**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.

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**From the Principal...**

* ‘Permission to Publish’ form. Please complete and return.

* Don’t forget to be safe & courteous dropping off and picking up students.

* You Can Do It – ‘getting along’!

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**Event List**

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* Mothers’ Day Stall at school this THURSDAY! Gifts are $5.00.

* Gymnastics permission notes and payment are due this Friday, 9 May. From Monday 12 May any K-2 student who hasn’t returned their permission note and paid for gymnastics will not be able to participate.

**Early Stage One Awards:** William W, Claye F, Bryson H, Scarlet S, Cooper H, Logan W

**Stage One Awards:** Matilda G, Charlie T, Laila A, Annalise D, Bailey S, Cate S, Michelle N, Harry T, Louis S

**Stage Two Awards:** Noah C, Madeleine S, Angus O, Ethan T, Toby W, Sophie R, Marcus F, Grace B, Kane B, Ella B, Amelia M, Lewis M

**Stage Three Awards:** Mya C, Cameron L, Gus N, Paris D, Jacklin A

**Happy Birthday to:** Ella-Rose L, Taye H, Cherri S, Jessica V, Zara C, Jimi E

Enjoy your week!

Steve Egginton
Principal

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**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 account for outstanding textbook money is being forwarded home with this newsletter.

- A gymnastics permission note for years K to 2. Please return permission note as soon as possible. Payment of $31.50 per student is due by Friday, 9 May. As of Monday 12 May, students who have not paid for gymnastics will not be able to participate.

- 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 as soon as possible.
ADVANCED NOTICE – SCHOOL PHOTOS

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

ADVICE TO PARENTS

Parents, please be advised that the school office has been informed that one of our students has chicken pox and another student has impetigo. Please be watchful of your children.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 3 was sent home last week. 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?

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.

LAST CHANCE – LOST PROPERTY

The lost property cupboard is overflowing. On Friday of this week, the lost property cupboard will be emptied and all unnamed items disposed of. If your child is missing any items of clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, shoes, sleeping bag, swimmers and towels, shin pads, dolls etc. please check the lost property cupboard before Friday. The lost property cupboard is located in the foyer on the western side of the staffroom.

We would ask parents to please label all items that your child brings to school. When items are found with names on them, they are quickly returned to the student.
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!!

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...

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NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Merewether Heights has established a strong tradition of support and involvement in NAIDOC Week school initiatives.
As well as participating in various cultural activities and competitions, all students at Merewether Heights Public School are being invited to purchase a 2014 Naidoc Pack. This pack contains a Respect Band, ruler, sharpener, gluestick, pencil and eraser for just $2.50. Monies raised from the purchase of these packs provide funds for an initiative called Koori Kids which promotes cultural development.

NAIDOC Week is 6-13 July. Orders are now being taken in preparation for our whole school celebration of NAIDOC Week which will take place in Week 8 of Term 2 on Thursday, 19 June.

NAIDOC Packs must be pre-ordered. To order your pack, please complete the order form in this Newsletter and return to school with your $2.50 before Monday, 19 May 2014.

HUNTER PSSA TRIALS

On Friday, 4 April Merewether Heights Public School had several students represent the Newcastle Zone at the Hunter PSSA trials in a number of sports.

- Sophie B | Netball
- Jay K | Soccer
- Archie N | Hockey
- James R | Hockey
- Will H | Hockey

Congratulations to Archie N who was selected in the Hunter Region PSSA Hockey team. Archie will go on to play at the PSSA Hockey State Carnival in June at Canberra.

Congratulations also to Jack W who was selected to be a member of the Hunter Region PSSA AFL team. He will be competing at the PSSA AFL State Carnival in May at Ryde.

State Swimming

Congratulations to Lara F, Thomas S and Jasmine L who represented the Hunter Region at the PSSA Swimming State Carnival last term. What a fantastic achievement to swim against the best swimmers in the state.

Well done!

Mrs L

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.

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**From the Parents...**

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL THIS THURSDAY, 8 MAY. All gifts $5.00 - 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.

