

MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Parent Information Sessions

Parents are invited to attend **Parent Information Meetings on Wednesday 21 February 2018.**

The sessions will be-

5.30 to 6pm for KJ, 1V, 1/2N and 2/3S classes

6.15 to 6.45pm for 3/4P, 4/5R and 5/6M classes.

The classroom teachers will give you a general idea of how the classes are run, discuss homework and answer any general questions. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom and will run for approximately half an hour. This is a general information session – if you have any concerns regarding your child please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher at another time.



Book Fair

We are holding a Book Fair next week Tuesday to Thursday in the school Library.

Students will be able to view the Book Fair on Monday and make a wish list.

Parents and students are invited to purchase books on:-

Tuesday 8:30am—9:00am and 3:00pm—3:30pm.

Wednesday 8:30am—9:00am, 3:00pm—3:30pm

and 5:00pm—7:00pm (parent information sessions)

Thursday 8:30am—9:00am.

Zooper Dooper Days

Next week we will be having Zooper Doopers for sale at lunch time on Tuesday and Thursday.

Cost 30 cents each.

Come along with your money to the undercover area near the Library entrance for your nice cool Zooper Dooper.



Canteen

P & C are in the process of setting up the canteen for snack and drink purchases at lunch time.

This will take a few weeks to organise suppliers etc.

“Response” will be supplying lunch orders only. Please place your orders through the flexischools website, same online service as last year. At the end of this Newsletter there are instructions on how to register for online ordering.

From the Classroom

How has coming to school each day made a difference for the better in your life?

I'm now smarter, and I have greater relationships, for example, I couldn't spell relationships at the start of last year and at the start of last year, I wasn't good at reading, but now I have improved a lot. Last year I didn't want to come to school, but now I am excited to tell everyone about what I have learnt. I have lots of friends and now I actually have a best friend.

Last year I couldn't achieve 100 days in a row but this year I will achieve more than a 100 days in a row. Last year I had celebrations for my 50 and 70 days but now it's just fun to be with my friends at school every day. I see how much I have improved with all my subjects. Coming to school every day has helped me a lot. I'm now excited. I most enjoy being with my friends and learning. I can't believe how much I have improved.

Alecia McMullen

Alecia's attendance last year was only 55% for the first half of the year increasing to 80% by the end of the year. This year Alecia is over 90%. Well done Alecia!



General School Voluntary Contribution and Resource Fee

The school has in place a general voluntary school contribution and resources fee which can be paid to the school from this week. The fee is:

\$50 and is made up of a \$30 General Fee and \$20 that goes towards the cost of teaching & learning resources and library books. Maximum of \$100 per family.

Payments to be made to the office. Thank you.

Electronic copy of Newsletter

Could I take this opportunity to ask all parents to supply their current and up to date email address, so that we can forward the newsletter to you each week. We will add you to our distribution list.

Please email: merewether-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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School Hours

The school is open from 8.30am each day when a teacher is on duty. The bell rings for class at 8.55am.

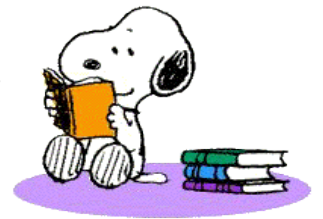
It is most important that if you are late for school that you go straight to the office and receive a note for the teacher.

If for any reason you need to collect your child early from school, please go to the office to pick up an early leaving slip and take it to the classroom teacher when collecting your child.

No dogs permitted on the school grounds at any time.

Book Club

Book Club brochures have been sent home. If you wish to place an order please return your order form and money to the school office by Wednesday 21 February. Our school order will be placed after this date and books should arrive approximately one week later.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has been a huge success! If your child is unable to have breakfast before coming to school they are welcome to come to the staff room between 8.30am and 9am for a nutritional brekkie.

Thanks Mrs Connely!

Nut Allergies Alert

We currently have a **NO NUT** policy in place in our school as we have several students with quite severe nut allergies. When you are packing lunches and snacks for your children please avoid foods that contain nuts (eg Nutella, peanut butter, etc) and loose nuts of any kind.



Our school is participating in Hunter New England Health's *Good for Kids. Good for Life* program which has been working with schools in our region for more than a decade to implement healthy eating and physical activity programs.

As part of the program *Good for Kids* are currently measuring the activity levels of students. For parents of children in years 2 and 3 you will have received an information statement asking your permission for your child to participate, which will involve them wearing an accelerometer each day while at school for one school week. An accelerometer is worn on the wrist and looks like a watch but captures activity levels.

