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…**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 3! I hope you all had a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday break. Please keep looking at the Noticeboard as there is so much happening this term, starting this week with the school’s Public Speaking finals. Also, as a quick ‘heads up’, this semester we will be developing the school’s next 3 year plan. Keep a look-out for the opportunities for you to provide input into the development of this plan.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please note there will be counter sales only on Wednesday, 16 July and Thursday, 17 July.
I need to take this opportunity to once again remind you all about the procedures for safely dropping off and picking up your children at school. **You must not park and leave your car in the ‘Kiss and Ride’ zone.** For these zones to work effectively, parents and carers need to:

- Be timely. You are only permitted to park for 2 minutes. If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within that time, you are required to exit the zone and re-enter when the child is ready.
- **DRIVERS, PLEASE DO NOT MOVE MORE THAN 3 METRES FROM YOUR VEHICLE.** A driver may get out of the car, open the boot and help children with their bags, but they must not move any further than 3 metres from their vehicle.
- Stop their vehicle as close as possible to the top of the zone, to allow following vehicles easy access.

If you want to park or leave your car you must do so in the designated area for that – it really isn’t that far to walk! Over 300 students enter and leave the school every day and it requires US ALL to follow these simple rules and procedures that help to keep our children safe and make it as easy as possible for everyone!

**Early Stage One Awards:** Sophie B, Claye F, Finlay T, Charlotte T, Joseph H, Madeleine McM


**Stage Two Awards:** Holly B, River P, Indiah S, Patrick S, Olivia M, Alex S, Sam W

**Stage Three Awards:** Abby R, Ethan S, Ben W, Mia R

**Happy Birthday to:** Harvey D, Jaimee D, Tim S, Alexander S, Anika R, Cameron H, Flynn D, Tully D

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

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**From the Office...**

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED?**

- 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.
- Junior and Senior Dance Festival notes were sent home last term. Permission notes were due on 27 June. Please ensure your child’s permission note is returned to school as soon as possible.
- Gymnastics Permission Note for Years 3-6 was due on 27 June. Gymnastics commences Week 2 (21 July). Please return the permission note as soon as possible. Please note payment must be paid by Friday, 25 July.
- Please note that all Camp Deposits for Years 3 – 6 were due at the end of Term 2. If you have not paid your child’s deposit and your child intends to go to camp, please pay the deposit as soon as possible. If you do not intend sending your child to camp, please advise the school office as soon as possible.
ETHICS TEACHER NEEDED

Our school is looking for another volunteer Ethics Teacher to teach Ethics classes to our Stage 3 students and Kindergarten. This can be anyone from the school or wider community. When we find a volunteer we can start Ethics classes for these stages.

If you are interested look at www.primaryethics.com.au for information on the role and how to apply. You can also contact me, Louise, Merewether Heights Ethics Co-ordinator on 0406 321 399 or email wills.craiglouise@gmail.com.

GYMNASTICS FOR YEARS 3 TO 6

During Term 3 we will be offering the Gymnastics Program for students in Years 3 to 6, commencing in Week 2, the week commencing 21 July. Permission notes were sent home last term and were due on Friday, 27 June. If you have not returned your child’s permission note, please do so immediately.

The cost of the program is $40.50 per students. This payment must be paid by Friday, 25 July. After 25 July, students will not be able to participate in gymnastics unless payment has been received at the school office.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 5 is being sent home today. If you wish to order items from Book Club for your child please return the order and payment to the school before Friday, 25 July 2014.

CUP CAKE DAY 2JF

2JF will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 5 August 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 2JF’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.
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: MEREWEATHER 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)

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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.

Follow us on Twitter @MerewetherHtsPS

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Our School Public Speaking Finals will be held this Thursday 17 July, 2014.

Times and Dates are:

Kindergarten - Thursday 17th July, 10:00am
Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2) - Thursday 17th July, 11:00am
Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) - Thursday 17th July, 12:00pm
Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) - Thursday 17th July, 1:00pm

The finals are in stages and 2 winners from each stage will progress to the Zone Finals. Parents are most welcome to come and support their children in our school hall.

Ashlea S and Rebecca P
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 Studley. Mobile 0423331057 or email: studeley3@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

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Welcome back to school banking

If you have 10 dollarmite tokens then redeem them now for a great reward.

In Term 3 we have even more exciting rewards. Choose from:

- **NEW** – Swim Bag
- **NEW** - Dollarmite Money Box
- Penguin or Shark Key Ring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Handball (limited stock)
- Scented Pencils (limited stock)

New rewards are released each term.

In addition, some 2013 rewards have been re-released for a limited time only, while stocks last:

- Money box (Pat, Pru or Spen)
- Blue Wallet
- Headphones
- Knuckles Game
- Projector Torch

Please fill in your redemption card (additional cards are available at the office) or drop me a note with your banking + 10 tokens and your reward/s will be delivered within 2 weeks.

Did you know?

Our school earns commission for every bank deposit made at school. In addition, every new account opened earns extra commission.

So far this year our school has earned just over **$1000** in commission which is amazing.

Thank you to each and every one of our student bankers, you really have made a difference!

**Wednesday is school banking day**

**Thank you for supporting the school banking program**

Your school banking coordinator - Helen T (0425 207 923)
CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 16/7/14 Kim B – Counter Sales ONLY
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Friday 18/7/14 Kim B, Prya R
Monday 21/7/14 Louise J, Volunteer needed
TUESDAY 22/7/14 CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday 23/7/14 Katie S, Donna P
Thursday 24/7/14 Reanna S, Belinda H
Friday 25/7/14 Ben C, 2 Volunteers needed
Monday 28/7/14 Cheree McD, Di McN
TUESDAY 29/7/14 CANTEEN CLOSED

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 3

Rosters for Term 3 were sent home last term with your child. If you did not receive your copy please ask at the office for another one.

CANTEEN ROSTER VACANCIES 2014 TERM 3

Below is a list of days where help is needed in the Canteen. If you are able to help out on any of these days please contact Kim (0421336626) or see her in the Canteen. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Thanks.

Week 2:
Monday 21/7/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
Friday 25/7/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
Friday 25/7/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Week 7:
Monday 25/8/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
Wednesday 27/8/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Week 10:
Wednesday 17/9/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

SAVE THE DATE – TRIVIA NIGHT

The P & C is busy planning a fantastic Trivia Night to raise money for the school.

It will be held on Friday, 14 November. Put this date in your diary NOW!! More details to follow.
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

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

2014 TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL: Let Newcastle’s medical students treat your child’s favourite stuffed animals and dolls at the annual Teddy Bear Hospital event. This is a free event aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle, and a positive relationship between children and healthcare professionals. There will also be a bake sale to support the charity “Leap Frog – Fair go for Kids”, who aim to provide support and equipment to children living with a disability.

All families are welcome to bring a rug and a picnic lunch on Saturday, 19 July, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, at Civic Park, King Street, Newcastle.

Bring yourselves, your children and their favourite stuffed toy, doll or figurine.
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Return Slips for Parents...

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Merewether Heights Public School
The School will accept VISA and MasterCard payments Only

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Amount: __________________ For: ________________________________

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