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.
Ms Ashlea S will be leaving the school to take up a one year contract at Tanilba Bay PS. We wish her all the very best at her new school.

* Mrs Karen F will be taking on the LAST (Learning Assistance Support Teacher).
* Ms Jessica J will be on temporary engagement teaching year 2 for 2015.

The draft classes for 2015 will be (and please note these could change as enrolments change):

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If you know of any families intending to come to or leave the school please let me know asap as we are very close to having enough students to form another class and this will greatly affect the class sizes and structure.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the school’s Presentation Day next Monday where we will reflect on and recognise the many successes of the children!

16 sleeps till Santa

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

**Early Stage One Awards:** Maia D, Riley H, Coco P, Flynn D, Tully D, Samuel C, Jessie T

**Stage One Awards:** Eli M, Kaitlin B-R, Anastasia N, Billie T, Shaye F, James B, Annabel M, Lilah P, Lucy E, Maddie B

**Stage wo Awards:** Django S, Jasper P, Mia D, Sebastian C, Sophie R, Elyse B, Oaka D-S

**Stage Three Awards:** Abby R, Miles H, Lauren H, Hugh N

From the Office...

HAVE YOU RECEIVED?
- 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.

CHICKEN POX
We have had a case of Chicken Pox in our school. Please be vigilant with your children.

PRESENTATION DAY
Our Presentation Day will be held on Monday, 15 December, under the COLA, commencing at 10.00 am. All parents and family members are most welcome to attend.

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS

Library News

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Please return any borrowed books as soon as possible

Mrs L
Teacher-Librarian

YEAR 6 COUNTY FAIR DAY

Year 6 will be holding their annual County Fair Day on Friday, 12 December, to raise money for their end-of-year Farewell and gift to the school. The Year 6 students will be running all sorts of stalls, providing plenty of fun for everyone to enjoy. All the usual activities will be there, including the ice-cream stall, the sponge throw and we are hoping to have a slip and slide. Most stalls will cost 50 cents to $1.00. It will be an out-of-uniform day for all students. Year 6 will collect a gold coin in the morning from students for coming out of uniform and we recommend all children have around $8 to spend at the fair.

Looking forward to a great day.

The Year 6 Teachers

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. All donations will be delivered to the Samaritans on Monday.
Thank you for your support!

From the Parents...

CANTEEN ROSTER

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CANTEEN ROSTER VACANCIES - TERM 4

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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 10:**
- **Wednesday** 10/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
- **Friday** 12/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
- **Friday** 12/12/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**CLOTHING POOL - Roster for term 4**

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

**SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE**

**LAST WEEK for school banking - Redeem your tokens this week**

Do you have 10 or more tokens?
Redeem them this week for one of the following rewards:

- Projector Cup (redeem now for delivery next term)
- Swim Bag (redeem now for delivery next term)
- Beach Ball
- Slap band ruler
- Sea Streamers
- Scented Pencils
- Shark Keyring
- Wallet (from 2013)
- Headphones (from 2013)
- Knuckles Game (from 2013)
- Character Money Boxes (from 2013 – Pat, Pru, Spen)
- Projector Torch (from 2013)

*Out of stock items: Dollarmite money box, penguin key ring, shark whale pencil case and the hand ball*

**The last day for School Banking will be Wednesday Dec 10th.**

**Wednesday is school banking day**

**Thank you for supporting the school banking program**

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

Community Notices...
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 on 49809204 for more information.

The Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland is running school holidays programs for 9-12 year olds and for 5-8 year olds. As well as the programs, why not visit the Wetlands Centre and try some dip-netting from the jetty, watch the magpie geese feeding, climb the egret tower, get up close to some of the reptiles at an interactive tank talk, become a wetlands explorer, hire a bike or canoe and explore the wetlands, play in the discovery playground, bring a picnic or eat at Spoolbill Café. For more information phone 49516466 or www.wetlands.org.au

Blackbutt Reserve is holding a Junior Ranger Fun Day on Tuesday 20 January 2015 from 9.30 to 11.30am at Carnley Avenue Reserve (off Carnley Avenue, Kotara). For more information please contact 49043344 or email blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au

Newcastle Region Library is holding a Summer Reading Club. Join at your local library or at www.summerreadingclub.org.au. Choose a free reward each time you borrow. Read 10 books to enter the draw.
for great prizes. The Summer Reading Club runs from 8 December – 8 January. For a complete list of all library holiday programs visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library. Bookings are now open for all January activities.

