

Muswellbrook South Public School

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

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Week Nine Term Three

STOP PRESS: Kindergarten Information Night next Tuesday, 18th Sept.
School Disco next Tuesday, 18th September. No playgroup next week!

This week's PBL focus: Learning to complete a task in class and having persistence when something challenging occurs.

Dear Parents and Carers of Muswellbrook South PS

Next Tuesday will see our schools P&C meet at 2pm. These meetings are well run and are extremely informative for any parent or carer who may be interested in what is occurring at school, or there may be an issue that you would like discussed or investigated.

P&C meetings gives our parents a voice about any issue that may be concerning you and gives you a voice within the school. Meetings normally finish around 3.15pm and are held in Heritage Hall.

We are now in week 9 with many activities planned for the end of term. Please remember that we **DO NOT** have a Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) at the beginning of Term 4 and ***all students are required to return to school on Monday 8th October.***

Yesterday afternoon the school held a Numeracy information afternoon for parents and carers. Thank you to those parents who attended. These afternoons are informative sessions where you as a parent and carer have an opportunity to learn the language and processes of numeracy techniques that occur in the classroom. Thank you **Mr Russell** for such an informative afternoon.

The last week of Term 3 is not too far away. Next week we will celebrate various students achievements related to our schools Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Next Thursday, I will be taking a group of "Pebble People" out for lunch. I look forward to this acknowledgement of student's consistent display of being a Safe, Responsible and Respectful learner of Muswellbrook South

All students need to be reminded that even though it's coming to the end of term expectations for our student's behaviour, uniform and classroom work remains high.

Yours in education,
Rebecca Langdon

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

ES1 – S. Porthouse, A. Cowdery

Stage 1 – L. Gothard, L. Matthews

Stage 2 – S. Canning, B. Hodges

Stage 3 – G. Alderson, R. Squires

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.

Please come and watch the talented students from **4/5B** present their class item at this Friday's assembly at **9:45am**.

Scarecrows Needed

Our school veggie patch 'Lettuce out' is requiring **2 scarecrow structures**. Our spring and summer crops are planted and we need to keep the birds off the crops. If there is someone in our community that wouldn't mind constructing either one or two we would be very grateful. Please contact either myself or Mrs Holz.

Kinder 2013 Information Night

Next Tuesday 18th Sept the school will be holding a second information night. This will be a follow on from the previous one we had a month ago. We will be discussing different information from the previous night. All welcome and supper will be provided. This session will begin at 6pm till 7pm in the school library.

We are in **Magpie season** and around our streets we have a few birds swooping people. Can I please advise all parents to remind their children to wear their school hats and if possible sunglasses to protect themselves from the birds whilst walking to and from school. Magpies are a protected species and being 'Magpie Aware' is the best action we can do around our school.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that as part of school uniform policy our school uniform is required to be worn. That applies to wearing our school hat/caps, black school shoes (Mon- Thurs) and white joggers (little bit of colour is accepted). In Term 4, our schools summer uniform is required to be worn. Students need to remember to bring their own school hat from home now that the weather is warming up again.

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.

Song Room Parent Sharing Day

Reminder for Kinder and Year One parents, Song Room sharing day is **TOMORROW!**

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

WOOLWORTHS GARN AND LEARN PROMOTION

Our sticker cards have been counted and sent away. We collected **1,593** completed sticker cards which equated to **47,790 points**. Once our completed sticker cards are validated we will be ordering some great resources from the Modern Teaching Aids catalogue. Considering we collected less than 10,000 points last year this is a brilliant result.

Well done Muswellbrook South and the whole South community.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

All vouchers have now been counted by the school and we collected **66,292 Coles vouchers!!!!** What a fantastic effort Muswellbrook South.

The vouchers have now been sent away to be counted/confirmed and then we get to choose items from the Coles Sports for Schools catalogue.

Our new sports goods will arrive early 2013.

Times Tables Challenge.

Next week, stage 2 and 3 students will be facing off against one another in the final rounds of a Times Tables Challenge! Class finalists have been chosen and the students are ready to go! Families are invited to support their children at this event.

Years 3 & 4 will compete on **Tuesday 18th September** and Years 5 & 6 will compete on **Wednesday 19th September**. Competition will take place in the **hall** during the middle session, starting at approx. **12:15pm**.

Finalists will compete in up to four knock out rounds of increasing difficulty until we have 1 champion from each year group.

Finalists will have just 15 seconds to give their answer!

The top 3 finalists will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Please note,

Homework Centre

is finished for this term. It will recommence in **Week 2, Term 4**.

