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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**Noticeboard**

**Week 5**  **Tuesday, 12 August 2014**

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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**From the Principal...**

Dear Parents

**Open Day and Grandparents’ Day**

On Thursday, 21 August we will be having our annual Open Day, Grandparents’ Day and Book Week activities. It will be a showcase of many of the fantastic things that happen at our school including science activities in the classrooms, performances from the band, choir and dance groups! All the details are listed later in this Noticeboard. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

**ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL - Reminder**

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!
Early Stage One Awards: Jasmine D, Maia D, Bryson H, Flynn D, Max J, Amber T
Stage One Awards: Lexie C, Gabriella L, Andrew C, Ash O’M, Jacob A, Lotus S
Stage Three Awards: Harvey D, Tyler M, James R, Liam C, Lauren M, Phoenix McC

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.
- 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. This program started today and $32.00 needs to be returned to school with the permission note.

KINDER ORIENTATION

Kinder Orientation will be held on Thursday, 11 September 2014. Invitations have been 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 6 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 office before Friday, 22 August 2014.
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.

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:

Jenni B
Lowes - Beare & Ley
Schoolwear Coordinator

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were distributed to students last Thursday. Unfortunately, there have been some issues with some photos being put in incorrect envelopes. If you are missing photos you have ordered, please contact the photographer direct on 49654114

Please see below advice from the photographers on how to order the specialty group photos taken on school photo day in May 2014. Specialty group photos are on display in the office foyer.

Merewether Heights Public School Specialty Group Photographs 2014

Specialty Group Photographs will be available online

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com and follow the online ordering tabs to School Specialty Groups

Password: 36771AC

Or ring our Broadmeadow office during school hours
Please note we are closed school holidays

17A Denney St. Broadmeadow 2292
Hours: 9am -3.30pm Mon-Fri.
Closed School Holidays
Email: admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com
Ph:49 654114

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LIBRARY NEWS

Education Week/Grandparents Day/Book Week/Science Week Celebrations

On Thursday 21st August MHPS will be celebrating Education Week, Grandparents Day, Book Week, and Science Week. These will be celebrated with a Book Week parade, classroom visits to observe students conducting science activities, a special morning tea for grandparents, and a performance by our school dance groups and band.

The itinerary for the day is:

9.30 to 10.00am  Book Week Parade of students
10.00 to 10.30am  Infants – visit to the Library
                  Stage 2 – classroom visits
                  Stage 3 – classroom visits
10.30 to 10.50am  Infants – Classroom visits
                  Stage 2 – visit to the Library
                  Stage 3 – classroom visits
10.50 to 11.20am  Infants – Classroom visits
                  Stage 2 – classroom visits
                  Stage 3 – visit to the Library
11.20 to 11.50am  Morning Tea
11.50 to 12.10pm  Dance Group and Band Performances

Book Week 2014

Book Week will be celebrated on Thursday 21st August as part of our Education Week and Grandparents Day celebrations. The theme for book week this year is Connect to Reading so students can come dressed as book characters or with connections to the books they have read.

Some ideas based on the nominated Book Week books they have been reading in library are:

- **King Pig** - dress as a King in fine clothing with a crown or as a pig or sheep
- **Banjo and Ruby Red** - set on a farm with a dog and chicken as the central characters
- **Meet Captain Cook** - dress as a British Naval Officer or in a nautical theme
- **Granny Grommet and Me** – dress as a surfer or in beach clothing
- **The Windy Farm** – dress as farm animals

Book Donation Fair

A Book Donation Fair will also be taking place as part of the Book Week celebrations. New books can be bought by parents or grandparents for $5, $10, $15, or $20 to be donated to our school library. Your child/grandchild’s name will be acknowledged on a certificate inside the front cover and they will be the first to borrow and enjoy that book.

Merewether Heights Public school children have been reading the nominated books in Library lessons so we are all looking forward to sharing this exciting day with you.

Premiers Reading Challenge

All completed reading logs must be handed to the Library by 22nd August. Congratulations to all those who participated.

Mrs L
Teacher Librarian
PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE 2014

All Primary classes will be participating in the 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee. We have been running a class competition and students will then be selected to represent their class in the school finals. Parents are 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

SRC News
Thank you to everyone for supporting our Beanie Day fundraiser and raising awareness for Brain Cancer. We raised just over $300.00 for the Mark Hughes Foundation. We even had Mark Hughes himself make an appearance at our morning assembly. Well done everyone.

