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From the Principal...

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher Interviews
I hope we have all taken the time to book an interview with your child’s teacher. Bookings will close on Thursday 19 June at 3.30 pm. Remember, all bookings are done on line at: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The ‘event code’ is C2XT5.

Interview locations are shown in brackets after the class. The LAST room is located at the north/west corner of the Admin block (just need 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)

StarStruck
Congratulations to all our performers in StarStruck! It was a wonderful show and our students not only played their part so well, they were also wonderful ambassadors for the school! I would also like to particularly thank the teachers who gave so much of their time and effort to make StarStruck happen for our students! (AND Mrs D is feeling pretty chuffed at the moment because her son, after his performances at StarStruck, has been asked to audition for a feature performer at the Schools’ Spectacular that is held in Sydney featuring students from all over our state!)

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NAIDOC Week Activities
This Thursday we will be having our NAIDOC Week activities featuring the Millabah Dancers. They will be both performing for the students and also running great activities for the students to participate in. For your child to be involved he/she must have the $3.00 paid before or on the day.

Commonwealth Games Day Activities
To help the children get ready for the Commonwealth Games and also to have a fun day of fitness activities we are holding our games day next Tuesday, 24 June. A separate note has been sent home with all the details. This reminder is to make sure you have returned the permission note AND $4.00 for the day. Unfortunately your child will not be able to participate if these are not received by the office. I have already reminded the students at the morning assembly and teachers are giving regular reminders.

Early Stage One Awards:  Patrick D, Heidi M, Estella B, Tully D, Roy E, Amber T
Stage Two Awards:  Jay Y, Grace B, Zoe V, Kobi W, Patrick S, Georgia R, William T

Happy Birthday to:  Samuel W, Jay Y, Michelle N, Anastasia N

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.
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.

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with student’s name and class.

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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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 is colder, we find students 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.

From the Teachers...

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

As part of our NAIDOC Celebrations this Thursday, 19 June, all students are invited to wear red, black and yellow.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be having a second-hand book sale of all books no longer required in our school library on Thursday, 26 June, outside the library at recess and lunch.

All books will cost 20 cents each. Come and grab a bargain!!
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 M

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
DEBATING NEWS

On Monday, 16 June, our Premier’s Debate Team travelled to Newcastle East Public School. The topic selected was “That parents should only allow their children to watch TV on the weekends”. Our team were the affirmative side with a convincing case winning the debate. Well done!

From the Parents...

CANTEEN ROSTER

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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.

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.

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Register Now for Unload Creative Writing workshops in Term 3!
Unload is a fun creative writing programme offered here at Merewether Heights Public School. Each week students experiment with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. "Double, double, toil and trouble .." Next term Unload will be mixing together words, skills and senses to create some delicious concoctions, including a collaboration with The Red Room Company on the 2014 Poetry Object.

Who: Students from Year 3-6 (open to younger enthusiasts on request)
Where: Library
When: Monday, 8.10 -9.10 am (starting week 2)
Cost: 9 weeks @ $120 per child
Numbers limited to 15 per class

For further information www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie - suzie@unload.org.au 0409 409 141

Alphabet Street, Wests, is inviting you to join bestselling author of the Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose series, Jacqueline Harvey, at a special Children’s High Tea to celebrate the release of her latest Clementine Rose adventure on Thursday, 3 July at 10.00 – 11.30 am, 12.30 – 2.00 pm and 3 – 4.30 pm at Hobarts Restaurant, Wests, New Lambton. The cost is $25 per person or adults can enjoy tea and scones at Trattoria for $9 per person while kids are enjoying their time with Jacqueline. Bookings to info@alphabetstreet.com.au by Wednesday, 25 June or until sold out.

The City of Newcastle’s July school holidays brochure is now available online. Visit our school holiday’s webpage to download the brochure and see what’s happening these school holidays:

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Pivot Netball Academy is hosting a school holiday development program during the July school holidays for children turning 8-13 years in 2014. They also offer an after school junior netball program in 2014. For further information contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au.

NSW Sport and Recreation have a number of fun and exciting holiday camps for kids aged 5-16 years. These are led by qualified instructors and include activities such as fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, cooking and snow camps. For full details including program descriptions, head to our website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps.

Go4Fun is a free healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietician and Exercise Leader. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the Go4Fun website at http://go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900.

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 ......................................

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: __________

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## Merewether Heights OOSH & Vacation Care Program – July 2014

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| **Winter Wonderland Talent Show Day**  
Wear your onesie or PJs to VC and perform in our talent show  
Make tea cups and hot chocolates | All About Mexico Day  
Come and make a paper poncho and sombrero and do metal tooling. Don’t know what it is? Then come along with Amigos and find out! Make Tacos for afternoon tea. | **Joseph Amazing Broadway Show**  
Young Peoples Theatre 10 and older, Or Megamania for 5-9 year olds.  
Cost $15 per person lunch included. Limited places book early | Pedal Go Karts and Jumping Castle Day!! | **Free Excursion**  
Movies – How To Train Your Dragon 2  
Additional Cost $5 Popcorn and Drink Combo |
| **NAIDOC Celebrations and Art Day**  
Hand prints in Aboriginal colours on collage for room. Karen has supplied the info | **Andy Devine Art**  
Our World Famous Mr Devine returns Making Art inspired by the Gruffalo and Where the Wild Things Are…. | **Christmas in July Party Day**  
Make Yummy Christmas food and make Christmas Decorations | **Free Excursion**  
Tennis Day at Belmont tennis courts. Come along and try playing tennis or have a game if you know how.  
Please bring a racquet if you have one. | **Friday 11th July**  
**JD’s World Of Magic Show and Pizza Day** |
| Pupil Free Day  
14th July  
Excursion to see Rio 2  
Event Cinemas Glendale Cost $5 pp | Return to School  
Term 3 Begins  
15th July | | | |

### Big Kids Club Optional Activities (Year 5 and up)

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| **Transformers Movie**  
(M Rating)  
Cost $5 pp  
**Free Excursion** | **Visit To Speers Point Park (Weather Permitting)**  
**Free Excursion** | Young Peoples Theatre  
Cost $15 pp  
Jumping Castle and Pedal Go Karts | Movies -Train Your Dragon or Maleficent (rated M)  
Cost $5 pp | |
| Monday 7th | Tuesday 8th | Wednesday 9th | Thursday 10th | Friday 11th |
| **Visit to Blackbut Reserve**  
(Weather permitting) | Extreme Go Karts  
Cost $25 pp  
Coughlans Swim Centre (indoors and heated)  
Cost $5 pp | | **Tennis Day**  
**Free Excursion** | Magic Show and Pizza Day |

To Obtain a Full Copy of Our Program Please visit our website at [www.merewetherheightsoosh.com](http://www.merewetherheightsoosh.com).  
Email our staff: merewetherheightsoosh@hotmail.com or Call us on 4963 5654 or SMS 0412 787 605. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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