

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Ten Term Two

STOP PRESS: Pupil Free Day on Monday 16th July. Students return for Term 3 on Tuesday 17th July!!

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

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

Last week was a very successful week at Muswellbrook South. Our choir, led by Ms Cook was placed first and second in their sections at the Eisteddfod and our band placed third in their section. This is a wonderful result for these talented groups and we thank Ms Cook and Mrs Avery for their continued dedication and expertise.

On Thursday Stage 3 students participated in the Coal and Allied Science Challenge. Students were involved in a series of activities where they had to design, make and problem-solve. They also had to work collaboratively as part of a team. We are excited to announce that our students were awarded first in this challenge. Not only did our students work hard on the activities but also demonstrated excellent manners and looked great in their school uniform. Mrs Crooks and Ms McMillan, the accompanying teachers were very proud of Stage 3.

It is great that our students can go out into the community, present themselves in a responsible and respectful manner and also achieve great results.

Today was another exciting day for our school with the launch of Warrae Wanni our School Readiness Program. We were able to acknowledge the wonderful financial support the program has received from BHP Billiton. It was fantastic to see both our Aboriginal Dance

Group and Warrae Wanni students perform at the special assembly in front of many important guests. Clarence Lockier, special NAIDOC guest and presenter, entertained the school with his didgeridoo playing. Mrs Langdon was also very excited to receive a letter from the Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who sent her apologies and congratulated the school on the Warrae Wanni program.

The Warrae Wanni Launch is also part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. We have had Cherie and Clarence conducting workshops centred on artworks, native food and general knowledge. On Thursday a group of Aboriginal students and a buddy will be attending a day camp at Wollombi. Students have had a great week learning about and celebrating Aboriginal culture.

Tomorrow, a 24 Hour Stop Work Industrial Action has been called for by the NSW Teachers Federation. There will be minimal supervision available at school.

I would like to wish all students and parents a safe and happy holiday.

There is a Staff Development Day on Monday 16th July for teaching staff only. All students return to school on Tuesday 17th July.

Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Principal 'Raffle'

Unfortunately Mrs Langdon was so busy last week she missed out on visiting 3/4M! She will visit them early next term instead.

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

ES1 – M. O'Leary, M. Sullivan

Stage 1 – M. Parker, T. Flack

Stage 2 – R. Rostirolla, J. Wheeler

Stage 3 – T. Anderson, R. Squires

No hat on sports day

As part of the DEC Sun Safe Policy, all students are required to wear a school hat when they are out in the sun.

Therefore, it is important that your child has a hat for Friday Sport. From now on, students who do not bring their school hat for Friday Sport will be required to attend Sports Detention the following Monday at 1st break.

Student's names will be taken on the Friday afternoon and they will be given a slip which gives them details of their detention. If students choose not to attend they will be issued a yellow card.

Please note the Athletics Carnival is on **Wednesday 18th July**. There was a misprint in one of the notes that have gone home.

S. Milton

Sports Co-ordinator

Car parks

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.

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!



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.

Parents please note that lunch orders for **students only** may be ordered this Friday for celebration day. No lunch orders for parents may be placed!

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS!

Congratulations to all the wonderful speakers who participated in the Public Speaking finals last Friday and yesterday. The standard of speeches was incredibly high and our judges Mr Turvey and Mr Rockley had great difficulty picking the following winners!

Stage 3 – 1st Place – C. Watts
 2nd Place – T. Watson
 Highly Commended – R. Periera
 M. Crowfoot

Stage 2 – 1st Place – T. Periera
 2nd Place – K. Hall
 Highly Commended – M. Datson
 K. Rowlands

Stage 1 – 1st Place – J. Watson
 2nd Place – I. Hall
 3rd Place – M. Lafleur-Whittaker
 Highly Commended – K. Lonergan

Mrs Mooring and Mr Kerrigan would like to thank their timekeeper and Chairpersons - B. Morris-Harmon, J. Gothard, R. Spicer and N. Benge.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Don't forget to bring in your Woolworths stickers

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has been extended until 12th August. So keep collecting your stickers, place them on the sticker sheet and either put them in the box at Woolworths or bring them in to the school office. We now have **9000** points! Keep collecting South!

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

Thank you for your support!



Coles Sports for Schools Program is back.

It's time to start collecting your vouchers at Coles. For every \$10 you spend you will receive a voucher. Bring your vouchers into the office where we will pop them into the collection box. You can collect vouchers until 14th August. The more vouchers we collect the more sports gear the school will receive. So start collecting today!

Hunter Region National Parks presents:

'Winter 2012'



DISCOVERY
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

Junior Ranger 'Animals in our National Parks'–

When: Thursday 12 July at Scone library

10am-12noon Grade: Easy

Cost: \$6.60 per child, adults free if accompanying children.

Booking and pre-payment is essential for all tours as numbers are limited. Book online at <http://www.wildwildworld.com.au> or contact our Regional Office on ph 02 49848200.

