Dear Parents

Famous ex-student returns to the school!

Who knew that Dr Chris Brown, the Bondi Vet, was a student at our school? He was back here on Sunday to film a TV ad for the Commonwealth Bank. I am looking forward to seeing the ad that will include some shots from around the school and some of our current students.

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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.
Open Day and Grandparents’ Day - Reminder
On Thursday 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!

Stage Two Awards: Grace B, Tiana S, Jaymie K, Tom N, Holly St, Matthew L
Happy Birthday to: Jay K, Ava K, Kane B, Cate S, Sienna M, Coco P

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.

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.

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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 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 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were distributed to students two weeks ago. 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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ENROLMENT NOTICE FOR DANCE GROUPS - 2015

For children currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are interested in joining our Dance Groups please phone Alison and Laura McK on 4963 2850 / 0438 632 850.

Junior Dance Group (Yrs 2 & 3)  Friday mornings at 8.00 am (School Hall)
Senior Dance Group (Yrs 4 & 5)  Tuesday mornings at 8.00 am (School Hall)

The cost of Classes is $85.00 per term.

These classes entail learning a variety of dance steps in a fun learning environment. This is a great opportunity for children to participate in a group experience and build confidence through a love of dance whilst working towards learning a dance routine which the children perform at different events throughout the year.

It would be appreciated if all new enrolments could be to me by Friday, 19 September, so I can finalise numbers in classes and confirm the above times.

Alison and Laura McK

From the Teachers...

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LIBRARY NEWS

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

On Thursday, 21 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, 21 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.

DEBATE NEWS
Week 5 has been a busy week for our debate teams. On Tuesday both the Train-On squads had debates against New Lambton South. The topic selected by the teams was “That children should have more say in what they learn”.

One team was successful while the other team was narrowly defeated.

On Thursday our Premiers debate squad had the fourth round of their challenge against Hamilton South. The topic the group selected was “That there would be an extra afternoon of sport each week at school”. Our team was the negative and delivered a convincing case to win. Great work team!

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

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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. Stage 3 final is on at 10.00 am and Stage 2 final is on at 11.45 am. Regional finalists will be selected from the School Spelling Bee Finals tomorrow.

Libby McC

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.

CHICKEN POX

We have had another case of Chicken Pox, this time in the senior school. Parents, please be vigilant with your children.

From the Parents...

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**: Wednesday 3/9/14 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

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ONLINE ORDERING CANTEEN COMPETITION

You can win Reading Cinemas voucher to the value of $70 just by placing an online canteen order. Every online order receives an entry in the prize draw. The prize will be drawn on the last day of Term 3.

- Sign up, add your child and add credit.
- Select your child
- Select order date
- Add meal items to order
- Confirm order
- Every order receives a confirmation email with your order details

P & C NEWS

**Bakery items needed for morning tea for Grandparents Day/Book Week and Education Week**

**Thursday, 21 August**

Donations of any bakery items (cakes, cupcakes, slices, cookies, etc) for the morning tea for Grandparents Day would be greatly appreciated. If you do not have time to bake, we are happy to accept bought items. Please drop all bakery items to the canteen on the morning of the event – Thursday, 21 August.

**Father’s Day BBQ**

This year we will be having a BBQ breakfast to celebrate Father’s Day on Friday, 5 September from 8.00 am. The P & C are asking for volunteers to assist with the cooking and serving of the breakfast. Please leave your name and contact details at the office or contact Peta Baartz on 0434 623 502.

Thank you

Sharron S

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.
Dear Parents and Families

The Merewether Heights Public School P & C will host a Father's Day Breakfast at school this year (instead of our usual Father's Day Stall) on **Friday 5th September, 2014**.

Dads, Grandads, Pops, Uncles, Big Brothers or anyone you think of is invited to join with their children and enjoy an alfresco breakfast under the Cola.

Bacon and or Sausage sandwiches can be pre-ordered for $2 per sandwich - just return the form below.

Breakfast will be served from 8 am and a Coffee Cart will be there for that early morning Caffeine hit!

