

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Six Term One

STOP PRESS: School photos next Monday, March 5th!

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

Our schools Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus for our students at Muswellbrook South Public School is **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE** and being a **SAFE** learner.

These values are a common thread in our school, the playground, the classroom, travelling to and from school and of course out in the community. We hold these values very dearly; they make up the fabric of our school. We support and encourage all students and their family members to incorporate these values within their own family lives.

This week's focus: Respectful behaviour is: Treating others as you want to be treated, following teacher instructions the first time, being in the right place at the right time and accepting consequences without arguing.

We are also focusing on correct behaviour at assembly lines

We work through these focuses with the children on a weekly basis, so please try implementing them at home. You will be surprised of the knowledge and information your child will demonstrate.

Over the next week we have many events occurring. This Friday the children are invited to wear anything purple to support 'Relay for Life'. Also, this Friday we have 'Clean Up Australia Day', around our school yard. Further information about these events are within the newsletter.

During the week we have updates of events on the schools Facebook page. I am regularly placing information on this page.

The very best of luck to our zone tennis representatives: Ty Watson and Cassidy Watts. They are playing this Friday at the Hunter PSSA Regional Finals in Broadmeadow, Newcastle. Best of luck to Ty and Cassidy!

Our PSP surveys will be handed out to families next **Monday 5th March**. These need to be returned by 12 noon next **Thursday 8th March** in order for your children to participate in the **celebration afternoon** (*more information about that on page 3!*). This is an extremely important survey that assists the children in their learning. It creates small group learning and improved opportunities for our students. We will have a band of people helping anyone who may have difficulties filling out the survey. **JUST CALL OUT!!!!**

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon

Please come and watch the talented students from **3E** present their class item at this Friday's assembly.

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

ES1 – A. Cowdrey, M. Crane-Turner, J. Datsun

Stage 1 – E. Chapman, A. Wilson

Stage 2 – C. Brugnatti, T. Milich

Stage 3 – M. Gothard, J. Gothard

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA, 2012

Muswellbrook South Public School is participating in this event once again, on Friday, March 2nd.

Students are asked to bring **gloves, a plastic bag** and their **school hat** to participate.

Classes will be taken to their designated areas by their teachers in the afternoon session on Friday.

Clean Up Australia Co-ordinators

Miss McMillan & Mrs Jones



REMINDER

Please do not give your children money to go to the Service station before or after school. This is an out of bounds area for all students. Thanks you for your assistance in this matter.

Garden Gurus

Has your child brought home veges/herbs/happy tales from time spent in our "Lettuce Out" garden? The garden is a very popular place!

PLEASE, WE NEED HELP WITH:
harvesting, weeding, staking and crop rotation.

WHEN: 11:35 – 12, 1:45-2:05, any day
We would love you to come and join us in the garden, so if you can spare 15-20minutes one day, please sign in at the office, pick up a 'volunteer' badge and we'll meet you there! Experience desirable but not essential

Mrs Sue Cooper



Friday 2nd March MSPS is holding a **Purple** fundraising day in support of Relay for Life.

For a **gold coin donation**, students are able to come to school out of uniform, wearing at least 1 item of purple clothing.

The valuable funds raised will go to the Cancer Council for their research and support families and those touched by cancer.

canteen news

On Friday 2nd March MSPS is holding a Purple fundraising day in support of Relay for Life.

In support of this day the canteen will be holding a **patty cake** day.

A donation from the proceeds of this day will be made to the Cancer Council.

Prices will range from 20c to \$1.00. Please support this worthwhile cause and buy a purple patty cake. Yum!

Megan and Shellie
Canteen Supervisors



School Photo News

Next Monday, 5th March, is our School Photo Day.

Envelopes have been sent home already. If you would like information about Family Photo packages, packages are available from the front office.

Payments can be made to the office any time up until Monday.

Even if you are not purchasing photos, your envelope **must be returned** to the school

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM (PSP)

Last week we outlined some ways that we used the \$50,000 Priority Schools Program funds in our school, such as:

- The 6 week Kindergarten Transition Program,
- funding the Speech Pathologist program,
- Guided reading help in classrooms
- Purchasing valuable literacy and numeracy resources to enrich lessons in the classroom.

SURVEYS WILL BE SENT HOME ON MONDAY 5 MARCH AND WILL BE DUE BACK AT NOON ON THURSDAY 8 MARCH.

EXCITING NEWS!!!!

