The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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From the Principal...

Early Stage One Awards:  Patrick D, Remi W, Eleanor M, Sofia B, Sammy C, Cooper H


Stage Three Awards:  Thomas W, Liam W, Archie N, Alex S

Happy Birthday to:  Holly B, Jay H, Ky M, Sienna K, Harry T, Layla S, Eva S, Josephine W

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.

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.
• Textbook account – all students: Payments for textbooks was due on 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. This form is now overdue. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office as soon as possible.

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 nut 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property cupboard is again overflowing with school and non-school items, including hats, swimmers, rash shirt and lots of plastic containers and drink bottlers. 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. The school office also has a collection of jewellery, stuffed toys, hair clips etc. Please ask at the office. 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.
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.

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

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY


A M
Co-ordinator

EARTHHOUR – WE’RE TAKING ON A 6 HOUR CHALLENGE

This year for Earthhour, we are switching off our power to raise awareness for the impact of climate change on our Great Barrier Reef.

On Friday, 28 March, we are not just turning off the switches for 1 hour, but are going for the whole day. All classrooms are turning off the lights and computers from the start of the day until the end.

For essential services the Office and Canteen will operate as usual.

Don’t forget you can join in too by switching off your power for an hour on Saturday nights. Check out the Earthhour website for more information.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

MHPS Athletics Carnival was held successfully last Tuesday. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the track and field events on the day. It was terrific to see so many students putting forward their best efforts.

A special thank you to all the staff and parent helpers. It was a very hot day and without your help the day would not have been a success.

Ribbons to the first three fastest times, or longest distances, in each of the events will be distributed soon. The MHPS Zone team to compete at the Zone Carnival on 25 and 29 July will be announced this week.

Congratulations to the following students who broke school records:

William H broke the Junior Boys 200m record that was held since 2001 running in a time of 29.63 s.
Milly S broke the 11 years Girls 100m record that was also held since 2001 running in a time of 14.00 s.

Great Effort!!
Mrs L

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.

Please note we do not have size 8 jackets in stock until Term 2. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

PIZZA DAY

The Canteen is running a Special Pizza Day on Friday, 11 April. Please see the order at the end of this Noticeboard.

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.
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

Dai Pritchard, experienced guitarist who has worked with many artists including Billy Thorpe, Marcia Hynes, Col Joy, Glenn Shorrock, Doug Parkinson, Brian Cadd and Olivia Newton-John, is looking for expressions of interest from students who are interested in Guitar Lessons at school in KD’s room on Tuesday afternoons. The cost is $35 per 30 minute lesson, payable by the term. Please phone 0414850739 if interested or to make further enquiries.

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.

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

☐ Computer $8.00 20 May 2014
☐ Science $8.00 4 June 2014
☐ Writing $17.00 16 June 2014
☐ Spelling $11.00 17 June 2014
☐ English $8.00 29 July 2014
☐ Mathematics $8.00 12 August 2014

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)*

Email address: ........................................................................................................

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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PIZZA DAY
Friday, 11th April 2014

SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY BY SLICE PIZZA
Orders and money to canteen no later
Wednesday, 9th April 2014

Name..............................................

Class.................................

Cost $5.00 with drink of your choice or $3.50 pizza only

Please circle your choice of Pizza

HAWAIIN         CHEESE         MEATLOVERS

Please choose a drink from our current canteen menu

Drink.............................................

Thank You Kim