Easter Raffle

It’s ironic that on the same page that parents are alerted to the dangers of Anaphylaxis there is information about the school’s Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle. Of course, no eggs should be eaten at school. What happens at home is the responsibility of parents.

Everyone looks forward to Merewether Public’s Easter Egg Raffle. Families are asked to bring in chocolate eggs to our school office. They are collected and stored and then Mrs Henshaw organises the putting together of the wonderful basket hampers full of eggs.

Every year, we have between 30 and 40 beautifully packaged hampers to give out as prizes. Please start bringing the EGGS to the office from today. Large cane baskets are also gladly accepted.

Here’s how it works

Books of raffle tickets are distributed to children. Children sell tickets and bring ticket stubs and money back to the office. Raffle books are monitored / checked against each child’s name.

More tickets are sold by the P & C at the Easter Hat parade.

The draw for the Easter Egg Hampers is made by Mrs Henshaw and Mrs McKean in the school hall after the parade.

One large hamper is always donated to Ronald McDonald House.

Sidenote: Mr Hartley, Mrs Mckean, Mrs Kiely have always bought tickets but have never won a hamper.

This is a great fundraiser for the P & C. Please show your support with a generous donation of eggs and the enthusiastic selling of the raffle tickets.

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.

Student Behaviour at Merewether

Merewether Public has for many years enjoyed a school culture characterized by happy, polite and respectful students. This atmosphere, by and large, still pervades the school. However, as we move further into the relatively new century some students, (very few), sometimes demonstrate behaviours that years ago would not be tolerated in a school setting at all. This very small group of children sometimes forget their responsibilities as students and occasionally are disobedient, insolent/rude, or disrespectful to teachers and other students and some can bully classmates in a variety of ways. Compounding the inappropriate behaviour is a tendency to pout or even tantrum when consequences are revealed.

A worrying aspect of this type of behaviour is that it can sometimes provide other children with a model of negative response. In other words, if children see one child “act out” and get away with it then they might perceive that the negative behaviour is acceptable. This of course is not the case.

The relationship our teachers have with our students is very, very positive but all our staff members believe that we now need to support children who exhibit inappropriate behaviour improve their attitude and actions when things don’t go their way.

In speaking with over twenty parents after last Friday’s assembly, and reaffirming their opinions at the P & C executive meeting on Monday, it is clear that parents will strongly support a policy of zero tolerance of any behaviours that show disrespect and rudeness towards teachers and nastiness towards other students.

A zero tolerance policy means that the inappropriate behaviours will be met with serious consequences.

As a parent wrote in a supportive email after Friday’s meeting:

Staff and students should expect to be treated with respect and nothing less. I think it is important to take a strong stance and send out the message that “this is not acceptable behaviour” as you suggested.
P & C News

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

Library News
The second issue of Bookclub is out now. If you can return your orders by 20th March that would be great. I can send in a late order, it just takes a bit longer to come back and sometimes stock runs out. There is a new book display in the library of our books related to ANZAC Day. If you would like to borrow a book yourself to read to your child on a particular topic please come up and see me.

Linda Gesling
Teacher Librarian

Today’s Cross Country
What a terrific event! Thank you to Mrs Manning and her P & C team for providing a free bbq lunch for all our students. Not many schools have such a generous group. It was great to see the children well supported by many enthusiastic supporters. Our kids ran and walked and skipped well. Well done to Mr McKay for his organization and many thanks to all staff who arranged the fun class activities. The downside was that, on such a beautiful day there was not enough shade. Mr Hartley will approach the P & C at the next meeting about its possible purchase of easy to erect, portable shade structures to support sun safety.

CALENDAR

March
Fri 21 Grandparents Day
Mon 17 Harmony Day
Wed 26 Zone Cross Country

April
Fri 4 Last day for ICAS test entries
Fri 11 Last day of term
Mon 28 Teachers only return
Tue 29 Students return

May
Tue 13 NAPLAN Language
Wed 14 NAPLAN Reading
Thur 15 NAPLAN Numeracy

June
Tue 20 ICAS Computer Test
Wed 4 ICAS Science Test
Mon 16 ICAS writing Test
Tue 17 ICAS Spelling Test

Term 3
July
Tue 29 ICAS English Test

August
Tue 12 ICAS Maths Test

PAYMENT ENVELOPES
The school now has payment envelopes for parents to use when paying for any activity. They will accompany information and permission notes. Details of the purchase are written on the front of the envelope with the correct money amount and either handed to the ladies in the office or placed in the box in the foyer.

Students to receive awards at this Fridays assembly:
Jesiah Duncan, Georgia Thompson, Sophia Barrett, Marley Carroll, Bronte Baltussen, Tyler Humphries, Eva Newling, Georgie Anderson, Shenesse Bevan, Lily Patrick, Lochlin Nash, Isabelle Hickey, Bailey main, Ben Gordon, Vusi Mothobi, Angus warby, Ben Sommer, Maddison Watkins, Macy Burke, Imogen McInnes, Jack Read Jones, Dominick Stuart

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Principal’s Award
Quality Respect Responsibility

To ........................................
Richard Hartley

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