

## MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Thursday 9/5	Friday 10/5	Monday 13/5	Tuesday 14/5	Wednesday 15/5
<b>Parent Teacher Interviews 5/6R</b>		<b>Mrs Connely</b> <b>Head Shave</b> <b>Crazy Hair Day</b> <b>Cake Stall</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b> <b>Year 3 and Year 5</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b> <b>Year 3 and Year 5</b>

### Star Struck Whole School Excursion

A note was sent home last week regarding the whole school excursion to Star Struck.

When: Friday 14 June 9.30am—2.15pm (for the 10.30am show).

Where: Newcastle Entertainment Centre

Cost: \$35



Students who are performing in Star Struck do not need to purchase a ticket. Please get in early to secure your tickets.

### NAPLAN Online 2019

NAPLAN 2019 will commence Week 3 this term and conclude in Week 4.

Tuesday 14 May: Writing - Year 3 and Year 5 (9.30am-10.30am)

Wednesday 15 May: Reading - Year 3 and Year 5 (Year 5 9.30am-10.30am, Year 3 11.30am-12.30pm)

Thursday 16 May: Conventions of Language - Year 3 and Year 5 (Year 5 9.30am-10.30am, Year 3 11.30am-12.30pm)

Wednesday 22 May: Numeracy - Year 3 and Year 5 (Year 5 9.30am-10.30am, Year 3 11.30am-12.30pm)

### Opportunity Class 2020– Year 4 Students Only

Applications for Year 5 entry to an optional Opportunity Class in 2020 open TODAY and will close on Friday 17 May 2019 at 5pm. Should you want your child to sit the entrance exam on Wednesday 31 July 2019, please refer to the detailed information online. Please ensure you have read the entire document prior to applying.

Should you have any questions please email Miss Razmovski directly any time at [katerina.razmovski@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:katerina.razmovski@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who participated at the Zone Cross Country last Friday. Special mention must go to Boaz Bonar who will now go on to represent the Zone at the Hunter Region carnival. Well done!



## Premiers Spelling Bee

Merewether Public School has entered the 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee competition, which will take place between September 2 and 13 2019.

It is time to consider entering Mrs Kiely's elimination trials. These trials will decide who represents our school in the two divisions.

Junior division for those students in Years 2, 3 and 4 and Senior division Years 5 and 6.

The Junior division trials will be held on Tuesday 28 May, while the Senior division trials will be held on Wednesday 29 May.

If your child is selected they will have access to further information on the 2019 Premier Spelling Bee website and will be provided with the password to gain access to the practice lists.

They will also find out the correct date and venue details closer to the actual event in September.

Good Luck!

Mrs Kiely (School convener)



## School Photos

Our School Photo day is Tuesday 21 May. Envelopes were sent home with all students last week. Family photo envelopes are available from the School Office.

## Principal Meetings

Mr Culhane will always make himself available to see parents but unfortunately first thing in the morning and just before 3pm is a particularly busy time. We ask that you phone the office and make an appointment. If there are any concerns with your child, the classroom teacher is always your starting point. Our Assistant Principals Mr John Prigg (Primary 3-6) and Mrs Kathryn Nagle (Infants K-2) are also available to meet with parents with any concerns.

## National Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (Friday 17 May) is an annual national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.



Dates for your Diary	Date
Parent/Teacher Interviews 5/6R	Thursday 9 May afternoon
Star Struck Choir Rehearsal	Friday 10 May
Ronald McDonald Charity Head Shave	Monday 13 May
Cake Stall for Ronald McDonald Charity	Monday 13 May
Naplan	Tuesday 14 May to Wednesday 22 May
Walk Safely to School Day	Friday 17 May
School Photos	Tuesday 21 May
Athletics Carnival	Friday 24 May

## Star Struck 2019

Rehearsals are well under way for this years Star Struck—"No Limits". Our Aboriginal dance group and our whole school dance group have enjoyed their time at rehearsals in the past week.



## Train on Debating Gala Day

The MPS Train on Debating Team represented our school in an inter-school debating Gala day on Tuesday 7 May at Adamstown Public School. They took part in two debates against Adamstown and Heaton.

Despite coming out second best in both rounds, our team fearlessly raised some important arguments, ranging from the health and safety effects of additional screen time on devices, introduction of NAPLAN online and social and well-being applications for technology use. They should all be very proud of their efforts. We look forward to the next upcoming Gala Day in August.

