

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Eight Term One

STOP PRESS: Grandparents Day is Friday 23rd March!

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

The school is buzzing with great learning. I can see this on a daily basis as I walk around and visit classrooms. It is very rewarding and fulfilling to observe engaged learners and dedicated staff here at South.

Thank you everyone for an outstanding result for our PSP surveys. With your wonderful support we were able to get 100% of them in and returned to Sydney. This is great result and we certainly celebrated last Thursday. Every child in the school was able to jump on the Jumping Castle, boogie at the disco, enjoy a fun game with their friends and have their face painted. Fun photos attached to this newsletter.

The end of this Term will be **Wednesday 4th April for students**. This is different to the normal end of Term 1. Teachers around the various 3 Primary and 1 High schools will be holding a Staff Development Day on Thursday 5th April, where a highly regarded educator Dr Christine Richmond will be presenting information and workshops to staff. The bus companies have been informed of the change of arrangements. Please assist by **NOT** sending your child to school on the Thursday 5th as there will be **no supervision**. Please be aware that **school returns Term 2, on Monday 23rd April, this is a normal school day.**

Grandparents Day, will be held on Friday 23rd March. All Nans, Pops, Grannies and Granddads are invited to come along and share an afternoon with their grandchildren. If Nan and Pop are unable to attend, a family representative is very welcome to come along. Our 'Grandparents Day' will begin at 12.10 noon in our school hall, where we will have an assembly, then our Grandparents will then

move into our students' classes where they will share a few stories **of their child hood or bring along a toy** that they may still have to show to the students. Then a picnic lunch in the playground with your grand child/ children. I will be serving a cuppa for anyone needing one. I look forward to meeting our children's grandparents on this wonderful afternoon that should end around 2pm.

Photos of your Grandparents. As we celebrate our Grandparents (GPs), students are welcome to bring a photo of their 'GPs' to school. These photos will be displayed in the school office and in the hall. Please make sure names of students and their classes are on the back of each photo, so that we can return them to their owners. Please bring all photos to the school office before the 23rd March. Let's see how many smiley 'GPs' we can display and celebrate.

The P&C will be holding their AGM next Tuesday at 2pm in Heritage Hall. All welcome.

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon

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

ES1 – L. Newman, J. Hannon

Stage 1 – N. Clydesdale, T. Flack

Stage 2 – S. Rogers, T. Leyton

Stage 3 – C. Bloxsome, C. Watts

This week's PBL focus:
Resilience – Being Strong and Smart!

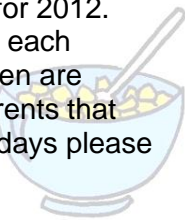
Principal Raffle

Congratulations to **2M** this week. I loved the singing!!

Please come and watch the talented students from **5/6C** present their class item at this Friday's assembly.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Breakfast club has commenced for 2012. Come along and enjoy breakfast each morning 8:50-9:10am. 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.



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.



Bus passes

If you need to collect your child's bus pass please go and collect the pass from Osborn's, as they have many MSPS student passes to be picked up.

LOST KEY

If your child has accidentally brought home a key on a white tag could you please return it to the school! The owner is very keen to have it back please!



National 'Say No to Bullying' Day

This Friday, **16th March**, is National 'Say No to Bullying' Day. Students at MSPS will show their support for this important cause by participating in anti-bullying activities in their classes throughout the day.

Students will be provided with something orange to wear on the day, so we ask that all students please wear full sports uniform on Friday.

**BULLYING
NO WAY!**

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.

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.

Netball News

Best of luck to the students attending the Upper Hunter PSSA Winter Trials with Mrs Jones this Friday at Karoola Park!

If you haven't already, please return your notes to Miss Egan as soon as possible!



Just a reminder that the school car park **is NOT** to be used by parents as a drop off/ pick up area or a place to park before and after school.

The car park is for Muswellbrook South staff and Department of Education & Communities employees only.



Thanks for a great afternoon Mrs Langdon! We had so much fun on the jumping castle!



Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids

A program for men and their primary school aged children coming to the Muswellbrook area in March 2012

REGISTER NOW
Registration closes 13th March



Calling all Muswellbrook dads – Are you enrolled in the program yet?

How will you and your children benefit?

- You will learn how to trim down without having to give up the foods you love
- You will spend quality time and have great fun with your kids
- You will be setting up your kids for a healthy life by learning about the latest information on healthy eating and physical activity for families

More information?

www.healthydadshealthykids.com.au

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Ph: 4921 6721

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UNIFORMS:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the uniform shop will be closed on Friday 16th March. We apologise for the inconvenience.

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 Rossow: 0488 999 068

Anne Henderson: 0477 063 184

Denman needs your help!

The Denman community are putting their support behind the family of Tamworth police officer Senior Constable David Rixon, who was shot dead on duty two weeks ago. A charity bowls day and BBQ will be held at the Denman Bowling Club this Sunday 18th March. If you are interested in participating, or supporting this event please ring the Denman Bowling Club on (02) 6547 2432.

All money raised will be donated to the David Rixon Memorial Fund.

Thank you for your support.

Muswellbrook Australian Football Club

Club are still taking registrations for anyone wanting to play Auskick (5-10 year olds), u/12s, u/14 and u/16.

Please contact Annette Garland on 0422248770 for Auskick information or Donna Mullane on 65435119 for Junior enquiries.

