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.

The Weekly Newsletter from Merewether Heights Public School

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From the Principal...

Dear Parents

Morning Art Classes

I am pleased to inform you that we have secured a teacher to do before school art lessons. These lessons will be held on a Monday morning and be held in the Art Studio (old hall). I have attached an information sheet that outlines what is involved, costs, etc. If your child is interested please book in early to guarantee a place. If you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Parent Information Sessions

To help you to get to know your teacher and for you to be informed about what will be happening in each class (including parent/teacher expectations, Student Welfare, homework, etc) we hold Parent Information Sessions. This year the meetings will be held during the week beginning 16th February.

Here is the timetable for each class:

Tuesday 17th February

2H & 2J: 4.00pm. Meet in 2H room before splitting off to individual classes.
K/1E: 3.45pm. Meet in K/1E room.
1K: 3.45pm. Meet in 1K room.

Wednesday 18th February

1P: 4.30pm. Meet in 1P room.
5N: 4.30pm. Meet in 5N room.
6W: 4.30pm. Meet in 6W room.
I encourage you all to come along to meet your class teacher, find out the expectations and procedures for each class and to learn about many of the procedures that are in place in the school.

**Kinder Times**
Just another quick reminder that the kindergarten students will finish each day at 3.00pm till Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} February. From Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March they will finish at the same time as the rest of the school which is 3.25pm.

**Stage One Awards:** Emma N, Roy E, Jessie T, Maia D, Nash P, Madeleine McM, Jimi E, Sienna M, Tobin S, Matilda G, Anika R

**Stage Two Awards:** James B, Max O, Luca D, Jacob S, Harry T, Ellie K, Hannah S, James C, Linus D, Zippie T, River P

**Stage Three Awards:** Ella C, Ben P, Lara F, Sam E, Sam K, Madeleine McI, Joey H

**Happy Birthday to:** William H, Ashleigh H

Enjoy your week.

**Principal**

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**From the Office...**

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: ANNUAL STUDENT & FAMILY DETAILS UPATE OF INFORMATION**

Today, as part of our annual update of information for students and families, the school office is sending home an envelope with a child from each family. Inside is a form/forms containing personal information held for your child/children, such as address details, parent contact details, emergency contact details, doctors contact details and medical information. We are asking parents to please alter any information on the form that needs to be changed, sign and date the form, and return to the school office as soon as possible. Even if there are no alterations to be made, we are asking parents to sign and date the form, and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Should your child have a medical condition which is not listed on the form, please contact the school office as soon as possible to provide details. It is essential that all medical conditions are noted to overcome the need to for you to provide this information on every permission note throughout the year.

**Please note: It is a parent’s responsibility to notify the school of any changes in their child’s medical condition**
5N CUP CAKE DAY

5N will hold its Cup Cake Day on Tuesday, 3 March 2015. Donations of cakes, slices and other goodies can be left at 5N’s classroom. (No toffees or nuts please as we have students with peanut allergies.)

Don’t forget – Cup cakes are now 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 FROM THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY.**

MOSQUITOES

At the moment mosquitos are quite prevalent within our school grounds. It is recommended that students apply insect repellent prior to coming to school.

**From the Teachers...**

Follow us on Twitter **@MerewetherHtsPS**

CROSS COUNTRY

Our school Cross Country carnival will be held at school on **Friday, 6 March 2015.** To avoid some of the summer sun and heat, we are asking students to be at school by 8.50 am to assemble in class lines under the COLA. The first event will commence at 9.00 am.

Parents are welcome to come along. We hope the events will be finished by 11.25 am.

Please ensure your child is wearing sports uniform, runners, hat, sun blockout, mossie cream/spray and has plenty of water.

**A M - Co-ordinator**
FRIDAY RUN GROUP

For students in Years 3 – 6 who are interested in training for the school Cross Country Carnival, our Running Club commenced last Friday. Interested students need to collect a permission note to attend from Ms M.

From the Parents...

CANTEEN ROSTER

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COURD ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE PAY THEIR $2.00 FEE TO COVER INSURANCE FEES NEXT TIME YOU ARE WORKING IN THE CANTEEN. Thanks.

