From the Principal...

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over. We have had a very busy term and I am sure we will all enjoy the holiday break that starts at the end of next week. A special thanks to all the parents who have given of their time and energy for the school. We would not be able to achieve all that we do without your support!

I would like to congratulate the boys’ soccer team who played their first round game last Friday. They performed really well and I am proud of their efforts. Even though we went down 3 to 1 they played with all their effort right through to the end of the game!

I am commencing a review of SRE at the school. We also have options of Ethics classes and Meditation classes. I would like you to return the note attached to this Noticeboard where you will select the options for your child. Even if you have returned a non-scripture note I would like you to also return this form. Could you please have them in by Thursday, 10 April so that classes can be organised for Term 2. PLEASE NOTE – If no form is returned your child will be included in SRE (scripture). If you have any questions about this please contact me at the school.


Stage One Awards: James E, Angelina E, Tobin S, Eva S, Alice R, Dylan M, Lucy E, Ellie K


Stage Three Awards: Tim S, Charlie W, Tyler M, Sebastian S, Lucy N

Happy Birthday to: Jasper P, Tiana S, Ayla L, Ben E, Cooper H, Claye F

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.
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 on Friday, 14 March. If you have not paid for textbooks please do so as soon as possible.

CUP CAKE DAY 2K

2K will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 13 May 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 2K’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.
**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.

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**From the Teachers...**

Follow us on Twitter [@MerewetherHtsPS](https://twitter.com/MerewetherHtsPS)

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**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
- 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.

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**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

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**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Wednesday our School Cross Country team had an amazing time at Stephenson Park. The rain held off and our group all had amazing runs. The following students are now off to the Regional Cross Country Carnival in May:

- Sienna K in the 8/9 years girls
- William H in the 10 years boys
- Jay K in the 11 years boys
- Mae S-K and Lachlan F are both reserves in the 12/13 years events

Congratulations to all the school students who competed in our school team at the Zone Carnival.

A M
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 FOR TERM 2

The new canteen roster for Term 2 is being sent home today. If you do not receive your copy please ask at the school office.
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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<td>Tony H, Monique T, <strong>Volunteer needed</strong></td>
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**CANTEEN NOTICE:** Please note there will only be Counter Sales on Wednesday, 30 April and Thursday, 1 May next term. Full canteen menu will be available from Friday, 2 May.

**SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE**

*It’s not too late to get behind 2 great competitions ending next week.*

- **Win a marquee for our school:** Schools in Newcastle with the highest percentage of students using school banking will win a fantastic marquee

- **Win $50:** All students who bank 3 times or more this term could win $50

**New bank wallets**

You may have noticed that we are replacing the old plastic wallets with new ones. The old ones tend get damaged all too easily and the velcro comes off the pockets. We have never had any problems with the new ones.

**Look after your Dollarmite tokens**

Please keep your tokens at home in safe place, not in your bank wallet. Lost tokens cannot be replaced.

We have nearly 100 students banking each week and unfortunately we sometimes miss putting a token in the wallet, which usually happens when the wallet already has a number tokens inside.

To redeem your tokens, enclose with your weekly banking or pop them in an envelope to the office along with a completed reward card (or a note). Reward cards were distributed earlier this term in the blue school banking info packs, additional copies are available at the office.

**Wednesday is school banking day.**

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

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

For further information or to register your interest contact Suzie Galwey – sgalwey@bigpond.com, phone 0409409141 or go to the website www.unload.org.au

Singing Lessons – Term 2
Multi-award winning recording artist and studio vocalist Karen O’Shea will be starting 30 minute vocal lessons in Term 2 at MHPS. Karen is a highly acclaimed and sort after vocalist and we are very lucky to have her on board at Merewether Heights Public. If you are interested in singing lessons on a Monday afternoon in the KD classroom, Karen will have limited places. Please contact Karen O’Shea on 048877700 or at kaoshea71@gmail.com as soon as possible to secure your spot. The cost is $30 per half hour payable by Term.

