

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Four Term One

**STOP PRESS:** Please use the walk in gates. Do NOT walk through our carparks.

## *Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS*

We are now in week 4 and classes are very settled and students are engaged in the learning process across the School. It has been pleasing to hear from students who are new to our school that they are feeling welcome and settled.

Tonight we will be holding our first of two information evenings, where you can come and meet your child's teacher. Tonight, will be **for Kinder – Yr 2 , at 5.30pm (in library)**. Our second night is, **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb for Yrs 3-6 at 5.30pm (library)**. Here is your chance to hear what the teachers have planned for your child and to actually meet the person who will be caring and developing your child's wellbeing and education for the year.

What a wonderful and settled start our new Kindies have had to Muswellbrook South Public School. Thank you to our terrific Kinder Staff: Miss Walton, Miss Winterbine, Miss Davies Mrs Jenkins, Mr Cox, Mrs Kelman, Mrs Pascoe, Ms Galway and Mrs Brewer. Thanks also to all of our Kinder parents and carers for ensuring this happy start. As I have said before, you are the first educators of your children. Thank you for now placing them into our care. They continue to be in great hands. Please make sure you keep in contact with your child's teacher and let us know of any concerns, issues, celebrations, achievements or any great ideas you may have.

The Schools swimming carnival was also a great success last Thursday. It was pleasing to see all students participating and enjoying the house spirit of friendly competition. Thank you to our students' family members who came and supported their children and the school. Your support was greatly appreciated by staff and students. Thank you.



It was also wonderful to see our talented swimmers compete strongly all day. **Gyarran** was the eventual winning house! Miss Milton's report is attached.

Please be encouraged to share in your child's education by joining in activities, assisting in the School or communicating your positive experiences or concerns with us as the year progresses.

Yours in Education

*Rebecca Langdon*

Congratulations to the following students who had 'Cup Cake' time with Mrs Langdon  
ES1 - A Cowdrey KW, A Chalmers KW  
Stge 1 - A Snow 2C, E Chapman 2M  
Stg 2 – C.Louis 3/4B, B. Hodges SA  
Stg 3 – R. Squires SA, B. Pemberton-Bradbury 6M

Please come and watch the talented students from **2C** present their class item at this Friday's assembly.

### **Safety of our students**

Remember to keep our students safe. Only use the walk-in gates. Please do not walk through ANY car park as this puts our students at risk. Our gates are shut, but not locked.

**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**

**UNIFORMS:** Remember, Muswellbrook South is very proud to be a uniform school. This includes safe black shoes (not slip-ons). Joggers are suitable for sports day. Our uniform shop is affordable and well stocked. If you have any old uniforms they would be most welcome. Please leave at the school office.

### **School Photos**

Don't forget to bring your smiles to school on **March 5<sup>th</sup>** for school photos. Notes will be going home soon with details about packages and pricing.



### **Hooray for Healthy Harold!**

For the last week we have had the familiar sight of the Healthy Harold van parked at our school. Every child at our school had the privilege of visiting Sarah and Harold for a funfilled session about healthy life choices. We thank Sarah for her wonderful presenting and Mt Arthur for covering the cost of this wonderful addition to our PD/Health program.

### **I K went to Healthy Harold.**

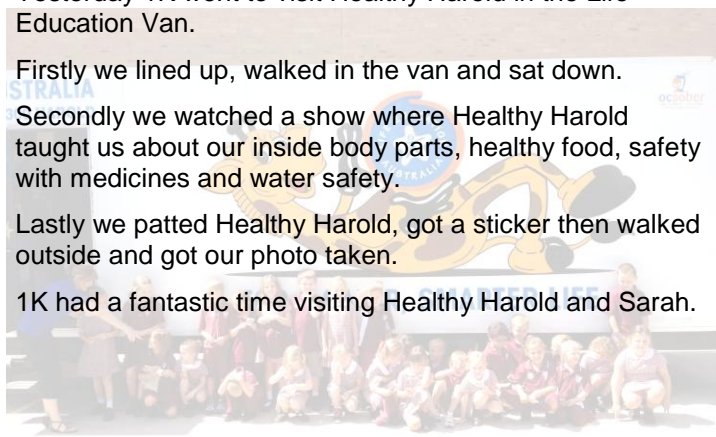
Yesterday 1K went to visit Healthy Harold in the Life Education Van.