The blood service

has been at Muswellbrook this week! If you have not yet donated, the bus will still be here tomorrow. You can donate at the **PCYC** at the following times:
Wednesday 12th September
 – 1:30-7pm
Thursday 13th September –
 9am – 3pm

Dust off your dancing shoes again South, it's time for another

DISCO!!

Next **Tuesday, 18th September** our school hall will be transformed into one big dance floor!

Kinder – Year 2, come and boogie down between **5:00 – 6:00pm**.

Years 3 – 6, come and strut your stuff between **6:15 – 7:30pm**.

There will be an entry cost of **\$5** which includes a drink and a snack to keep you dancing the night away.

We look forward to seeing you next week!



Wollombi Camp

It was a brisk morning when the bus pulled out of Osbourne Ave. After 3 failed attempts, the day had finally come for Muswellbrook South to head to Wollombi.

The first challenge of the day was navigating our way to the camp. The long driveway included several hills and a stream. After successfully conquering the approach we were greeted warmly by John and Adam. Adam told us that there were two rules while at Wollombi; **have respect and have fun!** We were in for a great day.

We broke into two groups. John showed us some of his artefacts and traditional tools and weapons, most of which are used for dancing. Adam took one group on a tour to some ancient caves. On the way he told us about some of the local tree species and what they could be used for, everything from food to fire and fibre. All the time with a focus on sustainability and regeneration of mother earth. Then the children saw two caves; the family cave and the fathers cave. The significance of the different coloured ochre hand sprayings were explained and then children sat in silence and connected with the spirits and the sites. Finally it was time to spray our own hand with ochre. The children lined up time and time again to perfect the art- Miss Marshall especially keen to show off her skills.

Inspired by making their mark, the children participated enthusiastically in traditional dance, lead by John and Adam, who afterwards, remarked on the great behaviour and attitude of all the students from Muswellbrook South.

Our time in Wollombi had come to an end but it had certainly made its mark on us. The respect shown to our students by John and Adam to teach us so humbly about their culture was paid back in full by our students. It was a pleasure to be a part of our trip to Wollombi.



We had a lot of fun learning to dance with Adam. I got to paint Mr Russell's face and I put my hand print on a skinny log with ochre that I put in my mouth.

S. Tommerup 3E

At the end we had to swallow ochre and spit it back up to make our hand print. It was a bit gross.

D. Holmes SJ

We painted our hands by spitting on them. I got to paint my brother's face. It was a fun day.

C. Rostirolla KS

We did Aboriginal Dancing with Adam. We danced like the emu. It was a great day.

R. Squires SA

I painted Lamar's face with ochre. It was tricky because he kept moving. It was a good day.

C. Kelman 4/5B

We sat in the cave and said hello to the spirits. We made handprints with ochre. It was a fun day.

B. Archbold 3/4M

C. Avery

Bookings are essential before Sunday 30th September!

*Mrs
Standen*



3. Hines



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!
18 September	Second Kinder Information Night
18 September	School Disco, K-2 - 5-6pm, Years 3-6 – 6:15-7:30pm
20 September	PBL Celebration Lunch with Mrs Langdon
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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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

Did You Know?

Red plant foods, like tomatoes and watermelon contain lycopene, which is thought to reduce the risk of some cancers and heart disease.

Green vegetables including spinach, cabbage and broccoli contain lutein and zeaxanthin, which can protect against certain eye disease.

Blue and **purple** foods like eggplant and blueberries contain anthocyanins, which protect against cancers.

Are you a Parent/Carer of a Child with a Disability or Chronic Illness?

You are Invited to attend a Transition Workshop!

This is a planning workshop for Parents/Carers of children with a disability or chronic illness moving from paediatric to adult health services & high school to further education, training & work.

Topics include:

- The Value & Role of Parents
- From Paediatric to Adult Health
- Moving to Training, Education & Employment
- Guardianship, legal & financial matters
- Post school Programs



ALSO ENJOY:

**** Free Carer Resource Material **** Networking with other Carers
 **** Morning Tea & Light Lunch

When: Tuesday 18 September 2012
Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm (Registration from 9.15am)
Where: Mayfield Diggers
 58 Hanbury Street Mayfield
Cost: \$15.00 - Includes Morning Tea & Lunch
RSVP: RSVP & payment (see below) required by Thursday 13 September 2012
Seating is Limited so don't delay!
Contact: EDuCARE Carer Support Service on 49 214895 or email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

RESPIRE MAY BE AVAILABLE by contacting Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222