

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Eight Term Four

STOP PRESS: School Concert – ‘South Side Story’ on next Monday night 3rd and Tuesday 4th Dec (matinee). Tickets still available. This is a whole school production

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

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

WOW..... WOWWOW. that is because I went to see our amazing school dancers perform at this year's Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre last Friday night. Our girls danced their hearts out with over 3,000 other performers. The lights, costumes and the standard was 'goose bump' material. This performance showcased the depth of Performing Arts talent that we have in public education. I do know the last words that I said to our dancers was "have..... FUN!" I am sure they did. Congratulations girls, Miss McMillan and Mrs Jenkins. You made me feel very proud ... once again South Rocks !

Yesterday, our Year 5 nominees for school leaders for 2013 presented their speeches for the election of captains. Their campaign posters were displayed around the 'COLA' room windows. After the speeches, all students had the opportunity to vote for the 2013 school leaders. The captains / prefects and leaders will be announced and presented with their badges at our Presentation Day Assembly, 14th December. The Muswellbrook South Public School community wishes all students the very best and congratulates all nominees on their speeches that they presented.

Next Thursday is our **Infants Awards and Extra Curricula Presentation Assembly**. At this assembly we will celebrate the achievements of our students

from K- 2, as well we will present awards to our school band participants and the Premiers Reading Challenge students. This Presentation assembly will begin at 10.45am and go through till Break 1. Then at 12.15pm, the commencement of our **Schools Sports Awards** will begin. Morning Tea will be available at the school canteen.

The following **Friday 14th December**, we will hold our schools Presentation Assembly where we will acknowledge achievements of our students and announce Dux and other awardees. We will also announce our 2013 school leaders and present them with their badges. Next week, will certainly be a week of celebrations and acknowledgements. We will also celebrate the graduation service of the Prior to School students – Warrae Wannu on **Wednesday 5th December** in the school hall. All are welcome to attend this very special service at 10am.

Yours in education,

Rebecca Langdon

Quiz

How many continents are there?

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

Last week's answer was that you would weigh less on the moon.

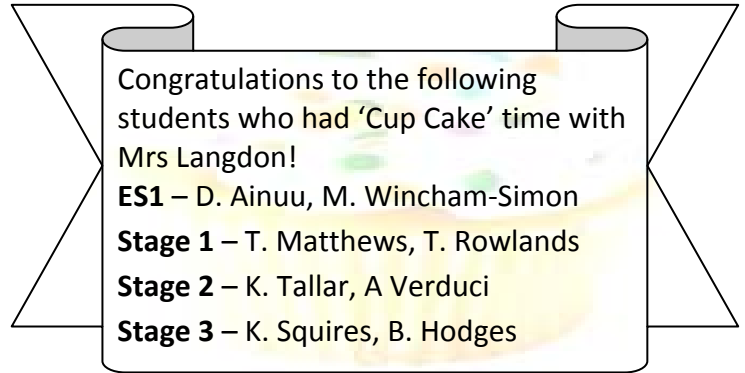
KINDER 2013

We are still taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2013. If your child was 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.



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

ES1 – D. Ainuu, M. Wincham-Simon

Stage 1 – T. Matthews, T. Rowlands

Stage 2 – K. Tallar, A Verduci

Stage 3 – K. Squires, B. Hodges

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.

2013 CLASS REQUESTS

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.

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 Spere's head lice information sheet available on the internet. The sheet can be accessed at www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hlinfo1.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.



If you would like to write a letter to Santa can you please leave it in the front office in the Santa Letter box and I will pass it onto **SANTA**.

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!

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

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.

School Spectacular

Last Wednesday, the Senior Dance Group went to Sydney for the School Spectacular. We had to catch 2 buses and 2 trains to get to Circular Quay. We were part of over 3000 students performing. We did 4 performances and lots more practices over the 5 days we were there.

We had to walk everywhere and there were so many stairs so we were very tired by the end of our trip! We didn't find it that nerve-wracking performing at the Entertainment Centre because it didn't feel as big as we thought it would. It was more fun than scary!

Thank you to **Mrs Jenkins and Miss McMillan** for taking us to Sydney and helping us practice our dances at school.

We would definitely perform in the School Spectacular again if we could.

G. Alderson & C. Perkins, 5/6C

Short Film Workshop

Rhylie and I went to a Short Film Workshop on Monday-Wednesday last week. It was at the University of Newcastle. We started by planning our movie - the story, characters, setting, script and costumes. The next day, we filmed it all. We filmed our whole 3-minute movie in one day! We spent the last day editing the movie together using computers. I worked in a group of 4 people all from other schools all around the area. Even though we didn't know each other at the beginning of the week, we worked well together and produced a great movie together. Our movie was called 'Handball???'

There was a special screening of all the movies last Friday night.

J. Rann, 5/6C

Free Swim Lessons

Every Sunday morning from the 9th December through until early March White Memorial Leisure Centre will be holding free learn to swim lessons. Lessons run from 10.30am to 12noon for children five years and over. These lessons are for beginning swimmers only. Although lessons are free you are still required to pay pool entry.

More information contact 65432642 or 0407291132.

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

When: Tuesday 4th December, 6-8pm

Where: PCYC, cnr Carl St & Market Lane

Book now by calling [4925 4200](tel:49254200) or email enrolments@weahunter.com.au

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE MUSIC?

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.

E. 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 _____

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!
29 November	Rescheduled P & C Meeting at 2pm
3 December	School Concert Night commencing at 6.00pm
4 December	School Concert Matinee commencing at 1.30pm
5 December	Warrae Wannu Graduation Presentation commencing at 10.00am
6 December	Schools Sport Presentation Day 12.15pm -Infants Awards 10.45am
14 December	Schools Presentation Day commencing at 10.00am
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

Families that work well seem to praise one another a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in their air. Even in these families, teenagers still shrug and say 'yeah Mum' or 'yeah Dad' whenever a compliment is made. Teaching the skills of self-praise is useful. One way of doing this is to ask questions extensively about any achievement or accomplishment. Asking questions that like "how did you do that?" and "have you been doing homework behind my back?"

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