

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Four Term Three

STOP PRESS: SwimSafe begins for students in Years 2 – 6 this Friday. Please bring swimmers, towel and a plastic bag for wet items. This is a free activity due to the generosity from Coal & Allied – Rio Tinto.

This week's PBL focus: Being Respectful and Responsible – no backchatting.

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

It is lovely to be back at school and to see the students and staff. I would like to acknowledge the great work **Mrs Rayner** did whilst acting as relieving Principal. I would also like to acknowledge the great work and smooth transition into Term 3 by the staff and students. I did manage to get away and travel through some amazing countryside to the very tip of northern Australia – Cape York. Below is the great catch I caught in Torres Strait – 1.13m – Estuary Cod (catch and release).

The theme for Education Week 2012 was "creating the future". Our Education Week assembly showcased the talents of our students and the skills and expertise of our teachers. My thanks to the Education Week team, led by Mrs Rayner for the success of this event. Congratulations to our recipients for this years Education Week awards – Congratulations to **Mrs Dean, Mrs Holz, Mrs Mooring, Mrs O'Keefe and Ms Lisa Bailey and Cassidy Watts.**

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2013. If your child is born between 1.8.07 and 31.7.08 they are able to enrol. Your child must be 5 years old by 31 July, 2013. If your child is enrolling for Kindergarten 2013, please come up to the school to fill out an enrolment form. You will need your child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation Certificate, Passports (if applicable) and proof of address. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the school on 65431896.

This Friday is the beginning of a 16 week swimsafe program that has been designed to enable all our students from Years 2- 6 to learn to swim, develop and improve their existing swimming skills and to learn water safety survival skills. This program will run every Friday and is a free program for our students. We are very appreciative of the generosity from Coal and Allied – Rio Tinto for this opportunity to provide a life skill to our students. If you are requiring assistance with towels or swimmers please contact the school.

Congratulations to our zone athletic students who I believe competed with great sportsmanship and skill. We look forward to the results for those who will participate at region.

Outstanding results for our schools debating team. A great result against Biraban PS and an excellent effort. Their next debating encounter will be against The Entrance PS in late August.

Yours in education,

*Rebecca
Langdon*



Principal 'Raffle'

This week Mrs Langdon visited the lucky students in **3/4M** for a fun filled afternoon of work!

Please come and watch the talented students from **5/6C** present their class item at this Friday's assembly at **9:45am**.

At this time of year, many of us are susceptible to colds and flus. If your child is showing symptoms of either of these, please keep them home from school for a short period of time to avoid the spread of these viruses among the wider school community.

Ensure they get plenty of rest to get them back at school and ready to learn as quickly as possible.

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 1 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.



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

ES1 – B. Cronly, T. Ryan

Stage 1 – M. M. Carrol, I. Davis-O'Shea

Stage 2 – K. Verduci, S. Roberts

Stage 3 – C. Legg, J. Hebbard

Parents and families, please note that due to our new Swimsafe program, Friday assembly will now be held at **9:45am – 10:20am** in the hall as of this Friday. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

HEAD LICE

This term we have been notified of cases of Head Lice. Unfortunately this is an ever present problem in schools (more often than not it is found in children with very clean hair) and requires the cooperation of **all** families if we are to keep it under control. Please make regular checks of your child's hair and should you suspect any signs, shampoo with an approved shampoo (your chemist will help you here). This should be done on a regular basis as most shampoos do not provide complete protection for any length of time.

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

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 **DOUBLE** vouchers until 14th August. The more vouchers we collect the more sports gear the school will receive. We already have over **20 000** vouchers, so keep collecting South!

Cookie Dough Orders

Just a reminder to all families who have not yet returned their *Billie G's* cookie dough orders, these need to be returned to the school by tomorrow, **Thursday 9th August** at the absolute latest.

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 over **30 000** points! Keep collecting South!

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

Thank you for your support!



National Tree Day

On Friday 28th, Muswellbrook South participated in National Tree Day. In classrooms, students and children completed activities and had discussions about the importance of trees in our world. We also had a section in the assembly about trees and presentation of artwork. During the assembly, the ladies from the **Lioness Club** donated a tree which Mr Cooper planted at the front of the school.



Congratulations to the students who have already completed the Challenge. Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes on **Friday 24th August**. Please contact me if your child has lost their Student Record Sheet or if your child needs to borrow more books to complete the Challenge.

Anne Solman

Teacher Librarian

On 24th July, I was one of the of lucky people that was chosen to go to the Hunter Primary GATS Camp at Morriset for 4 days. They had a lot of different activities and games such as the flying fox, high ropes, rock climbing and the giant swing. Out of all of them, the Giant Swing and the High Ropes were my favourites, even though the harness did hurt a little! In between all that fun, we got to do our elective. Mine was Literacy, including Drama. We had 6 sessions, 3 for Literacy, which in that time we played small games where you had to express your inner self and write a script, and the other 3 sessions were for Drama. In Drama we got to act out our script and then have it filmed once we memorised it!

