

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

57 Maitland Street, Muswellbrook 2333
Email : muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Phone: 02 65431896
Fax: 02 65433475

Week Nine Term One

STOP PRESS: Grandparents Day This Friday 23rd March

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

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

The students and staff are very much looking forward to this exciting afternoon with our special visitors. Grandparents afternoon will be held this 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 will be very welcome to come along.

Our 'Grandparents Day' will **begin at 12.10 pm** in our school hall, where we will have an assembly, then our Grandparents will then move into our student's classes where they will share a few stories **of their child hood or bring along a toy or photo** 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. The canteen will be cooking up some goodies if you would like to purchase anything. I look forward to meeting our children's grandparents on this wonderful afternoon that should end around 2pm.

PLEASE remember 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.**

Recently, the schools P&C uniform committee voted to endorse a new winter tunic. This tunic was also shown to various female students at the school, over the last few weeks. The vote from the students was that it was unanimous as a winter school uniform option. An order of uniforms for various sizes has been placed. Please be ready for when they come. The cost will be \$55.

This uniform will be introduced over a three year period. The only place to purchase this tunic will be the school uniform shop. The requirements for the dress code for this tunic will be a white skivvy, or blouse underneath the tunic with maroon tights (no other colour), or maroon or white socks. Please remember it is an option. Girls are welcome to wear the existing track pants and jacket option. **PLEASE summer uniform dress is not a winter option.**

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon

Principal Raffle

Congratulations to **6M** this week.



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

ES1 – C. Rumble, A. Chalmers

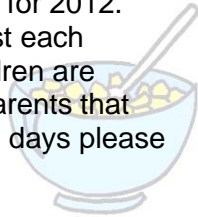
Stage 1 – L. F. Forbes, C.L. Sales

Stage 2 – B. Rogers, A. Whiting

Stage 3 – J. Miller, B. Davies

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.



GOING ON AN EXTENDED HOLIDAY IN SCHOOL TIME?

I would like to remind parents that you can apply for an **exemption from school** if you know in advance that your child is going to be absent from school for any longer than 5 days. This could be, for example, for a planned family holiday **that cannot be scheduled during school** holidays or going interstate/overseas. If you know that your child is going to miss more than 5 school days, you need to come into the office and ask for **the paperwork to apply for a school exemption to ensure that these absences do not get counted on your child's yearly record**. We appreciate your ongoing assistance in the area of attendance.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Yes, it's almost that time of the year for the big Bunny to come hopping into South. Our schools Easter Hat Parade will be on Friday 30th March commencing at 2.10pm. Each Stage will receive a note to take home in regards to this event. All welcome to come along and enjoy a lovely event.



Please come and watch the talented students from **SA** 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.

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.



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.

Whooping Cough

If you notice that your child is unwell and has a nasty cough we have been notified that there is a possible case of Whooping Cough within the school. Please be aware and seek medical attention if your child presents with any illness.

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 this Friday.

Africa comes to SJ!

This term the students from SJ have been learning about Africa with Mr Johnson. Through a number of Creative Arts lessons they have created this amazing wall display. Well done Mr Johnson and SJ!



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

If you would like your newsletter emailed home, please contact the school through our school email address, or ring the school.
Muswellbrs-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au

Have you thought about becoming a volunteer in your community? Just 2 hours a week helps support a young family in your area.

Our volunteers receive free quality training (with a certificate of accreditation) that is also fun, opportunities to connect with others in the community, ongoing training, and regular volunteer events.

Next training:

Where: Heritage Hall (Muswellbrook South Public School)
 When: 01/05/12 (10am-2pm every Tuesday for 6 weeks)
 Enquiries: - Bernadette on 4961 0700 or 0408 733 707



Upper Hunter Public Schools Sports Association Netball Trials

These trials were held at Karoola Park, Muswellbrook last Friday 16th March and the purpose of the day was to choose a team to go to the regional trials in Newcastle.

Unfortunately, none of our students made it to the Possible/Probable round, but they played well against some tough competition and we came sixth out of two pools of teams.

Our students looked wonderful in their uniforms and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Personally, I would like to say that I had a very enjoyable day with a group of the most delightful netball students I have encountered.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Miss Egan who coached and prepared the team prior to the day. Thank you to Mr Cox and Mrs Langdon for helping out with transport to and from the venue.

The following students were in the team:

Gracie Alderson
 Georgia Dalley
 Jazmin Gothard
 Charlotte Perkins
 Abbey Ruge
 Sophie Scriven
 Tayla Spicer
 Angelise Van Vliet
 Katie Van Vliet
 Cassidy Watts



Mrs Jones

Newcastle Knights Holiday Clinic

Come along and participate whilst having fun learning new Rugby League Skills on the Stadium. Please register online through the link below.

