

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Six Term Two

STOP PRESS: School Disco tonight!

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

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

Reconciliation Week: National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census. 2012 marks the 45th anniversary of the '67 referendum.

On 3 June 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation. This relationship still exists today. Recognition has paved the way for land rights called Native Title. This year is the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision.

The theme for this year is **Let's Talk Recognition**—Recognition comes in all sorts of ways and means different things to different people; but it's something we all like to receive. Since European settlement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have often been treated unfairly by other Australians. The lack of recognition and understanding still inhibits some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from feeling valued within the Australian community.

The First Australians should have proper recognition, not only for their cultural longevity and resilience but for their continued contribution to our national identity. Recognition is an important step in the reconciliation journey and events like National Reconciliation Week can provide a focus for all Australians to reflect on reconciliation and to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.

In every class the students are discussing and completing activities from the themed lesson plans 'Our Place'. On Friday we will be acknowledging Reconciliation Week at our weekly school assembly. We look forward to you attending this special assembly.



Some parents are STILL putting their children in an awkward and risky position by walking their children through our various car parks. Our students know that they are not to walk through them but some parents still take their children through them. We take the safety of our students quite seriously. Please support us and use the walk-in gate.

Working together in education,

Rebecca Langdon

Principal 'Raffle'

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

Please come and watch the talented students from **3/4M** present their class item at this Friday's assembly at **12:45pm**.

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.

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

ES1 – C. Judi, T. Thompson

Stage 1 – K. Ford-Hrbek, E. Chapman

Stage 2 – C. Brugnatti, T. Rowland

Stage 3 – H. Orth, A. Charter

School Disco!

Our school disco is happening tonight!

When : Wednesday 30th May

Where: School Hall

Times: 5.00 – 6.00 for K-2

6.15 – 7.30 for 3-6

Cost: \$5.00

Theme: Red, black, yellow

Money raised will be used to support our school dance group who will be performing at "School Spectacular".



Jelly Bean Guessing Competition

The Senior Dance Group is fundraising for their trip and costumes to Sydney for Schools Spectacular in November. They are having a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition. 3 guess for \$1.00. Students can have a guess in their break time if they would like to support the dancers.

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!



Hunter Valley Performing Arts

Show tickets are now on sale! Please come along on **July 25** and support our wonderful dancers!

Tickets are just **\$16** each and are available by phoning Panthers Newcastle on **4926 6200** or by purchasing at the venue.

Shows sold out last year! Get in early this year so you don't miss out!

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open:

Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-3:30pm and **Friday mornings** from 9:00-9:30am.

For any enquiries please call:

Anne Henderson on 0477 063 184

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Don't forget to bring in your Woolworths stickers

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school and drop them into our collection box.

If you need more sticker cards these are available in the school office.

Thank you for your support!



MUSWELLBROOK TOWN LIBRARY VISIT

Last Wednesday our Year One students had a visit to the Muswellbrook Town Library. This was to support The National Simultaneous Story time Programme which was held at 11.00 a.m. on that day across all libraries. The students heard the story 'The Very Cranky Bear', read by well known identity in the Muswellbrook area- Chris Rogers. Here are some comments by the children that attended:

My favourite part of the story was when they dressed up the bear in the story. We also got to read different books. We had fun on the excursion. E. Cameron -1K

There were a lot of books at the library. My favourite part was how the bear got cranky when all the animals were trying to cheer him up. D. Jones- 1K

I enjoyed listening to the "Very Cranky Bear". My favourite part was when the bear was sleeping in the cave and then he scared all the animals away because he just wanted peace and quiet. A. Miller- 1/2D

I liked it when the lady was reading the story because I thought it was funny. D. Turner- 1/2D

I liked the library and my favourite part of the book was when the animals were in the cave and they all got scared of the bear. S. Sable- K/1J

My favourite part of the book was when the bear went RAAH! O. Charlton- K/1J

The Muswellbrook Town Library is a great place to visit. It now offers a larger selection of books to read or borrow and many more computers to use. Remember borrowing is **free** and it is a great place to take the children for a quiet read and relax.



Muswellbrook South vs Scone Netball

I would like to congratulate the South Netball team on their amazing determination last Friday. Both teams played with great passion and demonstrated an excellence in sportsmanship. **Angelise Van Vliet** received a special comment from Scone's coach Jacqui Waite, who said; "*she is a pocket rocket and encouraged all players with great enthusiasm*".

The girls would like to say thank you and congratulations to Scone for their win.

Miss Fgan



MAY is **Jelly Baby Month!**

Help support Juvenile Diabetes
We still have some items available for purchase from the front office. These include:

Premium badges \$10
Key rings \$5
Fridge magnets \$3

All donations are to be received by the end of this week!
Thank you for supporting such a great cause South!



Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day

Hosted by: St Joseph's Primary School, Dungog
and supported by Dungog Pony Club



Friday 27 July 2012
8:30 AM - START

GEAR CHECK BY TEAM MANAGERS PRIOR TO THE FIRST EVENT

VENUE - DUNGOG SHOWGROUND, please use Chapman Street entrance

All forms available on the school website below:

www.dungog.catholic.edu.au

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE - Friday, 29 June 2012

COST - \$20.00 per Rider * (see conditions of entry)

Age groups: 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15 yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs & over

Riding Events:
Riding Classes
Hack Classes
Pleasure Hack Classes

Sporting Events:
Barrel
In and Out of Paddock
Running T
Flag
Ball

For further information please contact:

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ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO:

Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day

C/- Nicole Osmond

PO Box 43 Dungog NSW 2420

Facilities:

Canteen - will be available all day from 7:30am

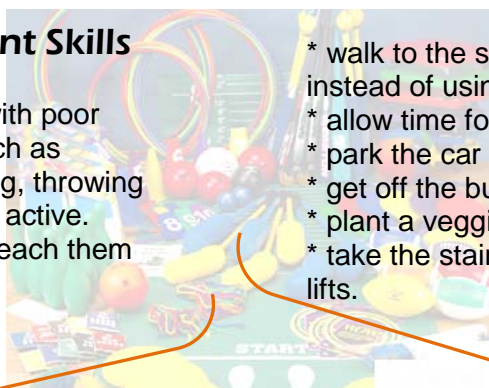
Camping - available if required \$10 per site

Healthy Habits

Easy ways to add physical activity to your day

Fundamental Movement Skills

There is evidence that children with poor fundamental movement skills such as jumping, skipping, leaping, kicking, throwing and catching are less likely to be active. Give your kids a head start and teach them these skills.



- * walk to the shops, the school or the park instead of using the car
- * allow time for children to play outdoors
- * park the car away from the shops and walk
- * get off the bus one stop earlier
- * plant a veggie garden
- * take the stairs instead of using escalators or lifts.

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!
27 May – 3 June	Reconciliation Week
29 May	P&C Meeting at 2pm.
30 May	School Disco – K-2 at 5pm-6pm, 3-6 at 6:15pm-7:30pm
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
19 June	Wollombi Camp Day
20 & 21 June	Stage 3 Science Discovery Days
21 June	Athletics Carnival
25 June	NAIDOC Week
26 June	Warrae Wannu Official Launch
11 & 12 October	Stage 2 Excursion. <i>More details to come.</i>
	School Fete

If you would like your newsletter emailed home, please contact the school through our school email address, or ring the school.
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