

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Eight Term Three

STOP PRESS: 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

This afternoon **Miss Brown** and **Miss Shackleton** will be presenting activities and information in regards to technology in our students' lives. This session will from 4 – 5pm, located in the library. All welcome.

Next *Tuesday 11th September*, **Mr Russell** will be demonstrating maths skills and maths terminology for all parents and carers of students in Years 3-6 to understand any foreign language and maths skills your children are bringing home. This will be a fun and enlightening experience for all. The session time is 4-5pm, *in the library*.

When children exhibit inappropriate behaviours at school, there will be consequences depending on the severity of the issues.

However, sometimes it takes a while to complete an investigation to ensure an informed decision can be made. I am very proud of my executive staff, who follow up all problems, despite each one often taking hours. Sometimes an investigation will come up with an answer that was not obvious in the first place. These investigations have to be conducted out of class time. So it is disappointing when parents become angry because the answer was not found immediately, or that they were not informed personally of a smaller issue, or that they

believe they have better information than the staff who investigated the incident ... the list goes on.

By all means ask questions, but please realise that staff gain nothing from an ill-informed decision or a poorly-conducted process. They are professionals who treat their role as such.

Please remember that at Muswellbrook South we are an inclusive, fair and equitable school.

Well, the students finally made it to Wollombi Camp – Ngurra Bu. I believe it was a great day, with the sharing of Aboriginal culture, knowledge and history. A wonderful day of friendship.

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 31st 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.

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

ES1 – L. Phillips, M. Robinson

Stage 1 – E. Cielo, M. Johnson

Stage 2 – H. George, B. Heard

Stage 3 – R. Squires, A. Perkins

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

BOOKS WANTED

To help celebrate Literacy Week and to encourage reading across our school, we are having a free book stall at school, in week 10, *Thursday 20th September*. All students will be able to take home a free book.

We are seeking children's books from you that you no longer need and are happy to donate to the school. We ask that the books be in good order.

Please send any donated books to the office. We thank you for your support

Karen Rayner – co-ordinator.

Parent Information session

There will be an information session for parents of **Stage 2 & 3 students (Year 3 – 6)** on strategies used in teaching number in maths and how to help your child at home.

When: Tuesday 11th September

Where: School Library

Time: 4.00 – 5.00

Afternoon tea will be provided. Hope to see you there.

REMINDER!

ALL Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion money is due into school **this Friday, 7th September!** Further information about the camp will be sent home next week.

Thank you

Mrs Mooring

Song Room Parent Sharing Day

Parents of children in Kindergarten and Year One are invited to share in a Song Room class on **Thursday 13th 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

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

BLOKES BBQ

Very early last Thursday morning, South students and their accompanying 'blokes' descended on the top oval for delicious bacon and egg rolls and a morning of fun and games together in celebration of Father's Day!

Mr Kerrigan, Mr Cox, Mr Wild and **Mr Neal** cooked up a storm on the BBQ while **Miss Brown, Mrs Reading** and **Mr Bellamy** got the bread rolls ready to go. **Miss Macmillan** and **Mrs Gorrie** did a great job putting everyone's rolls together!

Once breakfast was finished, the fun *really* began! **Mr Bayliss** kept score at the target competition and there were balls flying all over the place as students and their 'blokes' kicked the footy around, had a game of catch and even went head to head at table tennis.

A great morning was had by all!

Thanks to all the 'blokes' who made the effort to get up early for work or stay up after a late night shift. We loved seeing you all have fun with your kids and they enjoyed spending the morning with you too.



I liked the BBQ because I got to play sports with dad and show him around the school and introduce the teachers. **K. Thompson 3E**

When me and dad were at the BBQ, he helped m on the big kids flying fox. I enjoyed spending time with dad. **A. Cowdery KW**

I played table tennis against dad and we kicked the footy around too. I'm glad I went, it was fun. **C. Harvey 5S**

Dad and I played games and kicked the footy around with Lachlan and Jayden. Pop came too, he watched us play. **D. Jones 1K**

I liked the Blokes BBQ because I got to hang out with my dad and I don't normally get to for very long. **M. Datson 3E**

On Thursday the 30th of August, our team of dedicated debaters travelled to The Entrance Public School to participate in the Semi-Finals of the PSP Debating Competition. The team consisted of **Rhylie Pereira** (first speaker), **Cassidy Watts** (second speaker), **Gracie Alderson** (third speaker) and **Charlotte Perkins** (silent speaker). The topic was 'Parents Should Be Responsible For Their Children's Crimes' and they had to argue the negative - that parents shouldn't be responsible. The team was outstanding in their ability to work together to create a unified argument and coordinate convincing rebuttals. Each speaker of MSPS fulfilled their role superbly, speaking with confidence. The adjudicator commended the MSPS debaters on their rebuttal arguments, their use of persuasive techniques and their capacity to present a clear and consistent line.

It was a tough debate with both sides demonstrating convincing arguments - but there can only be one winner. The Entrance debaters won the debate. We would like to congratulate The Entrance Public School on their win as they are now in the finals against Windale Public School.

I would like to congratulate the MSPS Debating Team, including **Zakarias Turnbull** and **Hannah Stocker**, for their hard work which has allowed them to come so far in the competition! Be proud of yourselves, because we are!



Miss Shackleton

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...SA!

This term SA are cooking every Tuesday as part of our Life Skills Program. We have cooked pizza, curried sausages, scrambled eggs, beef in black bean sauce and apple crumble.

We all have jobs to do such as peeling, chopping, stirring, setting the table and washing up. We like eating the best and some of us have found we really do like trying different foods we wouldn't normally eat.

Mrs Whalan



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...WARRAG WANNI

The children have been preparing the pots for some new vegetables.

The children loved wearing gloves to fill the buckets with soil and pour it into our big pots, ready to plant some cherry tomatoes, capsicums and carrots.

We can't wait to taste them! We may even plant some lettuce so we can make a salad!

A. Moore, Jeanine & Donna



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!
5 September	Technology and Education Parent Session in the Library, 4-5pm
11 September	Parent Information Session – Numeracy, Library, 4-5pm
18 September	Second Kinder Information Night
20 September	Free Book Stall at school
8 October	Students return for Term 4
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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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.