

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week 4 Term Three

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Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South Public School,

## **STOP PRESS: Enrolling now for 2012. Kinder information packages available now**

Congratulations to Jarrod Watts who received the Muswellbrook District Education week student award for outstanding contribution as a school leader, the academics and sporting achievements. Congratulations to our school's Education Week recipients Miss Jackson, Ashlea Deller, Georgina Rowlands, Blade Heckenberg, Shellie Stewart and Megan Whitehead.

It is wonderful to walk around the school and witness students actively engaged in their work. Sometimes this is in a quiet classroom while at other times in loud, animated groups. Learning is clearly happening and this is a joy. We continue to strive to help students do their best in their learning. We have had visiting educators recently in our school who have commented on the quality of our teaching staff and the care and professionalism they show their students. What a joy to celebrate the staff and the work they do to direct and guide the students' learning.

This Friday we will be presenting our Honour students with their new badges, as well another 'surprise', as an acknowledgement of their achievement. Also, we will be presenting certificates to those students who participated in the ICAS Computer competition.

Over the next couple of weeks you will see some changes around the school. This is due to the fact we have been successful with a submission to Bengalla Coal for a vegetable garden called 'Lettuce Out'. This garden will be located in the Infants quadrangle and the students will be growing many crops with the help of Bengalla Coal. The students will grow orange, mandarin and lemon trees, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, herbs, spinach and many more seasonal plants. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, the P&C will be having a working bee to get the garden in order for the plantings. If you have an hour free on this day between 9am and 12pm we would appreciate your help. Just bring a shovel, wheel barrow and garden gloves. This garden will enable our students to have horticultural lessons, healthy food lessons, food preparation and an understanding of sustainability. We greatly appreciate the wonderful contribution Bengalla Coal – Coal and Allied have given Muswellbrook South students.

Thank you to the many people who are commenting about the school uniform and the fact that all students look amazing in the correct uniform. The school, our parent body - P&C and many parents have high expectations about the school uniform such as: black leather school shoes, joggers and hats as they are expected for all students to wear. A reminder to those students who forget their hats on sports days that hats are required for you to participate in this activity. If you have difficulty with our schools uniform requirements please don't hesitate to contact me, in a respectful manner whether it be; by note, casual conversation or a phone call. Thank you to those parents and carers who are writing a note to explain the reason why their child is not in correct uniform. I very much appreciate your support.

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon

Principal

### Assembly

This week's assembly is on Friday at 1pm. An assembly item will be performed by 5M. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

### Hall & Foyer Display

The hall display for Week 4 and 5 is 4R. The foyer display for Week 4 and 5 is 5M.

### Zone Public Speaking

Today and tomorrow we have 6 students participating in the Zone Public Speaking Competition at Telarah PS. Today, Kohen Hall and Liam Galvin will represent Stage 1. On Thursday, Kate Rowlands and Hunter Bradford will represent Stage 2. Stage 3, Georgina Rowlands and Kobey Adam- Smith will also represent. We wish all students the very best.

### Congratulations this week's 'Pebble People'

#### Week 4

Storm T 4/5 S	Asheley L KW
Chance S 1S	Rhianna R K/1M
Carley H 4/5/6B	Jazmin G 4/5 S
Carey T 4/5S	Rhiannon C 1S

### Double Pebble Award

Congratulations to Brodie Eden- Powell who acted in a responsible manner and assisted a community member in his local area. The community member was so impressed with Brodie's actions that they contacted the school. This action certainly makes me feel very proud and enables Brodie to receive two (2) pebble awards. Well done Brodie!

### The Importance of Attendance

Each week in our newsletter we will be focusing on an issue related to attendance. This week we would like to focus on the importance of regular attendance. **Did you know that for every day your child misses of school, it takes them 3 days to catch up?** This is because absences from school affect students in many ways - not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. If you are having trouble getting your child to come to school, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that we can work together to fix the problem. For your child to reach their full potential in the future, regular attendance is vital.

### Kindergarten 2012 Information Night

On Monday 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 new and beneficial for all parents of a Kindergarten child and will provide important information to allow a child a smooth transition into Kindergarten 2012. This evening will be held in the school library, baby sitting and supper provided. **Please contact the school if you are going to attend.**

### Zone Carnival

Congratulations to Georgia Dalley and Taylah Anderson who qualified in the 100m for the Hunter Athletics Championships next month and to Bella McKinley in shot put and Sarah Tisdell in the long jump.

### \*\*\*\*\* Premier Reading Challenge Alert \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Parents,

The NSW Premier Reading Challenge closes on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. Thank you to all those children who have already given me their completed sheets. There are still a lot of children who need to finish. Please come and see me if your child has lost their sheet or if your child needs to borrow more books to complete the Challenge.

Anne Solman- Teacher Librarian

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

Keep bringing in your Woolworths dockets and place them in the collection box on the counter. The promotion allows us to purchase educational resources and runs until 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Points tally as at 9 August is **544**.

### Coles 2011 Sport for School Program

Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we now have the collection box in the office for you to put all your vouchers in. The more vouchers we collect the more sports equipment we will receive. Voucher Tally as at 9 August **1200**.

