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.

From the Principal...

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday. This term is going to be a very busy one and it is only 9 weeks long so we are up and running from day one! So that we can all be informed as to what is happening at school I need to stress the importance of reading your Noticeboard each week! Noticeboard is our primary form of communication and contains all the information you require!

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School
Phone: 02 4963 3192    Fax: 02 4963 3714
Web: www.merewethht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au    Email: merewethht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
School Security Unit – 1300 880 021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Activity Date</th>
<th>Cost</th>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Infants Gymnastics</td>
<td>K-2</td>
<td>Monday, 5 May</td>
<td>$31.50</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Fri, 11 April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting, 7.00 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td>Monday, 5 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mother’s Day Stall</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Thursday, 8 May</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional Cross Country</td>
<td></td>
<td>Friday, 9 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2K Cup Cake Day</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Tuesday, 13 May</td>
<td>50c</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NAPLAN</td>
<td>Yrs 3&amp;5</td>
<td>Tue, 13 May – Thu, 15 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNSW Computer Test</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tuesday, 20 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3S, 3/4MC, 4H Sydney Excursion</td>
<td>Stage 2</td>
<td>Wednesday, 21 May</td>
<td>$40</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Thu, 15 May</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Choir Rehearsal</td>
<td>Choir</td>
<td>Friday, 23 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCHOOL PHOTOS</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Wednesday, 28 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Dance Rehearsal</td>
<td>Dance</td>
<td>Thursday, 29 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Dance Rehearsal</td>
<td>Dance</td>
<td>Friday, 30 May</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1P Cup Cake Day</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Tuesday, 3 June</td>
<td>50c</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNSW Science Test</td>
<td></td>
<td>Wednesday, 4 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Choir Rehearsal</td>
<td>Choir</td>
<td>Friday, 6 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Queen’s Birthday Holiday</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Monday, 9 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Dance Rehearsal</td>
<td>Dance</td>
<td>Tuesday, 10 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Years 5 &amp; 6 Cyber Safety</td>
<td>Yrs 5&amp;6</td>
<td>Tuesday, 10 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Dance Rehearsal</td>
<td>Dance</td>
<td>Wednesday, 11 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Dress Rehearsal – Dance &amp; Choir</td>
<td>Dance &amp; Choir</td>
<td>Thursday, 12 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Star Struck Performance</td>
<td></td>
<td>Fri, 13 June &amp; Sat, 13 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNSW Writing Test</td>
<td></td>
<td>Monday, 16 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNSW Spelling Test</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tuesday, 17 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KG Cup Cake Day</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Tuesday, 17 June</td>
<td>50c</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Naidoc Performance</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Thursday, 19 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disco</td>
<td>K-6</td>
<td>Thursday, 26 June</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
‘Permission to Publish’ form

Attached to the Noticeboard is an orange sheet titled ‘General Permission to Publish and Disclose Information’. Please read it carefully and return it indicating whether you do or do not give permission.

Safety & courtesy dropping off and picking up students.

Can I please stress with you the importance of following the road rules and signs when you are dropping off and picking up your children at school. The rules are for everybody and if we follow the procedures then none of us have to wait very long. Kiss and Ride is just that so please do not park and leave your car in these zones. If you want to park you need to do so outside the Kiss and Ride areas. Remember the car parks are for school staff and delivery vehicles ONLY! It still surprises me how many parents think it is ok to use these. The rules and procedures are in place to keep the areas as safe as we can for our children but they only work when everybody follows them!

Noticeboard by Email

We now have 56% of families getting their Noticeboard by email. Let’s try and get this figure to 70% by the end of the term! Just fill in the form included in this Noticeboard and return it to the school office.

P&C Meeting

Don’t forget, the next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 5th May at 7.00pm! See you there!

I am looking forward to a very productive and enjoyable Term!


Enjoy your week!

Steve Egginton
Principal

From the Office...

HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

• Medical Information form – a third 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: Payment for textbooks was due on Friday, 14 March. If you have not paid for textbooks please do so as soon as possible.
• An orange note titled General Permission to Publish and Disclose Information for all students. Please complete and return this form by Friday 16 May, 2014.
• A permission note for sport for terms 2 and 3 for students in Years 3 to 6. Please return this form by Friday 2 May, 2014.
ADVANCED NOTICE – SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken for the whole school on Wednesday, 28 May 2014. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Full school winter uniform will be required on the day.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 3 is being sent home today. If you wish to order items from Book Club for your child please return the order and payment to the school before Friday, 9 May 2014.

