

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Two Term Two

**STOP PRESS:** Please contact the school to update your contact details.

*This week's PBL focus: Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour.*

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

Welcome back from the holidays and welcome to the new term. This term will be filled with many special activities such as sports, NAPLAN, Reconciliation Week, Visiting Shows, Public Speaking, Athletics and much more. Attached to this weeks' newsletter is the Terms calendar.

Welcome to our new families who have begun their terrific journey of education and learning at our great school.

It was with great pride that I joined our students and community on the ANZAC Day march on Monday. We had more than 30 students participate – once again one of the best (if not the best) representations from our local schools. Not only did our students look great in their uniforms, they were extremely well behaved. True MSPS spirit again shone through on the day. I must emphasise how appreciative we were of the fantastic parent and family support. Also, many thanks to those teachers who came along and supported our students. Congratulations and well done to Cassidy and Riley who spoke so eloquently when they represented our school with the readings on this significant day. Thank you to Miss McMillian and 6M for their efforts in creating our unique wreath (again) and also many thanks to Mrs Rayner for her professional and thought-provoking ANZAC service at school. It is so important for us all to continue true Australian traditions and to remember those who fought to give us the freedom we have today. Well done to all.



Yours in Education

*Rebecca Langdon*

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

**ES1** – A. Roberts, V. Hill

**Stage 1** – A. Lee, T. Flack, Z. Bignell

**Stage 2** – K. Thompson, M. Lefler

**Stage 3** – K. Gover, T. Hohol

**Principal 'Raffle'**

This week Mrs Langdon spent some time with the lucky students in **SA!**

**Play Group**

Please note our MSPS / Family insight Playgroup will **commence next Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Financial Support for your Children**

Our school contributions have not increased this year, they still remain at **\$20 per child**. Your child should have bought home an account statement earlier this week outlining how much you will need to pay for your School Contribution.

The school community would like to thank those families who have already paid their contributions!

**P&C Leaders for 2012**

The leadership team for the P&C for 2012 are as follows:

<u>President:</u>	Megan Whitehead
<u>Vice President:</u>	Craig Rossow
<u>Secretary:</u>	Helen Datson
<u>Assistant Secretary:</u>	Rochelle Simpson
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Jane Witehead

**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.

***School planning and reporting***

Our completed School Plan and Annual School Report are now available on our school website.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Stewart House consists of a government school and a health corporation operating together on the one site at South Curl Curl. Stewart House School provides a unique service for 90 students referred by the public school system from across NSW and the ACT each fortnight. The School provides an education program to assist with the development of the emotional, psychological, physical and educational needs of visiting students and an excursion program to enable students to see the tourist sites of Sydney. Muswellbrook South has sent students to Stewart House over the years and will have the opportunity to do so again this year.

**We are asking families to support Stewart House by placing a \$2 coin in the special envelope provided in this week's newsletter and returning this to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**



STEWART HOUSE

**Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 for 2013**

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2013 are required to submit an application by 18 May 2012. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2012 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2013.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2013 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing an opportunity class.

Online application are open on **Monday 30 April** and can be accessed from the following website <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement/onlineapp/index.php>

Application packages will be available in schools from **7 May 2012.**

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday 18 May, 2012.**



**Option, not a change !**

Please note the new Winter tunic is an option for girls to wear. They are very welcome to wear track pants and polo shirt, as the other winter uniform option. However, the summer uniform **is not** a Winter uniform option.

Cost for new winter tunic is \$55 and can only be purchased at our school uniform shop.





The Veterans Corps Incorporated  
and Rock the House Entertainment  
present

YOUNG ABERDEEN KARAOKE  
IDOL  
for ages 8-17  
at Aberdeen RSL Club.

\$1000 in cash prizes to be won!

4 heats only, starting Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
May.

Grand final held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
June.

Entry is free.

For more information and to  
register your place, please contact  
Dallas on **0431 189 321**



## ***Jelly Baby Month for Type 1 Diabetes***

Muswellbrook South is supporting Jelly Baby Month. This is a campaign that helps the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) raise around \$1 million every year to support medical research to treat, prevent and cure type 1 diabetes.