It will start with Mrs Connely and students having their heads shaved, then there will be activities for all the children to participate in, such as face painting, tattoos, tape Mr Prigg to a wall, Limbo stick and a disco in the hall. Any gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Reminder that we are still selling raffle tickets a \$1.00 each, for the Scanpan/Hamper and also now for a \$20 Cupcake Espresso Voucher thanks to Cup Cake Espresso Adamstown.

Raffle Tickets and lolly jar guess are available to purchase Monday to Wednesday mornings before school.

A donation of any value can be direct deposited in to the charity Fund Bank Account:

**Alternatively,** feel free to enclose your donation in a sealed envelope and drop it off at Merewether Public School Office.

Thomas Rodgers	Ingrid Kennewell
M E Adams	Gregory Ayliffe
Stiena Burrell-Smith	Mark Lobb
Luningning Lopez	Sandra Needham
Erica Young	Susanne Johansson
Leandro Lopez	
Mary Ann Halpin	
Scott O’Sullivan	
Mavis Collinson	
Jodi Leanne McCarter	
Anderson Family	
Newton Family	

## Ice Blocks

Ice Blocks will be for sale on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week only in the second break. Cost is \$ 1.00 each.



## Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club is now held in the “STEAM” room (old OOSH hall) from 8.30am to 8.45am.




## School Assembly

Our weekly school assembly is held every Friday at 9:15am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Weekly awards are presented at the assembly.

### Congratulations to all award recipients

<b>KJ</b> Pykia T Jack C	<b>K/1V</b> James W    Emmersyn O Viktor J    Connor O Elka D Jaylan E Monique F Amelia-Rose L	<b>1/2N</b> Esther C Jack H Hunter A Holly L Summer C	<b>2/3LD</b> Emily B      Zac M Ryu B Themba M Ivy B Louie J Shanala S
<b>3/4P</b> Luke T Owen T Heath W Edie C	<b>4/5M</b> Jason J      Kayden C Shaylee S Amber M Anderson D Jackson Y	<b>5/6R</b> Ewan G Georgie A Mata V Jonah A	



## P&C News

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Athletics Carnival Meal Deal
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Wine Tasting Night
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Next P&C Meeting



## MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKES AND CUPPA

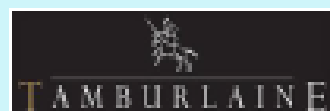


Thank you for attending!

Thanks to the Dads & helpers: Darren Johansson,  
James Jolly, Les & Stacey Watkins, Drew Jones,  
Greg Culhane and Kate Kylie ☺



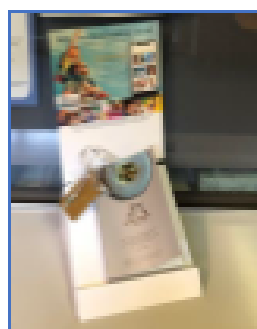
## Wine Tasting Night Save the Date



Thursday 6th June - 6:30pm  
STEAM Hall

Back by popular demand! Ordering will be open for a few weeks after!

## entertainment



Enjoy saving money while  
spending it!!

There is an example Entertainment Book in the  
Office. Please have a look at what's on offer!

Order online;

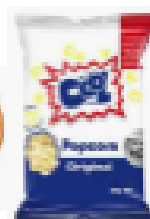
<https://www.entbook.com.au/347a81>

**News!!**

**Meal Deal**  
Athletics Carnival  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**



- Meat Pie **or** Sausage Roll **or** Cheese & Vegemite scroll
- Popcorn
- Juice Popper  
(choose popper on the day)



**\$5**

Info and order form coming home this week.

Orders **MUST** be in the black P&C drop box; **Tuesday 21st May 3pm.**

**What do I need to know?**

- All Meal Deals **MUST** be pre-ordered.
- Meal Deal **NOT** sold on the day.
- No other canteen lunch service provided for students.
- If you do not want the Meal Deal for your child, please pack them a full lunch and snacks.

**Parents / Carers / Grandparents;**

- You can also pre-order pies / sausage rolls / scrolls for lunch; **must be pre-ordered** using the form (spares at office).
- The Athletics Facility now *provides a coffee cart* onsite: 9am – 11am.
- The P&C will supplement this by selling a simple morning tea option for parents from 9am – 11am.