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**Halloween**

Our school continually looks for ways to engage students in core learning and takes opportunities presented by cultural traditions, celebrations, and events across the social calendar.

A student in Year 5 suggested that all classes participate in a unit of work on Halloween culminating in a dress up, out of school uniform day on **Friday October 31**. Consequently, in week 4, classes will have Halloween themed lessons involving writing, research, cooking, drama, dance, talking and listening, music. Our year 5 student also suggested that as a special treat, children be able to purchase a small bag of lollies, (treats) for 50c. Both staff and children like the idea.

**Considerations**

- As more and more children (families) are influenced by the media and participate in trick or treating outside school hours on Oct 31, our teachers will counsel the children about the associated dangers and precautions of this practice.
- Each child will only purchase one bag of lollies and this will be done after lunch and be closely monitored.
- The teaching and learning involved will be pitched appropriately for the age level of the children.
- Dressing up on out of uniform day (Friday Oct 31) can be fun but should not be at a cost to parents. Please do not purchase a costume just for the day.
- Ideas for dress up can include face painting.

It should be a fun filled and educationally productive day.

**Classroom Blogs - A great way to see what's happening in your child’s class**

MP5 class blogs are now password free!

Simply search for ‘Merewether Public School’ online and select the ‘Merewether Blogs’ tab on the homepage. Select the class and blog you wish to view and view!

Students, parents/guardians and visitors now have access to the class blogs of every class enabling everyone to view the plethora of rich content based topics and activities that we offer at Merewether Public School.
**P & C News**  
Next meeting:  
Monday 20th October 7.00pm

**THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**  
Each book will contain 20 tickets at $2.00 each. So, every child will sell $40 worth of tickets.  
The prizes will be: 1st drawn: $500  
2nd drawn: $250  
3rd to 7th drawn: $50

Donations so far  
Thank you  
The Morris family  
4 Tickets to Jets game  
The Murphy family  
A hamper from Hunter Valley  
Hampers  
Lacie Hodges ex student  
A certificate to a month’s fitness from Merewether boot camp (12 sessions + T shirt) - value $219.

Returned raffle book count: 19

Much better than last week’s 4 BUT it is expected that EVERY student will sell a book of tickets.  
Let’s keep getting ’em in Merewether!!!!

**Library**  
We have a fantastic set of *Aussie Heroes* books that have just arrived in our library.  
The series takes us through the lives of some amazing Australian contributors such as Professor Fred Hollows and Mary Mackillop. Merewether students have been closely looking at and researching interesting items from the sea sent from the Australian Museum this week. Remember to bring your book bag in on library days!

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**  
**October**  
Wed 15  P Davis, J Robinson  
Thur 16  P Anderson  
Fri 17  J Barrett, B Hughes  
Wed 22  S Manning, K McInnes  
Thur 23  J Baker, J Haines  
Fri 24  H Gifford, K Fletcher  
Wed 29  HELP PLEASE  
Thu 30  U Sandberg  
Fri 31  T Aoake, L Henshaw

**November**  
Wed 5  C Price, A Powell  
Thu 6  Help needed  
Fri 7  Help needed  
Wed 12  P Davis, J Robinson  
Thur 13  P Anderson  
Fri 14  J Barrett, B Hughes  
Wed 19  S Manning, K McInnes  
Thur 20  J Baker, J Haines  
Fri 21  H Gifford, K Fletcher  
Wed 26  Help needed  
Thu 27  U Sandberg  
Fri 28  T Aoake, L Henshaw

**December**  
Wed 3  C Price, A Powell  
Thu 4  P Anderson  
Fri 5  A Dell, A Muggleton  
Wed 10  P Davis, J Robinson  
Thu 11  J Baker, J Haines  
Fri 12  J Barrett, B Hughes

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**DANCE DANCE DANCE**  
Dance classes for term 4 will start on Wednesday 15th October.  
Full cost for the term is $36 paid at the office.  
9 lessons at $4 per lesson = $36

Stop Press  
No dance today because Miss Karly has eloped to Byron Bay!!!! She will make up the session in the coming weeks.

**ART CLASSES**  
Rachel Milne has agreed to restart and re-energise our art classes in the vein of Mrs Pawlik. Term 4 will be a trial period.  
Rachel’s website is  
[www.rachelmilneartist.com](http://www.rachelmilneartist.com)

Rachel met with our Year 6 students yesterday to get feedback and ideas for the future direction of the art classes.  
She is starting next Tuesday at 8.00am.  
Only previous art students who regularly attended will participate this term. However, hopefully a whole new group of children will sign up for next year.  
Information notes with further details will be sent home today.

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**Principal’s Award**  
Quality Respect Responsibility  
To  
Richard Hartley

**Students to receive awards at this Friday’s assembly:**  
Milla Baker, Jake Halliday Reberts, Kasey Jakes, Elwyn Welsh, Oscar Spink, Johnny Maloney, Jessie Thompson, Vusi Mothobi Chloe Callen, Jake Bambach, Tully Baker, Macy Burke, Sophia Barrett, Lachlan Watkins, Lucas Aoake, Alecia McMullen, Jayce Harris, Angus Durie, Declan O’Donnell, Ellie Jensen, Jayden McDonald,

**Assembly Item Roster**

**October**  
Fri 17  Yr 6  
Fri 24  Yr 3  
Fri 31  Yr 1/2

**November**  
Fri 7  Yr 4  
Fri 14  Kinder  
Fri 21  Yr 1  
Fri 28  Captains’ Speeches

**December**  
Fri 5  Dance groups  
Fri 12  Presentation day

**Attention parents of Year 5 and Year 6**  
The 3 day excursion to Canberra is all organised and the children ready to go next week.  
A reminder note with a checklist of items that need to be taken was sent home on Monday. Preparation is the key for a happy time. Buy that new toothbrush this week.