**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.
School Planning
Over the last few weeks the school has been going through the process of developing the next school plan that will give us our direction for 2015-2017. At the next P & C meeting on Monday night I would like to further develop this plan. We need your input as the partnership between the school and its community is vital to ensure we provide the highest quality delivery education we can for our children. We NEED your participation so please set aside the time to come and plan with us!

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

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.
Happy Birthday to:  Mackenzie R, Caitlin P-D, Ruby LeR, Olivia M, Luca D, Mia B, James K, Joshua de R

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 and final payments for Years 3 and 4 are due on 14 November. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

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 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 2016
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](http://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.
Pink Stumps Day
On behalf of all the Staff, we would like to express our thanks for the tremendous efforts from all our MHPS families and our wonderful canteen.
The combined efforts of gold coin, biggest morning tea and BBQ raised $1544.10; a massive effort.
We will be sending McGrath Foundation and The Cancer Council $772.05 each.
We hope that everyone who came enjoyed the day.

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

RUN NEWCASTLE – Sunday, 30 November 2014
Run Newcastle is being held on 30 November 2014. You can register for a 6 km walk/run or a 12 km walk/run. It costs $18 for a child and $48 for an adult to register. All proceeds will go to the John Hunter Children’s hospital.
If you are interested please register as part of the Merewether Heights Public School team as they are also donating Hart Sports sporting goods vouchers for school teams who enter. The event is early in the morning so all children can still attend nippers afterwards. Please see Mrs M for further information.

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

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**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 (0421336626) or see her in the Canteen. Any help you can give would be appreciated. Thanks.

**Week 4:**  
Thursday 30/10/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Thursday 30/10/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**Week 6:**  
Monday 10/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Monday 10/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Wednesday 12/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Wednesday 12/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Thursday 13/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Thursday 13/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**Week 7:**  
Thursday 20/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Thursday 20/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Friday 21/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Friday 21/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**Week 8:**  
Wednesday 26/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**Week 9:**  
Thursday 4/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm  
Thursday 4/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**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

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE – competition time!!!!!

**Enter this week and win an iPad or $1,000 - Are you a smart saver?**

To find the next generation of smart savers Comm Bank have launched a national competition that finishes this Friday 31st October

All you have to do is tell Comm Bank in 50 words or less what you are saving for and how you plan to save the money.

You could win:

- An iPad for you and an iPad for our school (six regional winners)
- $1,000 for your savings (one national winner)

Enter NOW at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

**Term 4 competition – win a GoPro Camera**

Until 30th November, every deposit you make through School Banking will automatically create one entry into this exciting new competition.
The more times you bank the more times your name is in the draw to win.

Prizes are:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip ‘N Slide Double Wave Riders

To find out more about the competition visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

*Wednesday is school banking day*

*Thank you for supporting the school banking program*

Your school banking coordinator - Helen T (0425 207 923)

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Friday 31st October 2014

*Creepy Counter Items Available*

20c to $2.00

*Every Lunch Order Receives a Creepy Gift*
CLOTHING POOL - Roster for term 4

4 November - Michelle  
11 November – Julie  
18 November – Toni  
25 November – Kris  
2 December – Dora  
9 December – Casey  
16 December - Sharron

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

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 or phone 0402 545 861.

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

Newcastle Region Library, Lovett Gallery is presenting the Anne Frank Exhibition from 3 October – 29 November. Presented through panels, this exhibition uses a timeline to compare the live of Anne Frank’s family with the events in Germany.

Hamilton South Public School, Kenrick Street, Merewether, is holding its school fete on Saturday, 8 November from 9 am – 1.00 pm. There will be games and rides, homemade cakes and jams, drinks and food and pre-loved goodies for sale.
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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

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