARS 5&6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Our Years 5 and 6 students are getting excited about their upcoming excursion to Canberra in Week 5. We are asking parents to please return the permission/medical note as soon as possible, as it was due at the school office on 13 October. Dietary and medical information from this form had to be collated and advised to the bus company last week. We are also asking parents to note that full and final payment for the excursion was due on Friday, 17 October 2014. Prompt payment is essential.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2006

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 at Government Schools are now open.
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 12 March 2015.

2015 ORGANISATION

Organisation has commenced for classes for the 2015 school year. If you know of any child who will not be attending our school next year please advise the school as soon as possible. We have a number of people enquiring about vacancies for 2015 and your early advice would be greatly appreciated.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Could the winners of all perpetual trophies in 2013 please return them to the school office by Monday, 3 November, so that we have time to get them engraved for the 2014 students.

SCHOOL BUS PASSES

All Year 2 children who currently hold a bus pass will not automatically receive a new bus pass for 2015, due to the terms and conditions applicable to free bus travel. The parents of Year 2 children will need to contact the school office as soon as possible to see whether their child is eligible for a free bus pass in 2015 and complete the appropriate application form. All application forms must be sent from the school before the end of November.

From the Teachers...

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsF
A special Pink Invitation

To all our Parents and Grandparents,

We hope you are able to join us at Myamblah Oval on Friday, 24 October to help celebrate our “Pink Stumps Day and Biggest Morning Tea”.

Morning tea begins at 10:30 am. We would love it if you would like to stay or wander down during the day and join in your child’s class games of kickball or wood cricket games.

At 2:30 pm there will be a Parents/student verse teacher’s game of cricket!

MHPS Staff

BAND NEWS

Last Thursday our school band performed at the annual Bandfest Competition at the Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre. Congratulations to our band members; they played exceptionally well and were presented with a ‘Commended Award’. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with transport to and from the event.

BAND FUNDRAISER

We are currently organising a movie fundraising event to raise money for the band to purchase new instruments. We are looking to form a committee to help with planning and organising the event, and will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, 29 October at 4:00pm in the 4/5/6G classroom if you are interested in helping.

Save the Date: We have scheduled the event for Sunday, 30 November from 2:30pm (and movie screening at 4pm). The movie is ‘Big Hero 6’. More details to come soon.

Thank you
Michelle G - Band Coordinator.
ART EXHIBITION

The Merewether Heights Public School Art Exhibition is on again.

On Thursday 30 and Friday 31 October, we will be displaying a piece of art from every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 in our school hall.

The exhibition will be open from 2.00pm to 6.00pm on Thursday and Friday afternoons for parents and grandparents to view students’ artwork.

All artworks will be framed and for sale for $8.00 each. Purchased artwork will be sent home to parents after the exhibition.

Payment for the artwork can be made at the art exhibit or at the school office. We ask parents to please have the correct money. No eftpos facility will be available at the art exhibition.

CUP CAKE DAY 3/4MC

3/4MC will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 11 November 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 3/4MC’s classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.)

Don’t forget – Cup cakes are now 50 cents each for a delicious treat. Helpers on the day would be most welcome and should come to the canteen at 10.30 am.
Merewether Heights Public School

will be holding a

Book Fair

On Tuesday 18 November

from 8.30 - 9.20 am

and 3.30 – 4.30 pm

It will be a great opportunity to purchase quality books for your family and maybe some Christmas gifts.

Your support of this fundraiser provides valuable learning resources for our school.

I hope you can join us at our Book Fair Garden to help us celebrate reading with our students and the school community.

Alison L
Teacher Librarian
Merewether Heights Public School
From the Parents...

ELECTION DAY BBQ STALL

The P&C are running an election day BBQ, with coffee and cakes. The aim is to get enough funds to finish Jenny's corner before the end of the year. The BBQ is always a great social day and, if the weather is good, will be a great opportunity to showcase the school.

The stall needs volunteer cooks. Please bring along a cake to be sliced up and sold, or volunteer for an hour on Saturday from 9.00 am until around 2.00 pm on Saturday.

To volunteer yourself, or someone you love, please text John V.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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CANTEEN ROSTER VACANCIES - TERM 4

Below is a list of days where help is needed in the Canteen. If you are able to help out on any of these days please contact Kim or see her in the Canteen. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

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Week 10: Monday 8/12/14  9.30 am – 2.15 pm
         Monday 8/12/14  9.30 am – 2.15 pm
         Wednesday 10/12/14  9.30 am – 2.15 pm

PINK STUMPS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The canteen is running a sausage sizzle on our Pink Stumps Day. There is an order form at the end of this Newsletter. The Canteen Supervisor has requested that each student fill in a separate order form to help make it easier on the day. Extra order forms are available from the school office. Sausage sandwiches will be $2.50 each and drinks will be $1.50 each. All proceeds from the canteen sales and the sausage sizzle will be donated to the charities. Ice blocks, drinks and counter items will be available after the sausage sizzle.

