

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 Three Term Two

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

This week's PBL focus: Resilience – Stop/Walk/Talk

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program next week on Tuesday 15 May, the students will sit writing and language tests. On Wednesday, 16 May there will be a reading test and a numeracy test on Thursday, 17 May. It is most important that all students attend school on these days. We wish the students in these classes every success.

During the Easter school holidays **Georgia Dalley** competed at the Sydney Royal Easter show horse section. We would like to congratulate Georgia on her successful results as being Champion Age Rider. This achievement is extremely exceptional as the type of competition is high and very demanding. Well done and congratulations Georgia.

Over the last two weeks we have had **Mr Peter Langley** begin his teaching career as a 'Prac' student in 6M. This Friday is Peter's last day for this term. We look forward to his return in term 3/

Last week I had the privilege to listen to Stage 3 debate about Homework. Both the affirmative and the negative teams expressed valid points about the topic. The students entertained the audience as well as raising awareness of important homework issues. The standard of the debate was particularly high and all the speakers should be very proud of their efforts.

Tomorrow the P&C will hold their Mother's Day stall. Thank you to our wonderful P&C members who have purchased, wrapped and given their time

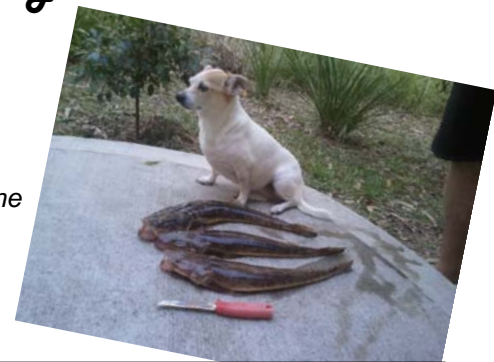
to sell the gifts to the students, so their mums will get something special on Mother's Day.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums. Hope you all have a lovely day.

Yours in Education

Rebecca Langdon

Mrs Langdon's holiday snap.
Zoe Langdon watching over the Flatheads!



Please come and watch the talented students from **1/2 D** present their class item at this Friday's assembly.

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

ES1 – D. Ainuu, J.

Stage 1 – Z. Brennan, E. Chapman

Stage 2 – G. Rose, B. Heard

Stage 3 – B. Carr, J. Matthews

Principal 'Raffle'

This week Mrs Langdon spent some time with the lucky students in **K/1 J!**

Play Group

Please note our MSPS / Family insight Playgroup **commenced today. We look forward to all families with children 0 to 4 years every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am in Heritage Hall.**

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!

**School planning and reporting**

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

Second Hand School Uniforms Needed

If your child has outgrown their uniforms and you no longer need them, the school would greatly appreciate them. Currently, our second hand stock has depleted considerably due to many new enrolments who may be experiencing financial difficulties.

BREAKING NEWS

- MSPS P&C are holding a FETE on Friday 26th October 2012.
- They are looking for donations of wool which will be used to make scarfs or booties
- or other exciting items.
- Please leave all wool donations at the front office.
- Claim the date and watch this space!!!

Mother's Day Stall

Don't forget our Mother's Day Stall this Thursday 10th May 2012.

Prices Range from \$2 to \$6.
Also available Mother's Day cards - 50c.

Any gifts not sold Thursday will be on sale on Friday 11th May at the canteen.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 for 2013

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2013 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:

- 30 April 2012: online application are open
- 7 May 2012: Paper application forms available in schools.
- 18 May 2012: Closing date for online applications and paper applications forms lodged with schools.
- 25 July 2012: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2013 on behalf of their children will be able to access the online application site from **Monday 30 April 2012**, a week before paper applications are scheduled for distribution. This is a deliberate strategy to encourage more parents to apply online. Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Paper application forms will be sent to all government primary schools from 7 May 2012 (not before) to parents without internet access. **Under no circumstances should parents use both online and printed options.** Information provided on paper application forms will be scanned so it is imperative that parents be aware that they should not cross out or use whiteout but should start a new paper application if they have made a mistake.

Applications, whether completed online or on paper will close on **Friday 18 May 2012**.



**THE SECOND BIGGEST KILLER
OF YOUNG CHILDREN AT HOME
IS DRIVEWAY ACCIDENTS**

CareFlight
The next life we save could be yours.

Donation Hotline 1800 655 876

BLIND SPACE

Be aware, take care in your car.

Read the driveway safety tips at
www.careflight.org
and let's reverse the statistics.