Bring all the family and meet our Discovery Ranger and discover some of the wonderful animals in our National Parks! Fun activities especially for kids.

Look out for the Discovery Ranger on the day!

discover just how much fun the school holidays can be!

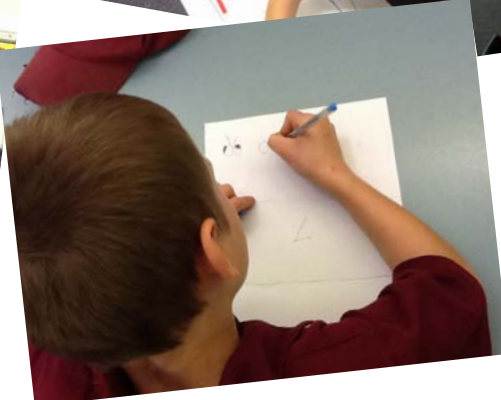
The NPWS is part of the Office of Environment & Heritage.

Painting South REaD

This year is the National Year of Reading and as part of the Paint the Town REaD project, the Muswellbrook Town Library has been able to secure three prominent authors and illustrators to come and visit our school and other local schools in the area.

Our first author / illustrator was **David Miller**, a Melbourne based author. He entertained Year One students on Wednesday 13th June and gave the children an insight into how he uses exquisite paper sculptures to illustrate his books. He read his latest book Millie and then the children were given the opportunity to make Lofty the bird from the book 'Lofty's Mission'.

Last Monday, June 18th, our Year Two and Three students were very lucky to see **Jeanette Rowe** who is one of Australia's best-selling preschool authors/ illustrators. She read 'Scullywag' and the children were very interested to hear that she actually had a cat like Scullywag and he had the same adventures as the cat in the story. The children then participated in a cartoon drawing workshop and discovered how easy it is to create different characters – you just have to have a go and let your imagination run wild.



School Holiday Sports

Newcastle Knights Danny Buderus Super Clinic

Date: Monday 9th July 2012

Time: Rego's 4pm.

Clinic 5pm - 7pm

Cost: \$45

Includes:

Long Sleeve Danny Buderus Training Shirt

Knights Mod Sized Football

Knights Junior Backpack

Group photo with Danny Buderus and a personally signed card

Sausage Sizzle

Please go

to <http://www.newcastleknights.com.au/holiday-clinics> to register.

2012 July Tennis Camp

Dean Trembath Tennis Coaching are conducting sessions at **Olympic Park Tennis Club** on the following days during the July school holidays:

Monday July 9th – coaching and match play

Tuesday July 10th – coaching and match play

Wednesday July 11th – coaching and match play

Thursday July 12th – coaching and presentation

Coaching runs from **9am – 12pm**

Coaching sessions cost **\$20 per day, or \$60 for the four days.**

If you have any further enquiries please contact Dean on 0414 735 113 or email dkahanut@gmail.com

Bookings are essential before Sunday 8th July!

Mini Olympic Days

Hunter Festival of Sport are conducting Mini-Olympic Days these holidays for children aged 6-13years.

When: July 9 and 10

9:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Tulkaba Oval, York St, Teralba

There will be a canteen and BBQ on site both days and a parents 'Boot Camp' during sports sessions.

For more information, please contact **Mark Ingrey** at mark@jniq.com.au or 0447 464 739

GET HOOKED ON HOCKEY

Two-day development clinic for boys and girls aged 8-14years.

Development coaching from accredited professionals.

Develop your skills, learn some tricks, play the game and have heaps of fun!

When: July 3 and 4

9am – 12pm

Where: Newcastle International Hockey Centre
Turton Road, Broadmeadow

Cost: \$55 per person for two days.

See **Miss Milton** for more information and how to book your place.

RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC

If you are between 6-12 years old and love Rugby League you are invited to participate in a School Holiday Rugby League Clinic these school holidays.

Girls and boys are welcome, it doesn't matter if you already play rugby league or have never played before!

The clinic will be held on **Thursday July 12th at McKinnon Field, Aberdeen.**

The clinic costs **\$30** and included a Knights mod football, Knights backpack, drink bottle, kicking tee, a skills clinic, sausage sandwich lunch and an opportunity to meet some Knights players.

To register and pay online go to www.arldevelopment.com.au/hunter by 5pm Thursday 5th July. No registrations will be taken on the day.

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!
25 June	NAIDOC Week
28 June	Wollombi Camp
29 June	Proud and Powerful Day
17 July	Students return for Term 3
18 July	Athletics Carnival
7 August	2013 Kindergarten Information Night
11 & 12 October	Stage 2 Excursion. <i>More details to come.</i>
2 November	School Fete <i>Please note change of date!</i>

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.
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Healthy Habits

Do an hour of physical activity everyday

Children need at least 60minutes of 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.

Physical Activity can be:

- *sport and organised games
- * playing with the dog
- * backyard cricket
- * climbing trees
- * housework
- * dancing to music