

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Four Term Two

**STOP PRESS:** Stop Work Meeting for Teachers this Friday 9-11am

*This week's PBL focus: Bullying- No Way!*

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

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have almost completed their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy), tomorrow is the last day for these assessments. The students have worked hard leading up to the assessments and especially over the last few days. I would like to congratulate all students' as I know all students have given their best.

This Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012, a 2 Hour Stop Work Industrial Action has been called by the NSW Teachers Federation and Unions NSW. As such, **minimal** supervision will be available for students. All teachers will be back on duty by 11.30am, so all students will need to be at school for 1st break. Normal classes will commence after 1<sup>st</sup> break.

**\*\*\* Walk Safely To School will now be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> MAY\*\*\*\***

I am very sorry for the short notice.

An important part of our rich culture and heritage of Australia and our local area of Muswellbrook is that we celebrate within this term significant Aboriginal Cultural days, such as Sorry Day on the **25<sup>th</sup> May**, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.

On **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, we celebrate Reconciliation Week. This week's theme is 'Our Place'. During the week students will be participating in classroom activities linking the theme – with a focus on 'Local, Land, Imagine, and Think'. Some examples of their classroom work for your child/children could be a poem, story, photography, art work, weaving, dance or drama. The week will culminate at our school Assembly on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

Reconciliation involves building mutually respectful relationships between Indigenous and other Australians that allow us to work together to solve problems and generate success that is in everyone's best interests. Achieving reconciliation involves raising [awareness](#) and knowledge of Indigenous history and culture, changing attitudes that are often based on myths and misunderstandings, and encouraging [action](#) where everyone plays their part in building a better relationship between us as fellow Australians.

This **Thursday 17 May** is National Walk Safely to School Day. We would like to encourage you to walk to school, or the bus stop with your children. We are also asking that if you drive your children to school, to leave the car a good distance from the school and walk the rest of the way. In various streets around the school there will be staff members waiting for the students to walk to school, as well. Each pupil who walks to school will be given a surprise when they arrive at school. Some of the objectives of the day are to promote the benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age, also to help children develop the vital road crossing skills they need and to promote healthy living.

Good luck to our schools debating team who will be debating against Cassillis PS, on Friday. Thank you to Miss Shackleton who is busy coaching and mentoring the team.

Yours in Education

*Rebecca Langdon*

Please come and watch the talented students from **2M** present their class item at this Friday's assembly at **12.45pm**.

**Principal 'Raffle'**

This week Mrs Langdon spent some time with the lucky students in **4/5B!**

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

**ES1** – S. Osborne, M. Roberts

**Stage 1** – M. Parker, R. Campbell

**Stage 2** – C. Harvey, T. Milich

**Stage 3** – B. Matthews, H. Orth

**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 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!

**Play Group**

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

**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.

**Parking in Osborne Avenue**

Please be aware that you must park your car passenger side nearest to the kerb. Not only is it illegal to park on the opposite side of the road, it is also very dangerous.

**Parents Please Take Note**

If you need to speak to another child about an incident, please come to the office first, so that we can assist in resolving any issues.

**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 applications 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](http://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.**

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

All students are invited to take part in Walk Safely to School Day on **Thursday 17 May**. This day promotes walking as a part of a healthy, active way to get around.

Staff members will be meeting students at the following locations and walking to school with them. Students are to be there by 8.30

If you drive your child to school you may like to drop them off at one of the walking areas.

- Corner of St James and Thompson Street
- Corner of Finnegan Crescent and Osborn Avenue
- Traffic lights at the Prince of Wales Tavern
- Lane way at Wollombi Road
- Letter box in front of Aldi supermarket
- Lorne Street shop

Breakfast will be provided to all students when they arrive at school. There will be no cost. We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday.

*Karen Rayner*

*Rebecca Langdon*



## Dance Group News

A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Senior Dance group this week!

This year the girls auditioned for the Hunter Schools Regional Dance Festival and the Schools Spectacular, they have been fortunate enough to be accepted into both events!

The Hunter Schools Regional Dance Festival will take place at Newcastle Panthers on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, where the girls will be performing their dance titled 'Rocket Man' along with many other schools in our region.