If you are able to help with the sausage sizzle on the day, please advise Kim in the canteen. We need help to cook, prepare and to serve the sausage sandwiches on the day. Any time you can give to help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

HALLOWEEN

The canteen will be having a themed Halloween day on Friday, 31 October.

Creepy counter items will be for sale from 20 cents to $1.00 each. Every lunch order will receive a creepy surprise.

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Unfortunately, the Whale Shark Pencil Case is now OUT OF STOCK. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Wednesday is school banking day

Thank you for supporting the school banking program

Your school banking coordinator - Helen T

CLOTHING POOL - Roster for term 4

7 October – Toni  18 November - Toni
14 October – Kris  25 November - Kris
21 October - Sharron and Teadora  2 December - Dora
28 October – Casey  9 December - Casey
4 November - Michelle  16 December - Sharron
11 November - Julie
The clothing pool co-ordinator’s position will be available from next year. The position isn’t very hard and doesn’t take much time to do. Duties are ordering new stock, completing the roster every term (there are currently seven volunteers on the roster) and working at the clothing pool two - three times a term from 9am- 9.30am on a Tuesday. If anyone is interested in this position, please leave your name and contact details at the office.

Thank you. Sharron S

TRIVIA NIGHT POSTPONED

The P & C wish to advise that due to unforeseen circumstances, we are postponing our Trivia Night that was scheduled to take place on Friday, 14 November. We hope you are all still able to support this event and are planning to reschedule it for early 2015.

Peta B
P & C President

Community Notices...

Give Away to Good Home: 4 Guinea Pigs – 1 black male and 3 caramel females. Can be re-homed separately (you don’t have to take all four).

Please see Mrs C on Thursdays or Fridays at school.

Not too late to register for Unload Creative Writing workshops in Term 4!
Unload is a fun creative writing programme offered here at Merewether Heights Public School. Each week students experiment with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. Next term Unload will be mixing it up with epic stories, crazy characters, comics, poetry slams and generally delving deep into the kids’ bottomless well of imagination and creativity.

Who: Students from Year 3-6 (open to younger enthusiasts on request)
Where: Library
When: Mondays bright and early! 8.10-9.10am
Cost: 9 weeks @ $120 per child
For further information www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie - suzie@unload.org.au 0409 409 141

Charlestown District Cricket Club is providing cricket coaching sessions at Kahibah Oval, conducted by two current first class players. Hourly coaching sessions will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 4.00pm, 5.00pm and 6.00pm on the tuft wicket practice facility at Kahibah Oval. For bookings and/or further information contact Chris Oliver on 0419270911 or 49206350 or chrisoliver55@hotmail.com

The Westpac Helicopter in conjunction with Event Cinemas Glendale is holding a MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, 24 October 2014. They will be screening movie comedy of the year – “This is where I Leave You”, starring Jason Bateman, Tina Frey and Jane Fonda. The evening will start at 6.00 pm with Champagne, light finger food, stalls to browse, live entertainment, raffle and prizes galore with the movie commencing at 7.00 pm. All money raised will go directly to your Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Tickets are on sale now for Golden Guitar winning local trio Bella’s “She Still Believes” tour. If you think someone looks familiar in this picture you are correct. Our KD teacher and choir director Mrs D is one third of Bella and will be joining her friends Lyn and Karen on stage for two shows only. As an added bonus, Mr P’s talented daughter “Codi Kaye”, recently seen on XFactor, will be a special guest at the Belmont show. Please come along and support Mrs D at one of these two great shows! Tickets available at the venues.
Return Slips for Parents...

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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

Merewether Heights Public School  
The School will accept VISA and MasterCard payments Only

Student Name: ___________________________  Class: _____________

Amount: ____________________  For: ___________________________

☐ MasterCard  ☐ VISA

Cardholders Name: ___________________________  Phone: _____________

Card Number: _______ _______ _______ _______

CCV Number: _______  Expiry Date: _______/_______

Signature of Cardholder: ___________________________  Date: _____________

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**PINK STUMPS DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM**

*Orders must be received by Wednesday, 22 October*

Family Name: ___________________________

Child’s Name: __________________________  Child’s Class: ______________

**Number of Sandwiches required:** ________________  ($2.50 per sandwich)

Number of Drinks required: ________________  ($1.50 per drink)

OKF  /  Milk  Flavour: __________________________

**Total Amount:** $____________________