As a part of our school management plan the SRC are looking at ways to promote healthy eating across the school.

Our healthy tip this week is:
“Eat fruit and vegetables of all colours of the rainbow every day”
Healthy Kids Association

Thank you,
Miss S and the SRC

TIMES TABLES CHALLENGE - YEARS 3-6

The Times Tables Challenge is well underway for years 3-6. Students are revising their tables in class through drills, songs, skip counting and games. Each Friday they are tested on their speedy recall of times table facts and their results are graphed.

All students in years 3-6 should be revising their tables facts as part of their homework and recording their efforts on their green ‘at home’ card. If your child has misplaced their ‘at home’ card, please see their teacher for a replacement.

We look forward to Week 9 when we hold our annual Times Table Tournament. Our fastest primary students will ‘buzz off’ against each other so we can find a Stage 2 and Stage 3 champion.

Rumour has it that there are some amazing mathematicians in Year 2 who will be entered into the tournament on a ‘wild card’ status! Wow!

Keeps learning those times table facts!
Mrs H
**BASKETBALL GALA DAY**

Our teamwork and toughness really showed. Who would have thought the guys in the soccer jerseys would win it all. I guess playing every day at school really pays off.

The first game was a very physical game and Liam got poked in the eye and missed the second half. We emerged victorious winning 21-7.

Our second game was against the favourites to win the gala day, Jewels. It was an intense game going down to the wire. The score was left at 12-9. Will held the ball on an inbound, ran down the clock and threw it away at the buzzer turning in a great win.

The two following games were both exciting (at least for us) winning 34-4 and 42-0. We made it into the semi-finals still undefeated.

The semis were tough, we had our up and downs in the first half but we finished with a great second half winning 31-15 doubling their score!

The next game was arguably our toughest. It was the grand final. Both teams had some great runs, but the teamwork our school displayed was phenomenal and it helped us to hold the lead as we had lots of fast-breaks. The score was tight, finishing at 33-26.

Overall we turned in a great performance, going undefeated. The school team was great and everyone made a valuable contribution. Thanks to the team for representing our school.

Next Stop: Regionals, to verse the Maitland competition winners.

Liam W, Alex S, Will P

**BASKETBALL GALA DAY**

We got to the basketball stadium at 9:00 am. Our first game was at 9:30 am. We played Islington and won 14-0. They were quite aggressive, but there were no real injuries. Then we watched the boys play. They had a great game. At 10:30 am we played our second game against Jewels and lost 21-10. Straight after at 11:30 am we played New Lambton and lost 32-8. They were better than Jewels, but it was a fun game. We watched the boys play and then played our last game at 1:30 pm and won 25-0. It was a great day.

Xanthea V 6H

**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 18, 19 and 20 August and the show will be held on Friday, 12 September. Parents and family are welcome to attend on the 12 September. We would also encourage parents to help with costumes and practise at home.
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

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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: Thursday 4/9/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Week 9: Monday 8/9/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

Week 6: 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 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
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, 5 September from 8 am. 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 or contact Peta Baartz on 0434623502.

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

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

Newcastle Regional Libraries are running a number of interesting programs for Book Week, 18 – 22 August. For more information visit: www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library.

Young People’s Theatre is putting on a production of “Jack and the Beanstalk” from Monday, 22 September till Saturday, 15 November. YPT Box Office Hours are Friday, 4.00 – 6.00 pm and Saturday, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Phone: 4961 5345. Fax: 4961 0340. Email: ypt@ypt.org.au or visit the website: ypt.org.au.
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STARTS OCTOBER 20TH 2014 at Smith Park Broadmeadow

Get 7 players paid before 20th August and 8th plays for free (conditions apply)

Monday Nights: Men's comp A,B,C,Graides
Tuesday Nights: Men's comp D,E,F,Graides
Wednesday Nights: Mixed comp all grades
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Head to www.newcastleoztag.com.au for Information pack, Registration forms and Registration dates.
Or email newcastleoztag@gmail.com
Phone 0418440591

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★ Compete in the International Twenty 20 Cup!

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 10am-2pm Empire Park, Bar Beach

FREE PASS TO HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMP
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