The first class to have all their surveys in on time will receive a **free pizza lunch!**

The other exciting news is that all families who return their PSP survey by Thursday 8th March will be able to join in the celebration afternoon, where there will be a jumping castle, a disco, face painting and games on the oval all free of charge!!! The only thing you have to do is to return the PSP surveys.



Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday 24th February 2012, 10 students from MSPS attended the Zone Swimming Carnival at Singleton Swim & Gym. All students raced very well and even though we have no one moving on to Regional we had some great achievements on the day with Cassidy Watts beating her personal best in the 50m backstroke! I would like to personally thank the parents who came along and supported MSPS with a special thank you to Grahme Watts, Amanda Irwin and Nikki and Jason Mell for timekeeping on the day! Without their help the carnival could not have run.

Sarah Milton

Sports Co-ordinator



MSPS cross carnival

On **Friday 9th March, 2012**, Muswellbrook South Public School will be holding their Annual Cross Country Carnival at Muswellbrook Showground.

All students from years 3 to 6 will attend and students in year 2, who are turning 8 this year, are also eligible to participate. The general permission note for 2012 will cover this event. We encourage all students eligible to attend this valuable school event.

Students will assemble at school at 9:30am and will walk with teachers to and from the showground. Students are encouraged to wear house colours or sports uniform. They need to bring a hat and sunscreen. They should also bring a drink bottle and asthma puffer if necessary. Students will not take their bags with them as they will return to school for lunch.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend as helpers or spectators on the day. Please let myself know as soon as possible if you are able to assist on the day, as many hands make light work.

Sarah Milton

Sports Co-ordinator

HEALTHY HABITS

Why is breakfast important?

- * Children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration.
- * Children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements.
- * Children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese.
- * Eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits in early life.

Did you know....?

Sedentary living causes over 20 different health problems! These can include heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Obesity can make nine different conditions worse including chronic back pain and stroke!

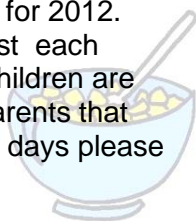
GET ACTIVE AND STAY HEALTHY!

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Breakfast club has commenced for 2012. Come along and enjoy breakfast each morning 8.25am-8:50am. All children are welcome and if there are any parents that would like to volunteer on these days please call in and ask Mrs Gardiner.

**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.

The uniform shop is open **Monday and Tuesday afternoons, 3:00 – 3:30pm and Friday mornings, 9:00am – 9:30am.** Please feel free to call and arrange a time to visit if these days don't suit you.

Craig Rossaw: 0488 999 068

***Selective High Schools Placement Test
15 March***

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Financial Support for your Children

Our school contributions have not increased this year, they still remain at **\$20 per child**. These funds are collected from all families and form a vital part of our school budget. In order to provide for the quality and variety of opportunities at MSPS we need families to continue to support the Contribution Scheme. We thank all families in advance for their support.

St. James Parish

Children's Sacramental Program 2012



Information/Input evening to be held in the CUSA

Wednesday 14th March
At 7.00pm

Brochure and Enrolment forms available from St. James Parish Office.

The program is for children in Year 3 and older.

Commitment Mass and classes commence Sunday 25th March

- Further information is available by contacting Yvette Stafford on 0409761667 or E-mail: yvettestafford@saintjames.org.au
- Parish Office Ph: 65431167 E-mail: secretary@saintjames.org.au

Singleton Horse Sports Day

Hosted by: Mt Pleasant Public School

FRIDAY, 25 MAY 2012

at

Singleton Showground, York St, Singleton

All forms available on the school website below:

www.mtpleasant-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Entry Fee: \$20 per rider

**Riding
Events:**

Riding
Classes
Hacking
Classes

**Sporting
Events:**

To be
confirmed

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, 4 MAY 2012

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

Every Wednesday	9:30 – 11:30 Playgroup in Heritage Hall, all welcome, no cost.
29 February	2:30pm – P&C Meet and Greet in Heritage Hall
1 March	Zone Girls Cricket
2 March	Purple Day Fundraiser for Relay for Life
2 March	Hunter Tennis
4 March	Clean Up Australia Day
5 March	PSP Surveys for Kinder – Year 4 families
5 March	School Photos
6 March	Zone Rugby League
8 March	Hunter Swimming
9 March	Cross Country
14 March	Stage 2 Surf Awareness Excursion to Nobbys Beach
21 March	Harmony Day
23 March	Bursting with Energy Expo
26 March	Goal Setting Meetings and Parent Interviews start this week
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)
24 April	School Anzac Day Ceremony
25 April	Public Holiday, Anzac Day March, Main Street Muswellbrook

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