Dear Parents

Planning for 2015-2017

Following on from our last P & C meeting, where we commenced our planning process for the next 3 years, I would now like to involve the wider parent community to give us some feedback on the school. We need to know what we are doing well so we can continue doing that and also what you think we could do better. I have attached a sheet to this newsletter that you can fill in and return to the school office by Friday, 19 September. Through this planning process we are looking at how to make our great school even better! I will include your responses with the feedback I received from the P & C and present this at the next P & C meeting.

The next step will then be to use the ‘why, how, what’ process to build our new plan. We start with WHY do we want to do something, then WHAT it will look like at the end of the implementation cycle (this is sometimes the hardest because we need to project our thoughts forward so we can visualise the final result), and then HOW do we get there. For the plan to be effective we need all parties; teachers, students, parents, supporting the plan.

End of Term 3

It is hard to believe that we have so quickly come to the end of the term. I wish you all a safe and refreshing holiday break and see you all back at school on Tuesday, 7 October for the mad rush that is term 4!

Early Stage One Awards: Ruby G, Buddy L, Sam R, Tully D, Emma N, Roy E


Happy Birthday to: James M, Rhomany F, Alexander M, Charlie T, Billie T, Ash O’M, Riley H, Bede M-S

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.
Enjoy your week and holiday break!

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.
- Canteen Roster for Term 4
- Canberra Excursion notes for Years 5 & 6. Permission notes are due back at school by Monday, 13 October and final payment is due by Friday, 17 October 2014.

WHOOPING COUGH

The school has been advised of a case of Whooping Cough within the school community. Please be vigilant with your children.

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 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. 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

STARSTRUCK 2015 AUDITIONS

Round one Auditions for singers for StarStruck 2015 will be held on 31 October and 1 November 2014 at Lambton High School.

Application forms and audition information are available at the school office. Application forms need to be at StarStruck before 3.00 pm on Monday, 13 October 2014.

Late applications will not be accepted.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION
An information session for Year 5 students and parents intending to sit the Selective School Test in 2015 for entry to Year 7, 2016 will be held at 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 8 October 2014 in the Bensley Hall at Merewether High School, Chatham Street, Broadmeadow.

RSVP is essential – please email: Merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, indicating the number of people attending.

TERM 3 SCHOOL DISCO

3S and 3/4MC are co-ordinating the school disco sausage sizzle on Thursday, 18 September 2014. Volunteers are needed. 3S does not have a co-ordinator. Please leave your name and number at the school office and information on the disco will be sent to you.

DISCO – Thursday, 18 September 2014

Our Term 2 Disco will be held on Thursday, 18 September.

Our infants disco for Kindies, Years 1 and 2 is on from 5.30 - 6.45 pm. The primary disco for students in Years 3 - 6 starts at 7.00 pm and finishes at 8.30 pm. To cover costs, the entry fee is $5.00 per student. Each student receives a packet of chips and a drink as part of the $5.00 cost.

The disco is for our school children only - please no pre-schoolers, high school students or parents in the hall. We have a safety barrier to clearly show and restrict the movement of the children. We do this for safety reasons and this has worked well in the past.

Food that is purchased must be eaten before entering the disco.

Food for sale on the night will include:

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LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property cupboard is again overflowing with school and non-school items, including hats, swimmers, rash shirt, soccer boots, shin pads and lots of plastic containers and drink bottlers. These items do not have names on them. If your child is missing any items, please check the lost property cupboard in the western foyer of the staffroom, where the home readers are kept. The school office also has a collection of jewellery, stuffed toys, hair clips, etc. Please ask at the office. All items in lost property will be disposed of at the end of term.

We ask parents to please label all items so when things go missing we can return them as soon as possible.
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area.

These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately.

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Life Education NSW thanks you for your support of the ideals of Life Education.

**NB Harold Products are subject to availability**

☐ I would like to donate __________ to Life Education NSW.

Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

☐ I would like more information on Life Education NSW

Name: ____________________________________ Phone (optional): __________________
Address:__________________________________________
Suburb: ______________________________________ Postcode: _________________________
Email (optional) __________________________________________ Age: _________

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.
**DEBATE NEWS**

On Tuesday last week our Train-On Team had their final debate for 2014. It was against The Junction Public School. The topic the teams selected was “That Teachers Should Wear Uniforms”. Our team debated as the affirmative side and won the debate.

Congratulations to all our debaters on a great season!

A M

**TIMES TABLES TOURNAMENT**

Our annual Times Table Tournament was held last week and competition was fierce! Students were very quick on the buzzers and questions and answers were flying back and forth! After two very close finals, we found our champions for 2014.

**Stage 2**
- 1st place - Will H
- 2nd place - Jake M
- 3rd place - Ethan T

**Stage 3**
- 1st place - Ethan S
- 2nd place - Will P
- 3rd place - Cameron L

Special mention must go to our Year 2 ‘wildcard’ entries for their wonderful efforts in the Stage 2 competition. Well done Nicholas H, Jasmine L, Toby L and Charlotte H!

Mrs H

Reminder: Be on the search for “Pink Clothing” over the holidays for our Pink Stumps Day on Friday, 24 October. You could tie dye an old white t-shirt or wear the clothes that end up pink after being in the red wash!
**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.

- 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

**TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER**

The Canteen Roster for Term 4 has gone home with students today. If you did not receive your copy, please ask for another one at the school office.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN ROSTER VACANCIES 2014 TERM 3 AND TERM 4**

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 10:**

- Thursday 18/9/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm

**Term 4 Week 2:**

- Monday 13/10/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
- Monday 13/10/14 9.30 am – 2.15 pm
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...