The Marie Walton Mahon Dance Academy presents their production of “Wild Life” on Saturday, 13 December, at the Civic Theatre at 7.00 pm. Tickets are available at Civic Theatre (ph: 49291977) or via Ticketek, www.civictheatreenewcastle.com.au.

Art Mania Studio is running kids and teens school holiday programs in January 2015. Workshops in drawing, painting, batik, glass work and mosaics are available. For more information visit artmaniastudio.com.au, email info@artmaniastudio.com.au or phone 0408317229.

Newcastle NOW welcomes students to enjoy free festive activity program. For the latest information, including a FREE downloadable walking map, visit Now that’s a Newcastle Christmas.

Christmas Party Make-over SPECIAL!

“Glam up” for only $59
...or grab your party buddy and receive the SUPER SPECIAL

2 Special Occasion Makeup for only $80
Fully qualified in all areas of Make-up artistry, with over 15 years’ experience.
Phone Rachael - 0439925925

“It’s your Time to shine!”
ARE YOU A DAD WHO WANTS TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER AND PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

The DADEE (Dads and Daughters Exercising and Empowered) program is coming to the University of Newcastle. We are looking for dads and their primary school-aged daughter/s to join in!

The DADEE program:
- is a world first 'Dads and Daughters' program designed to increase physical activity levels and the social and emotional well-being of young girls
- involves 8 x 90 minute weekly group sessions delivered by leading physical activity researchers
- Builds confidence, self-esteem and resilience in girls
- Teaches girls sports skills through fun games and physical activities
- Starts Term 1, 2015 @ the University of Newcastle

Interested? For more information, contact:
Alyce Daines 4921 6566 or DADEE@newcastle.edu.au
Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Morgan

Acknowledgements and funding
The DADEE program is funded by Port Waratah Coal Services, Hunter Children's Research Foundation and Hunter Medical Research Institute.

Complaints about this research
This project has been approved by the University’s Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2014-0330. Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Office, The Chancellery, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone (02) 49216333, email Human-ETHIC@newcastle.edu.au.
Return Slips for Parents...

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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## Summer Vacation Care Program 2015

To make a booking please contact us via our website or email or phone. We will be full so book in early. We only accept families who agree to the terms and conditions of use.

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### WE CLOSE FOR OUR ANNUAL TWO WEEK SHUTDOWN OVER THE CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR WEEKS. (Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan)

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<td>Welcome to 2015! Bring your swimmers and a rash shirt or behind its Water Fun Play Day!</td>
<td>Laser Tag @ Empire Zone Cost $15 pp</td>
<td>Devine Art Class Making masks inspired by the theme “Beach”</td>
<td>Scratch Art / Mystery Picture</td>
<td>Private Screening of Big Hero 6 &amp; Gliende Movie Cost $10 pp</td>
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<td>Cut up our own fresh fruit salad and have it with some ice cream and ice magic! (GF)</td>
<td>Afternoon Tea: Jellie and Custard (GF)</td>
<td>Turkish bread and dips (GF alternative offered)</td>
<td>Make popcotton (GF) pixelets offered</td>
<td>Cost includes drink and popcorn Chocolate Cake and Fruit Platter (GF option available)</td>
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<td>Ice Skating at Warners Bay Ice Skating Stadium Cost $10 pp</td>
<td>Create a calendar cube</td>
<td>Canoe Mixing &amp; Cooking</td>
<td>Cold Rock Monster Mash Afternoon Tea And Water Play Day</td>
<td>Dolphin Cruise at Nelson Bay on Noodaboola Cruises</td>
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<td>Afternoon Tea: Vegie sticks, digs, cheese and rice crackers (GF)</td>
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<td>Choc Caramel Slice (GF)</td>
<td>We will mash the ice cream and your choice of fun options to add to the ice cream</td>
<td>LEAVE CENTRE AT 6.45am Cost $35 pp ALL DAY EXCURSION Return at 7pm</td>
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<td>Make Banana Bread for afternoon tea (GF option available)</td>
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<td>Swimming at Merewether Baths</td>
<td>Bowling at Warners Bay Super Strike</td>
<td>Slip and Slide Day Enjoy our slip and slide and water inflatables</td>
<td>Fishing Excursion to Pealrm Park</td>
<td>Proud to be an Aussie Day Have a sausage sizzle or saus roll, (GF friendly) Face painting and Aussie tattoos</td>
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<td>Cost $5 pp Goulash with assorted toppings and fruit platter</td>
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<td>Monday 26th - Public Holiday</td>
<td>Tuesday 27th - Free Day Movies at Event Cinemas</td>
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For Full Details of terms and conditions please contact the service. We will provide all the information on what to bring each day, enrolment details and booking sheet.