Firstly we lined up, walked in the van and sat down.

Secondly we watched a show where Healthy Harold taught us about our inside body parts, healthy food, safety with medicines and water safety.

Lastly we patted Healthy Harold, got a sticker then walked outside and got our photo taken.

1K had a fantastic time visiting Healthy Harold and Sarah.



### **Stage 1 News**

This week, Year 1 and 2 will begin their sport rotations. This term our focus will be on **hopping**. Each week the classes will participate in a different activity to practice this skill. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and **must** have a school hat to participate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

**Stage 1 Teachers**

### **Congratulations!**

In the holidays Yr 6 student *Billy Carr* entered a competition held by Youthies at Muswellbrook Skatepark. He competed against boys aged 6-12 and was judged on his skill and ability to perform tricks on his scooter. Points were awarded for the difficulty of tricks within a 2min time limit. Billy won the competition and was awarded a \$50 gift voucher at Big W where he responsibly prepared himself for a year of learning by buying school supplies with his winnings. WOW! What a champ!



## Education Tax Refund

As you're no doubt aware, the ETR helps parents meet out of pocket education expenses. This refund provides parents with much needed help for education expenses, with refunds of up to \$409 per primary school students and \$818 per secondary school student. These deductions are available at tax time in 2012 to those eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A. Please see the attached sheet about what you can claim, or go onto the website for further information.

[www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)



School Banking will begin for the year on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Financial Support for your Children

The Voluntary School Fees for 2012 are a much needed source of support for our school. These have not increased from last year and still remain at **\$20** per child.

This amount can be paid at the school office as of now and invoices will be sent out soon after. You are able to pay in instalments if needed.

These funds are used for students learning supplies that are not funded by the school budget such as paint, glue sticks, lead and coloured pencils, cardboard, art paper, toilet rolls, soap etc.

Your help with this small payment would be greatly appreciated.

*How much sleep does your child need?*

Babies under 12 months: 14-18 hours throughout the day and night.

Toddlers: 12-14 hours.

Primary School: 10-12 hours.

High School: 9-11 hours.

*Is your child getting enough sleep?*

## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaustr@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustr@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

## St James Parish children's choir

Friday 4 - 5:30 pm in the CUSA  
all children welcome

Enquiries: contact Sue Davis  
0423 946 530

or just show up and enjoy a good sing.



## Muswellbrook Netball Association's Registration Days 2012.

- 25/2/12 and 10/3/12 at the Muswellbrook Market place
- Between 10am and 2pm.
- Also at our open day on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at Karoola Park Muswellbrook.

- 2012 -  
**TAMWORTH & DISTRICT  
 SCHOOLS HORSE SPORTS DAY**  
 The original and the best Tamworth Horse  
 Sports  
 in its eighth successful year

Presented by DURI PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 is being held on

**FRIDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**

at

Duri Sports Ground, starting time 8.00 am

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE**

**Further information and nomination forms will  
 be sent out towards the end of term**

**\*Muswellbrook Out Of School Hours Care\***



**Bowman Park Community Ctr  
 Skellatar Street  
 Muswellbrook 2333  
 \*\*\*\*Ph/Fax 65413205\*\*\*\*  
 Email: moosh@uhcs.org.au**

**ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES  
 EXCURSIONS GALORE  
 COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN  
 Reasonable Fees  
 With CCB & CCR entitlement  
 BUS TRAVEL TO & FROM SCHOOL**

**FUN CARE FOR SCHOOL KIDS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

**\*AM Session: 6:30 - 9:00  
 \*PM Session: 3:00 - 6:00  
 \*Pupil free days: 6:30 - 6:00  
 \*Vacation Care: 7:00 - 6:00**

**ENROL NOW  
 2012  
 NEW PLACES AVAILABLE**

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 ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOLS COMMISSIONS PROGRAM**

## HOMEWORK CENTRE

A Homework Centre operates at the school on a Monday afternoon with the purpose of helping students understand their homework tasks and begin the completion of some homework that students may require some extra help with.

