Noticeboard

Week 4 Tuesday, 20 May 2014

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School
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From the Principal...

Dear Parents

Last week we commenced our Ethics and Meditation classes as part of the whole SRE program. At the moment these classes are being offered to stage 1, stage 2 and 5N. It is hoped to role this program out to the whole school depending on numbers and availability of teachers. I have heard very positive feedback from the initial lessons.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

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.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

**Early Stage One Awards:** Riley H, Benjamin T, Charlotte S, Kane L, Joseph H, Jessie T

**Stage One Awards:** Eli M, Leila B, Ash O’M, Ruby-Lou N, Alice R, James B

**Stage Two Awards:** Grace B, Jasper P, Sophie P, Linus D, Holly V, Lucas W, Angie J, Matthew L

**Stage Three Awards:** Flynn G, Zane P, Jack M

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

### From the Office...

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED?**

- Medical Information form – we just have a few students who have not returned this form. Another form was sent home with these students last week. 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. This form was due by **Friday 16 May, 2014.** Please ensure this form is returned to school as soon as possible.
- 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.

### 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.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Envelopes were sent home with every child last week. 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.

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.
Interrelate will be offering the programs at our school on Thursday, 17 July.
Primary Session 1 – Years 3 - 6 – 6.00 pm
Primary Sessions 2 – Years 5 -6 – 7.15 pm.
Brochures will be sent home in Week 6.

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS

PREMIERS DEBATING TEAM

Our Premiers Debating team, consisting of Charlotte H, Caitlyn R, Jaimee D and Abby R, have their first debate tomorrow against Merewether. We wish them all the best with their case. Next week we will post their debate topic and results.
THE NEXT P & C EVENT WILL BE THE SCHOOL DISCO ON THURSDAY, 26 JULY

This event will be organised by year 2. There have been a number of parents who have already volunteered to help out at the disco from 2JF and 2K but the event doesn’t have a co-ordinator from either class. The co-ordinator’s job is to organise the volunteers so if anyone from year 2 is interested, please leave your name and contact details (email and mobile number) at the office. The information on what to do to run the disco will then be emailed to you.

Thank you
MHPS P & C

GIRLS WINTER SKIRTS NOW AVAILABLE AT LOWES, NEWCASTLE

Please be advised that winter skirts for primary girls only, years 3 to 6, can now be purchased from Lowes Newcastle for approximately $53.00. Year 3 have the option of the tunic or the skirt. The skirt is worn with a long sleeve winter blouse or the long sleeve white polo. Infants girls, kindy to year 2, will remain in the winter tunic.

Thank you
Sharron S

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 Studley. 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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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

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e: wills.craiglouise@gmail.com or p: 0406 321 399
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.

SOUTHERN CROSS EXCHANGE: Experience your world: make new friends, learn a new language, become a student in another country. Be a host family for an overseas student. Learn to live together by living together. To find out more, come along to a free Public Information Session at “The Place” (Community Centre), Charlestown Square on Wednesday, 21 and 28 May. Arrive at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

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  
For more information please visit: www.afnewcastle.com.au

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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