

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Three Term One

STOP PRESS: School swimming carnival TOMORROW for yrs 3–6, plus students turning 8 years old in 2012.

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS



Congratulations to our School Leaders – **Cassidy W** and **Reilly P**, Prefects – **Ty W**, **Zaine S**, **Gracie A** and **Charlotte P**. School Sports Captains and Vice – **Jayden D**, **Katie V**. Who were inducted into their new roles for 2012. This is a very proud moment for all, especially family members. We look forward to our school leaders/ Prefects and Sports Captains in their various roles taking on the responsibility of their positions and leading by example.

Our schools swimming carnival is tomorrow and we expect all students who are confident swimmers to attend and to get in and 'have a go'. Every time you swim for your house you get a point. I can't wait to hear who could be the winning house. If it is raining it will still be on, however if there is a storm with lightning and thunder it will be cancelled.

Those students who will not be attending the carnival need to attend school, as lesson booklets will be prepared for you. If you are not attending due to sickness a note must come in the following day. All the very best for a great day with great sportsmanship. Go South!

Due to an increase in our school population we have had to change our Year 3 and 4 classes, into two multi age / stage classes. We are mindful of requests and students learning needs. The format has been designed to minimise disruptions for the bulk of the students. The new format will be;

Year 3 – Miss Egan

Year 3/4 M – Mrs Mooring

Year 3/4 S – Miss Milton

Year 4/5 – Mr Bellamy

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.



It is important that we are able to provide a **safe environment for all students at school**. As we have children enrolled who are allergic particularly to nuts, we do ask that **all students are not to bring nuts, food containing nuts or nut-based products, or Kiwi fruit in their lunchboxes**. We ask children not to share food with others at school and also encourage them to be diligent about washing hands before and after eating. Your assistance in this important area is much appreciated.

This Friday we will be holding our first whole school assembly for 2011. We welcome everyone to come along and support their children and grandchildren. The assembly begins at 12.45pm in the school hall.

Next week, we will be holding two information evenings so that you can come and meet your child's teacher. Our first session will be **for Kinder – Yr 2 on the 15th Feb at 5.30pm (in library)**. Our second session is, **Thursday 16th 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.

Healthy Harold and his Life Education van is at our school this week and next week. All classes will have an opportunity to hear from Harold about healthy eating, lifestyle choices. This program is an excellent program that is approved by DEC and incorporates aspects of our PD/H/PS syllabus. Please remember if you have any concerns do not hesitate to contact me for a respectful discussion about the issue.

Want me to know something? Email me at muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or our schools Facebook page.

**Muswellbrook South Public School
2012 House Captains and Vice Captains**

Skellatar – (C)Micah G-B and Tyrhys P & (VC) Jazmin G and Nathan B.
Gyarran – (C)Thomas S and Jenna B & (VC) Bryson P-B and Makayla K
Edinglassie – Owen B and Hannah S & (VC) Lindsay W and Sarah T
Balmoral – Angelise V and Daniel W & (VC) Sophie S and Ryan H

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon

Need to Take Action!

Please remember, if you are concerned about anything or have any great ideas, please let us know immediately. The following chart may help you when deciding who it is you need to see:

Concern – The academic progress of own child

Action – Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.

Concern - The welfare of own child

Action

- For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information.
- For more serious concerns contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate member of staff.
- To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc, please contact office.

Concern - Actions of other students

Action

- Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.
- Contact the stage supervisor for playground problems.
- **At no time should a parent approach another child to address an issue at school.**

Concern - School policy or practice

Action - Contact the office. State nature of concern & make an appointment to see the principal and /or appropriate member of staff.

Uniform Shop

MSPS has a **position available** at the uniform shop as a volunteer to assist Craig with sales. Please contact the office for more information.

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.

Muswellbrook South Award System

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS		PLAYGROUND/CLASS ROOM AWARDS
20 Merit Awards Honour Student Badge Bumper Sticker	GOLD AWARD (Certificate)	100 PBL's South Rocks Pin
↑	↑	↑
15 Merit Awards	SILVER AWARD (Certificate)	75 PBL's
↑	↑	↑
10 Merit Awards	BRONZE AWARD (Certificate)	50 PBL's
↑	↑	↑
5 Merit Awards	WHITE AWARD (Certificate)	25 PBL's

Library News

Welcome back everyone to another busy year in the library. All classes have settled in well and it is great to see so many students borrowing already. Just a reminder parents, **children in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two cannot borrow unless they have a Library Bag.** Children in Stage Two and Stage Three are permitted to borrow without one, though I would prefer all children to use a Library Bag. There are quite a few children from last year who have outstanding loans. These books need to be returned or paid for before those children can borrow this year. Please come and see me if you have a concern about any unreturned books. The Premier Reading Challenge will commence again in a couple of weeks on 27th February. There will be a green note coming home on Friday with the youngest child in the family and it will need the names of the children who wish to participate filled in. I would love to see all the children who completed

the Challenge last year to take up the challenge again and I welcome any children who would like to start the Challenge for the first time. Just a reminder that children in Early Stage One and Stage One can either read their books or have the books read to them. Children in Stage Two and Stage Three have to read the books on their own. The books read must be from the Premier Reading lists and if you would like to see these lists you simply need to type in **Premier Reading Challenge 2012** in Google. The Reading Log sheets which will come home in a plastic sleeve with your child must be filled in and signed by a parent or Guardian and then brought back to school when they are completed. If your reading Log sheet has a little misadventure, don't worry I have plenty of spares. They will then be registered on the computer at school and certificates will be handed out to the successful students at the end of the year.

