

Muswellbrook South Public School

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



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Week 6 Term Three

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Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South Public School,

STOP PRESS: New school shirts are ready for purchasing from the school uniform shop \$25

It gives me great delight to inform our school community that the purchasing of our new school shirts that the children, staff and community voted on are ready for purchase. As the warm weather is not too far away, the P&C thought that now would be a great time to make our new shirts available. They look great!!

Don't forget to come to the office to pick up your 'Muswellbrook South PS Rocks', car bumper/ back window sticker. Please send your child into the front office for a bumper sticker. Please note one per family. This is all part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus.

Enrolments for 2012 Completed enrolment forms can now be submitted to our Office for Kindergarten 2012. We have a long list of names of potential students for next year. Parents are reminded that where possible, Kindergarten classes will not exceed 20 enrolments ensuring a smooth, supportive transition into formal school education for each individual child. If you are aware of neighbours with school age children please make them aware of this notification. – we would hate for anyone to miss out.

Dance Classes

Michael Leslie worked his magic amongst our students with contemporary dance classes last week. Here are some great photos of our children in action. Many thanks to the Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre who enabled the students to have such an exciting opportunity.



Book Week is on this week with our school parade on Friday. Book Week aims to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading among young Australians. This year's theme is 'One World, Many Stories'. Everyone is welcome to come and visit our school and enjoy the parade and lunch with their children and grandchildren.

Why must I send my child to school? Education in NSW is compulsory. Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance. Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified. For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness. If Principals do not consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified. Saying your child “sick” is not satisfactory – you need to explain the illness further. It is important to understand that the NSW Department of Education may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

Being Respectful

Just a reminder that as we are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. Speaking to people in and around our school in a respectful manner is highly valued. Our student’s are becoming great advocates of being respectful. Please be mindful

Help Needed

This Sunday 28th August, the P&C will be having a working bee to get the Infants garden in order for the plantings of the new veggie garden. If you have an hour free on this day between 9 am and 12pm we would appreciate your help. Just bring a shovel, wheel barrow and garden gloves.

Yours in Education
Rebecca Langdon
Principal

Blokes BBQ

You have been invited to a Bloke’s BBQ (Fathers Day) Breakfast on Thursday 1st September from 7.30am – 9am in the MSPS shed. As part of the morning there will be breakfast provided and activities to play with your child. **Please return your slip to the front office for catering reasons by this Friday 26th August.**

Congratulations this week’s ‘Pebble People’

Week 5

Early Stage 1	Ashley M and Cade S
Stage 1	Makayla R and Tyler C
Stage 2	Chandon K and Tayla W
Stag 3	Ashley P and Kristina V

Assembly

There will be no assembly this week because of our Book Week activities.

Hall & Foyer Display

The hall display for Week 7 is 4/5S. The foyer display for Week 6 and Week 7 is 4R.

***** Premier Reading Challenge Alert *****

The NSW Premier Reading Challenge closes this **Friday 26th 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

School Band Scholarship Applications

Parents, who wish to apply for a Band Scholarship for their child, are asked to have their application form completed and returned to school by this Friday 26th August. Application forms can be sent to the office.

C. Avery

University Of NSW Competition

Congratulations to students who participated in the ICAS writing competition recently. Students were asked to write a persuasive text and achieved the following results.

Lluka Stewart	Credit
Jayden Dick	Participation
Jarrold Watts	Participation
Zaine Stewart	Participation
Ty Watson	Participation

Well done. Certificates will be presented at next week's assembly.

Mrs Crooks

Drama Camp

On the 17th, 18th and 19th of August, three students went away to Maitland for a Drama Camp. Those students were Rochelle Forsyth, Kobey Adam-Smith and Georgina Rowlands. While we were there we participated in a number of Drama activities. We each had our own tutor and were in different groups with a range of different people from different schools around New South Wales. We had so much fun performing, meeting new people and getting the opportunity to have that experience.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Reminder to Year 5 students. The first \$50 payment is due this Friday 26th August. If you need any assistance please contact Mrs Langdon.

Miss McMillan

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Keep bringing in your Woolworths docketts and place them in the collection box on the counter. The promotion allows us to purchase educational resources and runs until 18th September 2011.

Points tally as at 24 August is 1776

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 24 August is 10020

Canteen News – Re Book Week Lunch

The normal canteen lunch menu will **NOT** be available on Book Week Parade day, Friday 26th August.

Chocolate and Strawberry Milkshakes will also be sold on the day. Snacks and beverages will be available as per usual. There will also be lots of special treats!!!!!!

Please note that normal canteen lunch orders will not be available on this day.

Library News

Dear Parents,

Book Week is happening this week. The theme is **One World, Many Stories**. This year we will be having a Book Week Parade and Book Fair on **Friday 26th 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			

Your child can either come to school dressed in their costume or they can bring their clothes to school and change before first break.

Parents and friends of MSPS are welcome to attend.

Thanking You

Anne Solman Teacher Librarian

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy week will be held across Australia schools from the 29th August until 2nd of September.

Our school is going to participate in this week by inviting parents to come into classrooms and help their child with a literacy / numeracy activity. This will take place on Wednesday 31st August at 12.30pm.

Our students will also be participating in 'Read Around Australia' in the afternoon. Some students will be going out into the community to read on that day.

Mrs Rayner

Zone Cricket Trials

Good luck to Jarrod Watts and Kobey Adam-Smith who will be trialing at Denman this Friday for the Zone Cricket team.

Hunter Athletics

Good luck to the following students who will be competing at Hunter Athletics in Glendale on Friday 2nd September.

Bella McKinley	Junior Shot Put
Sarah Tisdell	11 years Long Jump
Georgia Dalley	9 years 100m
Taylah Anderson	9 years 100m
Ty Beeney	13 years 100m

Touch Football Gala Day

Last Friday a group of our students enjoyed the Touch Football Gala Day at Olympic Park. Although the weather wasn't very kind it was a great day with all students displaying good sportsmanship and behaviour.



A Night Before Christmas Market

The Muswellbrook Pre-School is planning a Christmas market shopping night on October 21st from 7pm -10pm. There is a \$15 entry, with the first 200 ticket holders given a free gift bag filled with products. Wine, Cheese, Tea, Coffee and Cake will be available. There will also be lucky door prizes and a multi draw raffle. Some wonderful ideas for those hard to find Christmas presents. Tickets are available at the Muswellbrook Pre-School.

Interested In Tennis Lessons?

Professional Coach moves to Muswellbrook with five years coaching experience and five years playing on the International circuit. Providing coaching lessons for adults, children and also running group sessions and holiday camps in Muswellbrook. All ages are welcome. Contact Veronika on 0401300240

Power of Music

The Power of Music 2011 festival will be at Scone High School on Friday 9th September at 7pm. Benny The Beagle – a funny and enchanting musical tale plus Singleton Intermediate Band, U H Concert Band, U H Jazz Band and much more. Come along and be part of the fun. Free entry.

DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2011

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
1 September	Blokes BBQ Please note not 2nd September
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