

MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Cross Country

Due to the wet weather we have had to postpone the Cross Country today. We are now hoping the weather is kind to us tomorrow. If postponed again tomorrow, notification will be put on the school app (Skoolbag). Please check.

When: Thursday 5 April.

Where: Myamblah Crescent Oval, Merewether.

Time: Students will depart the school at 9:15am and walk to the venue.

Races commence at approximately 9:50am.

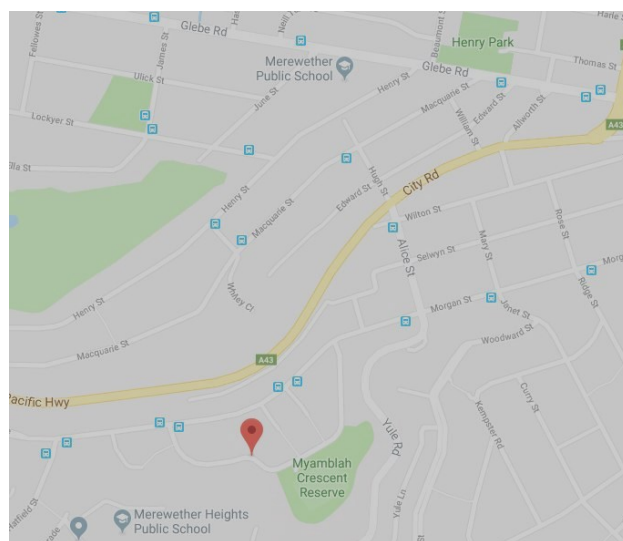
Cost: No cost.

What to wear: Students are asked to wear sports uniform school hat and joggers.

What to Bring: Water. Asthma medication if required.

Sun Safety: Wear sunscreen. And hat at all times.

Please make sure you have returned your signed permission note to the school office.



Ronald McDonald House



Last week our school Captains visited Ronald McDonald House with a Easter hamper from the school.

It was greatly received. MPS has been donating hampers for to Ronald McDonald House for over 20 years.



Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide

The school would like to thank the Cancer Council and Port of Newcastle for the donation of two sunscreen stations. This is wonderful for our students to have easy access to sunscreen at school and sporting excursions.





From the Classroom

KJ

Some of the stars from Kindergarten!

"I love being able
to learn things."
Elka Day



"I love playing on
the monkey bars
and doing craft."
Zara Simpson

"I love playing
Lego with my
friends."

Connor O'Sullivan



"We love Guided
Writing time!!"



"I enjoyed learning and writing
about Orcas."

Viktor Johansson



"My favourite sea creature
to write about was the
Beluga whale!"

Angus Mosdell



"I love Creative
Play with my
friends."

Emmersyn O'Neill

"I love being nice
to my friends."

Mele Napa'a



"I love drawing!"

Cooper Lagudi

Finalising OSHC payments

As we approach the last weeks of the OSHC being run by Merewether Public School we need to make sure all accounts are finalised.

The new OSHC care providers - **TASK** will not take on any customers with an outstanding balance with Merewether Public School.

Please continue to make payments ensuring your account is kept as low as possible.

We require you to have a nil balance at the end of the term—Friday 13 April.

We will endeavour to include an estimate for your last week of the term in the invoice sent out on Monday 9 April.

A final invoice will be sent out on Monday 30 April (beginning of term 2) for any outstanding payments, which will need to be paid promptly.

Vacation Care

A note went home last week for Vacation Care in the April school holidays, but unfortunately we are now **unable** to run the vacation care as we have been given Friday 13 April as our final day of operation for the school's Out of School Hours Care service.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our OSHC families.

Our new provider TASK will commence on Tuesday 1 May 2018.

Parent/Carer Information Update 2018

Thank you to all the families who have already returned their Parent/Carer Information update form for 2018.

There are still outstanding forms.

This information is very important for the school and your child/ren.

Please return completed form to the school office by Friday 13 April 2018.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews are still being held in Week 10 and 11 this term.

It is important to be prompt—5 or 10 minutes before—as teachers have many people to fit in, they will not be able to reschedule for the same day. Each interview will last 10 to 15 minutes.

URGENT REMINDER Year 6 to Year 7 High School EOI

All Year 6 students received a booklet containing an Expression of Interest form for Year 7 2019.

Thank you to those parents that have returned the form.

Unfortunately there are still many outstanding forms. This form must be completed and is very important for the transition of your child into high school. Please complete the form and return **URGENTLY** to the school office by Wednesday 11 April.

Awards

The awards listed below in this newsletter will be presented at our school assembly on Friday 6 April.

