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.
Happy Birthday to:  Lara F, Ella C, Sophie P, Braith H, Seth H

Enjoy your week!

Steve E
Principal

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.
• 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 was to 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

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.

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.

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ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

28 students represented Merewether Heights Public School at the Zone Track Athletics Carnival on Friday at Hunter Sports Centre. A terrific effort was given by all.

Ethan P, Madeleine McL and Ellie L made it through to the 200m finals. Tye W, Tiana S and Annabel M progressed to the 100m finals. Tye had a fabulous win in the 8 years 100m boys’ final and Annabel came third in the 8 years 100m girls final.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Newcastle Zone at the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival on 29 August:

- Tye W: 8 years Boys 100m
- Annabel M: 8 years Girls 100m
- Milly S: 11 years Girls 100m
- William H: Junior Boys Relay
- Oscar M: Junior Boys Relay
- Matthew L: Junior Boys Relay
- Alex S: Junior Boys Relay

Great Effort!!

Mrs L

GIRLS KNOCKOUT TOUCH FOOTBALL

The MHPS Girls Knockout Touch Football team played Biddabah Public School on Wednesday, 23 July in the second round of the PSSA Knockout Competition.

They played extremely well, especially in the second half, winning the game 6 – 4. The girls will now go on to play Caves Beach Public School in the third round.

Well done girls!!

Mrs Lochrin

OZTAG REMINDER

All children who are attending the Oztag Gala Day on Wednesday, 30 July need to be at school by 7.45 am.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students for completing the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge: Gabriella L, Sienna M, Lucy E, Nicholas H, Ella-Rose L, Ky M, Hannah S, Matthew L and Tim S.

A reminder to those students participating in this year’s challenge that online student reading records must be completed by 22 August and paper reading records must be handed to me by 28 August.

Happy Reading!!

Alison L
Teacher-Librarian

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: http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee

Password: Decade

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

Libby McC
Co-ordinator

DEBATE UPDATE

Last week both train-on teams had away debates at Adamstown Public School and Hamilton Public School. The topics selected were: “That Parents have too much say in kids’ lives” and “That we should get rid of school uniforms”.

Both teams were the affirmative and, unfortunately, were unsuccessful with their cases.

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Our Premier’s Sporting Challenge is well under way. Thank you to all students in Years 3 – 6 who have returned their out of school activity sheet.

Keep on moving!!

Amanda M
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, 1st 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...

P & C NEWS

The next P & C event is morning tea for Education Week/ Book Week and Grandparents day on Thursday, 21 August.

5N and 4/5/6G will be in charge of selling the morning tea on this day. Everything will be sold for $1 with free tea and coffee.

The P & C would like to ask all families from the school to donate baked items to be sold on this day.

Thank you
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. Thanks.

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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 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

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...

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
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

Walk with Me: Foreshore Park in Newcastle will definitely be the place to be on Wednesday, 24 September when people with disabilities, their families, carers and community members get together for Walk with Me. It will be a great chance for people to get together, have fun, make new friends and celebrate the achievements of local people with disabilities. A jumping castle and face painting will be sure to keep the kids entertained, while a sausage sizzle and drinks will be on sale for a gold coin donation. You can register to take part in the fun by visiting the Walk with Me website. The fun starts at 10 am. For more details please call 49350400.
**meditation and buddhism SRE classes**

Losang Dragpa Kadampa Buddhist Centre offers weekly Meditation and Buddhism classes at Merewether Heights Public School.
The purpose of these classes is to teach the children how to develop a good heart and a happy mind. The teacher of the class will be Cara O'Meara; a Buddhist practitioner and mother of one of the students.
The classes will run each Wednesday afternoon and will consist of two simple meditations, a short teaching and a brief prayer to Buddha Shakyamuni.
If you are interested in your children attending, please register your interest at the school office and for more information regarding the classes, please feel free to contact the centre via email: info@meditateinnewcastle.org or ph: 40234562 DET#DGS12/2374

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