

# Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Seven Term Three

**STOP PRESS:** Blokes BBQ tomorrow, 7am. SwimSafe this Friday

***This week's PBL focus:** Being Respectful and Responsible – understanding why we need to follow teacher directions*

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

Tomorrow morning starting at 7am is our Blokes BBQ. We look forward seeing as many of our schools community Dads, Step dads, Pops, Uncles, older brothers or a male role model from your family to enjoy a great school community morning! Staff will cook a yummy breakfast, tea and coffee will also serve. So MSPS students bring your' Blokes' for a great activity morning.

Good Luck to our schools debating team who will be debating against The Entrance Public School on Friday. I am sure **Miss Shackleton** has been training you very hard for this competition. Good Luck team.

The school has been informed that **Mrs Jenkins** will be remaining as relieving Principal of Ellerston PS till the end of the year. With this situation, **Mrs Gorrie** will remain on K/1 and **Mr Kerrigan** will be relieving Assistant Principal.

Unfortunately, **Miss Cook** has severely damaged her Achilles heel whilst participating in sporting activities last week. She has had her heel operated on and at this stage will be out of action for the next 8 weeks. We welcome **Miss Heir** to our school and 2C whilst **Miss Cook** is off class. **Miss Macmillan** will be relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3.

It has been great to see so many students receiving their PBL certificates and badges. Keep up the great work of being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS** Muswellbrook South!

Yours in education,  
*Rebecca Langdon*

## 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<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ATTENDANCE

We have had a lot of absences this winter and we would really like for our attendance to improve between now and the end of term. I have been tracking the attendance and **Kindergarten** is the grade with the highest attendance rate with an average of **80.3 %**. That means that all other years are below that rate. Teachers have and will be continuing to send letters home asking for explanations for unexplained absences. Notes are required to be sent into school within 7 days of a student being absent. Over the next couple of weeks I will be looking closely at partial absences due to the high rate of children turning up to school late.

*Mr Russell*



This year the P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall where your child can purchase a gift for dad.

The cost of the gifts will range from **\$2 - \$7** as well as **50c** gift cards.

The stall will be held on **Thursday 30th August, 2012**. The children will be brought to the stall by their classroom teacher throughout the day.



Next **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September**, Mrs Rayner, Miss Shackleton and Miss Brown will be holding an information session in the **Library** for parents to demonstrate how we use information technology to enhance your children's Literacy and Numeracy Education. Afternoon tea will be served and you are more than welcome to get involved and try out the Interactive Whiteboard. The session runs from **4-5pm next Wednesday**. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to the following students who had 'Cup Cake' time with Mr Russell!

**ES1** – M. Roberts, M. Robinson

**Stage 1** – L. Forbes, C. Roe

**Stage 2** – C. Harvey, G. Hutchings

**Stage 3** – K. Verduci, T. Anderson

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

**WOLLOMBI CAMP** has been rescheduled again for **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. A note will be sent home for students attending soon. Please keep your fingers crossed that it doesn't rain and we don't have to postpone yet again!

### Top 5 FACEBOOK TIPS

1. Facebook users must be 13 years and over.
2. Make sure you set your Facebook to **private**. Click on the arrow near the home section > click on privacy settings > Control Your Default Privacy > click **friends** for all options.
3. Once you upload a photo they are there forever - Facebook save your photos six (6) times.
4. Don't friend someone on Facebook that you have never met.
5. Be careful what you post on Facebook as it can be misinterpreted.

### 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

## Song Room Parent Sharing Day

Parents of children in Kindergarten and Year One are invited to share in a Song Room class on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Come and see what your child has learnt about music so far, and have fun making a musical instrument.

Classes are 30minutes long.

1K – 10:45am

K/1J – 12:05pm

KD – 12:45pm

KS – 2:10pm

KW – 2:40pm

## Regional Athletics Carnival

Congratulations and Good Luck to **S. Tisdell** and **M. Garland-Boney** on making it through to the Regional Athletics Carnival. The girls will be competing this **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August** in Newcastle.

MSPS staff and students wish them all the best for the day.