*We hope that this event gives the children at Merewether Heights a chance to show Dads how much they are appreciated!*

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**Father's Day BBQ Breakfast Order Form**

**Family Name**: __________________________

**Eldest Child’s Name**: __________________________  **Child’s Class**: ________________

**Total Number of Sandwiches required**: _________________ ($2 per sandwich)

**Bacon**: __________________  **Sausage**: __________________________

**Total Amount Included ($2 per sandwich)**  $___________________________

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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

Young People’s Theatre is putting on a production of “Jack and the Beanstalk” from Monday, 22 September until 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.

Merewether Surf Life Saving Club is holding registration for Nippers 2014/2015 season. Registrations for current and new members are available online: www.merewetherslsc.com.au. This is the easiest way to register for existing members. New members must present proof of age at the Clubhouse on Sunday, 31 August, 10.00 am to midday. The 2014/15 season commences on 5 October and continues to 8 March 2015.

Newcastle City Junior Cricket Club is holding registrations days at No 1 Sportsground, Parry Street, (Administration Building) from 4.30 – 6.00 pm on Friday, 22 and 29 August and 5 September.
MILO in2CRICKET – 5 to 8 Years (starts 24 October 2014) FEE: $88.00
Under 9 and Under 10 (starts 11 October 2014) FEE: $165.00
Under 11 to Under 16/17 (starts 11 October 2014) FEE: $190.00

For more details contact Yusuf Badat badat@iinet.net.au or phone 0400 883 719

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Father’s Day Games – All Welcome!

Lawn mower races, a BBQ bake-off, washing line warriors, thong and stubbie race, jelly eating and a tent assembly are just some of the events being held to celebrate the first annual Father’s Day Games at Birdwood Park on Sunday 7 September from 11 am.

Onlookers are free to attend this community event, and everyone is invited. The adventurous are encouraged to enter a team of 4 (ages open) to compete in the challenges. Games organiser, Tim Cooper, said there is a $10 registration fee per team to enter the competition, and a title to be won.

The Father’s Day Games are a place making initiative of West End Advisory Group and Newcastle NOW. Has your family got what it takes to be crowned King Family of the inaugural Father’s Day Games?

What: Father’s Day Games  
When: 11 am – 2 pm Sunday, 7 September 2014  
Where: Birdwood Park, King Street, Newcastle West

To register a team, contact Tim on 4929 4644 or tim@newcastlenow.org.au. Get in early to secure your team’s place.

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GET THE KIDS ACTIVE!

Do you find it challenging to get the kids away from their computer or TV to play outside?
We all know how important it is for a child’s health, growth and development to be physically active each day, but with increasing technology in our lives; this can sometimes be a real challenge!
We may have the answer for you!

**Go4Fun** is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for families with children aged 7-13. It is run after school hours by a qualified Dietitian and Exercise Leader. Afternoon tea is provided for participants. To see if your child qualifies for the Go4Fun program, or for more information, visit the **Go4Fun website** at [http://go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900.

Go4Fun is being offered at the following venues in Term 4:

- **St Pius X** on **WEDNESDAY** afternoons (3.30pm-5.30pm).
- **Tenambit Public School** on **THURSDAY** afternoons (4.00pm-6.00pm)
- And **New Vine Church Maryland** on **SATURDAY** afternoons (1.30pm-3.30pm)

The Saturday afternoon program has been introduced for families who find it difficult to make it to Go4Fun in normal business hours. Please note that bookings will not be taken at the schools.

**DON’T MISS OUT - REGISTER BEFORE THE END OF TERM 3!!!!**

Encourage your child to be active, happy and healthy TODAY!

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**Return Slips for Parents...**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**  
**Merewether Heights Public School**  
The School will accept VISA and MasterCard payments Only

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Class: ______________

Amount: _______________ For: ________________________________________________

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Cardholders Name: _______________________________ Phone: _____________

Card Number: ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

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Signature of Cardholder: ___________________________________ Date: ____________

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