Dear Parents,

School Athletics Carnival.
Congratulations to all the students for the way they participated at the Athletics Carnival yesterday! I am sure we all had a great day. It was pleasing to receive feedback from the centre management saying that of the over 100 schools that use the centre each year we are amongst the very best in regards to student behaviour, participation and parent support! Special thanks to Mrs Lochrin for the organisation of the carnival and to all the parents who both gave of their time to act as officials on the day and supported their child/children. As I heard one mother say, it’s like being back at their own school carnival!

Have you downloaded your Skoolbag app yet?? For those receiving a hard copy, see instructions at the end of this Noticeboard.

Early Stage One Awards: Mia C, Cameron H, Patrick D, Sophie B, Benjamin T, Riley H, Nash P, Amber T, Holly C, William S

Stage One Awards: Jimi E, Billie T, Mia B, Beau C, Harry T, Conrad A, Kiara E


Stage Three Awards: Harry S, Lara F, Phoenix McC, Lauren M, Lawrence W, Oliver W, Jasmine S

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.
Happy Birthday to: Zane P, Jaymie K, Lucy A, Reuben T, Shaye F, Josh G

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

From the Office...

HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

- Medical Information form – a second form was given to students who have not returned this form: Please complete this form and return to the school office to enable us to update medical information, family details, contact telephone numbers and emergency contact telephone numbers.
- Textbook account – all students: Payments for textbooks was due last Friday, 14 March. If you have not paid for textbooks please do so as soon as possible.
- Moving into Year 7 in a government school in 2015 booklet – Year 6 students only: please complete the Expression of Interest form and return to the school office by Friday, 21 March.

CUP CAKE DAY 1J

1J will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 1 April 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 1J’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.

NOTICEBOARD BY EMAIL

Would you like to receive the weekly newsletter by email? We have the option for parents to receive the newsletter each week direct by email. This will ensure that parents receive the newsletter and have the added benefit of reducing the amount of paper used in its production. We will not be providing a paper copy of the newsletter to families who have one emailed to them. For those families without internet access, a hard copy of the newsletter will be provided for you. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email, would you either:

- Email the school and type “newsletter” in the subject line. We will then assume that you would like the newsletter emailed direct to you and we will also then have the email address to forward it to. All email address will be BCC when Noticeboard is sent, so you can be assured that we will not be sharing your email address with others. If your email address should change, it will be your responsibility to notify the school office.
- Complete the tear off slip located in this newsletter. Please ensure that your email address is complete.
ALL FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED THEIR NOTICEBOARD BY EMAIL LAST YEAR WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FROM NEXT WEEK AND DO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT A NEW FORM. ALL NEW FAMILIES WHO RETURN THE FORM WILL RECEIVE THEIR NOTICEBOARD BY EMAIL AS FROM NEXT WEEK.

From the Teachers...

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

There is the opportunity for you to enrol your child in the following University of NSW tests:

Computer, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

These voluntary tests are for children in grades 3 – 6. The note later in this Noticeboard and money MUST BE handed in to the school office by Friday, 11 April. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Please note the tests will be administered in the Art Studio, supervised by a staff member. The children not doing the tests will continue with their normal school routine.

HARMONY DAY

This Friday, 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Please wear orange and bring a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your support.

Miss S and the SRC

YEAR 2 ARE BUILDING AN IGLOO!

Can you please bring in 2L bottles (washed please) to help us finish our igloo. Both Year 2 classes are making one. We need around 500 2L bottles each!

Thank you

From the Parents...

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be opened every Tuesday from 9.00 – 9.30 am. Alternatively, uniform order forms can be located at the office. Please complete and return with payment. The order will be filled on Tuesdays and sent home with your child.

Thank you - Sharron S
EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Time again for the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunts and hot cross buns. Time again for us to dig deep to donate Easter Eggs for our elderly friends at Carpenter Court. It has become a tradition over the years to donate to this worthy cause. The old people look forward to it along with our singing at Christmas.

We always have plenty of eggs donated and will have raffles for the P & C. This raffle will be drawn on Friday, 11 April, at our Easter Hat Parade.

Raffle tickets will be sent home later this term. They are being sold for $1.00 each and are also available for sale on the day. The tickets and money need to be returned to the office prior to the event. We are also asking for all unsold tickets to be returned as well as they will be sold on the day.

So, we are asking if this week could be your time to buy that extra Easter Egg and send it along to school.

EASTER HAT PARADE MORNING TEA

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday, 11 April 2014 from 10.30 - 12.00 pm.

Morning tea will be sold the morning of the Easter Hat parade. A coffee cart has also been organised.

Thank you - MHPS P & C

CANTEEN ROSTER

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MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday, 8 May 2014. All gifts will be sold for $5.00.

To make it as easy as possible for families to donate a gift for the Mother’s Day stall, every year will have a particular gift idea to donate. The P & C will wrap items to make a beautiful gift for all those special mums.

