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

Dear Parents

Trees in and around the school
This year the Department of Education has conducted a survey of trees in all DEC schools. As a result of this survey a small number of our trees have been marked for removal and a number of other trees for pruning. This program will commence in a few weeks’ time. Before this work can commence temporary fencing will be erected. The children will still have access to the playgrounds but not the areas under trees. Please note that, as has always been our practice, the playgrounds will still be closed during windy conditions.

Ethics Teachers
A number of parents have indicated that they would like their stage 3 (years 5 & 6) and early stage 1 (kinder) children to have ethics lessons. Unfortunately, ethics has not been offered to these classes as the organisers do

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.
not have a volunteer parent or community member to run these lessons. If you can help and volunteer to run these lessons you will receive all the training and resources free of charge. Please contact Louise Wills on 0406 321 399 for more information. It would be great if we can offer ethics to every student in the school!

**State Hockey Representative**  
I would like to congratulate Archie N on his selection into the NSW Primary School Hockey Team. The team will now travel to Tasmania for the National competition. Well done and all the best for the Nationals!

**Dance Festival**  
This week our junior and senior dance groups will be performing at the Newcastle Dance Festival. This caps off a year of learning and practising dance skills to produce a very polished performance. Good luck girls and enjoy the experience. We will all be looking forward to seeing your performances as they put on their routines at school events later in the year!

**Voluntary School Contribution**  
Every year, to support our school programs, we ask for a voluntary school contribution from parents. This has been well supported in the past and this year we have budgeted this money to support the school’s technology program where we are looking to purchase iPads and laptops for the classrooms. There is now high demand for these as these devices have been used for so many classroom and extension activities. The voluntary school contribution is $50 for the youngest child and $45 for all other students. Could you please make your contribution as soon as it is possible for you! Thank you in anticipation!

**Early Stage One Awards:** Keira M, Benjamin T, Eleanor M, Kane L, Maeva O’N, Logan W, Samson C  
**Stage One Awards:** Kaitlin B-R, Daniel D, Billie T, Zara C, Lucia M, Shaye F, Halle M, Tye W, Max O  
**Stage Two Awards:** Bodhi C, River P, Ben P, Oliver S  
**Stage Three Awards:** Gus N, Ainslee L, Brandon P, Harry S, Eliza M, Nicholas W

**Happy Birthday to:** Archie N, Jack W, Amelia M, Sophie R, Paris D, Ashton M, Molly B

Enjoy your week!

Steve E  
Principal
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.
- 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.
- **YEAR 6 ONLY** – Permission note for Moving Into the Teen Years Program

RUBELLA/GERMAN MEASLES

One of our families has had a child with Rubella/German Measles during the school holidays. Parents, please be vigilant with your children.

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 student. 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 was sent home last week. 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.

From the Teachers...

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PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE 2014

All Primary classes will be participating in the 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee. We will be running a class competition in Weeks 3 and 4. Students will then be selected to represent their class in the school finals. Parents will be invited to attend the school finals on Wednesday, 20 August.

2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee Word Lists Available
The official word lists for the 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee, provided by Macquarie Dictionary are now available for Stage 2 and 3 students to practise at home:

Password: Decade

Regional finalists will be selected from the School Spelling Bee Finals in Week 6 of this term.

Libby McC
Co-ordinator

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to all of our public speakers. Our zone finalists are Mia C, Maeva O’N, Billie T, Andrew C, Jasper P, Patrick S, Owen F and Caitlyn P-D. The details for the Zone Public Speaking finals are as follows:

Early Stage 1 - Tuesday 29th July 9:15am at Mayfield West Public School
Stage 1 - Monday 28th July 9:45am at Plattsburg Public School
Stage 2 - Thursday 24th July 9:30am at Heaton Public School
Stage 3 - Wednesday 23rd July 9:45am at Shortland Public School

We wish you all the best of luck.

Ashlea S - Co-ordinator
**BEANIE DAY – FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST 2014**

Students at Merewether Heights Public School will be participating in "Wear your Beanie for Brain Cancer Awareness Day". This will be held on Friday, 1 August 2014 and students can wear their favourite beanie or hat to school to support this great cause.

Each student is asked to bring a gold coin donation that will be donated to the Mark Hughes Foundation. All funds raised go directly to Brain Cancer Research at Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI).

This is NOT a mufti day; students should wear their school uniform.

**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.

Sharron S

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**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.

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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.

Community Notices...

SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Dear Parents,

My name is Hannah Simonovich, I have obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Newcastle in 2011 and am currently a working Artist.

I will be opening a second art class every Monday between 8 - 9am beginning the 28th of July. The lesson cost of $15 per week will cover tutorials and all required art materials. This will allow greater flexibility as well as broaden the diversity of mediums used in the children’s art works.

I will focus on expanding the children’s range of knowledge of art genres which include drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and ceramics as well as further develop their technique.

Every week my students are able to express themselves freely, have fun, learn and be creative allowing them to produce resolved artworks they can be proud of. My lessons will cater to all ages.

If you would like your child/children to participate and for further information please email me at: hannah.simonovich@gmail.com

Thank you
Hannah Simonovich
hannah.simonovich@gmail.com

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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