**Go4Fun Programs:** Kaleidoscope in partnership with Population Health, will be offering Go4Fun programs in Term 4 to families who have children above their healthy weight. These will be offered at Adamstown (Wed 3.30 – 5.30 pm), Tenambit (Thurs 4.00 – 6.00 pm) and Maryland (Sat 2.00 – 4.00 pm). Please ring 49509117 for more information.

**Big5sports** is offering cricket for Term 4 for students from Kindergarten – Year 4 on Tuesdays in Term 4, commencing on Tuesday, 14 October and concluding 2 December. This will be run in the school grounds from 3.35 – 4.35 pm and will cost $111 for the term. Please collect an information brochure from the school office if interested.

**The Newcastle Conservatorium** is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 20 September from 9.00 am and will continue until 1.00 pm. Well-known musical director and pianist, Ray Alldridge, will share his wealth of knowledge and experience in music making. As well, you can participate in free demonstrations and workshops which will be held throughout the morning including piano, percussion, brass, strings, guitar, voice and more. Special sessions for the littlies to make in a real family event. Admission is free with a lucky door prize of four free lessons in an instrument of your choice. For further information please contact the Conservatorium on 49218900.

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**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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**Register Now for Unload Creative Writing workshops in Term 4!**  
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. Next term Unload will be mixing it up with epic stories, crazy characters, comics, poetry slams and generally delving deep into the kids’ bottomless well of imagination and creativity.  
**Who:** Students from Year 3-6 (open to younger enthusiasts on request)  
**Where:** Library  
**When:** Mondays bright and early! 8.10-9.10am (starting week 2)  
**Cost:** 9 weeks @ $120 per child  
**Numbers limited to 15 per class so be quick!**  
**For further information** [www.unload.org.au](http://www.unload.org.au) or contact Suzie - suzie@unload.org.au 0409 409 141
After School Gymnastics Program: My name is Rhianna and I currently conduct the in-school gymnastics program for Terms 2 and 3 from AGCS Schools. I have had several enquiries about an after school program where the children will be able to learn further skills. I am seeking expressions of interest for Term 4.

The classes would be: Monday 3.30 to 4.30 pm for infants and Thursday, 3.30 to 4.30 pm for primary.

The cost will be $150 for 10 weeks plus registration of $40 if not already registered with Gymnastics Australia in 2014 through another club.

- I have really enjoyed working with your children again this year. Your replies would be appreciated by the end of this term as I am not able to conduct the after school class if numbers are not sufficient. Please email: rhiannaelkin@aapt.net.au

The Hunter Wetlands is running a school holiday program including:

- Full day Kids Creative Writing Workshop with popular local author Jess Black for 10-13 year olds ($40).
- Bush Skills for 8-12 year olds ($20) – build a shelter, make a damper, learn knots and other skills.
- Weaving at the Wetlands for 8-12 year olds ($20) – gather reeds, flowers and other natural material.
- Wriggly Wetlanders for 5-8 year olds ($20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and craft activities.

For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or phone 49516466.
## Merewether Heights September /October Holidays 2014

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<td>KindiFarm Visit Us! Additional Cost $5 pp</td>
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<td>Mobile Laser Tag at the centre! Additional Cost $10 pp</td>
<td>Spring has Sprung Day! Make mini gardens and plant some seeds,</td>
<td>Circus Day including JD’s World Of Magic Juggling Class Additional Cost $5 pp</td>
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Merewether Heights OOSH Phone – 0412 787 605  
www.merewetherheightsoosh.com  
Email: merewetherheightsoosh@hotmail.com for bookings and enquiries.  
Fee: $46 pp/ Child Care Benefit and Rebate reduce fees. Some pay as low as $12 p day in fees.  
We look forward to caring for your child these holidays!

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Our advertisers support our school but please be aware that advertisements appearing in Noticeboard are not an endorsement by the school.
7s Rugby Union will be holding a 2 day 7s Rugby Union camp at No 5 Sportsground for both boys and girls and is for U/7s to U/12s players on 22-23 September. The cost for the 2 days is $140 and includes 7s merchandise and will run from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm on both days. The camp will focus on mandatory skills needed to be a successful Rugby Union player. The camp is suitable for all player types and will focus on fun, safety and learning. To get more information on the Camp and to register head to: http://www.nswrugby.com.au/NSWRugby/Community/Camps.aspx

Have You Prepared your Will? Take control of your future for only $40. Local solicitors will be on hand to prepare a simple Will or change your existing Will for the cost of $40 (per Will) at The Salvation Army, 6 Margaret Street, Cardiff on Wednesday, 22 October 2014 from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. All money raised will go directly to helping The Salvation Army Cardiff Corps facilitate local work in the community. Contact The Salvation Army today to make an appointment on 49295273.

Art Mania Studio is running a school holiday program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school holidays. Activities include fabric art exploration, mosaic a suncatcher, learn basic book sculpture, create an amazing mixed media self-portrait and create an air dried clay treasure box. A minimum of 5 participants is needed to run each class. Each session is $35, bring a friend or sibling and each students receives a $5 discount. All art materials are provided. BYO snack and drink. Bookings are essential. Phone 49550509.

Return Slips for Parents...

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2015-2017 School Planning
(Please return to the school office by Friday 19 September.)

What the school does well (so we can continue to do this!).

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What the school can do better (so we can continue to improve our school!).

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