Date: Wednesday 11th April 2012

Time: Mini's (6 to 9 years) 9.30am - 12noon

Mod's (10 to 12 years) 1pm - 3.30pm

Location: Hunter Stadium

Cost: \$40

Closing Date: 5pm Thursday 5th April or when Clinic REgistrations reach 600 **Please note no football boots are to be worn. This is for children aged from 6 to 12. If you are not turning 6 before the 31st December 2012 you are not allowed to participate.**

Please go to the Newcastle Knights Website to register: <http://www.newcastleknights.com.au/default.aspx?s=holiday-clinics>

Surf Life Saving EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 14th of March, years 4 and 5 finally went on their much anticipated Surf Life Saving excursion to Nobby's Beach in Newcastle. It was a long trip on the bus, but it was all worth it!

The students had fun in the sun learning about how to identify rips in the ocean and how to make it back safely to shore if they were ever caught in a rip. Also, they participated in many beach activities such as volley ball, newcombe ball and flags. However, the lesson they were all keen to learn was how to surf and body board.

Knees wobbled as the children tried to maintain their balance on the surfboards and many came crashing down into the water. But being the resilient and persistent students of Muswellbrook South, the children got up and tried and tried again, eager to catch the waves on their boards. Even Mr Bellamy got into the surf!

The following comments are from students who attended the excursion:

'When we got to the beach, we got changed and went into our groups. My group went to beach games.' Kodie Woodeson

'We were all split up into 3 groups; I was split into the orange group. We first played volley ball and then we played newcombe ball.' Curtis Milich

'The blue group went to do body surfing. It was so awesome!' Trisha Bell

'We went surfing. There were small waves so we didn't get up on the board at first.' Kaylub Howe

'We were given a bag with a drink bottle and wrist band from the life savers.' Daisy Ratatagia

'Free swim was the best for me because I got barrelled by the waves.' Jackson Dunbar

Mr Russell, Mr Bellamy and Miss Shackleton would like to thank the parents and guardians who allowed their children to attend the excursion. The children were well behaved and we all had a fabulous time at the beach!



BURSTING WITH ENERGY!

Bursting with Energy Expo is happening this
ay 23rd March at the Upper Hunter Show.
All Year 6 students are attending!

MSPS Cross Carnival

On Friday 9th March, 2012, the students of Muswellbrook South Public School participated in the Annual Cross Country Carnival at Muswellbrook Showground.

It was a great day had by all, with all students getting involved and having fun. I would like to thank Chris, Sarah and Tiffany Hope for their organisation of the Showground and the set up of the track and all their help in organising the races on the day. I would also like to thank the Muswellbrook South Team for their help in the running of the day and the Muswellbrook South Community for coming along and supporting the children.

Congratulations to all the students who raced on the day. The first 3 students from each race will be attending the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Monday 2nd April at Karoola Park. A note will be going out this week with all the details. Congratulations to the following students on being selected to race at Zone:

	Boys	Girls
8/9 Years	B. Van Vliet	C. Franklin
	C. Louis	D. Miller
	A. Henderson	T. Stewart
10 Years	K. Mell	G. Dalley
	W. O'Leary	T. Anderson
	J. Rann	T. Spicer
11 Years	Z. Stewart	M. Harvey
	J. Hanna	A. Perkins
	B. Louis	A. Miller
12 Years	T. Storey	S. Tisdell
	R. Hill	K. Squires
	B. Heckenberg	J. Gothard

Ribbons will be presented to students at **this Friday's assembly.**

Sarah Milton

Sports Coordinator

Congratulations T. Storey for being selected to represent Muswellbrook South Public School in the Upper Hunter Regional Rugby League Trials on the 23rd March. Good luck from everyone here at Muswellbrook South!

HEALTHY HABITS

Children need to eat Vegetables every day!

Ideas for encouraging kids to eat vegetables include:

- * baked beans on toast for breakfast or on a toasted sandwich
- * grated vegetables such as carrot and zucchini into stews, casseroles and mince
- * salad in sandwiches or a small salad to go with a sandwich
- sliced vegetables, for example cherry tomatoes, cucumber wedges or carrot sticks

Rainy Day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging! Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- * build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- * play hide and seek
- * play basket softball – see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket
- * have a dance competition or disco at home.

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!
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
30 March	Easter Hat Parade
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

Muswellbrook Eisteddfod

The closing date for the Speech, Drama and Public Speaking section of the Eisteddfod is Thurs 5th April. Students may enter in nursery rhyme in costume, Australian poetry, poetry, poems for 2 people, prepared prose reading, prepared speech, impromptu speech and monologue.

This year the Apex Club will provide \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place in Primary and Infants sections of the Public Speaking.

The cost to enter is \$5 per person.

If you would like your child to enter in any of the sections listed for the Eisteddfod please complete the form on the back page and return to me at the office **by Tuesday 3rd April.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a problem.

Thank you

Mrs Rayner

My child..... of class..... would like to enter in the following sections of Speech, Drama and Public Speaking for the Eisteddfod.

I have paid_____ to cover entry costs.

Signed_____