If you have not donated a gift yet for the stall, there is still time. We are happy with anything; please see below for a few ideas:

- Chocolates
- Lollies
- Tea Towels
- Candles
- Mugs
- Beauty products
- Cookies

Donations can be left at the office and the P&C will wrap items to make a beautiful gift.

Please note: We are trying to avoid IOU’s this year so if you do not want your child to buy a gift, please let your child’s teacher know.

If you have some time on Thursday morning to help out on the Mother’s Day Stall, please come to the school hall from 9.25 am. Any assistance would be very much appreciated.

**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.
**SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE**

**A new and exciting competition for term 2**
Simply make three or more deposits every Wednesday at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into a new and exciting competition

Major Prize:
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up Prizes:
130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

PLUS, a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state.


**Wednesday is school banking day. Thank you for supporting the school banking program**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Community Notices...

Unload COMIC Workshops– still spots available!
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. Come along and try a class first before you commit
Numbers limited to 15 per class
For further information www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie suzie@unload.org.au ph 0409 409 141

SINGING LESSONS – TERM 2. There are still a few places left on Monday afternoons for vocal lessons with multi-award winning recording artist and studio vocalist Karen O’Shea. Karen is a high acclaimed and sort after vocal and we are very lucky to have her on board at Merewether Heights Public School. Please contact Karen O’Shea on 0448877700 or at kaoshea71@gmail.com as soon as possible to secure your spot. If you are interested in lessons on any other day, please contact Karen to discuss. Cost is $30 per half hour, payable by the term.

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

“Supporting our Sam” charity is holding a Children’s Art Show with a theme for art entries focussing on “Life” and Family Picnic. The event will be held on Sunday, 1 June at Pokolbin Hall from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Cash prizes will be awarded for best entries. Presentation of prizes will be at 2.00 pm. There will also be food and wine stalls, live entertainment, market stalls and children’s activities. More information is available at info@supportingoursam.com or by phoning Helen on 0414999387. Stallholders and sponsors are needed.

The school office has copies of entry forms for the Art Show “Life” for any students who would like to submit an entry. Entries left at the school office will be collected by Mrs L, who will submit them for judging.

Dear helicopter supporters. It's High Tea time again!! This popular ladies event is on at Magenta Shores (Central Coast) on Sunday 25 May, 2014. The High Tea will commence at 2pm with a range of high tea delights, raffles and balloon prizes. A Westfield fashion stylist will be on hand to give you the latest tips and tricks to look awesome this season. Grab your girlfriends, sisters, mums, aunties and neighbours and join in the fun! A great Mother’s Day gift idea! Tickets are available now via our website - http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/helicopter-high-tea-on-the-green-2014. Seats are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Milo in2CRICKET is coming to Charlestown Indoor Sports Centre. The program will offer boys and girls aged 5 to 10 years the opportunity to learn lots of new cricket skills, whilst having fun. The program will operate on Friday afternoons for 6 weeks, commencing on 16 May, from 4.00 to 5.00 pm. Parents can register online at www.in2CRICKET.com.au or direct any questions to Neil.McDonald@cricketnsw.com.au

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Sensory Movie Day – an event for families with special needs children - will be held at Maitland Reading Cinema on Sunday 25 May at 1.30pm. The movie being shown is Mr Peabody & Sherman. Cost $8.00 each for children 3 and over. Tickets on sale now or can be purchased on the day. For more information contact Sarah at sensorymovieday.maitland@hotmail.com

ORDER FORM FOR NAIDOC PACK

To be returned by Monday, 19 May 2014

I wish to order a $2.50 Naidoc Pack for my child/ren:

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

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I have enclosed $…………….., being $2.50 for each pack ordered.

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 ……………………………..
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Kids First Aid offers the only first aid courses delivered exclusively by experienced paramedics, designed to teach parents, grandparents and caregivers how to respond calmly and confidently to 10 of the most common first aid emergency situations.

Courses available now: Newcastle Leagues Club, Sunday 18th May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Book Online Today: www.kidsfirstaid.com.au or call 1300 138 133

Private Sessions also available