Please refer to the list below for your child’s year gift item idea.
Kindy, Yr 1 & Yr 2 – wrapped lollies, chocolates and biscuits eg- Minties, Choc-eclairs, Kit Kats & Tim Tams
Year 3 – tea towels
Year 4 – small kitchen items eg utensils, oven mitts, cooking items, recipe magazines
Year 5 – beauty products eg shower gel, bath salts, hand/body creams, candles, etc
Year 6 – stationery

Donations can be left at the office.

We are happy to accept any gift donations. It would be nice for every student to bring a little something.

Thank you for your assistance.

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**Community Notices...**

**Unload Creative Writing Workshops— Register now for Term 2!**
Unload kicks off Term 2 with Graphic Story-telling (fancy name for comics). Think you can't draw? Think 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' - stick figures rule! Start with the story or start with the art - it doesn't matter, just come along!

- **Who:** Students from Year 3-6
- **Where:** Library, Merewether Heights Public School
- **When:** Mondays, 8.10 am - 9.10am (starting week 2)
- **Cost:** 8 weeks @ $105 per child
- **Numbers limited to 15 per class**

**The Newcastle Youth Orchestra** is holding a Kids Classics Concert at the Civic Theatre on Saturday, 5 April at 2.00 pm with Do-Re-Mi Singers from 1.15 pm. Tickets from Ticketek or at the door. Do-Re-Mi Singers are children from Year 3 – Year 6 who love to sing, learn to read music and make new friends. New members are always welcome. Come along for a free train on Thursdays at 4.50 pm at Hamilton Public School, Old Hall. For further details call Kay on 0434 394 562 or Julie on 0414 848 741.

**Blackbutt Reserve** is running a Junior Ranger Program in the April school holidays on Tuesday, 15 April, 11 am – 1 pm at Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg Street). This is a great opportunity to have an exciting learning experience at Blackbutt Reserve where children can participate in fun and educational activities. Free sausage sandwich for children and only $1 for adults. Drinks available for purchase.

**The Newcastle University Conservatorium of Music Youth Choir** is currently seeking enrolments for Term 2 from students in Years 3-8. No audition is necessary. Enrolments are through the Conservatorium Office. Rehearsals are on Mondays, 4.00 – 5.30 pm in the Peter Martin Studio at the Conservatorium. The Director is Christopher Blake and the cost is $99 per 9 week term. For further information ring 49218900 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au.

**Hunter Wind Ensemble** is seeking new memberships for 2014. You are eligible to apply if you are currently attending a Hunter area state school, you are in Years 6-12 and you play a wind (woodwind, brass) or percussion instrument. **Applications close on Tuesday, 25 March and are available at the school office.** Auditions will be held on 29 March at The Junction Public School. At audition you will be required to play a piece of your choice.
(no accompaniment is necessary), play scales up to 2 sharps and flats and play a short piece of sight reading provided by the audition panel.

**Souths Junior Rugby League Club** is looking for players in the U/8 and U/9 age groups. If you are interested in registering please contact Graeme Fitzgerald, President & Registrar on 0407 093 662 or email: southjrjfc@gmail.com.

**Adamstown Rosebud Junior Football Club** is seeking interested players to join their U/12 team for the 2014 season. For further information, please contact Aidan 0414 740 494.

**Visit the Wetlands in the Holidays:** The Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland is offering fun activities for kids and families these holidays. Kids can learn bush skills, go on a bike safari, make bush perfume or join Tantrum Theatre drama workshops and participate in the creation and performance of ‘Reptilian’. Booking essential - go to [www.wetlands.org.au](http://www.wetlands.org.au) for dates, times and costs. There’s plenty to do at the Wetlands - walking trails, playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. Bring a picnic or enjoy a fresh and delicious lunch at the Spoonbill Cafe. Come along on Easter Saturday for a fun filled morning with craft, face painting, games, BBQ and a special treasure hunt. All entry $5, school holiday special - children 3-12 yrs $2.

**Return Slips for Parents...**

**UNSW TEST ENTRY FORM**

Please tick the boxes against the tests you would like your child to do. Return the form **WITH** the money for the test/s by **FRIDAY, 11 April 2014**.

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I have enclosed $................ for the nominated competitions above.

Signed: .................................. (Parent/Carer)
NOTICEBOARD BY EMAIL

I wish to receive the Noticeboard via Email. I understand that I will no longer receive a hard copy.

Name of eldest child and class *(please print clearly)*

Name: .......................................................... Class: ....................

Email address ..........................................................

(please print clearly)

Parent Signature: ............................................ Telephone No ..............................

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

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

Student Name: ______________________________ Class: ______________

Amount: ______________ For: ______________________________

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Cardholders Name: ___________________________ Phone: ______________

Card Number: _______ _______ _______ ________

CCV Number: _______ Expiry Date: _______/_________

Signature of Cardholder: ___________________________ Date: ______________

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