*Sarah Milton*

The last 2 weeks have been big for **TOUCH FOOTBALL** at MSPS. In week 5, both the rep sides had a scheduled home game against Scone PS, however the girls won by forfeit, therefore going on to the next round of the PSSA competition. The boys, led by Mr Russell, took the field, supported by several classes of cheering fans. They played a fantastic game and had many high moments of sprints to the line and diving taps, but unfortunately they went down 11-4, a score line that doesn't reflect the effort and skill they displayed. Last Friday, I had the pleasure of taking the girls rep squad in the school bus to Maitland Park to play their game against Hinton PS. The girls were very excited and played very well as a team, they displayed great sportsmanship, communication and support but unfortunately went down 7-4. Well done to all the boys and girls who competed, you did MSPS proud!

*Miss McMillan*



## What's Happening at Hunter Park Family Centre

**Monday**, 3.00pm to 4.30pm – Art at Hunter Park. This on every second Monday afternoon.

**Tuesday**, 9.30am to 12.30pm – Compass Housing. Compass is at HPFC for all of tenants of the area to come and see.

**Wednesday**, 9.00am to 3.00pm - Awabakal Nurse Practitioner.

The nurse is here to see adults who want medical advice. Nurse is able to refer to a specialist and supply CTG Scripts.

**Wednesday**, 1.00pm to 3.00pm – Afternoon Tea/Storytime.

Come along and enjoy a range of activities and meet other people while your children enjoy storytime.

**Thursday**, 9.30am to 11.30am – Child & Family Nurse. The nurse is here to answer questions about your child's health and well-being from newborn to school age. No appointment needed.

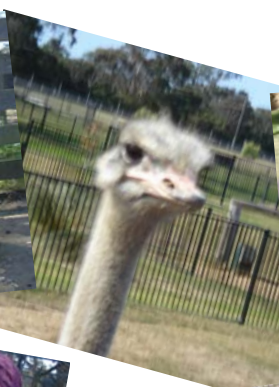
Hunter Park Family Centre is at, 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook. HPFC offers services like parenting classes, school holiday fun and referrals to other services. For more information, please call Janelle on 65433566. Family InSight is also located in this Centre and Anne can be contacted on 65413000.



## THANK YOU FOR MAKING FUN DAY A SUCCESS!

Kindergarten and Stage 1 students had a great day at the Book Week Mini Olympics and Infants Fun Day. The weather was perfect and we had a wonderful turn out of parents, grandparents and friends who came to watch the children. Congratulations to all of the students who participated keenly in the races and activities. A special thank you goes to the wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the day with marshalling and pinning on ribbons. We could not make the day such a success without your help. Thank you also to the parents who came along to watch and cheer on the children.

*C. Avery*



## *Our Trip to the Zoo*

Last Thursday, Kindergarten children and their teachers had a fun day out at Hunter Valley Zoo.

"We saw snakes, lizards, birds, an ostrich and lots of monkeys. We got to pat a baby lizard, a baby kangaroo and a wombat! We had our photo taken with a koala. He was smiling lots so I think he liked having his photo taken.

We had a really fun day, but we were all so tired that some people fell asleep on the bus home!" **M. Pollard, KS**



## 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>30 August</b>	Blokes BBQ, 7:00am
<b>30 August</b>	Debate against The Entrance Public School
<b>30 August</b>	Father's Day Stall
<b>4 September</b>	Wollombi Camp
<b>5 September</b>	Technology and Education Parent Session in the Library, 4-5pm
<b>18 September</b>	Second Kinder Information Night
<b>11 &amp; 12 October</b>	Stage 2 Excursion.
<b>16 October – 20 November</b>	Kindergarten 2013 Transition Program 9:30 – 11:15am
<b>2 November</b>	School Fete

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# Healthy Habits

## Environmentally friendly snack foods

Fresh fruit and vegetable pieces are a quick and easy snack food. Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, pieces of melon, grapes or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick and easy snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus they taste delicious!



Thanks to everyone who donated to yesterday's Black Coal Cup Day. Your funds will help the Westpac Rescue Helicopter continue to help people in our area when they are in need. Some of our students had a great time there yesterday, meeting the helicopter pilot and members of the Newcastle Knights team!