Parents, if you have any concerns about the Reading Challenge or any other matters please call me or come and see me in the library, I am more than happy to hear from you and help you in any way.

Anne Solman-Teacher Librarian

SPORT IN YOUR COMMUNITY**Muswellbrook Physical Culture**

Physie is a sport for girls and ladies from ages 3 and up! It teaches a combination of ballet, aerobics, gymnastics and jazz dance all rolled into one. All exercises are set to modern music. Classes begin on the 6th of Feb at the NEW St James Hall. (Also a second year seniors class is available)

Class times are:

MONDAY –

3&4 years: 4.15pm–5pm

TUESDAY –

5&6 years: 5pm–6pm

7&8 years: 6pm–7pm

9-10years: 7pm–8pm

11&12years: 4:30pm–5:30pm

13&14 years: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

15 & 1st year

Seniors: 6:30pm–7:30pm

Ladies: 7:30pm–8:30pm

Contact Tenae Sullivan on

**0402863764 or Mandy Morris on
0448464400**

Muswellbrook Football Club

Muswellbrook football (soccer) Club will be taking registration for the 2012 season during February and March, 2012. Detailed information including dates, times and prices are available on the clubs website.

www.muswellbrookfc.org.au

Junior Rams Registration

It's registration time again for the Junior Rams. Registration day is Thursday the 9th at Olympic Park 4:30–6pm. It is \$80 for initial players & \$70 for additional players. New players must bring birth certificate to be sighted.

Parents/Carers need to sign consent forms. Any concerns please contact **Kim on 0417704530**

Blandford Horse Sports 2012

Blandford Horse sports will be on the 5th of March 2012 at Rosedale Sports Complex Murrurundi. It will begin at 8:30am with a Gear Check and follow with a 9am start. Entry fee is \$20.00 per rider. The events this year will be **Riding Classes, Hack Classes, Pleasure Hack, Barrel Race, Bending, Snake Race, Sack Race and Key Hole**. Entries Close Wednesday 22nd February. Canteen facilities will be available on the day, including breakfast from 7:30am. Please return completed entry forms with one school cheque for all entries.

*Entry forms are available at
MSPS office*

FREE TAFE COURSES

Interested in learning Chinese cooking techniques? TAFE Outreach is running a 15 week course, The Art of Chinese Cooking. The course will run on Mondays from 10am to 2pm at Muswellbrook Baptist Church Hall. The course will include a 3 course meal and beverage each week.

For more information, contact Annabelle at the TAFE Outreach office on **65421115**.

OR

Another free course for women wanting to gain new skills to re-enter the workforce or go on to further study. It's an opportunity to **brush up on English & Maths, learn/improve Computing & Job Seeking Skills, gain a First Aid Certificate and participate in Work placement**.

You will develop confidence whilst learning in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Classes run for 3 days a week within school hours. Classes start the week beginning 13th February 2012.

Phone Mareta at Muswellbrook TAFE on **65421141** to enrol or for further information.



Tickets for the Feb 18 trial match between Newcastle Knights and Cronulla Sharks are on sale now, either over the counter at Muswellbrook Administration centre or online.

The game will feature the new knights line-up, hammered into shape by master coach Wayne Bennett. Gates are scheduled to open at 4pm, with U20s kick off at 5.15 and the **main game due to start at 7:30**

Food and beverages will be sold cash only on the day and dry stand seating is also on offer.

An **exclusive** team dinner option is also available, with special guest speaker Wayne Bennett. Dine with members of both teams at Muswellbrook RSL 6:30pm Friday 17 Feb 2012.

Under 12's get in free!

Visit www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au for more information or Council on **6549 3700**

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 _____

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

6 - 14 February	Healthy Harold is coming to MSPS
15 February	Kinder – Yr 2 Information Evening (5:30pm)
15 February	Playgroup begins 9.30 -11.30 am in Heritage Hall – Nil cost
16 February	Yrs 3-6 Information Evening (5:30pm)
16 February	AECG – 4pm
16 February	Zone Tennis
17 February	Surf Life Saving ST2
24 February	Zone Swimming
1 March	Zone Girls Cricket
2 March	Hunter Tennis
4 March	Clean Up Australia Day
5 March	School Photos
6 March	Zone Rugby League
8 March	Hunter Swimming
9 March	Cross Country
21 March	Harmony Day
25 March	Bursting with Energy Expo
26-28 March	Parent Interviews
2 April	Zone X-Country
4 April	Term One Ends
5 April	Staff Development Day
23 April	Students Return (Term 2)
25 April	Anzac Day, Public Holiday

Canteen News

Welcome back everyone!

Just a quick note to let you all know that the canteen will be going back to the opening days of **MONDAY & FRIDAY**. (Closed – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Volunteers are still needed to help the canteen run smoothly.

If you could spare sometime between the hours of 9:30am and 12:30pm it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help please fill in the following form and we will be in touch with you.

Regards,
Megan & Shellie
Canteen supervisors.

Cut Me Off

Canteen Volunteer Form

Name.....

Childs Name.....

Contact Number.....

Preferred Day.....