I had an awesome time at the GATS camp and met many new friends. I wish I could go again!

C. Watts 5/6C

Debaters Success!

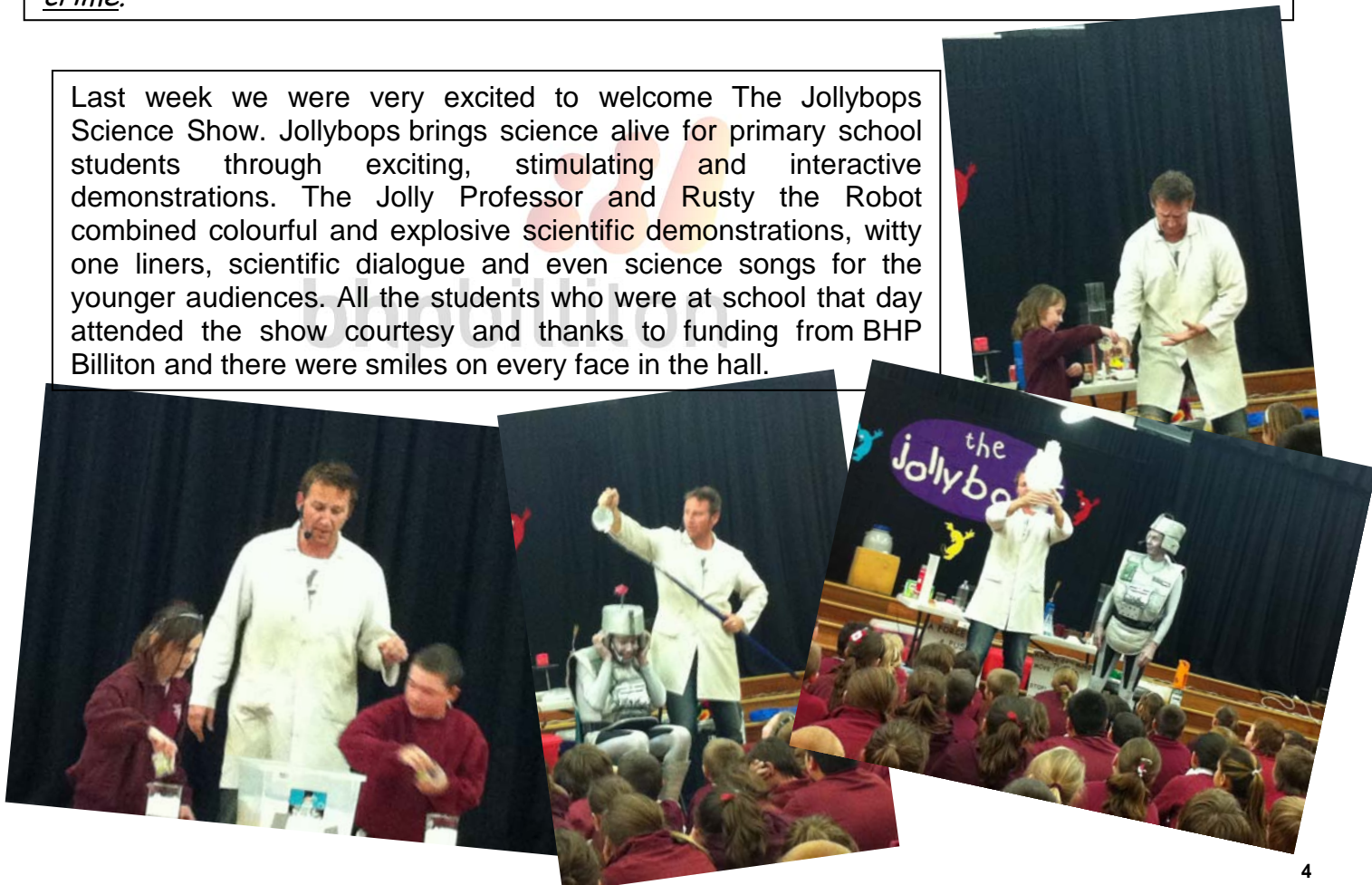
On Thursday the 2nd of August, our team of dedicated debaters debated against Biraban Public School at Muswellbrook South for the third round of the PSP Debating Competition. The team consisted of **Charlotte Perkins** (first speaker), **Zakarias Turnbull** (second speaker), **Hannah Stocker** (third speaker) and **Gracie Alderson** (silent speaker). The topic was 'Computers are the problem, not the solution' and they had to argue the affirmative - that computers are a problem. The team was outstanding in their ability to create a unified argument and did an amazing job listening to the negative team, to coordinate convincing rebuttals.

