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### Noticeboard

**Week 5  Tuesday, 4 November, 2014**

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**FINANCIAL ROLLOVER**

Due to the School’s Annual Financial Rollover taking place at the end of November, the school office will be unable to receipt any monies after 10.00 am on Thursday, 27 November 2014 until the end of the rollover and preparation of the Annual Financial Statement.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this period.

D Y – School Administrative Manager

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**Event** | **Class** | **Activity Date** | **Cost** | **Note** | **Due Date**
---|---|---|---|---|---
Year 2 Swimming School | Yr 2 | Mon 27/10 – Fri 7/11 | $90.00 | Yes | Mon, 20/10/14
Kindy 2015 Picnic in the Playground | | Friday, 7 November | | | |
3/4MC Cup Cake Day | K-6 | Tuesday, 11 November | 50 cents | | |
Reptile Park excursion | Kindy | Wednesday, 12 November | | | |
Kindy 2015 Classroom Visit | Kindy | Tuesday, 18 November | | | |
Library Book Fair | | Tuesday, 18 November | | | |
KD Cupcake Day | K-6 | Tuesday, 25 November | 50 cents | | |
Yrs 3 & 4 Great Aussie Camp | Yrs 3&4 | Wed 26/11 – Fri 28/11 | $260.00 | Yes | Fri, 14/11/14
Band Fundraising Movie | K-6 | Sunday, 30/11/14 | | | |
P & C Meeting | | Monday, 1 December | | | |
Band Presentation Night | | Tuesday, 2 December | | | |
Kindy 2015 Parent Information Evening | | Wednesday, 3 December | | | |
Kindy 2015 Picnic in the Playground | | Monday, 8 December | | | |
KE Cup Cake Day | K-6 | Tuesday, 9 December | 50 cents | | |
Year 6 County Fair | K-6 | Friday, 12 December | | | |
Presentation Day | K-6 | Monday, 15 December | | | |
Year 6 Farewell | Yr 5&6 | Tuesday, 16 December | | | |
K – Yr 2 Hunter Sports Centre | K – Yr 2 | Wednesday, 17 December | | | |
Yrs 3 – 6 Lambton Pool | Yrs 3-6 | Wednesday, 17 December | | | |
Staff Development Days | | 18 – 19 December | | | |

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents

Art Exhibition
I hope you all got a chance to go through the Art Exhibition last week! What a wonderful display of the children’s talent. If you would still like to purchase your child’s framed artwork then please pay at the office and it can be taken home that day. I would like to particularly thank Ms N and her team of willing helpers who organised the display!

Supporting our Athletes
We have the opportunity to help our State Representative Athlete, Milly S, get to the National Athletics Carnival to be held in Tasmania later this year. There are raffle tickets available from the front office and they are $2.00 each. The raffle is run by the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association. I am sure your support will be greatly appreciated.

Planning
Special thanks to the parents who joined in our planning meeting at the P & C meeting last night. The draft 2015-2017 School Plan, that will direct the school over the next three years, will be available for discussion at our final P & C meeting for the year, which will be held on Monday, 1 December. I would encourage all parents to come and help us finalise our plan!

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

Happy Birthday to: Mackenzie R, Caitlin P-D, Ruby LR, Olivia M, Luca D, Mia B, James K, Josh d 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.

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
- 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...

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YEAR 6 FAREWELL

There will be a meeting with Year 5 parents in 4/5/6G’s room on Tuesday, 11 November at 5.00 pm to talk about organisation for the Year 6 Farewell which will be held on Tuesday, 16 December. Please come to the meeting if you would like to help. However, if you would like to help, but can’t make the meeting, please email your details to the school at merewethht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and your details will be forwarded to Ms G.

All Year 5 students have received a note requesting $25 for the Year 6 Farewell. Please note that this is to be cash only.

RUN NEWCASTLE – Sunday, 30 November 2014

Merewether Heights PS has now registered a team for this event. A separate flyer will be sent home with all children this week. Please refer to this for more details.

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. 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

BOOK FAIR HELPERS

If you are willing to volunteer your time to help with the Book Fair either in the morning (8.30 – 9.30 am) or the afternoon (3.20 – 4.30 pm) on Tuesday, 18 November, can you please inform the office or me. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Mrs L – Teacher Librarian
BAND FUNDRAISER

*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’.

All money raised will be used to purchase new instruments for the band.

Thank you
Michelle G - Band Coordinator
From the Parents...

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 5:
- Wednesday: 5/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
- Thursday: 6/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Week 6:
- Monday: 10/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
- Wednesday: 12/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Week 7:
- 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 10:
- Monday: 8/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
- Wednesday: 10/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

CLOTHING POOL - Roster for term 4

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…

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 life 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.

Newcastle Junior Oztag is running a competition for boys and girls, U/8s – U/16s, starting on 27 January 2015 and finishing on 31 March 2015, at Waratah Park on Tuesday afternoons. Rego costs $55 per person and the shorts cost $25. Please contact Rhiannon on 0401279544 or Email newcastlejnrs@oztag.com.au.

Return Slips for Parents…

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The School will accept VISA and MasterCard payments Only

Student Name: ______________________________________ Class: ______________
Amount: ______________ For: ______________________________________

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