CANTEEN ROSTER VACANCIES 2015 TERM 1

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 in the Canteen. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

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CANTEEN SUSHI DAY

The Canteen is holding a Sushi Day on **Friday, 20 February**. Please fill in your order at the end of this newsletter and drop it in to school before **Wednesday, 18 February**.

CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is opened every Tuesday from 9am - 9.30am. The clothing pool does not carry a float so correct money is appreciated. Cash or cheque is accepted. Cheques should be made payable to MHPS P & C. Sorry we do not have EFTPOS facilities.

The roster for the clothing pool is as follows:

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**Please note:** Winter jackets are now in stock in all sizes. All pre-orders have been filled and sent home with students. If we do sell out of any sizes, another order should be received in mid-March.

STUDENT BANKING

**2015 Banking Rewards**

Two new rewards are launched every term and are available until stocks run out

Bring in 10 Dollarmite tokens and you can choose one of the following rewards:

**New in 2015 (on display at Canteen):**
- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

**Prior year awards still available to order:**
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers
- Shark Key Ring
- Scented Pencils
- Head Phones
- Wallet
- Knuckles game

**Win a holiday to Disneyland!**

Every student who makes 25 or more deposits at our school this year will be automatically entered into a national competition to win an amazing holiday to Disneyland.

Prize includes five nights at Disneyland hotel, three day pass to Disneyland and $2,000 in spending money.

**Thank you for supporting the school banking program**
P & C EVENTS FOR 2015

Each class is allocated a P & C school event per year. Please find below the events for each class. Dates and more information on the events will be given at the class information sessions.

A co-ordinator from every class is needed who will oversee the event and volunteers. The school discos are given two classes and the co-ordinators work together to organise.

KD: Kindy Orientation: Uniform fashion parade and help set up morning tea for parents. Date: September

KG: Kindy Orientation: Set up Clothing pool stall and help sell items. Date: September

K/1 E: term 1 disco sausage sizzle. Date: Thursday 26 March 2015

1P: term 1 disco sausage sizzle. Date: Thursday 26 March 2015

1K: term 1 disco sausage sizzle. Date: Thursday 26 March 2015

2H: term 2 disco. Date: Thursday 25 June 2015

2J: term 2 disco. Date: Thursday 25 June 2015

3N: Easter Hat Parade morning tea - selling of hot cross buns and raffle tickets on the day. Date: 2nd April 2015

3MC: Easter Hat parade raffle - wrapping donated Easter eggs into prizes and organising booklets of tickets to go out to parents. Selling tickets on the day. Date: Mid March/ 2nd April, 2015

4S: term 3 disco. Date: Thursday, 17 September 2015

4P: term 3 disco. Date: Thursday, 17 September 2015

5N: school concert - food sales

5/6G: Education Week/Book Week/ Grandparents day - Selling morning tea items donated by parents

6W: Education week/ Book Week/ Grandparents day - Selling morning tea items donated by parents

These events cannot proceed without the generosity of the parents that volunteer their time to help out. The P & C appreciate this and thank you.

MHPS P & C

From the Community...

Hip Hop classes: Jade Kennedy of Breakin Hip Hop conducts hip hop classes at our school for our students. The classes have previously been held on Thursday mornings. For 2015 the classes have been moved to Wednesday mornings. Classes will be held in the school hall from 8.00 to 9.00 am each Wednesday morning. For more information or to make a booking for the classes please contact Jade on 0402669026.

South Newcastle Junior Rugby League: Registrations are now open for all new and returning players. In 2015, registrations will be 100% completed on-line. Registration links can be found on the South’s Facebook page or website. On-line registration assistance days will be held at South Newcastle Leagues Club (Llewellyn Street, Merewether), On Sunday, 22 February 2015, a final registration day is planned from 2pm – 4pm Mini League age groups from under 6’s to Under 8’s, Mod League age groups from Under 9’s to Under 12’s International from U13’s to U18’s

Enquiries: Please contact Scott Hallett at scotthlitt@yahoo.com.au or Graeme Fitzgerald on 0407 093 662.

