

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Seven Term Four

STOP PRESS: Volunteers/ Helpers Morning Tea next Wednesday 28th Nov
11.30am (school library)

This week's PBL focus: Safe, Respectful and Responsible – Don't jump to wrong conclusion

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

This week is a busy week in the school what with Intensive Learn to Swim, Schools Spectacular Performers, Short Shots Film Workshops at Newcastle University and The writers workshop in Singleton, as well our daily classroom and sporting activities and learning opportunities.

I would like to wish all performers and participants all the best in their respective activities. I look forward to viewing the short movie productions from Rhylic and Jayk, reading the amazing and enthralling written examples of work from our budding authors. I will actually travel to Sydney on Friday afternoon to see our senior dance group perform at The Sydney Entertainment Centre at Darling Harbour for their first performance. All the very best everyone, good luck and have fun!

I also look forward to hearing the speeches from our nominated candidates for student leadership for 2013. These speeches will be held in the school hall next Tuesday 27th Nov. Students in Years 2- 5 will vote straight after the candidates present their speeches. We look forward to the outcome of this very important event in our school community.

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.

Requests for next year 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.

The other day we had some prospective parents who were waiting in the foyer for me and they commented on the lovely manners and behaviour of two students that had come down to the office on a message, and said they had contributed significantly to the positive impression they had gained of our school. Congratulations to all of the students who on a daily basis continue to follow our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) **values of being a SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL LEARNER**, creating a wonderful impression of our school community.

Yours in education,
Rebecca Langdon

Quiz

Would you weigh more or less on the moon?

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

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 31st 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**.



REWARD DAY!

Monday 17th December, all children will experience a Reward Day. However, if a student receives a red/orange card as from Week 5 through to the end of term they will **not** be participating.



Toilet Issues

A current area of concern is our toilet blocks. Unfortunately, in the recent few weeks we have needed to spend significant amounts of our maintenance budget repairing the toilets (including buying toilet paper which has been dropped whole into toilets). Could you please assist us by talking to your child about the appropriate use of toilet facilities. In the short term this has resulted in students not being able to access the toilets during class time, however all opportunities are given to each class to use the toilets before and after each break. Thank you for your support in these issues as we continue to ensure a safe and pleasant school environment for our students.

***Children with health issues are exempt.**

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

ES1 – A. Billings, J. Gibbs

Stage 1 – C. Irwin, I Hall

Stage 2 – J. Versteeg, Z. Minch-Lang

Stage 3 – C. Nguyen, A. Miller

MEASLES AND CHICKEN POX ALERT

It is the season for these viruses to take hold. Recently we have had a case of measles in the school. **PLEASE**, if you see a rash over your child's back, limbs and stomach, please don't send them to school. All types of rashes must be checked out by a GP, as it may be something very serious! Symptoms of Chicken Pox that you should look out for include: *groups of small raised rose pink spots on your child's body which are followed by small blisters which then form crusts*. If you suspect your child may have Chicken Pox, please keep them home for **at least 5 days after the first spots appear**. Ensure you visit your GP too.

ARRIVAL ON TIME

Unfortunately we continue to have a lot of children arrive late to school. It is important that children are 'On Time, In line,'

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students don't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore,
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence. If your child is late you should have a note explaining why your child is late. This note should first be shown to the office when arriving for a late note and then handed in to the class teacher.

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society Maths Competition

Congratulations to all Year 5 & 6 students who participated in the NPBS Maths Competition that was held last term, particular mention goes to the following students who achieved outstanding results;

YEAR 5

Merit Certificates

Z. Turnbull, S-P. O'Donnell, K. Howe, B. Nichols and C. Harvey

High Distinction

J. Rann

YEAR 6

Merit Certificates

J. Besford, R. Pereira, C. Watts, G. Alderson, L. Walters and J. Matthews

Distinction

T. Watson

Certificates will be presented to students at the assembly this Friday. We hope that you can come along to help us congratulate these students.

Mrs Crooks

SOUTHSIDE STORY

Don't forget tickets are now available
for South's 2012 Musical spectacular!

Adults \$5, Children \$2!!

Two performances only, Monday 3rd

December at 6pm and Tuesday 4th

December at 1:30pm.