Year 2-11 Audition Applications for 2013 - Hunter School of the Performing Arts -

Auditions for Hunter School of the Performing Arts are now available for students entering Years 2-11 in 2013. These auditions are aligned with the state-wide Year 6 to 7 Transition timetables.

Primary enrolment applications are due by 12:00 noon on Friday, 15th June, 2012.

Auditions Information and application forms can be accessed on the school's website:

www.hspa.nsw.edu.au/information/enrolment-forms/ or see the front office for a copy.

For more information contact Khalil Khay, Deputy Principal on telephone 4952 3355 or khalil.khay@det.nsw.edu.au

BOOK CLUB

Orders are due next **Monday, 19th March**. Please take order forms and money to Mrs Solman in the library!

HEALTHY HABITS

Healthy Party Drinks

*Fruit spritzers are a fun alternative to soft drink for parties and social events, and so easy to make! Just mix ½ fruit juice and ½ soda water!

*Or why not freeze juice in ice cube trays to add to mineral or still water for a nice fruity taste!

How much water do children need?

The amount of fluid that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1-1½ litres of fluid a day! Children need more when they are physically active and on hot and humid days. Water is the best drink – for both children and adults – in all situations.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

16 March	National 'Say No to Bullying' Day
20 March	P&C AGM – All welcome
21 March	Harmony Day
23 March	Grandparents 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.

MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

ABSENCE NOTE

Student's Name: Class:

My son/daughter was absent on
(date/s) because.....

Signed: Date:


Parent/Guardian

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65 413 205
moosh@uhcs.org.au

VACATION PROGRAM

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kids
5-12 years old

**APRIL
2012**

<u>AREA</u> <u>THEME</u>	<u>MONDAY</u> <u>9TH</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u> <u>10TH</u> MUSIC & MOVEMENT	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>11TH</u> ANIMALANIA	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>12TH</u> I AM SPECIAL DAY	<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>13TH</u>
<u>GAMES</u>	C	MUSICAL STATUES MUSICAL CHAIRS CHARADES PARACHUTE GAMES 1 PIN BOWLING	DOG & BONE WHAT ANIMAL IS THAT? WHAT IS YOUR FAVE ANIMAL??	INTRODUCE YOUR FRIEND KNOTS ANIMAL FRIENDS	E
<u>ART</u> & <u>CRAFT</u>	L	MAKING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 	MAKING ALLKINDS OF ANIMAL ARTS AND CRAFTS 	SELF PORTRAIT  PUPPET MAKING	U
<u>OUTDOORS</u>	O	STUCK IN THE MUD NOVELTY RELEYS 	ROB THE NEST DRAGON TAILS WHAT'S THE TIME MR WOLF??	FUN TEAM GAMES 	S
<u>CREATIVE</u>	E	NEWSPAPER PERCUSSION 	COOKING ANIMAL SHAPED COOKIES (NUT AND EGGS FREE) DECORATING AND TASTING	Muswellbrook Neighbourhood Services (MNS) Presents "Sparkles The Clown" Fun activities and face painting	N
<u>OTHER STUFF</u>	D	DANCE PARTY WITH DISCO LIGHTS AND BUBBLES	 JOKE TIME		D
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EXCURSION FRIDAY 13TH APRIL

Train to Newcastle Regional Museum, walk along the foreshore and Park









LEAVE MOOSH- 9:20am RETURN -Train Station 5:50pm (Please sign children out)

COST = \$12 Per Child—Payable on the day

BRING = Lunch, Drinks (water please), snacks, hat, sunscreen

Wear good walking shoes

WEEK 2:

<u>AREA</u> <u>THEME</u>	<u>MONDAY</u> <u>16TH</u> Earth Day 	<u>TUESDAY</u> <u>17TH</u> Healthy Heart 	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>18TH</u> Wacky Wednesday Fancy Dress Prizes for best dressed	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>19TH</u> Mad Science 	<u>FRI-DAY</u> <u>20TH</u> E
GAMES	KIDS VOTE FOR THEIR FAVE GAMES	ANIMAL MINERAL VEGETABLE?? CHARADES SIMON SAYS	WEIRD AND WACKY GAMES FUNNY JOKE SHARING LOLLY & CHOPSTICK	DRAGON TAILS 1 PIN BOWLING SHIP DECK SHORE NAME BINGO 	X C
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OUTDOOR	PARACHUTE GAMES 	TABLOID FUN	STUCK IN THE MUD RUN THE BALL NOVELTY RACES LETTER GAME	FREE CHOICE SKIPPING FUN BASKET BALL	R S
CREATIVE	MUSIC & MOVEMENT 	HEALTH COOKING & TASTING 	Muswellbrook Neighbourhood Services MNS Presents "Sparkles The Clown"	FLOOR GAMES ROTATION STATION MORE FUN GAMES STORY TELLING	I O
OTHER STUFF	MAKING PLAYDOUGH MOOSH IDOL	 SHOPS & DRESS UPS IN HOME CORNER	Come in your Fave fancy dress costume 	 EXPERIMENTS	N

FRIDAY 20TH APRIL EXCURSION

WE HAVE HIRED A BUS TO TAKE US TO BLACKBUTT RESERVE FOR A BBQ LUNCH AND SPEERS POINT PARK FOR A PLAY IN THE HUGE NEW PLAYGROUND

(Must be seen to be believed)

Cost \$30 per child payable on the day