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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The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School
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**Noticeboard**

**Event** | **Class** | **Activity Date** | **Cost** | **Note** | **Due Date**
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NPBS Maths Competition | Yrs 5-6 | Wednesday, 27 August |  |  |  
Sydney Aquarium | Yrs 1&2 | Wednesday, 27 August | $42.00 | Yes | Mon, 25/8/14  
Soccer & Netball Gala Day |  | Thursday, 28 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 |  |  
Father’s Day Breakfast | K-6 | Friday, 5 September |  |  |  
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 |  |  

**From the Principal…**

Dear Parents

Our Open Day activities last week were a great success, despite the weather being less than kind to us. The children, and teachers, looked fantastic in their dress-up costumes and it was wonderful to see so many grandparents come along and enjoy the day. Congratulations also go to the band, dance groups and choir for their very entertaining performances.

Please keep in mind the Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday, 5 September 2014 under the COLA. Bring Dad along, make a memorable morning of it and show him how special he is to your family.

**Early Stage One Awards:** Sophie B, Riley H, Estella B, Sofia B, Nash P, Alex P  
**Stage One Awards:** Nyla H, Delphi R, Eva S, James K, James B, Sienna K, Michelle N, Sarah F, Jessica V  
**Stage Two Awards:** Maeve W, Nate H, Toby W, Ethan T, Ava K, Stella-Rose N, Braith H, Lucy R  
**Stage Three Awards:** Max B, Rhomany F, Owen F, Charlotte H  
**Happy Birthday to:** Will P, Jasmine S, Georgia R, Jade M, Nicholas H, Lilah P, Scarlet S

Enjoy your week!

John P  
**Assistant 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?

CUP CAKE DAY 4/5/6G

4/5/6G will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 9 September 2014. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 4/5/6G’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

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

Newcastle School Portraits

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and follow the online ordering tabs to School Specialty Groups

Password: 36771AC

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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DONATIONS OF TISSUES

With this continued wet and cold weather 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.

ENROLMENT NOTICE FOR DANCE GROUPS – TERM 4, 2014

For children currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are interested in joining our Dance Groups please phone Alison and Laura McKenna 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. Classes will commence Week 1 of Term 4.

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

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SRC NEWS

The SRC have been conducting surveys in their classroom to determine healthy eating habits of students at our school, looking at how many children eat fruit and vegetables at school. As a school 72% of students are eating more than one piece of fruit or vegetables a day, 26% of students are eating one piece of fruit a day and only 2% of students are not eating any fruit or vegetables at school.

Congratulations to 2K with the highest percentage of students consuming more than one piece of fruit or vegetables a day. 2K even created a graph to show their weekly fruit and vegetable consumption. Well done!

Our healthy tip this week is:
“Involve children in packing their lunchbox: involve your child in choosing what they would like to eat at school by providing them with options from each food group” - Good for Kids, Good for Life

Nicholas and Ellie from 2K

Thankyou,
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

DEBATE NEWS

Our Premiers Debate Team had their last debate against Adamstown Public School last week. The topic selected was “That animals should be banned from the circus in Australia”. Our team were the negative and were narrowly defeated.

REGIONAL BASKETBALL

On Friday we went off to Cessnock to play a ferocious game of basketball against Nulkaba. We had made it to regionals after winning the gala day. We got there early and got a good pre-game warm up. Nulkaba arrived and they were just as nervous as we were. We were full of adrenaline when the opening tip went our way. The first quarter was full of contact and you could say there were 100 fouls. It was tight the whole quarter and eventually we gained the lead by the end of the 1st quarter.

The 2nd quarter was even more intense than the first. We all had our fair share of points. At the end of the second quarter both teams were tied until Will got an amazing buzzer beater and put us up by two.

By the time the 3rd quarter started, the refs were not in our favour and they made it really hard to get the ball in our possession as they called no fouls on us. We were very annoyed but we kept on fighting.

In the final quarter, it was down to the wire and the calls were not going our way, but we managed to throw a couple of clutch shots. By the 1 minute mark we were up by 1 point, they scored on the 30 second mark and we kept fighting for victory. The counter was going down and with four seconds to go they scored again setting the score to 23-26. The buzzer sounded and we were all very disappointed. Even though the game was tight from the very start it was still fun and we were happy to miss school!

By Will, Liam, Alex, Oliver and Brock
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.

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

From the Parents...

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.

- Go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- 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

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 8: Wednesday 3/9/14 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
P & C NEWS

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 B 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 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

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...

**ZENRYOKU MARTIAL ARTS**

**Venue:** Merewether Heights Primary School Hall  
**Class Times:** Thursdays  
- Juniors 5:30 – 6:30pm = $8 (ages 6-12)  
- Seniors 6:30 – 8:00pm = $12 (ages 13+)  
**Ph:** 0418879393        **Email:** Zenryoku@live.com.au  
- Self-defence training by a fully insured and accredited instructor  
- Combines multiple Martial Arts styles (Karate, Judo Kickboxing, Jujitsu)  
- Suitable for all skill levels (ages 6+)  
- Women’s Self Defence for ladies and Stranger Danger training for Juniors  

**Combining modern techniques with traditional values**

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**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.

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**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@iinet.net.au or phone 0400 883 719

**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.
Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club is accepting all Nippers Registrations Online. New members and renewing member’s applications must be done during August. **No registrations will be taken after 30 August.** For more information visit [www.cookshillsurfclub.com.au](http://www.cookshillsurfclub.com.au).

**Walk With Me – Hunter:** Celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities and raise vital funds for local disability services. Come to Newcastle Foreshore Park (near Railway Carriages) on Wednesday, 24 September, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Walk starts at 11.45 am. Free attractions include Jumping Castle and Face Painting. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for a gold coin donation. Register now at [www.walkwithme.org.au](http://www.walkwithme.org.au).

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**Return Slips for Parents...**

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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

**Merezether Heights Public School**

The School will accept VISA and MasterCard payments Only

Student Name: ___________________________ Class: _____________

Amount: ____________ For: _____________________________

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Card Number: _________ _________ _________ _________

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