The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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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...

Early Stage One Awards: Molly B, Coco P, Finlay T, Avalon P, Immogen-Rae H, Alexandra A


Stage Two Awards: Holly B, Maeve W, Patrick McI, Holly S, Patrick S, Milla C, Ava W

Stage Three Awards: Grace A, Max B, Lachlan F, Harvey D, Lawrence W, Brock P
Happy Birthday to: Max B, Sebastian C, Mia D, Alice R, Tobin S, Riley M

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
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 account for outstanding textbook money was sent home with the newsletter last week.
- 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Envelopes have been sent home with every child today. Family photo envelopes are available from the school office or may be ordered online. School Photos will be taken for the whole school on Wednesday, 28 May 2014. Full school winter uniform will be required on the day.

For the girls this includes red and grey tartan tunic and white long sleeve blouse with regular collar or charcoal grey bootleg pants and white long sleeve polo top with school emblem, white ankle socks or black tights and all black leather school shoes.

For the boys this includes grey ‘blocker’ longs, sky blue long sleeve polo top with school emblem, grey socks with red and white bands and all black leather school shoes (no canvas or skate shoes).

Please return these envelopes on photo day with the money enclosed. Please do not return if using the online ordering system.

CUP CAKE DAY 1P

1P will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 3 June 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 1P’s classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.)

Don’t forget – Cup cakes are 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.

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.**

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2014

Stewart House Donation envelopes were sent home 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!!
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, glue stick, 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.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Our congratulations go to our Regional Cross Country Team who participated last Friday at Broadmeadow Race Course. Their results are: Sienna K – 39th; William H – 16th; Jay K – 11th and Ellie L – 16th. Well done to our representatives!!

FILM FESTIVAL

Merewether Heights Public School is holding a film festival for Years 3-6 this term. Interested students are invited to create a short film based around the theme ‘Fly’. Students may create their film at home or can visit Mrs Hannah and Ms Napper on a Monday or Thursday at lunchtime for ‘Film Club’.

During ‘Film Club’, students may have access to the school iPads for filming and editing their masterpieces. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

We look forward to viewing some creative and entertaining films!

Mrs H
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...

**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 or contact Sharron S. Mobile 0423331057 or email: sstudley3@bigpond.com

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.

*Sharron S*

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**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 vocalist 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 Alliance Française de Newcastle is proud to bring to you another French Film Festival at the Tower Cinema, King Street. Showing this year are 6 great movies.

The Program:
Friday 23th May 6pm: Opening Night
Chinese Puzzle (M). Drama Comedy
Saturday 24th May
11am: Belle and Sebastien (PG). Perfect for the younger audience
2.30pm: The Finishers (PG). True, powerful story
7.30pm: The Past (M). Unmissable!
Sunday 25th May
11am: Blue is the Warmest Colour (R+18).
2.30pm: What's in a Name? (M). Excellent Drama Comedy
Followed by Closing Afternoon Tea

Return Slips for Parents...

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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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.

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: _____________