Tickets are selling fast so get in quickly
and support our talented students!

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.

If your child is keen to learn an instrument and join our School Band please complete the form below to request information on applying for a Scholarship, lesson fees and instrument hire costs. **Please note that application forms for a Bengalla Band Scholarship must be completed and returned to school before FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.**

Any further inquiries can be made by contacting Mrs Avery at school.

C. Avery (Band Coordinator)

To Mrs Avery (School Band coordinator)

My child _____ in class _____ is interested in learning to play a musical instrument and joining the School Band.

My child would like to learn the following instrument –

flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, drums, bass guitar

Does your child have their own instrument? No / Yes (list instrument _____)

Would your child need to hire a school instrument? Yes / No

Are you interested in applying for a Band scholarship? Yes / No

Parent's Name _____ Phone Number _____

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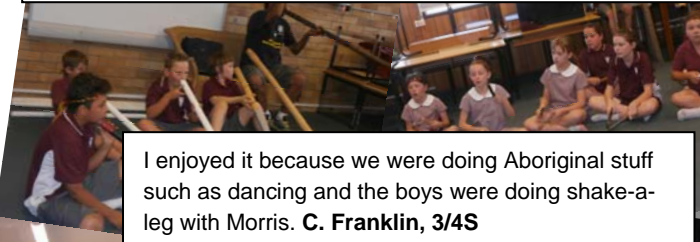
We played the didgeridoo and we danced with Morris. We had fun performing in front of the school and the parents who came to watch. I liked seeing the other group's performances too.

J. Garland-Boney, 3/4M



I enjoyed drumming because we had to use bass in the middle, tone and slap. We got to do a lot of different patterns. I enjoyed drumming with Isabelle.

C. Legg, 4/5B



I enjoyed it because we were doing Aboriginal stuff such as dancing and the boys were doing shake-a-leg with Morris.

C. Franklin, 3/4S



On Tuesday, we had to stay with one teacher for the whole day to get ready for the concert. My group was with Angela doing body percussion and a dance. It was awesome and I think everyone loved it.

D. Smith, 6M



We did body percussion. It was very interesting to have a new experience, to be on stage in front of lots of people while doing something we had just learnt in two days! Thankfully I remembered it all!

S. Scriven, 6M

I enjoyed drumming because there were two groups. I was in group one. I enjoyed drumming with Isabelle and she was really nice. I had a good whole two days of drumming with Isabelle.

G. Edwards, 4/5B

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.

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

What's On at Hunter Park Family Centre

Monday, 19/11/12 & 3/12/12– 3.30pm to 5.00pm Art Group.

Tuesday, 9.30am to 12.30pm – Compass Housing

Wednesday 9.00am to 3.00pm - Awabakal Nurse Practitioner

Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am – Child and Family Nurse

Friday, 23/11/12 – 1.00pm, Community Kitchen Meeting. To be held at the PCYC, Carl St, Muswellbrook. Ring Laura on [65423555](tel:65423555) for more information on this activity.

Hunter Park Family Centre is at, 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook. For more information, please call Janelle on 65433566. Family InSight is also located in this Centre and Anne can be contacted on [65413000](tel:65413000).

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

Every Wednesday	Playgroup every Wednesday, 0-4 years in Heritage Hall from 9:30 – 11:30. All are welcome and there is no cost!
23 November	School Spectacular – School Senior Dance Group Performing
28 November	School Helpers 'Thank You' Morning Tea, 11:30am
29 November	Rescheduled P & C Meeting at 2pm
3 December	School Concert Night
4 December	School Concert Matinee
5 December	Warrae Wannu Graduation Presentation
6 December	Schools Sport Presentation Day
14 December	Schools Presentation Day
17 December	Whole School Reward Day
19 December	Last Day of Term 4

Want me to know something? Email me at 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. Muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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.7 Consistency

Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who convey the same sort of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children's well being. It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team. Life however is not always so simple and we all know from sad and sour experience that parents cannot always be consistent. Sometimes parents have different value systems or can't come to a consistent way to handle particular areas. In these situations, a second possibility is to for one parent to take charge of a particular area.

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