**TYPE 1 DIABETES** is quite rare and accounts for around 10% of all people with diabetes. It is with you for life as there is currently no known cure. Every day 5 more Australians are diagnosed with this disease, most of them children. Type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented.

The KRC will be selling Jelly Babies for \$2 a bag and also the following merchandise:

Jelly Baby Confectionery, Stamps and Badges \$2 each

Jelly Baby Magnets, Lip Balm and pencils \$3 each

Pencil case, pens \$4 each

Pens \$5 each

Assortment of Key Rings \$5—\$7 each

Silver badges \$10 each

These items will be for sale first break in the playground.

Parents may contact the office if they wish to purchase items.



Thank you for your support  
Mrs Rayner and the KRC

## **HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 2**

We will commence in **week 3 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Who: Students in Stage1, 2 and 3  
When: Every Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm (starting week 3 through  
to week 9)  
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 4<sup>th</sup> May**

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## **HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 2 2012**

YES my child is interested in attending the homework centre at Muswellbrook South Public School, starting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Week 3, Term 2

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\_\_\_\_\_



## PSSA TENNIS VS DENMAN

On the last day of school in Term 1, the MSPS Tennis team battled Denman PS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the PSSA Knockout Competition.

It was a fairly hot day, which made conditions difficult!

Fluids were a main priority.

Our number 1 ranked players **Ty Watson** and **Cassidy Watts** kick started our campaign with aggressive wins in their singles matches 6-0, 6-0.

Our number 2 ranked players **Thomas Storey** and **Gracie Alderson** then kept the winning trend going with convincing wins 6-2 and 6-1.

In the doubles rubbers, both the girls and boys combined well to defeat the Denman players 6-0 and 6-2 respectively.

In the mixed doubles, our substitute players slotted in well.

**Jayden Dick** and **Cassidy Watts** won their number 1 mixed tie 6-1, while **Sarah Tisdell** and **Ty Watson** combined well to win 6-2.

Our next match is against Scone PS in Week 3. Good luck to our Tennis Superstars!

## Coles Sports for Schools

Our Coles Sports for Schools gear has arrived. It included Netball Bibs, cricket bats, scooter board sets, a primary touch football kit, a junior golf kit, Hi Bounce Balls, 5 Bocce sets, agility balls, 2 Relay Baton sets, 12 Gym mats, Pool Dive Balls and Rings plus more.

Thanks Coles and everyone who supported the programme!



## Auskick

Anyone interested in playing Auskick we are still taking registrations for 2012.

Auskick is held on Wednesdays 4.30pm to 5.30pm at Weeraman Field, Registration is \$60.00

For further information Please contact Annette - 0422248770

# Healthy Habits

## Do an hour of physical activity every day!

Children have to have at least an hour of physical activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.

## Great Reasons to be active

- ~ boosts confidence
- ~ improves fitness
- ~ makes bones and muscles stronger
- ~ improves posture
- ~ helps maintain a healthy weight
- ~ lowers risk of heart disease
- ~ reduces stress
- ~ improves sleep
- ~ reduces the risks of cancer
- ~ develops better motor skills
- ~ makes a person happier with their body

## DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2012

<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Playgroup every Wednesday, 0-4 years in Heritage Hall from 9:30 – 11:30. All are welcome and there is no cost!
<b>7 May</b>	String quartet visiting for Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2
<b>8 May</b>	Year 6 to Muswellbrook High School for Open Day
<b>9 May</b>	School Tennis Team playing Scone
<b>9 May</b>	Play group recommences
<b>10 May</b>	Mothers Day Stall
<b>14, 15, 16 May</b>	NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
<b>22 May</b>	Paint the Town REaD
<b>25 May</b>	National Sorry Day
<b>27 May – 3 June</b>	Reconciliation Week
<b>11 June</b>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>20 &amp; 21 June</b>	Stage 3 Science Discovery Days
<b>22 June</b>	Athletics Carnival
<b>25 June</b>	NAIDOC Week

**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.**

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