

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Six Term Four

**STOP PRESS: P&C Meeting, next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm**

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

*Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS*

The last two days we have been fortunate to have Song room organise a two day camp. These two days have enabled our students to experience amazing musical and dramatic opportunities. Well done everyone

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.

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.

Yours in education,

*Rebecca Langdon*

Please come and watch the talented students from **KW** present their class item at this Friday's assembly at **9:45am**.

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

**ES1** – J. Stewart, K. Fiddler

**Stage 1** – C. Matthews, L. Matthews,  
I. Athwell

**Stage 2** – B. Simpson, C. Ruge

**Stage 3** – K. Billings, J. Miller

## **A Reminder to all Parents**

Near the front entrance to our school parents are reminded not to park or stop in the No Stopping Zone or Mail Zone or in front of the school driveway when dropping children to school in the morning or collecting in the afternoon. The safety of our children is most important.

## 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**.

## 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*

## 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.

## Head Lice

There have been a few reported cases of headlice in the school. We ask that all parents check their children's hair regularly and if you suspect anything please see your local pharmacist for advice on the correct treatment.

- Head lice are a regular occurrence in schools and are not a problem if treated quickly and efficiently. Even if children only have eggs they should still be treated and all eggs removed.
- Another treatment should be repeated seven days later.

For some great advice check out Associate Professor Rick Speare's head lice information sheet available on the internet. The sheet can be accessed at

[www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hlinf01.htm](http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hlinf01.htm) which is on the James Cook University website.

Following are just a couple of useful tips:-

Apply conditioner to dry hair and then comb through thoroughly with a nit comb. The conditioner slows down the adult lice.

Always re-treat seven days after the initial treatment to kill any juveniles that have hatched from eggs after the first treatment.

Two weeks after the first treatment put conditioner in the hair, comb with a fine-tooth comb and check for lice.

## 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.

# DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE MUSIC? THEN COME AND JOIN OUR DYNAMIC SCHOOL BAND



Our school would like to encourage new students, who would like to learn an instrument, to be part of our School Band program. If your child will be in Year 2 through to Year 6 in 2013 they are able to join our School Band and apply for a Band Scholarship.

Recently our school received funds for 5 Band Scholarships to be made available to the 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.

A demonstration of the various instruments played in the Band program will be held at the school assembly this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. Janelle French, from the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music, will be conducting our School Band as they perform an item as well as talking about the woodwind, brass and percussion instruments that our Band members will be playing. Parents who are interested in their child learning to play an instrument are invited to attend the assembly. If your child is keen to learn an instrument and join our School Band please complete the **separate yellow form** contained in this newsletter to request information on applying for a Scholarship, lesson fees and instrument hire costs. Any inquiries can be made by contacting Mrs Avery at school.

*C. Avery (Band Coordinator)*

## Donate BLOOD!

The blood donor bus will be at Muswellbrook PCYC at the following times:

**Monday 3 Dec – 1:30-7pm**

**Tuesday 4 Dec – 9am-3pm**

**Wednesday 5 Dec - 1:30-7pm**

**Thursday 6 Dec – 9am-3pm**

Please call **13 14 95** to make an appointment.

## Try-a-Tri at Singleton Triathlon Club

Do you want to have a go at a triathlon? Not sure about signing up to a club? Then come along to Singleton Triathlon Club's **FREE** try-a-tri day.

**When:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November **Time:** 9am start **Where:** Singleton Pool

**Distance:** 7-9 years 100m swim/2km ride/250m run

10-13 years 150m swim/4km ride/500m run

Not ready to do the whole thing? Bring a team of 2 or 3 to complete the course and cheer each other on. For more information email Scott Kime on [scottkime8@bigpond.com](mailto:scottkime8@bigpond.com) or call into Singleton Bike Rack.

**Normal Club races will be held for 14 years and up, starting at 7.30am.**

## DENTAL VISIT

Come and join us at Playgroup and learn how to care for your child's teeth

**Where:** Muswellbrook South Family Playgroup  
Heritage Hall—Muswellbrook South Public School.

**When:** Wednesday 21st November 2012

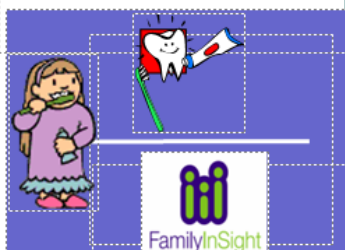
**Time:** 9:30—11:30 am

For parents/carers and children 0-5 years

For more information phone:

Anne : 6541 3000

0407 723 320



## Save THE DATE!

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2013** is the Blandford Pubic School Horse Sport Day. This is to be held at Rosedale Complex, Murrurundi

# Great Aussie BUSH CAMP



Great Aussie is an exhilarating adventure which all ages can enjoy and love. Some of the activities are challenging but can be very rewarding. My favourite activity was canoeing because my friends and I worked well as a team and only got stuck in a small bush. I had a tremendous time!  
**S-P. O'Donnell. 5/6C**



At Great Aussie Bush Camp, there were a lot of fun activities such as the giant swing, dual flying foxes and a high ropes course. My favourite activity was the flying fox. Camp was exciting.  
**Z. Hines, 5S**



At Great Aussie Bush Camp, we did the giant swing, canoeing, archery and indoor rock climbing. We enjoyed the giant flying fox because it wasn't scary like the others and it was pretty high.  
**T. Taylor, 4/5B & C. Heckenberg, 5S**

## 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>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

**Want me to know something? Email me at [muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or our schools Facebook page.**

**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.6 It is clear who is in charge**

Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say. Some parents fear that if they take charge that they will lose the friendship of their children, but often the reverse is true.

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