### Canteen News – Re Book Week Lunch

The normal canteen lunch menu will **NOT** be available on Book Week Parade day, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August; however we have an exciting special menu that will be available to both children and parents on this day only. In line with the Book Week theme, One World, Many Stories the following items will be available.

Australia	Large Meat Pie & Sauce
America	Hot Dogs
China	Rice & Spring Rolls
Italy	Pizza
Mexico	Burritos

Chocolate and Strawberry Milkshakes will also be sold on the day. Snacks and beverages will be available as per usual.

Order forms will be sent out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August and are to be handed in to the office no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Please note this only applies to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

## CWA VISIT

Every year the CWA (Country Women's Association) have a country that they focus on. This year the country of study for 2011 was Iceland. Class 4/5/6/B made posters about Iceland last term and these posters were then judged this week as part of a poster competition run by the CWA ladies. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at the CWA hall the two students pictured, Gracie Alderson and Rhylie Pereira, were chosen to give a speech about Iceland. Both speeches were delivered well and were very informative and kept the ladies entertained with their knowledge on the subject. I was extremely proud of both students who represented Muswellbrook South Public School and they showed the wider community that we have responsible and respectful students at our school.

Anne Solman- Teacher Librarian



## LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

Book Week this year is in Week Six. It runs from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. The theme 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 8.30am 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
SA – Australia	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



### **New Award System**

Following on from the green note sent home 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011 regarding the new award system, we have now set out the new system in an easy to read chart. Please see the insert in this week's newsletter.

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

We raised \$268.00 for Jeans for Genes day. Well done Muswellbrook South!

### **University of NSW Competitions**

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the ICAS Computer Competition earlier this year. They achieved the following results:

Participation Certificate	Year 5	Damon Boeckx Jayden Dick Cassidy Watts
	Year 6	Nicole Boeckx Jarrod Watts

These awards will be presented at this Friday's assembly.

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Muswellbrook Junior Cricket Club**

Registration details for Muswellbrook Junior Cricket Club are as follows.

Registration Venue:	Victoria Park Muswellbrook	
Dates and Times:	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	4pm- 5.30pm
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	4pm-5.30pm
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10am-12noon
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	4pm-5.30pm
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	4pm-5.30pm
	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	10am-12noon

**Note** New players need to bring their birth certificate.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2011

12 August	Netball Gala Day - Singleton
15 August	Kindergarten Information Night 6pm (library)
16 August	ICAS Maths
18 August	Touch Gala Day at Olympic Park
22 - 26 August	Book Week
26 August	Book Week Parade and Fair
26 August	Zone Cricket Boys
28 August	P&C Working Bee 9am-12noon
29 Aug – 2 Sept	Literacy and Numeracy Week
31 August	Literacy/Numeracy activities at school
1 September	Ride for Sick Kids Visit
2 September	Blokes BBQ
2 September	Hunter Athletics
6-7 September	Stage 2 Warrumbungles Excursion
6 September	Westpac Helicopter Black Coal Cup Golf Day
9 September	K-2 Funday
15 September	Kindergarten Excursion – Hunter Valley Zoo

## MUSWELLBROOK TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Muswellbrook Junior Touch

The 2011/2012 Muswellbrook Junior Touch competition commences on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Registrations will be held at Olympic Park on the following days:

Wednesdays, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August between 4.00pm – 6pm. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00am – 1.00pm. Age Divisions for both Boys and Girls are: 6 years and under, 7-8 years, 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-15 years and Under 18 year Girls and Boys. Age taken as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Players are permitted to play up an age division. All Registrations must be finalised before taking part in the competition. Players who need to be placed into teams should register on the first day, 17<sup>th</sup> August.

### Junior State Cup

Players who are interested in representing Muswellbrook at the Junior State Cup in Wollongong next February 2012 are reminded they must register their names on the appropriate form available on Registration days or on the first day of competition, 5<sup>th</sup> September. No names will be taken after this date.

### Ladies/Mixed Competition

This also commences on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Nominations close on 27<sup>th</sup> August. New teams and players most welcome.

### Mens Competition

The competition commences on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Nominations close on 27<sup>th</sup> August. Individual nominations also accepted.

Team nomination forms for all divisions/competitions are available from Fine N Dandy and Sportspower. For further information on all competitions, please ring 65432477 for Juniors, Ladies and Mixed and for Mens please phone 65425071/65432617.

## RSPCA – PHOTO COMPETITION

The RSPCA Education Team is calling on pet owners in NSW to help decorate their new Education Van, provided courtesy of Hyundai. Take a photo of you with your pet and send it to [rspcanswedu@gmail.com](mailto:rspcanswedu@gmail.com) for your chance to have your photo featured on their new van. Images must be between 1 and 2 megabytes. Only one entry permitted per pet. Please include your name, pet name, and no more than 25 words about your pet (if you choose to). For full terms and conditions please visit their website and follow the links: <http://www.rspcansw.org.au>. Competition closes 5pm AEST, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.