

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Nine Term Four

STOP PRESS: Infants Awards/ Extra Curricula Presentation Assembly 10.30 and Sports Presentation 12.15pm this Friday 7th Dec.

This week's PBL focus: Safe, Respectful and Responsible –Did they really mean to hurt you?

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

This Thursday will be 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 10.30am 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.

Next Friday 14th December, we will hold our schools Presentation Assembly where we will acknowledge achievements of our students and announce and present our 2013 school leaders with their badges as well, Dux and other awardees.

Next week, I will be able to give you an indication of staff movements for 2013. I can confirm that from the beginning of 2013 for the first 6 months I have been seconded by the DEC to act in a relieving capacity as an executive principal for a new Educational strategy called Connected Communities. I will be located within the Coonamble community, however still closely connected to South via Mrs Rayner who will be relieving Principal for this short period of time. I wish to thank those on staff and the P&C community for their support in my relieving appointment.

Also, at the beginning of 2013 we have a variation for our Staff Development Days where all students (except Kindergarten will return Thursday 31st January. The reasons behind the changes are that our Local Muswellbrook Schools have had the good fortune to engage a well known educationalist Mr Michael

McQueen to talk and run workshops with all Muswellbrook schools and surrounding district schools (Denman and MartindalePS). This will occur on Tuesday 29th January. Then on the Wednesday 30th January MSPS will have our own Staff Development Day where we will focus on mandatory requirements such as asthma training, Code of Conduct policy, the new curriculum implementation and school targets and systems for 2013.

We realise this may be an inconvenience for some people, if this is the case can you let me know ASAP. These professional development days are extremely important for staff and the school community as it builds capacity and sustainability within our school. **There will be no supervision for students on either day and Osborn's school buses will also be unavailable. Reminders will be placed on the school noticeboard and on our school Facebook page.**

The end of term is coming to a close and we have so many end of year wonderful, fun, exciting and proud and deadly events to occur. This is just a reminder that we have Reward Day on Monday 17th Dec all children will experience a Reward Day with their class and / or stage. However, if a student receives a red/orange card as from Week 5, we are now in week 9 they will not be participating.

Hope to see everyone this week at our Warrae Wannu graduation day, Infants KLA presentation and our Sports Presentation day.

Yours in education,
Rebecca Langdon

Uniform Shop

For the remainder of the year the Uniform Shop will be open **every morning from 9am to 9.25am** and again **every afternoon from 2.50pm to 3.25pm**.

More detail phone

Anne 0477063184 or Kylie 0488597421



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**.



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Skills for Work and Training

This is a **FREE COURSE FOR WOMEN** thinking of returning to the workforce or pursuing further education. It is designed specifically for women who want to upgrade their skills, establish career goals and develop confidence to achieve them.

Students will develop computing and job seeking skills, as well as brush up on communication, mathematics and green science in a fun, cooperative and supportive environment. This course also includes one week's Work Placement and the opportunity to obtain a First Aid Certificate. A course related charge of \$25 applies.

Classes run for 3 days a week within school hours.

An information/enrolment session will be held at 10am on Friday 25th January, 2013 in F Block at Muswellbrook TAFE. If unable to attend at this time **please phone Maree at Muswellbrook TAFE on 65421143**

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

ES1 – M. Lackenby, M. Williams,

Stage 1 – J. Carroll-Shuttleworth,
L. Canning, S. Sable

Stage 2 – A. Henderson, K. Hall

Stage 3 – B. Hodges, K. Verduci

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.

WARRIEN: 2013

We are finalising our 2013 enrolments next week. If you have given us a blue form expressing an interest for your child/children to enrol into Warrae Wannii 2013, Mrs Moore and Mrs Partridge will contact you before the end of this year.

Thank you *Mrs Moore and Mrs Partridge*

Free Swim

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.

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!
6 December	Schools Sport Presentation Day 12.15pm -Infants Awards 10.30am
14 December	Schools Presentation Day commencing at 10.00am
17 December	Whole School Reward Day
19 December	Last Day of Term 4

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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.9 - Know how to argue

Families that work well know how to argue. It seems strange to say this because we all have the same sense those families that work well don't have conflicts.

The family is really where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. The way that parents teach children to resolve differences of opinion with their brothers and sisters provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond family. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn that they will not be able to win at all costs.

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