

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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



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Week 2 Term Three

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Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South Public School,

**STOP PRESS: If you did not receive your child's report please contact the school.**

**Great that we can say "thank you":** Congratulations to the 4 recipients of our Upper Hunter Education Week Awards –Graham Turvey, Sharon Davis, Carole Avery and Sandra Watts. Graham and Sharon have been nominated for their tireless efforts in volunteering for school initiatives including fundraising, breakfast club, supporting our students, staff and community. Congratulations to Carole Avery for her enthusiastic teaching, her dedication to the improvement of student learning and her tireless efforts with the school band. Sandra Watts for her outstanding contribution in supporting all aspects of our school. Congratulations to each of our valued recipients who will receive their awards next week at the Education Week Awards Ceremony at Muswellbrook High School, next Wednesday night. Our schools Aboriginal dance group will also be performing 'The Honey Tree Dance'. A note will be sent home to the students by the end of the week.

Congratulations to our Aboriginal Dance group who were invited to open the Early Years Conference this week. This is opportunity is a significant achievement and acknowledgement of the outstanding contribution our staff, community and students make to Aboriginal Education. Two hundred people have been in attendance at this DEC conference over the last two days. Thank you to the students, their families, Miss Riley and Mr Cox.

All the very best to Jarord Watts, Nicole Boeckx and Liam Davies who are attending the Hunter Primary Gifted and Talented Camp this week at Morisset. We look forward to their return and to hear all about the exciting and challenging events that they will experience.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm, we will be holding our second Kindergarten information night. At this night we will be discussing the various programs we have sitting within our school. We will present information about reading, spelling, counting and our new award system. This evening is something very new and important for all parents of a Kindergarten child will need to know for a smooth transition into Kindergarten 2012. This evening will be held in the school library, supper provided and baby sitting. **Please contact the school if you are going to attend.**

This week I have been contacted by numerous members of the public about our students outstanding behaviour and wonderful manners. These comments are always extremely pleasing to hear. I congratulate all our students who are implementing our school values of being a responsible, respectful and a safe Muswellbrook South PS student.

Want me to know something ? Email me at [Rebecca.langdon@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.langdon@det.nsw.edu.au)

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon  
Principal

### **“I am running late”:**

Each week in our newsletter we will be focusing on an issue related to attendance. This week we would like to focus on the issue of partial attendance. **Were you aware that every time your child arrives late to school that the school is legally required to record the time and a legitimate reason for your child being late?** This is recorded on their attendance record as a **partial absence**. It is vital that students arrive to school on time, particularly in the morning, as this is when their teacher will give them the daily messages and prepare them for the timetabled day ahead. **Too many students are still arriving late on a daily basis to school.** Please assist us by ensuring that your child is on time to school each day. Reasons such as ‘running late’ and ‘slept in’ are not acceptable reasons. If your child must be late (eg: unavoidable appointment for child), please ensure that the yellow partial absence slip is completed and returned to your child’s teacher. We need to work together. Support your children’s success at school by getting them there (on time).

### **Coles/Woolworths Dockets**

As you would have seen on recent Television ads, both these companies are inviting people to collect their shopping dockets. These dockets will be welcomed at our school and placed in boxes in the main foyer. Hopefully, if we collect enough we could win various learning and sporting resources. **So start bringing in your dockets to the front office.**

### **Blokes BBQ**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be holding a Blokes BBQ. The morning will begin at 7.30 am where all children are welcome to come along and bring their ‘Bloke’ – Dad, stepfather, uncle, Pop, mum’s partner’. The teachers will be cooking up a breakfast. We will be having fun activities for example how many shots in a basket ball ring in 1 minute, paper aeroplane flying competition. So mark this date in your diary. This event will finish at 9.15 am. Further detail will be in the newsletter over the next couple of weeks.

### **Assembly**

This week’s assembly will commence at 1pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. **Please Note** K-2 awards will be presented tomorrow Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm.

### **Hall Display**

The hall display for week 2 and week 3 is 5M.

### **Congratulations**

#### **Gold Award**

Trisha Bell

We are very proud of this student



Classroom activities at our school

## P and C News

### Pie Drive.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the recent pie drive. Another very successful fundraiser for our school. A big thank you to Helen for her organisation in getting all of this together. Also to Natalie and Rochelle for being there on both the order day and delivery day. As usual our canteen managers Shelly and Megan were there to help as well.

Well done and thank you to these great committee members.

Dianne Watts P and C President

## New Band Scholarship Program For South

Muswellbrook South Public School is delighted to announce the creation of a new Band Scholarship Program. Recently, we received funds for five Band Scholarships to be made available to students from our school. These scholarships were made possible through the generous support from the Coal and Allied Bengalla Mining Company. Each scholarship will pay for half of the music tuition fees with the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music and as such will make learning an instrument much more affordable for families.

