

Muswellbrook South Public School

Proud and Powerful to be a Schools in Partnership (SiP) school.

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Week 1 Term Three

20 July 2011

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South Public School,

Welcome back everyone and I trust you had a restful break. It was lovely to see all the students on Tuesday morning ready and eager to come to school. So many lovely smiles and hellos!

A big welcome to our new families, who have enrolled at our great school. We look forward to your support at our school. Please remember if you're not sure of anything about our school, our office staff will only be too happy to assist.

People say, 'time flies when you are having fun!' I am sure that was the case for Term 2, it certainly went quick and we had fun. In particular, our last week of school was extremely busy with NAIDOC week celebrations, the opening of the new buildings, PBL sausage sizzle, Celebration Day of our student's achievements, and finally 'South's Got Talent'. What an amazing afternoon of sheer delight with all classes who participated displaying incredible talent in the performing arts. Thank you to Amy, our Song Room facilitator who spent weeks teaching the students and giving them great opportunities. Mr Sneddon 'Kyle' (Coal & Allied), is still talking about the talent we have here at South. Well done everyone.

I would like to acknowledge the support that Coal and Allied, Xstrata Coal NSW and Xstrata Mangoola gave to the school to make our NAIDOC celebrations possible. Without their support our children wouldn't have been able to experience, learn and participate in our week long celebrations.

Through various submissions the school has been successful in obtaining funds to build a veggie garden with herbs, veggies and fruit trees on our school grounds. We will also be able to have outside lessons, have a garden club in break times and have lessons with environmental officers from Bengalla (Coal & Allied). They will be talking to all students K-6 about crop rotation, sustainable living, watering, growth of plants and soil, recycling composting and mulching. The food we grow will be used by the students for their healthy eating program, used in the school canteen, or sold to create purchases for seeds and mulch. This veggie garden will be located in the garden that is situated in the middle of the Infants Playground. We are very excited about this new venture at our school and we are grateful of the support from Bengalla Mine. This new project is called 'Lettuce Out'.

Congratulations to those students who gained sponsorship for our 'Fun- Athon' last Term. The amount raised was \$2800. A fantastic effort! Prizes will be presented to those students from each class who raised the most money and also for the overall winners in each stage. If you still have sponsorship money at home please bring in ASAP.

This term is already shaping up for a busy term. Please take time to look at this Term's current calendar.

Yours in Education
Rebecca Langdon



Assembly

This week's assembly will commence at 1pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Congratulations

Gold Award

Kodie Woodeson

We are very proud of this student.

Art Workshop



On 4th and 5th June, three talented artists: Sophie Scriven, Tye Watson and Taku Mutezo attended a 2 day student workshop at the Scone Arts and Crafts Centre. Over the 2 days the students worked in small groups with experienced tutors, producing a variety of artworks using different mediums such as paint, watercolour, pastels and recycled paper.

Sophie, Tye and Taku produced some great work which will be exhibited at school over the weeks to come. Not only did our students enjoy many new and exciting art experiences but also had the opportunity to work with students from the local area including Aberdeen, Scone, Murrurundi and Blandford.

Our school also competed in the Banool Conservation school banner competition which was run in conjunction with the student workshops. While our school didn't win the competition, we certainly did produce a wonderful banner that will be displayed in the school foyer. Many thanks to Mrs Ison who worked with a group year 4, 5 and 6 students to produce the banner.

New Award System At South

Tomorrow a note will go home explaining our new award system that will link in with our Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL).

This afternoon the children were given the opportunity to see what it looks like and the various stages of the awards. We are mindful that students have already received awards for 2011 and that we will acknowledge these into the new system.

St James Parish News

A parent information evening for Sacraments of Initiation will be held on Thursday 28th July at 7.30pm in the CUSA room. All parents of children receiving the sacraments are expected to attend this meeting.

Enquiries to Susan Davis 0423946530

Singleton Book Fair

The Singleton Lions Club will be holding their annual Book Fair from Thursday 28 July to Saturday 30 July inclusive, at the Singleton Showground in the NAA Pavilion. All items will range in price from 50c to \$2. Books, magazines, videos, CD's, DVDs etc will be on sale.

HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 3

We will commence in week 3 Monday 1st August

Who: Students in Stage 2 and 3
When: Every Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm (starting week 3 through to week 9)
Where: The Library
Cost: 50 cents to cover the cost of afternoon tea.

If you would like your child to attend, please fill in this form below and return it to the front office no later than Friday 22nd July

HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 3 2011

YES my child is interested in attending the homework centre at Muswellbrook South Public School, starting: Monday 1st August, Week 3, Term 3

Name_____ Child's class_____

I would like my child to be taken home by the school bus after homework centre at 4.30pm
Yes / No

Parent's Name_____ Phone Number_____

Address_____

**DATES FOR THE DIARY
2011**

27 July	Regional Director for Education Robyn McKerihan visiting MSPS
29 July	National Tree Planting Day
1-5 August	Education Week
2 August	ICAS English
1-5 August	Education Week
3 August	August Education Week Awards at MHS
4 August	MSPS Education Week School Assembly
5 August	Jeans for Genes Day – Gold coin donation
5 August	Zone Athletics
9 August	Touch Skills Day – Years 3-6
12 August	Netball Gala Day - Singleton
15 August	Kindergarten Information Night 6pm (library)
16 August	ICAS Maths
22 - 26 August	Book Week
26 August	Book Week Parade and Fair
26 August	Zone Cricket Boys
2 September	Blokes BBQ
2 September	Hunter Athletics
6-7 September	Stage 2 Warrumbungles Excursion
6 September	Westpac Helicopter Black Coal Cup Golf Day
15 September	Kindergarten Excursion – Hunter Valley Zoo