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.

KINDER ORIENTATION

Kinder Orientation will be held on Thursday, 11 September 2014. Invitations will be sent to all the children who have indicated they will be enrolling here next year. Should you know of anyone who has a child to enrol next year, please ask them to do so as soon as possible so they will receive their invitation?

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2014

Stewart House Donation envelopes are being sent home today with each child.

Win a Family Holiday to a destination of your choice to the value of $4,000.

Simply place a $2 donation into the envelope and return the envelope to school and YOUR FAMILY COULD WIN A $4,000 HOLIDAY.

There are just 3 easy steps for students:

· On the DONATION DRIVE ENVELOPE please write your Name, Address, Telephone Number and School.
· Insert a $2 Donation into the envelope and seal.
· Return to the school office by WEDNESDAY, 14/5/14

Everyone has a chance to win!!
DONATIONS OF TISSUES

As the weather will soon be turning colder, we find students will be in need of tissues throughout the day. Donations of boxes of tissues for use in the classroom or sickbay would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left with the class teacher or at the school office.

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 addresses 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

APPLICATION FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally, students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday, 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.

Application packages will be available in schools from 29 April 2014.

Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday, 16 May 2014. Principals will be requested by email by 23 May 2014 to process all applications online whether they were completed online or on paper.
From the Parents...

P & C NEWS

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Easter Hat Parade Raffle and morning tea. The raffle was a huge success with lots of winners.

A special thank you to Kim, from the canteen, who made the cupcakes for the morning tea and organised the pizzas for lunch. An amazing effort!

Also, not forgetting the volunteers from the school disco, a job well done. Thank you.

CLOTHING POOL

If anyone would like to volunteer for the clothing pool, Tuesdays 9-9.30am, for term 3, please leave your name and number at the office.

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.

We are still waiting for size 8 school red jackets which will not be available until the end of May. If anyone is in desperate need for this size, we will be able to supply a red half zip pull over. We are very sorry for the inconvenience.

CANTEEN ROSTER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Shift Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>30/4/14</td>
<td>Counter Sales Only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>1/5/14</td>
<td>Counter Sales Only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>2/5/14</td>
<td>Megan S, Kim B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>5/5/14</td>
<td>Siobhan F, Karen E</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TUESDAY</td>
<td>6/5/14</td>
<td>CANTEEN CLOSED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>7/5/14</td>
<td>Katie S, Tracee S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>8/5/14</td>
<td>Nicole B, Cathy M, Alex V 9am – 12noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>9/5/14</td>
<td>Brodie S, Justine C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>12/5/14</td>
<td>Alison L, Laura L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TUESDAY</td>
<td>13/5/14</td>
<td>CANTEEN CLOSED</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
MOTHER’S DAY STALL – THERE IS STILL TIME TO BRING YOUR GIFT!!!!

Thank you to those families who have kindly donated wonderful gifts for our Mother’s Day Stall.

However, to make this event successful for all we desperately need many more donated gifts. Please send your gift to the school office as soon as possible.

Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday, 8 May 2014. This is Week 2 next term. 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

The Young People’s Theatre’s current production of Snow White will run until Saturday, 31 May. Performances are held each Saturday throughout May at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm at the Young People’s Theatre, Cnr. Lindsay and Lawson Streets, Hamilton. Bookings can be made by phoning 49614895. Enquiries can be made at ypt@ypt.org.au

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

---

**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: ______________

---

Venue: Merewether Heights Primary School Hall

Class Times: Thursdays

- Juniors 5:30 – 6:30pm = $8 (ages 6-12)
- Seniors 6:30 – 8:00pm = $12 (ages 13+)

Ph: 0418879393   Email: Zenryoku@live.com.au

- Self defence training by a fully insured and accredited instructor
- Combines multiple Martial Arts styles (Karate, Judo Kickboxing, Jujitsu)
- Suitable for all skill levels (ages 6+)
- Women’s Self Defence for ladies and Stranger Danger training for Juniors

Combining modern techniques with traditional values