

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Five Term Four

**STOP PRESS: Intensive Swimming starts next Monday!**

*This week's PBL focus: Safe, Respectful and Responsible – Managing angry feelings*

*Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS*

The school fete **was amazing!!!** , We had over 3,000 people attend and the results of this great community support will be announced once all monies have been counted. Thank you for the wonderful support and especially I would like to acknowledge the awesome work that our P&C accomplished. Congratulations to Megan Parker and her amazing team, your hard work certainly paid off.

Congratulations to **Cassidy Watts** who won the major Raffle prize of a 'Huge' TV. Also, congratulations to **Ashley Dellar** who won the \$50 Gift voucher from Big W. Ashley was the closest to the correct naming of and matching of staff and their baby photos.

Last week I mentioned Year 6 students who were successful in gaining placement at Muswellbrook HS Opportunity Class. I would also like to congratulate **Micah Garland-Boney** and **Jenna Besford** on their success in gaining placement.

I also look forward to student leadership nominations for 2013. The current Year 5 students will be given a copy of the leadership policy and talking to class teachers about the leadership roles at our school. Nominations for student leadership will commence soon.

**2013 Classes:** Any parents who have concerns for the class placement of their child/ren into classes at Muswellbrook South PS for 2013 are able to put these concerns into writing for me for staff to consider class placement for 2013. These concerns need to be in writing to me personally before 1st December this year. Email is ok.

However, please do not request a particular teacher as we have not matched teachers to classes yet. Just tell me about the needs of your child, information that you feel we may need to know more about. We would prefer to hear from you now than after children are already in classes. We will begin the process for developing our classes for the 2013 school year over the next few weeks, and it is very important that we begin with accurate student numbers. If you know your child/children will not be attending our school next year, please let us know as early as possible. Contact the school office and arrange a transfer certificate. It is also important to let us know if your child/ren will not be returning on the first school day of 2013 (31st January) due to an extended holiday. Details of your child/ren's return to school date needs to be provided in writing to the school office.

There are lots of interesting and exciting things planned at Muswellbrook South PS for Term 4. I look forward to our school's continued partnership with parents to ensure that it is a rich and rewarding term of learning for our students.

Yours in education,

*Rebecca Langdon*

## Quiz

**Do Whales feed their young on milk?**

*Place your answer on a piece of paper with your name on it and hand to office by Friday.*

Last week's answer to what do paediatric doctor specialise in was **children!**

## KINDER 2013

We are still taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2013. If your child is born between 1.8.07 and 31.7.08 they are able to enrol. Your child must be 5 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013. If your child is enrolling for Kindergarten 2013, please come up to the school to fill out an enrolment form. You will need your child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation Certificate, Passports (if applicable) and proof of address. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the school on **65431896**.

Congratulations to the following students who had 'Cup Cake' time with Mrs Langdon!

**ES1** – V. Hill, J. Blayden

**Stage 1** – N. Clydesdale, M. Whitaker

**Stage 2** – N. Lin, G. Hutchings

**Stage 3** – M. Crowfoot, B. Nichols

## Uniform Reminder

Please remember that as part of school uniform policy our school uniform is required to be worn. That applies to wearing our school hat/caps, black school shoes (Mon-Thurs) and white joggers (little bit of colour is accepted). In Term 4, our schools summer uniform is required to be worn.

**PLEASE NO BALLET / SLIP on shoes.**

## Uniform Shop

New hours for the Uniform Shop are as follows:

**Monday morning 9.00am-9.30am**

**Monday afternoon 2.30pm-3.20pm**

**Wednesday afternoon 2.30 - 3.20pm**

**Friday by appointment only**

I am also looking for someone to help out in the uniform shop.

Please call me on 0477 063 184 if you are able to help or if you have any uniform enquiries.

*Anne Henderson*



## REWARD DAY!

**Monday 17th December**, all children will experience a Reward Day. However, if a student receives a red/orange card from now through to the end of term they will **not** be participating.

## Intensive Swimming Program

In weeks 6-8, students from Years 2-6 will be participating in their Annual Intensive Swimming Program. Please note that this is **different to Friday's C&A Swim Program** that the students are already participating in. We are targeting those students who have been identified as needing extra support in their swimming skills. This program is a fundamental part of your child learning the vital life skills of swimming and will further develop what they are already doing each Friday.

The cost is **\$2.30 each day** for the 10 sessions.

*Sarah Milton*

Sports Co-ordinator

## Need HELP WITH HOMEWORK AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

Try [www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au) this site provides practical help for parents. There are tips, tools and resources for you to help your growing child with homework, well-being, technology, study and conversations. This site is created by the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

### Selective High School Placement for Year 5 students going into Year 7 in 2014:

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment.

### The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, you may either:

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address, access to the internet and a printer. Online applicants have until **Monday 19 November 2012** to submit their applications.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 16 October 2012 at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

or

2. Complete an application form and return it to school by **Friday 16 November 2012**. These forms will be available from the school office.

### P&C Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners of the P&C Raffle, drawn last Friday at the fete.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 106cm Television – **C.Watts**, ticket Green F69
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – iPod – **H. Perkins**, ticket Yellow F83
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – DVD Player – **M. Datson**, ticket Blue F64

# Our Fete



## DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Playgroup every Wednesday, 0-4 years in Heritage Hall from 9:30 – 11:30. All are welcome and there is no cost!
<b>16 October – 20 November</b>	Kindergarten 2013 Transition Program 9:30 – 11:15am
<b>7-9 November</b>	Year 5 'Great Aussie Bush Camp'
<b>20 November</b>	P&C Meeting, 2pm
<b>23 November</b>	School Spectacular – School Senior Dance Group Performing
<b>28 November</b>	School Helpers 'Thank You' Morning Tea, 11:30am
<b>3 December</b>	School Concert Night
<b>4 December</b>	School Concert Matinee
<b>5 December</b>	Warrae Wannu Graduation Presentation
<b>6 December</b>	Schools Sport Presentation Day
<b>14 December</b>	Schools Presentation Day
<b>17 December</b>	Whole School Reward Day

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**If you would like your newsletter emailed home, please contact the school through our school email address, or ring the school.**  
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### Tips for Creating Resilient Families

Resilience is the fine art of being able to bungy jump through life. The pitfalls are still there but it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times. Over the next few weeks, we will share tips on how to build this resilience within your families.

#### **No. 5 Love kids for their differences**

When families' function well, people are allowed to be different and to be loved for those differences. We all know that children take on different roles. Having children who are strongly individual and who have a sense of who they are is a sign of good parenting. The problem may, of course be that they will then express their independent spirit in ways you don't like. The ideal is a mix between someone who preserves their own uniqueness and is able to work with others without becoming dictated to by them. Someone who has their own independent nature but is comfortable enough with themselves to allow inter-dependence.

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