**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.

**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.

DY – School Administrative Manager

**PLEASE NOTE**

After our very impressive Art Exhibition, all children’s artwork is available for purchase until THE END OF NOVEMBER ONLY.

Please forward your payment to school and your child’s framed artwork will be sent home.
From the Principal...

Dear Parents

How quickly the school year is coming to an end! The children in years 5 & 6 have had a very successful excursion to Canberra. The year 2 students have completed their swimming scheme and before we know it Christmas will be here! Let’s all enjoy the last few weeks of school.

Just a quick reminder about the school uniform. I have noticed that there are a few children not in school uniform, particularly their shoes. I appreciate that there are only a few weeks of school left for this year so I don’t expect parents to go out and buy new shoes because their child has either worn out or grown out of them. Just drop a quick note in to your class teacher explaining their situation. If your child has the correct footwear please make sure they continue to wear them. When you purchase new shoes next year please make sure they are black polishable shoes as according to our Uniform Policy. Our children look great in their uniforms and with your cooperation this will continue.

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

Early Stage One Awards: Charlie H, Mia C, Finnley McA, Bryson H, Amber T, Max J


Stage Two Awards: Cohen H, Ky M, Marcus F, Ella-Rose L, Olivia M, Elyse B, Oaka D-S, Amelia M, Lucy 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.

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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.

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

This week is National Recycling Week (10-16 November). At MHPS we recycle all of our ink/toner cartridges. We have two boxes in the entry of our photocopier room for used toner/ink cartridges. If you have any cartridges at home you would like to recycle, please bring them to the school office. Used cartridges are regularly sent off for recycling.

From the Teachers...

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SCHOOL CHOIR

Please note that Choir Expressions of Interest are to be returned to Mrs Dunn by Friday, 14 November.

MHPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

In the tradition of Merewether Heights Public School’s end of year activities we are once again holding a Christmas Appeal of non-perishable food items. Each class will be given a box in which students can place food items that will then be donated to The Samaritans.

Suitable items include canned items, cereal, long-life milk, pasta, rice, soup, tea, coffee, children’s lunch box snacks, spreads (jam/vegemite) and pet food. Other items include toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner.

“A small donation of food can make a massive difference”

It would be wonderful if each family could donate one or two items to those who are less fortunate.

Thank you for your support!
HUNTER REGION REPRESENTATIVES

The Merewether Heights Junior Boys 4 x 100m relay team representing the Hunter Region at the NSW State PSSA Athletics carnival. Well done boys! What a fantastic experience.

RUN NEWCASTLE – Sunday, 30 November 2014

Merewether Heights PS has now registered a team for this event. A separate flyer was sent home with all children last 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 Mitchell for further information.

CUP CAKE DAY KD

KD will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 25 November 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at KD’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

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BAND FUNDRAISER – TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

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. We need to sell at least 100 tickets for this fundraiser to go ahead. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible for this good fun event.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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FRUIT & SMOOTHIE DAY

On Wednesday, 19 November the canteen will be serving healthy smoothies and fruit counter sales at Lunch. Please pre-order your smoothie by printing the order form below and handing to the canteen with money by Monday, 17 November. There will be an assortment of fruit counter items available on the day from 50c to $1.

All Smoothies are $3.00 each.

Name: ________________________________

Class: ______________________________

Banana Smoothie ______ (Banana, Yoghurt & Milk)

Berry smoothie ______ (Mixed Berries, Yoghurt & Milk)

Mango smoothie ______ (Mango, Yoghurt & Milk)

Green smoothie ______ (Pineapple, Oranges, Spinach & water)
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 6:  
Wednesday 12/11/14 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

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 live of Anne Frank’s family with the events in Germany.

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.

The Newcastle Youth Orchestra Concert series – Classics on the Boardwalk: Lights, Camera, Action! - is coming up on Friday, 5 December 2014, 6.00 – 9.00 pm, at Honeysuckle Promenade, Newcastle. This is a free event. Join Newcastle Youth Orchestra and Bella Voce as they present an evening of music from the silver screen. Get your popcorn ready, sit back, relax and enjoy classics from the movies and original scores by John Williams, Ennio Morricone and many more.

Auditions for places in the orchestra and NYO Kids are now open and have been extended until the end of November. The link is: http://www.nyo.com.au/#/audition-information/c1isp.

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

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