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

Parent/Teacher Interviews
The semester one interviews will be held from Friday, 20 June through to Thursday, 26 June. This is an opportunity I would encourage you all to take up, where you can sit with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress through the first half of the year. The interviews and locations are shown below. All bookings are done online at: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The ‘event code’ is C2XT5. The site will be open for bookings from Friday, 13 June at 8.30 am through to Thursday, 19 June at 3.30 pm. If you are having any problems accessing the site then please contact the school. NB – the interview times will be taken on a first-in-first-served basis.

Interview locations are shown in brackets after the class. The LAST room is located at the north/west corner of the Admin block (just near the infants ‘red seats’).

Friday, 20 June       6H (AP Primary Office)
                     5N (AP Infants Office)
Monday, 23 June      KD (AP Primary Office)
                     KG (AP Infants Office)
                     2K (Library)
Tuesday, 24 June     2JF (Library)
                     3/4MC (AP Infants Office)
                     KE (AP Primary Office)
Wednesday, 25 June   1J (LAST Room)
                     4/5/6G (AP Primary Office)
                     1P (Library)
Thursday, 26 June    4H (AP Infants Office)
                     3S (AP Primary Office)

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Web: www.merewethht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au    Email: merewethht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
School Security Unit – 1300 880 021
StarStruck
This week is StarStruck week! We have both dancers and singers performing this year! I am sure they will all have a wonderful and memorable experience performing in front of thousands of people and can guarantee there will be some very exhausted students and staff members at the end of the last performance on Saturday night. I wish all the students and teachers from not only this school but from schools around the region all the very best!

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.

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:  Felix B, Mia C, Finnley McA, Holly C, Nash P, Emma N
Stage One Awards:  Kaitlin B-R, Eli M, Shayla W-D, Jimi E, Cherri S, Juliet M, Madeleine B, Max O
Stage Three Awards:  Emma P, James R, Sophie B, Ellie L, Lucy N, Ben P


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 earlier this term.
• 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.
• Green note requesting Voluntary School Contributions.
• Pink Term 2 payment schedule, with payments due in Term 2.

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CUP CAKE DAY KG

KG will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 17 June 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at KG’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.**
When kids ask “the” questions . . .

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . We know how to ‘help break the ice’. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
1 hour – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:
"The educator has a great way of putting things simply" “Provided me with a solid foundation” “Covered areas I hadn’t thought of talking about” “Entertaining and informative”

Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents
A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

FAMILY COST: 1 session $25 per family  •  2 sessions $30 per family
Please Note: The Family Cost is GST exclusive
The GST is payable/claimable by the School/Organising Body

Where: MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Thursday, 17th July 2014
Time: 6:00 pm SHARP (“Where Did I Come From?”) • 7:15 pm (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family: ____________________________________________________________

No. attending:  □  Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”  □  Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”

Amount enclosed: $  ___________  □  Cash  □  Cheque (please make cheques payable to school)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875  •  Fax: (02) 8882 7890  •  schoolservices@interrelate.org.au  •  www.interrelate.org.au

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DEBATING NEWS

Last week two of the train-on squads had away debates. One team was at Merewether Public School with the topic “Maths is Better than Sport”, debating the affirmative side. The other team travelled to New Lambton to debate “School Hours should be Extended”. Even though both teams were unsuccessful, they debated well. Congratulations to all involved.

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS

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 were sent home with students in Years 3 to 6.
COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY

To celebrate the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, this year our school will be holding our own Commonwealth Games at Myamblah Crescent Oval on Tuesday, 24 June 2014. All students will be walking to and from Myamblah Crescent Oval under teacher supervision, departing the school at 9.30 am. We will walk back to school at 2.00 pm.

To help our special event day run smoothly we will need the assistance of parent helpers. If you are able to assist on the day please fill in the note below and return it to your child’s teacher.

With thanks
Amanda Mitchell

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY – PARENT HELPER
Tuesday, 24 June 2014

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Class: ........................................
Parent’s Name: .................................................................

I am available to be a parent helper for the Commonwealth Games Day. I can help:

- [ ] All day
- [ ] From 10 am – 12 noon
- [ ] From 12 noon – 2 pm

From the Parents...

CANTEEN ROSTER

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PIZZA DAY
Thursday, 19th June 2014
SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY BY SLICE PIZZA

Orders and money to canteen no later
Monday, 16th June 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
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.

Sharron S

Community Notices...

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is running a school holiday fun program for children which will include Paint the Landscape, Art from Nature, The Rainbow Connection, Connect to Country and Tie-dye and Print. Costs vary between $12 - $20 per program. Bookings are essential on 4965 8260 or E: artgallery@lakemac.nsw.gov.au.

Newcastle City Council is holding a Junior Ranger Fun Day. To coincide with NAIDOC week, children will learn about Australia’s Indigenous culture through craft, games and interactive activities at Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg Street) on Tuesday, 8 July, 11 am – 1.00 pm. Free Sausage sandwich for children, $1 each for adults. Drinks available for purchase. No bookings required. Compulsory parental supervision at all times. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes. For further enquiries ring 4904 3344.

HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY
NEW LOWER PRIMARY CLASS
FREE TRIAL LESSON

"Increase your child’s communication skills, confidence and creative talents."

We are proposing to start a new class in Newcastle for Lower Primary students only (9.5 years of age) to complement our afternoon Upper Primary Drama classes.

A free trial drama class will be conducted at our Newcastle Studio in the Uniting Church Hall in Glebe Rd, Merewether on Wednesday June 5th, 4.00pm – 4.40pm.

The class will run for 45 minutes. If you wish to book a place or would like further details, please contact us to book in at:

dramacorp@bigpond.com - 02 49692338

Shane Skery
Principal
Hunter Region
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

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