

MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Thursday 1/11	Friday 2/11	Monday 5/11	Tuesday 6/11	Wednesday 7/11
Kindergarten Orientation 10am	Sports Day Grandparents Day Subway Meal Deal		Student Banking	Year 5 Taster Classes at Newcastle High

Kindergarten 2019

Our Kindergarten Orientation program starts tomorrow Thursday 1 November.

If you know of anybody who is starting Kindergarten next year and has not yet registered please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our new 'Kinders' to the school.

Grandparents Day

"Reminder Grandparents Day this Friday"

In order to celebrate Grandparents Day, Merewether Public School is holding an Open Day. As there are multiple opportunities for parents to attend school events, this is a Grandparent only zone. If Grandparents are unavailable, children are welcome to invite a senior citizen, uncle, aunt or even a neighbour to participate in the activities.

When:	Friday 2nd November 9.30am	
Who:	Senior citizens that are relatives or friends of students	
Where:	Merewether Public School	
What:	9.30am	Assembly in the school hall
	10.00am	Open Classrooms
	10.45am	Morning Tea



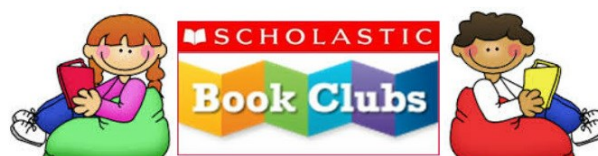
Crazy Hair Day

Year 6 are holding a Crazy Hair Day as a fundraiser.

When:	Thursday 8 November
Cost:	Gold coin donation
What:	Come with your hair as crazy as possible

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back by this Friday 2 November.



School Working Bee

The school will be holding a Working Bee on Saturday November 17 from 8:30am until 12pm.

All welcome.

The list of jobs will be in next week's newsletter.

Big Day Out

Our end of year fun day—**Big Day Out**—will be on Wednesday 12 December. There will be a separate activity for the Infants and Primary. More information will be sent home soon.

Chess Club

This term, we will be offering an after school 'Chess Club' program to any students from years 2 to 6 - no experience required.

It will start on Wednesday 7th November after school in the Steam Workshop from approx. 3:10 to 4:10 led by Mr Tony McLaughlin, grandfather of Ben G, year 4 and Abby G, year 2.

An expressions of interest/information note has gone out this week to students who may be interested. Notes must be handed into the office by Monday 5th November.

There may be a cap on students, depending on numbers. So please be quick!

For more information, please see Miss Razmovski.



Drone STEAM Program

The school will be offering a Drone STEAM program in 2019. A note has been sent home with all relevant information.

Who: Years 2 to 6

When: 8 x 1 hour sessions on Thursdays over 8 weeks starting 14 February 2019

Where: School hall

Cost: Full payment—\$70

Weekly Payment— \$9

Family of 2—\$160

Family of 3— \$200— partial payments accepted.

The program will be run by qualified and trained Drone Robotics teachers from SAMMAT Education.

Payments and permission slips to be returned by Friday 8 February 2019.

Uniform Order Forms

Please find an updated Uniform Order Form at the end of the newsletter. We have had to increase the price on a few items but have been able to keep most items at the same price.

Fernleigh 15 Running Relay

Recently Anderson D, Lachlan L, Heath W, Harry W and Joshua F participated in the Fernleigh 15 running relay. They all ran very well, a fantastic team effort. Special mention to Joshua F who had never ran long distance (his leg from Redhead to Jewels-2.6km), and was very proud of his effort.



Canberra Excursion

Stage 3 had a jam packed few days last week enjoying everything our nation's capital city has to offer. The itinerary included visiting the Australian War Memorial, meeting Sharon Claydon, the Federal Member for Newcastle, at New Parliament House, learning all about our electoral voting system, exploring the National Museum, having a blast at Questacon and watching the 'Titan' robot produce thousands of coins at a time at the Australian Mint + much more!

All of our students were very well behaved, represented our school with pride and certainly made some great memories that will last a life time.

Well done Stage 3 and supervising teachers on a wonderful excursion.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families meet the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Old Parliament House



Ben B in the House of Representatives.



Australian Mint



Watching 'Titan' robot produce coins.



