

MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Thursday 27/6	Friday 28/6	Monday 1/7	Tuesday 2/7	Wednesday 3/7
Kindy Club	K/1V Assembly Item Public Speaking Finals	NAIDOC Celebrations	School Banking	PBL Barbeque Reports go home

From the Desk

Only 2 weeks to go until the July school holidays and we still have a lot of things happening here at Merewether Public School.

Staff Changes

Firstly, we have some staff changes due to leave. Mrs Jennings is away until Monday of Week 3, Term 3. KJ has the pleasure of having the wonderful Miss Turner teaching them during that time.

Mr McKay will be on leave from Week 10 and will return on Monday of Week 2, Term 3. 4/5M will have the pleasure of the fantastic Mr O'Neill on their class.

Drum roll please.... Mr Culhane will be taking 2 weeks leave for the very first time in his career. He will be replaced by me, Mr Prigg. My position will be filled by 2 awesome teachers over that time. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the magnificent Miss Marchant and on Thursday and Friday the terrific Mr McPherson.

Parents, please take the time to introduce yourself to these experienced teachers during their time here.

Public Speaking

I had the great enjoyment of judging all the public speaking. They were all great speakers and it was good to see the children speak on a wide range of topics. I thoroughly recommend that if you want to hear some entertaining speakers then come to the Friday assembly to see some magic.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Please join us on Monday at 9.15am for our opening ceremony for the week. Students from Newcastle High School will be performing and then leading workshops for our Year 5 & 6 students. Parents are welcome to stay after the assembly and join in with the workshops or your child's class activities then stay for a BBQ at 11am. I would like to thank Mrs Nagle for organising and co-ordinating the week of activities.

Swimming Lessons

Our nation is defined by our love of swimming, with countless pristine beaches and backyard pools spread across our suburbs. So why are we still not making it a priority for our children to receive water safety education?

A recent report from the Royal Life Saving Society suggested that three out of four children had quit swimming classes by age eight, long before they'd learned skills that could save their lives. A shocking statistic, taking into consideration that drownings have been steadily increasing over the years.

Our School is offering swimming lessons for all levels of swimming skills from the beginner to the advanced and confident swimmer. It will be held at the Balance Aquatic Centre Mayfield each Thursday during weeks 2-9 of Term 3, starting 1/8/19 and finishing 19/9/19. A total cost for the 8 lessons, transport and swimming cap will be \$70 per student.

This is very important. Please return the Balance Learn to Swim School information sheet by Monday 1st July. We need this information sheet so that we can pass on the information so groups can be formed. The money needs to be finalised by Monday 29th July. If you are concerned about the payment please contact the office.

Have an enjoyable week!

John Prigg

Relieving Principal

Public Speaking

Wow! What amazing public speakers at Merewether Public School.

The Stage 2 speak offs had a range of topics from living in a large family to what it's like to be a kid and even the wonders of lego. Great work Stage 2.

Winners of Stage 2 are Rusty T from year 3 and Heath W from year 4.



Angus N, Jessica W, Jessie T, Georgie A, Joe T



Amber M, Talia J, Heath W, Owen T, Rusty T
Abby G, Charlie A, Cooper N, Adelina O, Felicity V

Stage 3 Public Speakers entertained the audience with topics like: Dreaming, Camping, What makes a good leader, First world problems and travel tips for kids.

Winners for Stage 3 are Jessie T from year 5 and Joe T from Year 6

Public Speaking



Denzel T, Flynn A, Oliver V, Smith D

Once again students made judging incredibly difficult with extraordinary standard in public Speaking. The speeches where humorous, informative emotive. Very entertaining for the audience.



Alix S, Elka D, Jack H, Viktor J

Amelya F, Bodhi M, Harrison W, Leo T



Winner for Kindergarten is Flynn A

Winner for Year 1 is Elka D

Winners for Year 2 are Amelya F and Leo T

Hunter Schools Dance Festival Pop Up Performance

Our students performed at State of Dance at the Hunter School of Performing Arts High School last night. There was a dress rehearsal during the day and then an evening performance.

The students had a great time and danced beautifully.



School Photos

School photos have been sent home today. If you have any concerns about your photos please contact Newcastle School Portraits on 4965 4114.

Specialty photos are on display at the office and can be ordered online through Newcastle School Photos with the code 56470BC. Cost is \$15.00 each.

Chess Club

Merewether Public School hosted our second Chess Club tournament for the year last Thursday. We challenged 11 of Plattsburg Public School's finest chess players. It was a great challenge, with Merewether PS winning 7 of the 11 games. A huge congratulations to everyone who participated. We look forward to heading over to Plattsburg PS later in the year.

Thank you to Mr Laughlin for organising the event and we look forward to the next 5 week Chess Club program commencing in Term 3. No more Chess Club this term.



NHS Sporting Challenge

Selected students from 5/6R attended the NHS Sporting Challenge event, alongside four other schools last week. This was part of a leadership program that Stage 5 (years 9 and 10 students) from Newcastle High School were affiliated with.

Students actively participated in and were mentored through various games, such as, OZ Tag, NRL, Netball and Soccer.



Needless to say, students had a great day and were wonderful representatives of the school.




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

KJ Isabella M Aleeyra S Jack W Cooper S	K/1V Elka D Zara S Viktor J Connor O Smith D Madison B James W Amelia L Angus M Emmersyn O	1/2N Ruby-Lee M Marlon E Thomas R Dylan T	2/3LD Cooper A Felicity V Khloe C Harry W
3/4P Matilda B Jubalee B Alfie B Damian B Charlie A	4/5M Jackson Y Anderson D Lucas A Bianca C Sophia B Amber M	5/6R Georgie A Joe T Jessica W Angus N	

Dates for your Diary	Date
Public Speaking Finals	Friday 28 June
K/1V Assembly Item	Friday 28 June
PBL Assembly	Friday 28 June
NAIDOC Celebrations	Monday 1 July
PBL BBQ	Wednesday 3 July
Reports go home	Wednesday 3 July
NAIDOC Week Assembly	Friday 5 July
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 5 July
Pupil Free/Staff Development Day	Monday 22 July
Students return for Term 3	Tuesday 23 July
Hunter School Dance Festival	Wednesday 31 July
Swimming Scheme	Thursday 1 August
Taronga Zoo Excursion—Years 3 and 4	Thursday 8 August
Swimming Scheme	Thursday 8 August
Zone Athletics Carnival	Tuesday 13 August



P&C News



WINE ORDERING!

Ordering is open until the end of term.
Please place orders directly to Glenn at
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these school holidays

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MEREWETHER - HOLIDAY PROGRAM CALENDAR

MONDAY 8 JULY	TUESDAY 9 JULY	WEDNESDAY 10 JULY	THURSDAY 11 JULY	FRIDAY 12 JULY	MONDAY 22 JULY
EARTH DAY	GAMES TOURNAMENT	MOVIE DAY	NAIDOC DAY	TASK PICNIC	
MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY	SNOW DAY	KIDS ON CONGAS	RAINBOW FUN	BAREFOOT BOWLS	WINTER SCIENCE & CRAFT

Daily fee: \$51 plus incursion or excursion cost • Please go to website for more information 51



THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB—

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