Congratulations to all award recipients			
KJ Amanuale M Madison B Zara S Emmersyn O Alex B Viktor J Thomas R	1V Rachael B Sol V Ruby-Lee M Tahlia P Cooper A Sol V	1/2N David L Leo T Owen P Mia J Louie J	2/3S Charlie A Rusty T Edie C Alex L Isla M
3/4P Johnny M Kobe B Ashley J Susan M Anderson D	4/5R Mikaela J Georgie A Jessie T Lachlan L Zachary K Lachlan W	5/6M Evelina M Hazel M Joe T Nic F	

Dates for your Diary	Date
School Banking	Every Tuesday
School Cross Country	Thursday 5 April
Magic Show	Thursday 5 April
Assembly Item KJ	Friday 6 April
PBL Awards	Friday 6 April
PBL Celebration BBQ	Wednesday 11 April
Assembly Item 5/6M	Friday 13 April
Anzac Day Service	Friday 13 April
Last Day of Term 1	Friday 13 April
Staff return for Term 2	Monday 30 April
Students return for Term 2	Tuesday 1 May
Zone Cross Country	Friday 4 May
School Athletics Carnival	Friday 11 May



P&C News

Dates for your Diary - Term 2

7th May P&C Meeting
MPS Staffroom

10th May Mother's Day
Breakfast

11th May Athletics
Carnival

THANKS

Thank you for buying tickets to support our
P&C Easter Raffle!

We had a record-breaking year with \$1676 raised.

Our fundraising this year will contribute to school projects
and resources for students K-6 including sports
equipment, technology resources and creative arts
experiences.

Thank you for playing your part in making this happen.



MPS Mother's Day Breakfast
Save the date
Thursday 10th May 2018



2018-2019 Entertainment Book

Is Now Available



Discover thousands of up to 50%
off and 2-for-1 offers for many of
the best restaurants, cafés, arts,
attractions, hotels, travel, shopping
and much more



Order the Traditional Entertainment book with the gold
card and vouchers or the digital book for your smartphone at
www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/347a81

Term 1 Canteen Roster

WEEK 10	4/4/2018 Stacey Watkins Kirsty Apthorpe	5/4/2018 Katherine Ashton Stacey Watkins	6/4/2018 Susanne Johansson Scott Simpson
WEEK 11	11/4/2018 Surian Vasanthakumar Jenny McMullen	12/4/2018 Alison Bartlett Erin Lane	13/4/2018 Ailsa Clarke Kirsty Apthorpe



Merewether Public School – Canteen Volunteering Info

During Term 1 the P&C started running a canteen counter sales service trial to provide ice blocks, snacks and drinks on **Wednesday/Thursday/Friday in the 2nd break of the day (12.30-1pm)**. An external provider (Response) continues to provide a lunch service through online orders and delivery for the 1st break.

Stacey Watkins is coordinating the canteen service on behalf of the P&C and will soon be drawing up a roster for Term 2. We had a number of enthusiastic volunteers helping in first term and would like to invite any others interested in helping during Term 2 to let us know.

We Would Love Your Help!

If you are available to help weekly, fortnightly, once a month, or even as a backup, please complete and return the attached form to let us know. It is simple and fun to work in the canteen serving all those enthusiastic children. All volunteers work in pairs and receive training before starting. After getting in touch the Canteen Coordinator Stacey Watkins will be in touch to discuss the roster and run through the training.

Note: Volunteers at the school are required to complete a once off registration at the school office and provide 100 points of ID. Stacey and/or the school office staff can provide you with more information about this.

Canteen Shift Times:

Each shift is approximately 1 hour long. Volunteers need to arrive 15 minutes before 2nd break begins in order to set up, and then 15 minutes after the break to count money and pack away.

Canteen Shift time is 12:15pm – 1:15pm (2nd break begins at 12:30pm).

Sample Menu (*guide only*)

SNACKS		DRINKS	
Popcorn bags	\$0.70	Water	\$1.00
Healthies Rice Wheels	\$0.80	Up & Go Choc Ice	\$2.20
Plain Smith Chips	\$1.00	Up & Go Strawberry	\$2.20
Chicken Jumpies	\$0.80	Apple Juice Popper	\$1.50
Fruit Kebabs	\$0.20	Orange Juice Popper	\$1.50
		Milo	\$1.30
FROZEN TREATS			
Icy Poles Lemonade	\$1.00		
Calippo Mini Raspberry&Pineapple	\$1.00		
Quelch Frozen Fruit Stick	\$0.40		

It would be wonderful to see some new faces in the canteen, please get in touch if you can help.
Thank you for your support.

Merewether Public School P&C
Canteen Sub-Committee



Merewether Public School - Canteen Volunteer Form

Please either

- A) Complete and return this form to the P & C mail box at the office
- B) Or use a computer to access this form from the Skoolbag App (or provide the equivalent details) complete and return by email to:

merewetherpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Please fill in your details:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Canteen Coordinator, Stacey Watkins, will be in touch to discuss possible shifts.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Please check the boxes for shifts you are available to help.

Canteen Shift Times: 12:15pm – 1:15pm (2nd break is from 12:30pm).

Volunteers will need to arrive 15 minutes before 2nd break to set up and stay for 15 minutes to pack up.

Term 2 2018	WED 2nd Break	THUR 2nd Break	FRI 2nd Break
WEEK 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.5.18
WEEK 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.5.18	Athletics Carnival
WEEK 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 16.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 17.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 18.5.18
WEEK 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 23.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 24.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.5.18
WEEK 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 31.5.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.6.18
WEEK 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.6.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 7.6.18	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.6.18