

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Five Term Three

STOP PRESS: SwimSafe this Friday!

This week's PBL focus: *Being Respectful and Responsible – accepting what your teachers ask you to do.*

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

Our school uniform looks amazing and it is great to hear so many community members comment on the way our uniform demonstrates who we are and where we come from. We are very fortunate to have a uniform shop that supplies quality products with an affordable price point. Our new school polo shirt and girls winter tunic has been a hit!

Purchasing items from our uniform shop, cycles dollars back via the P&C into the school for our children. The money the uniform shop raises supports activities such as excursions, or purchasing art and craft supplies. Please continue to purchase our school items from our school uniform shop, as alternative items aren't assisting our school and are not always of a superior quality, product or price point.

On Thursday 30th August the school will be holding our Blokes BBQ. This BBQ celebrates male role models in our children's lives. The morning will begin at 7.30am. Staff will cook a yummy breakfast, tea and coffee will also be served. Children and their 'Blokes' will participate in various activities. So mark this on your calendar, get the morning off. We look forward to seeing all Dads, Step dads, Pops, Uncles, older brothers or a male role model for your family to enjoy a great school community morning!

Congratulations to our schools Public Speaking team, who competed at the zone competition last Friday at Singleton. Our team consisted **T. Watson, C. Watts, K. Hall, T. Pereira, I. Hall and J. Watson**. I believe the students entertained and were a credit to our school. Big congratulations to Ty who received a highly commended for his excellent articulation and theme for his speech.

Wollombi Camp has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 4th September.

Yours in education,

Rebecca Langdon

Please come and watch the talented students from **3E** present their class item at this Friday's assembly at **9:45am**.

Remember, due to our new Swimsafe program, Friday assembly will now be held at **9:45am – 10:20am** in the hall.
We look forward to seeing you there!

KINDER 2013

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.

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 Miss Cook

ES1 – K. Fidler, A. Roberts

Stage 1 – J. Carroll-Shuttleworth,
A. Dunbar

Stage 2 – R. Metezo, M. Campbell

Stage 3 – T. Chapple

Save the Date!

We have some very exciting events happening in the next few weeks at South!

In the **first Week of September** some fantastic South teachers will be holding some technology sessions to show you how we use the technology to help your kids learn!

Friday 30th September is the Blokes BBQ. Kids bring your Dad, Step-Dad, Uncle, Pop, Big Brother or another 'Bloke' for a morning of fun and games

APPROPRIATE DRESS

It has been brought to the school's attention that some members of the school community are coming to school inappropriately dressed. Please be mindful that we are a school!

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.

Keep bringing in your Sports for School vouchers! We are still collecting and counting vouchers until next **Friday, 24th August!**

Ocsober

You can help Healthy Harold and Life Education educate our kids about the effects of drugs and alcohol simply by cutting out alcohol during October. The money raised for Ocsober in the Upper Hunter helps local Upper Hunter Schools continue to receive the Life Education program. Register online today, challenge yourself and make a difference www.ocsober.com.au



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Don't forget to bring in your Woolworths stickers! We are still collecting stickers and sticker sheets until **Friday 24th August!**

URGENT REMINDER

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

CWA Visit

Every year the CWA (Country Women's Association) have a country that they focus on. This year the country of study for 2012 was Timor- Leste. Class's 5/6C and 6M made posters about Timor- Leste last term and these posters were then judged this week as part of a poster competition run by the CWA ladies. On Monday August 13th at the CWA hall the two students pictured, **Cassidy Watts** and **Zaine Stewart** were chosen to give a speech about Timor-Leste. Cassidy gave a general speech about the country and Zaine spoke about the various AID funds that give their time and money to help this country. Mr Geale, the guest speaker, who is a member of the Nelson Bay Rotary, informed us about his time spent there recently. It was very interesting to hear firsthand about the problems that the Timor- Leste people encounter every day. I was very proud of both students who represented our school and they showed the wider community that we have very responsible and respectable students at Muswellbrook South Public School.

Anne Solman- Teacher Librarian

KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE 1 FUN DAY



The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Fun Day will be held in conjunction with the Book Week Mini Olympics activities on **Wednesday 22nd August** on the school oval.

The children are to arrive at school at the normal time of 9.25 a.m. to allow teachers time to mark the roll. The program for the day will commence at 9.45 with an Opening Ceremony Parade. Children are to come to school dressed in comfortable clothing in the colours of the country they will be representing.

Following the Opening Ceremony, children from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be involved in running and novelty races up until 1st Break. The children will compete in the races according to their Grade (not age). Ribbons will be awarded in each heat and all students will receive a ribbon. We ask that you provide your child with a **safety pin** on the day so that they can display their ribbons on their T-shirt.

At the end of first break students from K-2 will be involved in a rotation of fun activities in their class group. The classes 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 2.45 p.m. Parents are invited to attend to watch the races and games and join their child for lunch and then afternoon tea after the activities and to watch the Awards Ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE -The children are to wear suitable clothes (Tshirts, shorts, track pants etc) to suit the weather conditions on the day and to wear joggers to run in (no bare feet allowed). Children should also bring sunscreen, a safety pin and a drink bottle containing water and labelled with their name.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A HAT (SCHOOL HAT OR COLOURED HAT) ON THE DAY.

C. Avery (Fun Day coordinator)

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**

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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!
21 August	P & C Meeting, 2pm at the school
22 August	Book Week Mini Olympics and Infants Fun Day and Book Fair
24 August	Premier Reading Challenge Closing Day
30 August	Blokes BBQ, 7:30am
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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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

Vegetable Tips for Snacks

- * Include vegetable slices with cheese and crackers.
- * Top English muffins with chopped tomato, capsicum and ham, sprinkle with grated reduced-fat cheese and heat in the oven or grill.
- * Serve vegetable sticks with salsa.
- * Vegetable based soup makes a great snack on cold afternoons.
- * Cook two minute noodles and mix with grated zucchini and chopped tomatoes and top with grated reduced-fat cheese.



MATS Muswellbrook Amateur Theatrical Society Inc.
 Together With **Macquarie Generation** Presents

Muswellbrook Shire Concert Band

THE MUSICAL
Oliver!
 Book, Music & Lyrics by **Lionel Bart**

Muswellbrook District Workers Club

Thurs 6 Sept 7:30pm	Fri 7 Sept 7:30pm
Sat 8 Sept 7:30pm	Sun 9 Sept 5:00pm
Wed 12 Sept 7:30pm	Fri 14 Sept 7:30pm
Sat 15 Sept 5:00pm	

Tickets \$25ea at the club or Ph: 6543 2011

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