National Museum



Australian Electoral Commission

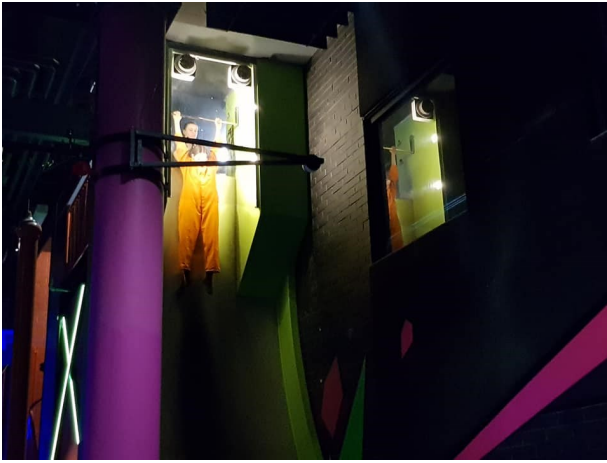
Voting



New Parliament House



Meeting with Sharon Claydon,
the Federal Member for Newcastle



Freefall at Questacon



Questacon



Message from the Bus Driver from the Canberra Excursion

Just a bit of feedback.

“Merewether P.S. was one of the best schools I have taken away.

- Their time keeping was impeccable, not one lateness. (as opposed to many other schools)
- Not one piece of rubbish on the floor for the whole three days. Not one (again, as opposed to other schools).
- Students were told, not by me but the teachers that there was no eating on the coach.
- Their organising was great.
- The three teachers I worked with were excellent to work with.
- As well , even though we arrived home many hours late due to a major incident on the M1/ F3, the principal had witches hats laid out to prevent parents incorrectly parking allowing me to safely park & SAFELY drop off the kids. This hardly happens with other schools as other drivers will attest.

If you happen to contact them again please pass on my thanks for making my job easier.

Thanks

Allan Somers”



Congratulations to all award recipients

KJ Connor O Angus M Madison B Phoebe M	K/1V William G Ruby-Lee M Cooper N Amelya F	1/2N David L Harry W Zac M Emily E Jesse H Skye O Felicity V	2/3LD Edie C Alex L Nash P Isla M Tahlia J Amber M
3/4P Alfie B Kobe B Johnny M Heath W	4/5R Ben G Jack S Lachlan L Taihlarni C Rebecca T	5/6M Hazel M Nic F Conor C Suiti V	Principal Award Owen P

Dates for your Diary	<i>Date</i>
School Banking	Every Tuesday
Kindy Orientation	Thursday 1 November
Grandparents Day	Friday 2 November
Year 5 Taster classes at NHS	Wednesday 7 November
Crazy Hair Day	Thursday 8 November
Kindy Orientation	Thursday 15 November
Working Bee	Saturday 17 November
Leadership Speeches	Friday 23 November
Get Real program for Year 6	Monday 26 November to Friday 7 December
Kindy Orientation	Thursday 29 November
Big Day Out	Wednesday 12 December
Year 6 Farewell	Thursday 13 December
Reports sent home	Thursday 13 December
Presentation Day	Friday 14 December
Carols by Candlelight	Friday 14 December
Last Day of the Year	Wednesday 19 December



P&C News

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd November	Subway Meal Day
Friday 16th November	Meal Deal Day
Friday 30th November	Meal Deal Day
Monday 10th December	P&C Meeting 7pm
Friday 14th December	Carols by Candlelight



We are very excited to be hosting our first ever Carols by Candlelight on **Friday 14th December**.

Every class will be performing as well as the school choir and the guitar students. There will be a BBQ beforehand and we will be running a Christmas Raffle that will be drawn on the night.

Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer.



CONTACT US

Email:

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org.au**

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

At our most recent P&C meeting, we agreed to donate all proceeds from our Meal Deals towards the costs of the end of year Big Day Out activities.

This donation will be worth
approx. \$1500.

Please support the remaining Meal Deals, knowing that it will reduce the cost for all students K-6.





Merewether Public School – Uniform Order

Child's Name/Class: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Carer's name: _____

Contact Mobile: _____

		Price	Quantity	Size	Total	Office use only
	School hat (Microfibre)	\$15	_____	S/M, M/L		<input type="checkbox"/>
	School Polo Shirt	\$25	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Polar fleece jacket	\$30	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vest	\$20	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Knitted Jumper	\$45	_____	6 8 10 12		<input type="checkbox"/>
Girls	Box pleat skirt (Gaberdine)	\$22	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Shorts (Gaberdine)	\$20	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	School Dress	\$45	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Long pants (Gaberdine)	\$22	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
Boys	Shorts (Gaberdine)	\$20	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Long trousers (Gaberdine)	\$22	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Double Knee trousers (Gaberdine)	\$24	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport	Sport Polo Shirt	\$25	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sport Shorts (Microfibre)	\$15	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Track pants	\$18	_____	4 6 8 10 12 14 16		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	White Socks	\$4 or 3 pairs for \$10	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>
	School Back Pack	\$35	_____			<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL: _____

Completed order forms and full payment can be made at the front office.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or online through the school website.

A lay-by system is also available to parents wishing to pay off a purchase. A deposit is required to start the layby and the order will be available for collection after the last payment.

NOTE – No uniforms will be handed out without FULL payment.