In the Schools Spectacular the girls will be dancing in the Combined Dance section with thousands of children from Public Schools across NSW. The girls will be given choreography to learn and will participate in many *many* rehearsals. This big event will take place at the Sydney Entertainment Centre in November.

These are both very well deserved opportunities for our students and will provide them with some wonderful life long memories. I am so very proud of them and look forward to the many hours of dance we have ahead of us!

*Mrs Paige Jenkins*



## PIE DRIVE!

Just a quick reminder that any money for our Pie Drive needs to be back to school by this **Friday** at the very latest!

## STAGE 3 EXCURSIONS

By now you will have received a note regarding the Yr 5 Excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp or the Yr 6 Excursion to Canberra. So far we have asked for a \$50 deposit showing expressions of interest to be paid by **Friday 1st June**. However if parents would like to pay the cost in full they can. Otherwise they can pay in instalments whereby another \$50 would be required by the end of this Term.

## CANTEEN NEWS

When ordering lunches from the canteen, orders need to be in **no later than 9.25am**. The Canteen Supervisors are finding it hard to get lunches out on time due to late orders.

Thanks for your cooperation.

**Due to the stop work meeting on Friday 18 May, the canteen will only be open second break.**

*Megan and Shellie*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to

**Cameron Ray** in 3/4S who was lucky enough to win a prize at last Saturday's Monster Truck show in Singleton!

Cameron's entry in the colouring in competition was one of only two from the Muswellbrook area to win a prize. Cameron won a huge showbag filled with lots of goodies such as stickers, posters and smaller showbags!

Well done Cameron!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to

**Georgia Dalley** who not only got to compete at the Sydney Royal Easter Show over the holiday, but also was fortunate enough to be awarded Champion Age Rider!

As we said last week, this is an exceptional achievement as the standard of riding at these events is extremely high!

Well done Georgia!



## Nurse Practitioner Available

Free Adult (16+) Medical Clinic every **Wednesday** between

**9:00-12:30**  
at **Hunter Park Family Centre, 58 Wollombi Rd**

and

**1:00- 3:30**  
at **QE II Community Centre, Cnr Bridge and Market Streets.**

- \*No appointment necessary
- \*General medical
- \*CTG Scripts
- \*Health assessment and screening
- \*Management for diabetes, heart problems, lung problems or kidney disease
- \*Wound dressing
- \*Specialist referral

For more information or to make an appointment call **Tiana Geihe**  
**0403 428 143**

## School Disco!

Get your dancing shoes ready because South is gearing up for a school disco on **Wednesday 30 May!**

K-2 will party between 5pm and 6pm.

3-6 will party between 6:15pm- 7:30pm.

# Healthy Habits

## Keep food cool

Sandwiches can be frozen for up to a week and, if removed from the freezer will thaw by lunchtime. Some nutritious sandwiches to freeze include those with fillings of cooked meats, baked beans, eggs, fish and cheese. Most fresh vegetables don't freeze well so put them on the sandwich when the when it's packed in the lunch box.

## Fruit juices

Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption.



# 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>15, 16, 17 May</b>	NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
<b>17 May</b>	Walk to School Day
<b>22 May</b>	Paint the Town REaD
<b>24 May</b>	AECG Meeting at Town Library 4pm
<b>25 May</b>	National Sorry Day
<b>25 May</b>	Cuppa for Cancer at MSPS
<b>27 May – 3 June</b>	Reconciliation Week
<b>30 May</b>	School Disco – K-2 at 5pm-6pm, 3-6 at 6:15pm-7:30pm
<b>11 June</b>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>20 &amp; 21 June</b>	Stage 3 Science Discovery Days
<b>21 June</b>	Athletics Carnival
<b>25 June</b>	NAIDOC Week
<b>26 October</b>	School Fete

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## Athletics Carnival!

Our Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday June 21**. We are looking for lots of parents who are able to help us out on the day! If you would like to help out, please fill in the slip below and return it to the front office or to Miss Milton.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to help  
*please circle*

all day

in the morning

in the afternoon