Canteen
Lunch orders are now delivered to the classroom and distributed by the teacher instead of children collecting them from the canteen. However, it is important that children (or parents) who write the order on the bag clearly indicate the class.

The Extra Mile
A school's positive reputation is often built around the little things that teachers, parents or kids do. This week the mum of a year 1 child explained to school management how impressed she was when Mrs McKean and Miss Woodward took the year 1 children, with their school bags, up to the top gate and practised being dropped off, and walking into school. Miss Woodward was the “parent” and Mrs McKean the safety officer.

The mum is so happy that her child can now get out of the car, wave goodbye and trot happily into the playground ready for school each morning. The mum is not alone in her happiness.

It’s another example of how Merewether teachers, recognising a particular little need of students and parents, go “the extra mile” to help and support.

WARNING
We have students who are at risk of ANAPHYLAXIS (severe allergic reaction). This condition is potentially life threatening. Please do not send nut based products to school with your child for lunch or recess. Products which should not come to school include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, tahini spread, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars.

Mary Smith
Class 3/4
Choc Milk
1 hot dog
1 popcorn

A communication breakthrough
Great News! Our school now has a mobile phone app. What’s that? It’s an application that sits on your Iphone or Android and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it, 24/7.

This app gives parents the ability to instantly access newsletters or to send the school a message. For example, a quick permission or reason for absence note. The school will share many of the other features with parents over the coming weeks, but for now, download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Merewether Public School. Once you have found it press “install” (Iphone) or “download” (Android).

It’s all done automatically.

End of term Parent Teacher interviews
As part of the school’s student reporting process the end of term interviews between the class teacher and parents will be held in week 10 Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April inclusive. The interviews provides an opportunity for teachers and parents to share information regarding each student’s academic and social progress.

The school has budgeted for each teacher to be class free for a day to accommodate the interviews. A note will be sent home soon with the date allocated for each teacher. Parents will be asked to return the slip showing 3 preferred times. The times will be allocated on a first returned - first allocated basis.

These interviews are very important and it is expected that all students will have least one parent attend.
**P & C News**

**Next Meeting:** Monday 17th March
Guest speaker: Kathryn Reilly HNE
7.00pm staffroom

**Library News**
Lots of students have been changing their DEAR books in library time. Don’t forget to write each book on your Premiers Reading Challenge sheet! Keep reading. Five new Geronimo Stilton books have just arrived, 'Diary of a Super Swimmer', a new one in that series, a new Billie B Brown called 'Spooky House' and a new Australian Girl-'Meet Daisy'. So much to choose from but there is a waiting list for Daisy!

*Linda Gesling*

*Teacher Librarian*

**Student Banking**
Student Banking has now commenced and will continue each Tuesday. If you wish your child to start banking at school and you have not yet opened an account please contact the school office.

**Two notes this week**
The Cross country information sheet and permission slip (all classes) will be sent home tomorrow whilst the ICAS test note (yr 2–6) was sent home yesterday.