Our Candidates for School Captaincy 2015

Jasmyn Jennings  
Lily Donoghoe  
Ella Mackenzie  
Milla Baker  
Isabelle Hickey  
Kirsty Coade  
Sakeel Balfour Brown  
Tom Clancy  
Charles Tynan  
Josh Haines  
Max Henshaw  
Connor Lawton

Merewether Public’s Presentation Day
Our school recognises every child on Presentation Day with a certificate acknowledging some academic or social achievement.
Why? Why not just recognise the highest scoring child, or the best behaved child? Why not just give 2 book awards and 3 certificates for each class and have the teacher decide who is deserving and who is not? If the same bright, intelligent student or that really popular kid gets the book award every year, then that’s the real world isn’t it? Most schools do exactly that.

In the real world of Merewether Public it is expected that the teacher has built a positive relationship with every child in the class and that every child in the class has made gains (small or large, academic and/ or social). School priorities such as student self assessment and effective teacher to student feedback underpin the recognition and acknowledgement of all students’ achievement.

Our Presentation Day is not a prize giving day where all children sit for 2 hours or more watching dignitaries who they have never seen before give a prize to a small percentage of children.
Yes, we do recognise our Dux of the School, the Sportsperson of the School and present a Citizenship Award. These are given to worthy winners from our graduating Year 6 class. And yes, we recognise and promote the achievement of Excellence in all classes.

But ours is a presentation day with the emphasis on “presentation”. Most parents enjoy and support how at our Presentation Day, each class presents back to the community, in a creative way, some part of the curriculum taught throughout the year. They also support and validate all children receiving a certificate.

All children are involved. All children are recognised. All children can feel good about themselves and all parents can feel proud.

If only the real world was like that.
P & C News  
Next meeting:  
Monday, 1st December

Library News
If there are any more Bookclub orders they need to be in this week to ensure plenty of time for delivery before the end of term. Week 9 will be the last week of borrowing for the year so we can get all books returned and ready for 2015. There are some lovely Christmas books on display in the library ready for borrowing. 
Linda Gesling  
Teacher Librarian

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Well done Merewether. The raffle $3700 profit for the P & C. 
Thank you to all those that sold tickets and donated prizes.

Presentation Day
Friday 12th November  
9.30am
A friendly reminder to all parents with young non school age children that when attending assemblies it is important that toddlers do not interrupt the proceedings. It is expected that if a child becomes unsettled and starts to be noisy then they should be quickly taken outside, otherwise it’s unfair for the children and parents in the audience and those on stage. The school certainly appreciates your understanding and consideration in this matter. It continues to be a family orientated school.

Congratulations
Following Miss Harber’s wedding a few weeks ago, it was announced to the staff on Monday that Miss Woodward became engaged last weekend. Congratulations Allison.

2015 SPORT Term 1
In term 1 next year the children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be offered participation in sport at Howzat Indoor Centre in Cooks Hill. The program will run for 5 weeks on a Friday From 12.00 pm til 1.00pm. Sports will include indoor cricket, indoor soccer, indoor beach volleyball, and other ball and running games.

The dates will be Friday 27th February and the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of March. The cost for this 5 week program will be $55 including bus fare and the Howzat fee. The fee will need to be paid up front. Participation will be voluntary. Those children that choose not to participate will have sport at the same time back at school.

The program will be linked to a PE program in which one lesson per week will have children learning and practising the appropriate sports skills.

School Captains Speeches
The candidates for school captains in 2015 will deliver their speeches to the school assembly this Friday. After discussions with the candidates Mr Hartley believes that each would make an excellent school captain. Each has strong leadership skills, a positive outlook and a terrific sense of humour.

A photo of each appears on page 4 of this Newsletter.