

MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Reminder - Easter Hat Parade

When: Thursday 29 March

Time: 1pm

Where: School Hall



All hats to be made at home and brought to the classroom on the Thursday morning.

Normal school uniform.

It is expected that all children K-6 will have an Easter Hat.

Cross Country

When: Wednesday 4 April.

Where: Myambiah Crescent Oval, Merewether.

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

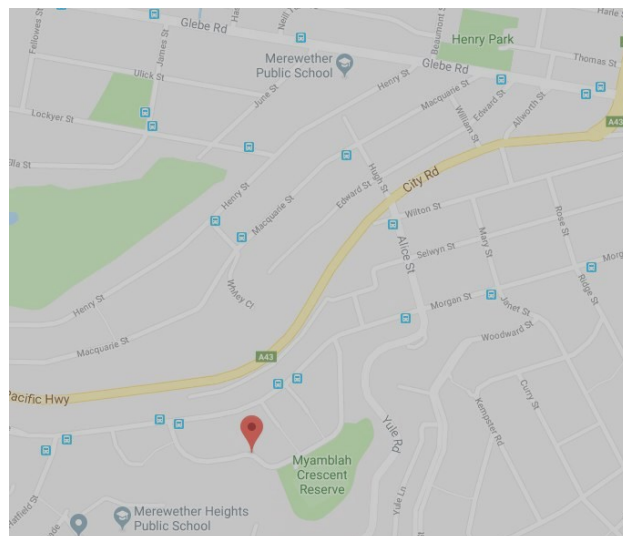
Races commence at approximately 9:50am.

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.



Commonwealth Games



A past student of Merewether Public School, Meg Bailey, will be competing in the Commonwealth Games, which start next week on the Gold Coast. Meg is a swimmer and will be competing in the 200m and 400m freestyle.

So keep a look out for Meg when your are watching the Commonwealth Games on the TV.

The school community would like to wish Meg all the best for her events.

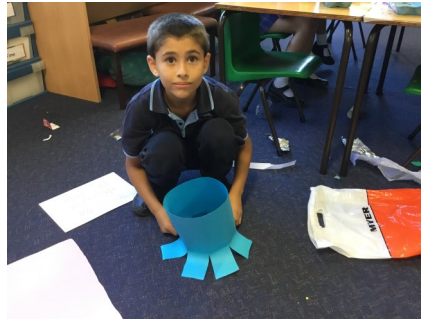




From the Classroom

1/2N

During our integrated unit on “Sustainability”, 1/2N have been working technologically to create Easter gifts by reusing recyclable materials. We have been creative with our designs and use problem solving skills to improve our product. Here are some photos of the students in action.



An information report by Matilda Butler and Molly Hughes 1/2N

Sea Turtles

Classification

Sea Turtles are cold blooded reptiles. Because they are cold blooded, they live in warmer waters.

Appearance

Sea turtles have tough skin with scales and four limbs with feet and toes. These form flippers which helps them to swim fast in the water. Sea turtles have a beak like mouth and nostril at the top of its snout unlike human nostrils. Their body is covered with a shell but they cannot go into their shell like a tortoise and hide from predators.

Habitat

Sea turtles live in warmer water from Queensland to Western Australia. The young turtles also hide in seaweed to protect themselves from predators. Turtles can stay under the water for several minutes at a time. They can swim very fast through the water but find it hard to move on land.



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.

Please note - If you are using Vacation Care in the April school holidays, **payments will need to be paid in advance.**

Parent Teacher Interviews

A note has been sent home for the Parent Teacher Interviews.

The interviews will be held in Week 10 and 11 this term.

Please check the timetable on the bottom of the note to find out your child/ren's teachers date and times.

Fill in the slip at the bottom of the note and return to your child/ren's teacher. You will receive a reply within a day or two of making the appointment.

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 is very important for the transition of your child into high school. Please complete the form and return urgently to the school office by Thursday 29 March.