 Upper Hunter Community Services Inc.
**Homework****Help****Hour****PaCE Program**

in conjunction with the Aboriginal Family Worker

Will be conducting a Homework Help Hour for school age children and their parents.

Cost : Free**Where :** QE11 Building Muswellbrook**When :** Thursday afternoons**Time :** 3:30pm – 4:30pm*Proudly supported by BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal*

For further information please contact:

Upper Hunter Community Services 02 65423555



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

Jason Akermanis

Muswellbrook Cats are excited to present 3 times AFL premiership player, Brownlow Medallist and contestant on Celebrity Apprentice.

Jason will be playing for the Muswellbrook Cats as they tackle the 2011 Premiers

Saturday, 19th May 2012

Time: 2.00 pm

Where: Weeraman Oval, Muswellbrook

Cost: \$5.00 adults / \$2.00 kids

LISTEN TO JASON'S STORIES

Jason will be guest speaker at the inaugural Muswellbrook Australian Football Celebration Night. Come and enjoy hearing Jason's stories of life in the AFL, his views on the game (sure to be controversial) and maybe even his experiences on Celebrity Apprentice.

Rare AFL memorabilia will be available by auction on the night.

Time: 7.30 pm

Where: Muswellbrook RSL

Cost: \$50.00 (3 course dinner included)

To purchase tickets, or for further information contact:-

Grant - 0419 471 410 (before 15th May 2012)

HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 2

We will commence in **week 3 Monday 7th 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 4th May

HOMEWORK CENTRE – Term 2 2012

YES my child is interested in attending the homework centre at Muswellbrook South Public School, starting: Monday 7th 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_____



Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Play in May!
 At your local Guide meeting
 For girls aged 6-18 years



Guides enjoy adventure, games, camping, outdoors, cooking, craft and more
 Contact District Leader on: 6543 2801 to join us
 FREE during May
Muswellbrook Guide Hall, Wilkinson Ave
 Or contact coastalvalleysgirlguides@live.com.au to find out more

PSSA KNOCKOUT SOCCER

The senior boys and girls knockout soccer teams played Muswellbrook Public School on Monday, 7th May.

Our teams came up against two strong opposing teams, especially the boys as all of their opposition play in Newcastle on the weekends.

Our boys were stoic and demonstrated their pride and most importantly they **never gave up!** They played a very good second half and stemmed the flow of goals from MPS, only allowing three goals past with some great saves by **Ty Watson**.

The girls played a very entertaining match, moving from end to end of the pitch. Unfortunately it was two great strikes from MPS that separated the teams at the end of the game.

Teachers from both school congratulated our teams on their positive attitude and sportsmanship on the day.

A big thank you to our very supportive parents who also made a very excitable crowd!

Miss Shackleton and Mr Neal

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday our school will be participating in **Walk Safely to School Day**. We are asking that as many children as possible walk to school on this day to promote walking as a healthy activity. Staff will meet students at designated places and walk into school with them. These places will be the corner of St James Crescent and Thompson Street, Corner of Finnegan Crescent and Osborn Avenue, traffic lights at the Prince of Wales, the lane way at Wollombi Road, the letter box in front of Aldi and the Lorne Street shop. A free healthy breakfast will be given to all students when they arrive at school. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Healthy Habits

Fresh fruit and vegetables – the green food

Fresh fruit and vegetables are not only good for your health, but they are also good for the planet. Fruits and vegetables come in their own environmentally friendly packaging. Fruit or vegetable scraps can also be composted or used in a worm farm. You can also help the environment by choosing produce without foam trays or plastic containers.

Fruit and vegetables as healthy snacks

Fruit and vegetables are very healthy snacks for children because:

- ~ the fibre found in these foods can aid digestion.
- ~ they are rich in vitamins, such a vitamin C which can build up your child's immune system during the cold weather.
- ~ they add variety to a healthy and balanced diet.

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!
9 May	School Tennis Team playing Scone
9 May	Play group recommences
10 May	Mothers Day Stall
15, 16, 17 May	NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
18 May	Walk to School Day
22 May	Paint the Town REaD
25 May	National Sorry Day
25 May	Cuppa for Cancer at MSPS
27 May – 3 June	Reconciliation Week
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
20 & 21 June	Stage 3 Science Discovery Days
22 June	Athletics Carnival
25 June	NAIDOC Week

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



K-2 Students enjoying the visiting String Quartet



3-6 Students learned all about Monster Trucks with a visit from Batman and driver Troy!