For Sale: South Newcastle Junior Netball uniform – Size 8 skirt (adjustable) and Size 6 (would fit up to 9 year old) polo shirt. Excellent condition $15. Phone 0409037732
### MEREWETHER HTS OOSH VACATION CARE APRIL PROGRAM 2014

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| Make Your Own Teddy Bear  
Additional $10 for Materials | Spring Loaded Trampoline Park  
Come and visit the new Spring Loaded park  
Additional $10 pp | Craft Free Choice Painting | Excursion To Movies  
“Mr Peabody and Sherman” | GOOD FRIDAY  
CENTRE CLOSED |
| ![Make My Bear](image1.png)  
DVD: Epic  
Cooking: Mars Bar Slice | ![Spring Loaded](image2.png) | ![Craft Free Choice](image3.png)  
DVD: The Incredibles | ![Excursion To Movies](image4.png)  
“Mr Peabody and Sherman” | |
| ![Cooking](image5.png)  
Cooking: Gourmet Hot Dogs  
DVD: The Incredibles | ![Dinner](image6.png)  
Cooking: Quesadillas | ![Dinner](image7.png)  
Cooking: Gourmet Hot Dogs  
DVD: The Incredibles | ![Excursion To Movies](image8.png)  
“Mr Peabody and Sherman” | |
| ![Dinner](image9.png)  
Cooking: Gourmet Hot Dogs  
DVD: The Incredibles | ![Dinner](image10.png)  
Cooking: Quesadillas | ![Excursion To Movies](image11.png)  
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| EASTER MONDAY CENTRE CLOSED | CSIRO Science Show  
Come and be amazed by the CSIRO Scientists and the creations they make right in front of your eyes.  
Cooking: Caramel Tartlets  
DVD: Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs 2 | Make Pom Pom Animals  
Cooking: Mexican Pinwheels  
DVD: The Smurfs 2 | Red Alert Laser Tag Warners Bay  
Additional $10 pp  
Cooking: Cup Cakes  
DVD: Turbo | ANZAC DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| ![CSIRO Science Show](image12.png) | ![Make Pom Pom Animals](image13.png)  
Cooking: Mexican Pinwheels  
DVD: The Smurfs 2 | ![Red Alert Laser Tag Warners Bay](image14.png)  
Additional $10 pp  
Cooking: Cup Cakes  
DVD: Turbo | | |

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| Pupil Free Day Sandtastic Sand Art  
Cooking: DVD: Flushed Away | School Resumes | | |

### Year 5 and Up Club.

The Year 5 and up club has been created to include special events designed specifically for kids 11 years and over.

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| Max Brenner Excursion to Max Brenner for morning tea  
Additional $10 pp | Spring Loaded Trampoline Park  
$10 pp | Merewether Beach Café and play at beach (sand only play)  
Have a hot chocolate or milkshake and play on the beach.  
No swimming allowed. | Excursion to Movies Sherman and Mr Peabody Or Captain America: The Winter Soldier  
Additional cost - $5 | GOOD FRIDAY  
CENTRE CLOSED |
| ![Max Brenner](image15.png) | ![Spring Loaded](image16.png) | ![Merewether Beach Café](image17.png)  
Play at beach (sand only play)  
Have a hot chocolate or milkshake and play on the beach.  
No swimming allowed. | ![Excursion to Movies](image18.png)  
Sherman and Mr Peabody Or Captain America: The Winter Soldier  
Additional cost - $5 | |
| Monday 21st April | Tuesday 22nd April | Wednesday 23rd April | Thursday 24th April | Friday 25th April |
| EASTER MONDAY CENTRE CLOSED | CSIRO Science Show  
Bowling A morning of Ten Pin Bowling.  
Additional Cost $12 pp | Red Alert Laser Tag  
Additional $10 pp | ANZAC DAY  
CENTRE CLOSED | |

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Our advertisers support our school but please be aware that advertisements appearing in Noticeboard are not an endorsement by the school.
**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.

**The Newcastle Youth Orchestra** is holding a Kids Classics Concert - “The Places You’ll Go” 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. For further details call Kay on 0434 394 562 or Julie on 0414 848 741.

**Thornton Soccer Club:** Players needed for our following development squads for the 2014 Football Season. **Under13** – 3 field players, **Under14** – 3 field players.
Interested players can contact Michael Hurn (Director) on 49663462.
Registration payment plans are available if required.
The City of Newcastle’s April school holidays brochure is now available online. Visit our school holidays webpage to download the brochure and see what’s happening these school holidays:

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)

Parent Signature: ............................................................ Telephone No ..................................
Special Religious Education Review
Please return by Thursday, 10 April 2014

Student Name/s: _____________________________ Class/es: __________

I would like my child/children to do the following option (if available for my child’s class).

☐ SRE (scripture) - organised by the Combined Churches of Newcastle.
☐ Ethics - organised by Primary Ethics NSW.
☐ Meditation - organised by the Losang Dragpa Kadampa Buddhist Centre.
☐ Other (values booklet prepared by teachers). All students will be doing some form of student welfare program during the allocated SRE time.

Sign: ____________________________
Date: __/__/____

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: __________
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

HAWAIIAN     CHEESE     MEATLOVERS

Please choose a drink from our current canteen menu

Drink.........................................
Thank You Kim