Muswellbrook South debaters won the debate, but it was very close! Each speaker fulfilled their role superbly, speaking with clarity and confidence. The adjudicator, Mr Turvy, commended the Muswellbrook South debaters on their ability to rebut, their use of persuasive techniques, their capacity to present a clear and consistent line and their ability to stick to the time limit of 4 minutes. Biraban Public School is also to be commended on their excellent preparation for the debate and raising some challenging arguments against Muswellbrook South.

Congratulations to the Muswellbrook South Debating Team for all of their hard work - it truly paid off! Thank you to the staff who helped with the preparation of the debate on the day.

We wish the debaters good luck for the next debate against The Entrance Public School debating team, with the topic: "That parents need to be responsible for their children's crime."

Last week we were very excited to welcome The Jollybops Science Show. Jollybops brings science alive for primary school students through exciting, stimulating and interactive demonstrations. The Jolly Professor and Rusty the Robot combined colourful and explosive scientific demonstrations, witty one liners, scientific dialogue and even science songs for the younger audiences. All the students who were at school that day attended the show courtesy and thanks to funding from BHP Billiton and there were smiles on every face in the hall.



Book Week and Infants Fun Day 2012

Double the Fun!

A change has been made to the Book Week Programme. We have decided to combine the Infants Fun Day for K-2 students with the Mini Olympic activities for Years 3-6 on **Wednesday 22nd August**. This change has been made because of the Swim Survive Programme that will be running on Fridays.

Book Week runs from Monday August 20th – Friday August 24th. The theme this year is **Champions Read** which ties in with the Olympic Games currently being held in London. Each class will represent a country that is participating in the Olympics. The following is a list of all the classes, with the country and colours that the children will come dressed in on the day.

KW – Mexico	Green, White, Red	KS – France	Blue, Red, White
KD – Kenya	Black, Red, Green	K/1 J – Bangladesh	Red, Green
1/2D – Canada	Red, White	1K – Ireland	Green, White, Orange
2M – USA	Red, White, Blue	2C – Cook Islands	Blue, Red, White
3E – Germany	Black, Red, Yellow	3/4M – Jamaica	Black, Green Yellow
3/4S – Italy	Green, White, Red	4/5B – Fiji	Light Blue, White
5S – China	Red, Yellow	5/6C – New Zealand	Black, White
6M – Marshall Islands	Blue, Orange, White	SJ & SI – Great Britain	Blue, Red, White
SA – Australia	Green, Gold		

The programme for the day will start at 9.45 a.m. with an Opening Ceremony Parade where the children will wear comfortable clothing in their country's colours e.g. shorts, T-shirts, tracksuits and joggers. Most importantly all children must wear a hat (school hat or coloured hat) on the day.

Following the Opening Ceremony K-2 children will be involved in running and novelty races up until 1st Break. Children will participate in the races according to their Grade (not age). Ribbons will be given out. All children will receive a ribbon.

While K-2 students are participating in their races – students in Years 3-6 will be involved in a rotation of sporting activities. Students in K-2 will also be involved in the fun activities after 1st Break. All children will complete their rotation of activities by the beginning of 2nd Break.

The afternoon will see the awarding of medals to all classes from K-6 in the Hall and should conclude around 2.45p.m.

There will also be a **Book Fair** operating on the **Wednesday** starting at **8.30 am** and ending at **4.00 p.m.** The Book Fair will not operate while the sporting activities are taking place.

Anne Solman
Teacher Librarian



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**



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!
22 August	Book Week Mini Olympics and Infants Fun Day
24 August	Premier Reading Challenge Closing Day
18 September	Second Kinder Information Night
11 & 12 October	Stage 2 Excursion.
16 October – 20 November	Kindergarten 2013 Transition Program 9:30 – 11:15am
2 November	School Fete

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Healthy Habits

Ideas to get your family moving

- *Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or Frisbee.
- *Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use a garden hose as a tight-rope, chairs to climb under etc.
- * Encourage your child to play outside as often as possible. Play along when you can.
- * Be a good role model, be active when you're with your children.
- * Include games and walks in family outings.
- * Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.

Muswellbrook Touch Football Association.

The Muswellbrook Junior Touch season starts on **Monday 10th September.**

Registration days at Olympic Park as follows at:
Wednesday 22nd, 29th August 4-6pm
Saturday 25th Aug, 1st Sept – 10am-2pm

Divisions for boys and girls – 6 and under, 7-8years, 9-10years, 11-12years, 13-15years and under 18s.

Age taken as at 31st December. 2012

Individuals needing team placement should register ASAP, first afternoon if possible.

Players interested in representing Muswellbrook in the **Junior State Cup** next Feb. must register on or by *1 September.*

Ladies and mixed comps start *Monday 3rd Sept.*
 Mens comps start *Wednesday 12 Sept.* Team nomination forms available from Fine and Dandy in Muswellbrook Arcade.

Ladies/Juniours/Mixed info **6543 2477 or 0411 278 244**

Mens info **6542 5071**