**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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**Event** | **Class** | **Activity Date** | **Cost** | **Note** | **Due Date**
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Basketball Gala Day |  | Thursday, 7 August | $10.00 | Yes | Tues, 5 August
ICAS Maths Test |  | Tuesday, 12 August |  |  | 
Year 6 Interrelate | Yr 6 | Tuesday, 12 August | $32.00 | Yes | Mon, 11 August
Year 6 Interrelate | Yr 6 | Tuesday, 19 August |  |  | 
Spelling Bee Finals in School Hall |  | Wednesday, 20 August |  |  | 
Book Week/Education Week/Grandparents Day | K-6 | Thursday, 21 August |  |  | 
Art Exhibition | K-6 | Thursday, 21 August |  |  | 
Art Exhibition | K-6 | Friday, 22 August |  |  | 
Year 6 Interrelate | Yr 6 | Tuesday, 26 August |  |  | 
3S Cup Cake Day | K-6 | Tuesday, 26 August | 50 cents |  | 
NPBS Maths Competition | Yrs 5-6 | Wednesday, 27 August |  |  | 
Regional Athletics |  | Friday, 29 August |  |  | 
Year 6 Interrelate | Yr 6 | Tuesday, 2 September |  |  | 
Climate Cam Environmental Day | K-6 | Wednesday, 3 September | Gold Coin |  | 
4/5/6G Cup Cake Day | K-6 | Tuesday, 9 September | 50 cents |  | 
Kindy 2015 Orientation Day |  | Thursday, 11 September |  |  | 
Have A Go Show | K-6 | Friday, 12 September |  |  | 
Life Education Van | K-6 | Mon – Fri, 15-19 September |  |  | 
School Disco | K-6 | Thursday, 18 September | $5.00 |  | 

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**From the Principal...**

Dear Parents

**ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL**

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. This event is seen as one of the defining moments in the formation of our identity and is something that is remembered every year. I have been collecting memorabilia to create a permanent display at the school so that children will always be reminded of the courage and sacrifice of our soldiers and also that we should do all we can to make sure a war like this never happens again. To make this display relevant to our students I would like to include a list of family members who have lost their lives defending our country and also a list of members who fought in the wars. For each soldier I would like a name, photo and some brief details (war fought in, decorations, married, etc.). From this information I will create a mounted frame to go on display (probably A5 size). I need your help getting this information to me asap! Any further suggestions would be greatly appreciated!
SUPPORTING OUR REPRESENTATIVE ATHLETES
Next Monday we will be having an out-of-uniform day to raise money to support our students who are picked in PSSA teams to compete at State Championship level. The students are asked to come in ‘sports’ clothing! They could wear their weekend sports uniform or something that related to their favourite sport or sporting team! We ask for a gold coin donation and the money will go to the P&C for distribution!

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Over the last couple of weeks our public speakers have been competing at the Zone Finals. Firstly I would like to congratulate them all for the way they confidently got up in front of a group of strangers and gave such good speeches. Special commendation needs to go to the following student: Caitlyn P – Highly Commended

DANCE FESTIVAL
I would like to congratulate our dancers who performed at the Hunter Dance Festival. They performed so well – what a credit they are to the school. I would particularly like to thank the dance teachers, Mrs McKenna and Miss Laura for the amazing job they do in getting the girls to such a standard and also Miss N and Mrs K who gave of their time to supervise the children at the festival. I have been waiting for a photo before writing this report but I am yet to receive one, so I will enclose a photograph as soon as one is available.

ANOTHER AMAZING SPORTSMAN
Well done Jack W who competed at the State AFL Championships as a member of the Hunter Central Coast Region Team.

Early Stage One Awards: Felix B, Remi W, Avalon P, Harrison G, Jessie T, Alex A
Stage Two Awards: Jade M, Jay Y, Prakriti G, Ava K, Sebastian C, Riley E, Sara J, Neve D
Stage Three Awards: Jaimee D, Jasmine S, Alex S
Happy Birthday to: Eliza M, Liam W, Riley H, Tyler M, Kobi W, Ben M

Enjoy your week!

Steve Egginton
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
CHICKENPOX

Parents please be aware that we have had two reports of chickenpox within the school community over the last week.