If you have any question regarding the form please ask at the school office.

Special Religious Education (SRE)


Recently a note was sent home regarding SRE. We are asking all parents to complete the note and return it to the school office. We understand that you may have completed this form previously but we have had conflicting information from students and parents therefore we are now forming an updated list on children that wish to opt in or out of SRE.

Found

A cordless phone handset has been handed into the school office. It was found in the school playground. Please call into the school office if this belongs to you.

Awards

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

| Congratulations to all award recipients | | | |
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| 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 | 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 | 5/6M Evelina M Hazel M Joe T Nic F |  |

| Dates for your Diary | Date |
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| School Banking | Every Tuesday |
| Easter Hat Parade | Thursday 29 March 1pm |
| Good Friday | Friday 30 March |
| Easter Monday | Monday 2 April |
| School Cross Country | Wednesday 4 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 |
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| 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

29th March

P&C Easter Raffle Drawn

7th May

Next P&C Meeting
MPS Staffroom

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Tomorrow is the Easter Hat Parade and the draw of our P&C Easter Raffle. Last chance to return your tickets. If they are in the box before 9am tomorrow, **we will include them in the raffle draw.**

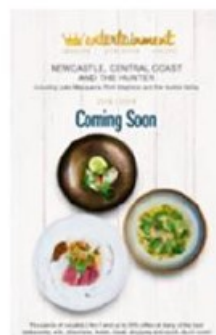
Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and to LIVEfree church for donating the fabulous prizes. Mr Culhane and the school leaders will be presenting a basket of eggs to Ronald McDonald House Children's Charity tomorrow.



Thank You for sharing
in our **Harmony Day
Morning Tea**
last week.



2018-2019 Entertainment Book Is Now Available



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A huge **THANK-YOU** to Les Watkins, Wendy Paterson, Stacey Watkins and Nancy Jones for cooking the BBQ at the Bunnings Easter Family Night last week. We served over 250 sausage bread rolls! It was great to see MPS families there, with kids having pony rides and petting the animals from Oakvale farm!

Bunnings kindly gave us \$200 in vouchers to say thank you.

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**



Canteen Update

A very wet 2nd week of canteen, showed that nothing will come between MPS kids and their ice blocks!

We have some yummy fruit kebabs on sale again this week.

If you would like to volunteer to work in our canteen, please grab a form from the office or send us an email merewetherpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Maybe you would like to join our canteen subcommittee to contribute ideas and help coordinate this service. We are always looking for new members so send us an email to the address above and we'll let you know when our next meeting is.



Merewether Public School Canteen Counter Service



The canteen is open 2nd Break on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



SNACKS

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| Popcorn Bags | \$0.70 |
| Healthies Rice Wheels | \$0.80 |
| Plain Smith Chips | \$1.00 |
| Chicken Jumps | \$0.80 |
| Fruit | \$0.50 |

FROZEN TREATS

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| Icy Poles Lemonade | \$1.00 |
| Calippo Minis | \$1.00 |
| Quech Fruit Sticks | \$0.40 |

DRINKS

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| Water 250mls | \$1.00 |
| Up & Go Choc Ice | \$2.20 |
| Up & Go Strawberry | \$2.20 |
| Apple Juice Popper | \$1.50 |
| Orange Juice Popper | \$1.50 |
| Milo | \$1.30 |

PROUDLY PARENT-RUN

Our Canteen Counter Service
is P&C run and relies on the
support of Volunteers like you!



This is our current menu. (12/3/18)
Any changes to items or prices will be advertised in the school newsletter.

Term 1 Roster

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| WEEK 9 | 28/3/2018 Jenny McMullen Surian Vasanthakumar | 29/3/2018 Erin Lane Stacey Watkins | 30/3/2018 CLOSED |
| WEEK 10 | 4/4/2018 Stacey Watkins Kirsty Aphorpe | 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 Aphorpe |