This week at school, Mr Robert Thompson from the Conservatorium of Music will be demonstrating the various Band instruments. We would like to encourage new students to learn to play an instrument and be part of our School Band and we are keen to invite students from Years 2 to 6 to apply for a scholarship.

If your child is keen to learn an instrument and join our School Band please complete the form below to request a Scholarship application form.

Any enquiries can be made by contacting Mrs Avery at school.

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Dear Mrs Avery,

My child is interested in learning to play an instrument and would like to apply for a Band Scholarship.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## New Award System

The new award system change over is happening this week. All awards need to be in by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July!!** So there can be a smooth transition.

Infants Award Ceremony – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm

Primary Award Ceremony – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm

### **Bike/Scooter Safety**

It is important to remember if your child is riding their bike to school then they **must** wear a helmet. If your child comes to school without a helmet, then parents will be phoned and asked to collect the bike. Wearing a helmet is the law!

For safety reasons, it is also important for your child to wear a helmet while riding their scooter to and from school.

### **HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 3**

**We will commence next week 3 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29th July**

Mrs Rayner

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### **HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 3 2011**

YES my child is interested in attending the homework centre at Muswellbrook South Public School, starting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Stage 2 Excursion**

Hurry fast!!!! Seats are selling out fast! Please get your money in to secure your spot on the Stage 2 Excursion to Coonabarabran. Students will have the opportunity to visit the observatory, go on a nocturnal walk, visit a National Park and visit Crystal Kingdom. You have until next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Mr Russell

### **What's Happening In SA?**

This term we are already busy learning new and exciting things. In Literacy we are reading lots of new books and getting ready for book week. Our book week parade is sure to please!

We are learning about "Cycles in Our World" for Science and "People and their Beliefs" for HSIE. In Maths we are working with numbers to 9.999 and using great new maths resources to assist our understanding. How cool!

Our classroom is always open for any parents or friends of SA to help or come in and see how well we are doing. Looking forward to your visit!!

Mrs Anderson

## LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

Book Week this year in Week Six. It runs from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. The theme this year is **One World, Many Stories**. This year we will be having a Book Week Parade and Book Fair on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. Each class has chosen a story from a different country around the world and the children will come dressed representing that country. The parade will start at 12.15pm and conclude at 1.30pm. The Book Fair will operate all day, starting at 8.30 am and ending at 4.00pm, only closing while the parade is on.

The following is a list of the classes and what country they have chosen.

**KR- Sweden**

**2D- Papua New Guinea**

**3K-Kenya- Africa**

**5M- Germany**

**K/1M- France**

**4R- Scotland**

**SI-North America**

**KW- U.S.A**

**1S- China**

**6C- England**

**1A- India**

**2/3G- Greece**

**4/5/6B- Egypt**

**4/5S- Mexico**

**2K- Spain**

**SJ- India**

There will be a separate note going home from each teacher as to what your child needs to wear for the Parade. The order of the classes above will be the order that the children will appear in the Book Parade on the day. If you have any queries please call or come and see me in the library.

Thanking You

Anne Solman Teacher Librarian

## School Fun Run Winners

Many thanks to all the students and their families who were able to get donations for the school fun. \$2902.85 was raised from all the monies collected. The two students who raised the most amount of money were Kira Lonergan (K-2) and Hayley George (3-6). Both girls raised \$134 which was a great effort.

The students who raised the most amount of money in their class were: Caitlin Rae, Legacy Lewis, Makayla Rowsell, Kira Lonergan, Tobey Stewart, Sharni Sharrad, Georgia Hutchings, Liam Galvin, Hayley George, Monique Villiers, Alannah Miller, Cassidy Watts, Kaitlyn Rose, Ashlea Deller, Kieran Hill, Jason Maddern. Thank you to these students for their efforts.

These students will now have the opportunity to choose their prize which will be ordered and prizes are expected to be at school in the near future.

School Fundraising Committee

## Boys Touch

Good luck to the Boys PSSA Touch side who are playing against Maitland PS in the first round of the knockout on Monday.

### Power Of Music

Children are wanted to be part of the musical fun 2011 Xstrata Coal Power of Music. The Upper Hunter Extravaganza is at Scone High School on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

### Do You Play A Brass Or Wind Instrument?

If you play a brass or wind instrument turn up at the Scone High School on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 4.30pm for a hour fun packed rehearsal of this year's show Benny the Beagle.

Enquiries email Mark Walton at jo.walton@optusnet.com.au

### DATES FOR THE DIARY 2011

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