Staff members volunteer their time to work with students on this day.

Students must have homework to bring and must display the school values of respect and responsibility.

The Homework centre will be cancelled if there are not enough students attending each week. Parents will be notified if this happens.

**The Homework Centre will commence in week 5, Monday 20th February**

Who: Students in Years 2 -6

When: Every Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm (starting week 5 through  
 to week 10)

Where: The Library

Cost: \$1.00 to cover the cost of afternoon tea.

**If you would like your child to attend, please fill in this form below and return it to the front office no later than Friday 17th February.**

## HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 1 2011

YES my child is interested in attending the homework centre at Muswellbrook South Public School, starting: Monday Week 5, Term 1.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to be taken home by the school bus after homework centre at 4.30pm Yes / No

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Swimming Carnival Success***

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February MSPS primary students attended the swimming carnival at Muswellbrook Pool. It was a fantastic day with the students all swimming their best and the community getting involved.

On behalf of all the teachers I would like to give a special thank you to all the community helpers who volunteered their time on the day and made the carnival run so smoothly. A special thank you to Andrea and Grahme Watts, who set up the carnival, (which included Andrea getting into the cold water at 7:30am to attach the lane ropes!), Shellie Stewart for organising the BBQ and all the parents/carers/friends who helped as timekeepers and those who participated in the Parents v Year 6 race at the end of the day. It was great to see such a fantastic turn out from the community and your help was very much appreciated!

I would also like to thank my team who assisted me in organising and running the day! It was my first swimming carnival and my first organisation of such an event. Without the help of everyone the day would not have run as perfectly as it did!

I am very proud of how well the students both swum and behaved on the day and how enthusiastically they supported their teams. The winning team on the day was Gyarran with 198 points! They were closely followed by Edinglassie on 168 points, Skellatar on 132 points and Balmoral on 120 points.

At this Friday's assembly we will be handing out the ribbons for those students who came first, second and third in each event, based on their times. We hope to see you there to celebrate the success of our students.

***Sarah Milton***



## DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

<b>15 February</b>	Kinder – Yr 2 Information Evening (5:30pm)
<b>15 February</b>	Playgroup begins 9.30 -11.30 am in Heritage Hall – Nil cost
<b>16 February</b>	Yrs 3-6 Information Evening (5:30pm)
<b>16 February</b>	AECG – 4pm
<b>16 February</b>	Zone Tennis
<b>17 February</b>	Surf Life Saving ST2
<b>24 February</b>	Zone Swimming
<b>1 March</b>	Zone Girls Cricket
<b>2 March</b>	Hunter Tennis
<b>4 March</b>	Clean Up Australia Day
<b>5 March</b>	School Photos
<b>6 March</b>	Zone Rugby League
<b>8 March</b>	Hunter Swimming
<b>9 March</b>	Cross Country
<b>21 March</b>	Harmony Day
<b>23 March</b>	Bursting with Energy Expo
<b>26 March</b>	Goal Setting Meetings and Parent Interviews start this week
<b>26-28 March</b>	Parent Interviews
<b>2 April</b>	Zone X-Country
<b>4 April</b>	Term One Ends
<b>5 April</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>23 April</b>	Students Return (Term 2)
<b>24 April</b>	School Anzac Day Ceremony
<b>25 April</b>	Public Holiday, Anzac Day March, Main Street Muswellbrook