Thank you to these people for supporting the P&C Christmas raffle:

Craig Eardley - $100
Second To None Recycled Designer Boutique - Lambton - $100
Sweet Traditions - Glebe Rd The Junction - $50
Hunter Organic Food - Mitchell St Merewether - $50
Merewether Hair and Beauty - Mitchell St Merewether - $20
Jenerated Style - Glebe Rd Merewether - $20

And those parents that have donated money but do not wish their names to be published - I know who you are!!

What is Teacher Professional Learning and does it happen at Merewether PS?

This question was posed by a parent just recently and it would appear that many parents are unsure of the answer.

TPL refers to training given to teachers to enhance their teaching skills and to ultimately lead to improved outcomes for children. One of the reasons that MPS achieves such high results is that it has long been the policy of the school to invest heavily in teacher training and to use the most up to date methods and resources.

Teachers are trained in these areas with a focus on Literacy, Numeracy and technology in the following ways:

🔹 A structured mentoring program that was run by Mrs Ross and is now being extended by Mrs Nagle. This entails teachers having a day a fortnight working with Mrs Nagle as a mentor to upskill in a variety of areas associated with English, Mathematics, Technology and assessment procedures.
🔹 Tuesday staff meeting - whole staff development meeting. This is held every Tuesday from 3.05 to 4.15
🔹 Team teaching and planning program with peer observation involved.
🔹 Pupil free Days - consist entirely of training and development
🔹 Demonstration lessons provided by Mrs Ross, Mrs Nagle and Mrs McKean
🔹 Attending Early Career teachers network meetings - set up and run by Mrs Ross
🔹 Curriculum Leaders Days each term - representatives from each of the schools in our local area attend as well as Merewether staff - held in Merewether computer centre.
🔹 Attendance at regular in-service courses run outside the school.

Wow - we are busy!!
P&C News
Thank you to those people who attended the meeting on Monday. It’s great to get feedback and discuss suggestions from parents.
A big thank you to those parents that are drumming up donations for our monster raffle.

Dance Term 4
Starts Wed 16th October. $36 for the term. Payment in full required before 16th of October.

Parent Feedback
We hope to see lots of parents attend our Friday morning feedback session in the hall on Friday – all welcome.

Skirt Sale
Don’t forget that the school skirts are still on sale at the office. The older style are $15 each and the newer ones are $25.

Out of Uniform
Friday the 20th of September (the last day of term 3) will be out of uniform day. Don’t forget to wear sensible shoes and bring a gold coin donation.

Book Parade
This Thursday at 1.30. Children may come dressed in their costumes or they may get changed at Recess. If parents are bringing their costume in we ask that you arrive at around 1.10 to allow enough time to get the children changed.

Did you know that the average child should be drinking 2 litres of water every day?
Research also suggests that when a child eats a quality breakfast they will perform better at school and be more attentive.

CALENDAR

Term 3
September
Thurs 12 Book Parade
Tues 17 Year 3 & 4 Excursion
Tues 17 Regional Spelling Finals

Term 4
October
Thurs 17 Kinder Orientation
Tues 22 School Photos
Thurs 31 Kinder Orientation

November
Thurs 14 Kinder Orientation
Fri 22 Captains Speeches

December
Fri 13 Presentation Day
Tues 17 Big Day Out
Wed 18 6th Class Farewell and last day of school.

Library News
An exciting book-filled week in the library this week. Children will be bringing home a wish list to show you from our book fair. The fair will be open before and after school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are great Christmas presents waiting to be hidden away! On Thursday it will be wonderful to see the children dressed in their book or film character or their space costumes for our fabulous Book Parade at 1.30. Thank you to the Mixie Chicks and the Starstruck dancers who are performing for us and for Year 6 for hosting. See you there!

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

Students to receive awards at this Fridays assembly:

Class Items at Assembly
September
Fri 13 Miss Martell & Mrs Kiely
Fri 20 To be advised........