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Merewether Heights
Primary Children’s Art Classes

To the Parents and Carers of all students attending Merewether Heights Primary

My name is Melisah May. I am an Artist and Teacher and I will be running art classes from 8am - 9am on Monday morning in the school’s art studio in 2015.

I am a qualified Art Teacher and have been teaching Art and photography for over 6 years. I have had experience running art workshops for primary school aged students and I have been lucky enough to turn my passion for teaching creative skills to children into a career.

I operate an Art Studio in the Hunter St Mall where I run courses, workshops, and hold creative based events, as well as regular kids’ art and craft sessions during school holidays.

Merewether Heights students have a fantastic advantage to have these art sessions available to them at school; a great opportunity for them to start their school day creatively, focused, and ready to learn!

The sessions are 1 hour and include an art smock and all materials – children do not need to bring a thing. Cost is just $20 per class, or book a 10 week term for $180 per child.

Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions, or would like to book your child in. Please contact the school, or myself directly, at: contact@melisahmayillustration.com

I hope to hear from you soon!

Interested in playing some fabulously fun football with friends?
Merewether United Football Club is looking for "Small Sided Football" players for the 2015 season. This includes teams for all ages from under 6 to under 11. Girls are particularly encouraged to grab some mates and join the game. Registrations close this Friday 20th February.
For more information visit the MUFC website at www.mufc.asn.au
For registration click ‘news / information’ link and page down to the links for registration.
NEWCASTLE CITY JUNIOR AFL CLUB - Newcastle No.1 Sportsground, Newcastle West
NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 8 Years. $100 which includes 2015 Auskick Pack
Juniors - 8 Years to 9 Years. $100
Juniors - 10 Years to 17 Years. $145
Youth Girls – 13 Years to 16 Years $100
***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****
For further information please visit www.newcastlecityjuniors.com.au or contact Renae Burdack on 0409 366 128

Westpac Helicopter Service Annual Charity Ball: Tickets are now on sale for a fantastic night of fine dining and entertainment. Seats are limited, so book early to avoid missing out. For more information please go to www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/central-coast-ball-2015

Young People’s Theatre Newcastle Inc present “Beauty and the Beast” at The Young People’s Theatre, cnr Lindsay and Lawson Streets, Hamilton from 6 April – 23 May 2015. Tickets are $17.50 each ($20 for opening night, Wednesday, 8 April). Discounts available for group bookings. YPT box Office House: Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Phone: 49615345. Fax: 49610340. Email: ypt@ypt.org.au

Karen Oshea, vocal teacher, is now available on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Lessons cost $33 per lesson, including GST, payable by the term. For further information please see Mrs Dunn

BELLA ALBUMS AVAILABLE

For those who missed out on purchasing a Bella album at their recent shows, the good news is the girls have managed to get a number of units from the record company.

“Gravity” by Bella (sony/BMG) is available now for $25.00. If you would like to place your order with Mrs D, your album will be personally autographed by Lyn, Kate and Karen.

Please complete the following form with $25.00 and return to Mrs Dunn.

Name:……………………………………………………………….. Child’s Name…………………………………………… Class………
Name/s to dedicate on album…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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Student Name: ................................................ Class: ........................
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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 .................
**SUSHI DAY - FRIDAY, 20 February 2015**
(lunch only)

All rolls are made fresh on the day. Each roll comes with a soy sauce (soy does contain gluten).

Orders and money must be in no later than **Wednesday, 18 February**.

**Meal Deal**: one roll, drink and chips $6 or sushi can be ordered individually for $3.50 each.

**Name: .................................................. Class: ........**

**Roll Varieties – $3.50 each**
Teriyaki Chicken: ........
Poached Chicken & Avocado: ........
Poached Chicken Lettuce & Mayo: ........
Smoked Salmon & Lettuce: ........
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo: ........
Prawn California: ........
Vegetarian Roll
– carrot, lettuce, avocado, cucumber: ........

**Drinks - $1.50**
Milk ........ Flavour........................................
Juice ........ Flavour........................................
OKF ........ Flavour........................................

**Chips - $1**
Plain ........
Honey Soy ........
Grainwaves
– sour cream and chives ........

**Meal Deal choice of one roll, drink and chips $6**