Once data is collected schools will be randomly selected to receive support, either now or in 12 months' time, to assist schools with the scheduling of physical activity. This will include the provision of professional development for our staff as well as the provision of resources and on-going support from the *Good for Kids* team.



Awards


At each weekly assembly, four students from each class are awarded a merit card for their great class work, their fabulous behaviour or their efforts toward making the school a great place to be. I would suggest that all school awards achieved by students be kept in a special folder.

Once a student has attained the required merits to be traded for the next higher award, they hand them back to their teacher to be stamped and returned and they will be presented with the *higher* award at the next school assembly.

Note, for the Blue and Gold Principals award, the student needs to also have a Citizenship Award to be able to claim the Principal's Award. The school staff and I keep a keen eye out for students who have shown to be true citizens of our wonderful school and will be presenting the Citizenship Award at assembly! Only those who show true Citizenship will get these awards.

	5 Merit Awards	= 1 Gold Award			
	5 Gold Awards and 1 Citizenship Award	= BLUE Principal's Award			
	2 Principal's and 1 Citizenship Award	= Gold Principal's Award			

Congratulations to all award recipients

KJ Phoebe M Elka D Zara S Viktor J	1V Sione V Sol V Amelya F Themba M Sasha B	1/2N Olivia M Felicity V Owen P Louie J	2/3S Amber M Charlie A Azaria D Cooper N Adelina O
3/4P Owen T Bianca C Bianca J Johnny M	4/5R Ben B Zachary K Angus N Jessie T	5/6M Jasper T Evelina M Joe T Suiti V	

Dates for your Diary	Date
School Banking	Every Tuesday
Book Fair	Tuesday 20 — Thursday 22 February
Parent Teacher Interviews—KJ, 1V, 1/2N, 2/3S	Wednesday 21 February 5:30pm to 6pm
Parent Teacher Interviews—3/4P, 4/5R, 5/6M	Wednesday 21 February 6:15pm to 6:45pm
Assembly Item 1V	Friday 23rd February
Zone Swimming Carnival	Monday 26 February
Assembly Item 1/2N	Friday 2nd March
Water Fun day—Kindergarten to Year 2	Friday 9 March

Merewether Public School - P&C News

Term 1, Week 3

Welcome back from the P&C for the new school year. Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Monday night, we had some new faces which is always great to see.

Canteen Window Service Proposal

The school requested last year for the P&C to run the canteen window service. A motion was passed to trial this service with the formation of a new canteen sub-committee, with Stacey Watkins volunteering to co-ordinate the running & set-up of the trial, thank you. Profits made from the sale of these snacks will be returned to the P&C as part of fundraising. The trial will be evaluated in a couple of terms. Your feedback is appreciated.

AGM Update

A new executive was elected for 2018 and other roles filled. Thanks to Amy Dell who has retired from Treasury after 3 years of service and Nancy Jones who did a fantastic job last year as VP and Fundraising Co-ordinator. Welcome to new Executive members, Penny Anderson and Tracey Thompson.

PRESIDENT: John Gordon (Ben 4/5R Abby 2/3S)

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Penny Anderson (Georgie 4/5R & Charlie 2/3S); Erin Parrish (Owen 1/2N)

TREASURER: Tracey Thompson (Joe 5/6M, Jessie 4/5R, Rusty 2/3S)

SECRETARY: Jane Barrett (Sophia 4/5R & Emily 1/2N)

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR: Erin Parrish

MERIT PANEL REP: Andrew Mosdell (Olivia 1/2N & Henry KJ)

GRANT DELEGATE: Nancy Jones (Ashley 3/4P & Louie 1/2N)



Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle is being coordinated by Penny Anderson this year, thank you. The eggs will be donated by the School Chaplain, Chris Jones, thank you! Therefore, the P&C will **not** ask for donations from the school community this year. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information and the tickets as they come home with the children.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be 19th March. We would love to see all the members from last year come back to this meeting to re-join so that they are eligible to vote at following meetings.

P&C General Info

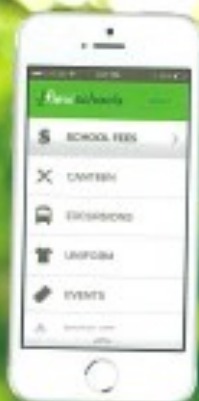
Next P&C Meeting: 19th March, MPS Staffroom, 7pm.

Website: <http://www.merewether-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c>

Email: merewetherpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Fundraising/Volunteering Email: merewetherpublicschool-fundraising@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Also find us on the MPS Skoolbag App, where you can set up notifications and volunteer.



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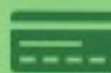


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