LOWES – SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As part of our ongoing service to your school we are pleased to announce your school is now online! That means you can have a direct link on your own website for parents to be able to purchase your school uniform at their convenience. The same great service is still available in store; we have just made it even easier for parents. It will also make it easier for new enrolments to view your uniform. There are great incentives for parents when they sign up. The link for your website is: http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=80

Jenni Bowen
Lowes - Beare & Ley
Schoolwear Coordinator

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please see this week’s newsletter for advice from the photographers on how to order the specialty group photos taken on school photo day in May 2014. School photos (individual and class photos) that have been ordered and paid for should be at the school very soon.

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 3S

3S will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 26 August 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 3S’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.

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.

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 .................................
From the Teachers...

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SOFTBALL/TBALL GALA DAY

Thank you to all the students who paid for the upcoming Softball/TBall Gala day on 13 August. Unfortunately, we did not get the numbers to secure a bus so we will not be participating in the Gala Day. Parents who have paid will receive a refund.

Ms M - Coordinator

BAND AND CHOIR NEWS

Last Tuesday our band and choir travelled to Charlestown Square to perform for Education Week. They performed in the centre court in front of a large audience, and they were fantastic. A big thank you to all of the parents who helped with transport on the day.

Miss G and Mrs D

HAVE A GO SHOW

The first annual ‘Have a Go Show’ is a talent show that encourages our students to have fun performing in front of an audience. Possible acts are dancing, singing, acting, poetry, music, magic, aerobatic or anything that they can do well.

So far we have been having some practices in the hall to plan acts or practise instruments. Auditions will be held on the 18th, 19th and 20th August and the show will be held on Friday, 12th September. Parents and family are welcome to attend on the 12th September. We would also encourage parents to help with costumes and practise at home.

MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL 2014 FILM FESTIVAL

Our first annual MHPS Film Festival has been judged and the top 3 movies were viewed at a recent assembly.

Congratulations to the following winners:
1st place- Max D (5N) ‘The Big Fly’
2nd place- Olive W (3S) ‘Super Spot Saves the Day’
3rd place- Max H (4/5/6G) ‘Lego Stop Animation’

We were amazed at the quality and creativity of all of the entries and thank all of the students and families who were involved in the festival. We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with for next year's film festival!

Mrs H
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.

FATHERS DAY BBQ

Mark it down in your diary Dad’s. This year we will be having a BBQ breakfast to celebrate Father’s Day (instead of our usual Father’s Day Stall) on Friday 5th September from 8am. Dads, step dads, pops, uncles and any other male family members are invited to join with their children to enjoy an Alfresco Breakfast.

Bacon and sausage rolls will be able to be pre-ordered for a small fee (a note will come home in the next week) and a coffee cart will be available for a cappuccino.

The P&C are asking for volunteers to assist with the cooking and serving of the breakfast - please leave your name at the office.

We hope this event will give the children at Merewether Heights the chance to show Dads how much we appreciate them!

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.

| Week 6: | Thursday | 21/8/14 | 9.30 am – 2.15 pm |
|         | Week 8:   | 4/9/14 | 9.30 am – 2.15 pm |
| Week 9: | Monday | 8/9/14 | 9.30 am – 2.15 pm |
| Week 10: | Wednesday | 17/9/14 | 9.30 am – 2.15 pm |
|         | Thursday | 18/9/14 | 9.30 am – 2.15 pm |
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.

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.

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...

The Hunter/New England Carer Education and Support Program Hunter are holding three events:
- Free 2014 Expo for Families & Carers at Newcastle Panthers on Thursday, 9 October 9.30am to 3.00pm
- Carers Unite for Carers Week Movie Day at Event Cinemas Glendale on Thursday 16 October at 9.45am to view “The Judge” commencing at 10.30 am. Cost $5.00
- Free 5 week Young Carer Peer Support Group commencing Thursday 16 October at Windale Primary School

For more information please phone 49214895 or 1300887776 or email educare-admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Hunter Futsal Strikers Clubs and PCYC Futsal Clubs will be playing their summer competition at five venues in the Hunter/Central Coast areas. Open for all ages under 6 to youth, senior men and women and mixed. For more information please go to www.hfss.com.au or to register your team, go to admin@nnswfutsal.com.au

meditation and buddhism

SRE classes

Losang Drampa 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 afternoons 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

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