**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.

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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.

School Administrative Manager

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**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.

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**Noticeboard**

**Week 8  Tuesday, 25 November, 2014**

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents

A reminder about Monday’s P&C Meeting
As the year draws to an end the school has been busily preparing our next three year plan. I would like to share the next draft with parents at the final P&C meeting for the year which will be held on Monday 1 December. We are also planning to make this a bit of a celebration so we will have wine and nibblies as well. Keep that date and time reserved 😊.

Parent Helper Morning Tea!
Save the date! On Tuesday 9 December at 11.15 am the staff would like to thank all the parent helpers who give so generously of their time to help us by putting on a special morning tea. It is our way to say ‘Thank you so much’! Without your help we would not be able to provide the quality educational experience that we do for your children. Please come along no matter how insignificant you think your contribution is – EVERY bit helps!

Enjoy your week!

Principal

Happy Birthday to:  Ben P, Charlotte S, Samuel K, Phoenix M, Catherine T, Mya C

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.
- Years Kindy to Yr 2 – Permission note for Hunter Sports Centre for their party day on Wednesday, 17 December.
- Years 3 to 6 – Permission note for Lambton Pool for their party day on Wednesday, 17 December.

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.

MOSQUITOS
At the moment mosquitos are quite prevalent within our school grounds. It is recommended that students apply insect repellent prior to coming to school.
LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property cupboard is again overflowing with school uniforms, non-school uniform items, shoes, drink bottles, lunch boxes and plastic containers. These items do not have names on them. If your child is missing any items, please check the lost property cupboard in the western foyer of the staffroom, where the home readers are kept. All items in lost property will be disposed of at the end of term.

We ask parents to please label all items so when things go missing we can return them as soon as possible.

From the Teachers...

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BAND – MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets to support our school band.

You can still get tickets to see our movie premier “Big Hero Six”. This film will be released for the general public on Boxing Day, but we can see it on Sunday 30 November. It is made by the same people who made “Frozen” and “Wreck It Ralph”. The event will be held at the Tower Cinemas Newcastle, starting at 2.30 pm. There will be treats to purchase such as cupcakes and lollies, food tastings and fun. There will be a raffle and prizes and other stalls. The film screening will commence at 4.00 pm sharp.

Tickets can be purchased this week from the school office up to 10.00 am on Thursday; and tickets will also be available at the cinema from Ms G on Sunday. Spread the word – anyone can come as it is a great movie suitable for all ages.

Tickets already purchased will be issued by Ms G at the cinema on Sunday.

All band students who are attending are asked to bring along some cupcakes to sell at our cupcake stall.

Thank you.
Band Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
Thank you to all in our school community for your support of the Book Fair last week. As a result of the sales, we have great new books and resources for our school library.

Borrowing
This week is the last week of borrowing books from the school library. Please return any borrowed books as soon as possible

Mrs L
Teacher-Librarian
**Invitation to Parents to attend the Parent Helpers Morning Tea!**

The staff of Merewether Heights Public School would like to say thank you to those parents and friends who have helped throughout the year in so many ways.

The staff is putting on a morning tea and would like to invite all parents and friends who have assisted throughout 2014 to attend.

**Date:** Tuesday 9 December, 2014

**Time:** 11.15 - 12:00 in the staffroom

To assist with catering it would be appreciated if you could return the slip below to the school office.

Thank you all for your assistance throughout 2014.

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**CUP CAKE DAY KE**

KE will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 9 December 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.

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**RUN NEWCASTLE – Sunday, 30 November 2014**

Merewether Heights PS has now registered a team for this event. A separate flyer has been sent home with all children. 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.

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**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!
From the Parents...

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Term 4 competition – LAST CHANCE THIS WEEK

Until 30 November, every deposit you make through School Banking will automatically create one entry into the draw. 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

Only 3 weeks left for School Banking 2014

Please note that the last day for School Banking this year will be Wednesday 10 December. No deposits can be taken after that day. Also all tokens must be redeemed for reward/s by Wednesday 10 December.

Rewards – OUT STOCK ITEMS

Sorry, but the following are now all out of stock:
- Shark Whale Pencil Case
- Penguin Keyring
- Hand Ball
- Swim Bag

Good news, you can still order any of the following:
- Projector Cup (be quick, VERY LOW STOCK)
- Dollarmites Money Box (be quick, VERY LOW STOCK)
- Sea Streamers
- Scented Pencils
- Shark Keyring
- Wallet (from 2013)
- Headphones (from 2013)
- Knuckles Game (from 2013)
- Money Boxes (from 2013 – Pat, Pru, Spen)
- Projector Torch (from 2013)

Wednesday is school banking day. Thank you for supporting the school banking program.

Your school banking coordinator

CLOTHING POOL - Roster for term 4

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
Xmas Special Day
Friday 5th December

The Canteen is getting into the spirit of Xmas
Special counter items will be available on the day
priced from 50c to $2
Every lunch order will receive a special treat

Special lunch available $4 meal deal

Name………………………..Class………………
Hotdog with sauce, drink and treat………………
Meatball sub with sauce and cheese, drink and
treat…………………………………………………

Please return order with money to the canteen by
Wednesday 3rd December
CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 26/11/14 Jo P, Volunteer Needed
Thursday 27/11/14 Nicole B, Cathy M, Alex V 9 – 12.30
Friday 28/11/14 Joanna T, Monique T, Jane M
Monday 1/12/14 Michelle W, Peta B
TUESDAY 2/12/14 CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 3/12/14 Colleen L, Lisa S
Thursday 4/12/14 Alison M, Karen P
Friday 5/12/14 Tony H, Kristen G, Ruth P, Julie R
Monday 8/12/14 Cathy M, Volunteer Needed
TUESDAY 9/12/14 CANTEEN CLOSED

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 8: Wednesday 26/11/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
Week 10: Monday 8/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
Week 10: Wednesday 10/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Community Notices...

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.

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is hosting a special event on Sunday 7 December at 11.00 am, which involves a visit by some native animals from Hunter Valley Zoo. This event will mark the opening of an exhibition by students from Newcastle schools. There will be a sausage sizzle and art activities in the sculpture park. Admission is free. Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is also running holiday workshops. Please contact the art gallery for more information on 49658260.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries is holding a Kids Fishing Workshop on Thursday, 8 January 2015 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm at Thomas Halton Park, Croudace Bay (eastern end of park, away from boat ramp). Cost is $40.00 per child. Bookings are essential. Please contact Jamie Burns on 49809204 for more information.
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Holiday Camp for kids

19th to 23rd January 2015

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