

Muswellbrook South Public School

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Week Ten Term Three

STOP PRESS: Happy Holidays – Student's return Monday 8th October

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

Thank-you to the wonderful families we have here at school – those who recognise (and verbalise) what a wonderful job the staff at MSPS do to educate and protect your children, those who realise that staff have high levels of up-to-date and appropriate training which ensures they are able to do their job, those who realise that a child may sometimes “colour” or embellish the truth, those who acknowledge that the school may need to make decisions (often quickly) which do not suit everyone, those who realise that staff are not just sitting around waiting to return urgent phone calls at someone's request and those who realise children must be responsible for their own behaviour, both good and bad. Your support does not go unnoticed.

The NAPLAN Reports will be distributed to parents/carers this week. Please come in and sign for your child's NAPLAN report, or inform the school of other arrangements for pick up. Please take the time to go over the reports with your son or daughter. The information contained in the report is very comprehensive and will provide you with sufficient detail to identify areas where your child would need to concentrate his or her efforts. Remember though that this is only one piece of data and is the result of a test undertaken approximately five months ago. It must also be considered alongside any other achievement data

you have access to, such as the first semester report. Generally speaking we are quite pleased with the results. If you have any specific queries about your child's results, please contact the school to arrange an interview with your stage supervisor or your teacher to discuss the results.

Tomorrow we will celebrate various students achievements related to our schools Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). 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.

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.***

Have a great holiday break and we will see everyone back in **Term 4 on Monday 8th Oct.**

Yours in education,

Rebecca Langdon

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

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.

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.

Think your child may be Aboriginal?

As families begin tracing their heritage lines because of a greater understanding of The Stolen Generations, we are often asked about the paperwork required to prove identity. This is not necessary. **Identifying as Aboriginal at a school is about affirmation not confirmation.**

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

ES1 – M. Roberts, M. Sullivan

Stage 1 – A. Mell, L. Matthews

Stage 2 – C. Legg, D. Johnson

Stage 3 – K. Canning, J. Dunbar



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.

Premier's Spelling Bee

A huge congratulations to **M. Newman, K. Hyde, C. Harvey** and **T. Watson** who made it to the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. They competed earlier today at King Street Public School in Singleton. 2012

FINAL REMINDER!

All outstanding Dubbo excursion money must be paid by **TOMORROW Thursday 20th September.**

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

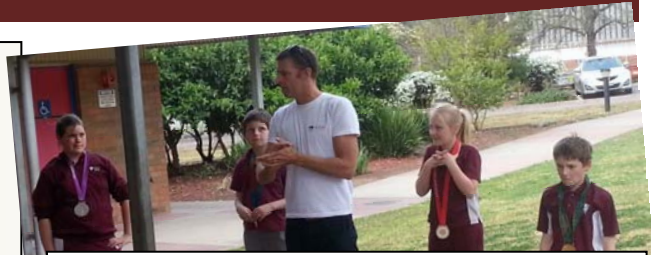
Four Time Olympian Visits South!

On Monday, Years 3-6 were lucky enough to have **Drew Ginns**, Olympic Rowing superstar visit South to share his story.

He spoke about how important teamwork is to his sport and how perseverance and goal setting helped him compete at the Olympics in Atlanta 1996, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012.

He brought along his 3 Gold and 1 Silver medal which some lucky students got to wear and pass around for everyone to see.

Everyone had sore legs after Drew got them squatting up and down as if they were rowing a boat!



It was awesome holding a gold medal from the Olympic Games. It was kind of heavy and had weird writing on it. I wanted to take it home with me! **J. Wheeler 3/4S**



I was proud to wear a Gold Medal. I showed the other kids and let them touch it carefully. I had to be very responsible. I hope I can get my own medal one day!
Hunter O. SJ



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...4/5B!

We did a play about Cinderella, By Roald Dahl from his Revolting Rhymes book. I had a part in it. I was Ugly Sister number 2 and I really loved it! We had boys wearing dresses and tutu's to play girls and some girls playing boy parts. My favourite part was when the prince chopped off my head and my "head" fell into the crowd, all the Kindy kids erupted in laughter. It was just a ball with a purple wig on it though.

Mr Bellamy made us practise heaps, but we really enjoyed practising and performing for the whole school. I enjoyed it so much, I want to do Little Red Riding Hood next time!

B. Fairley



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...5/6C

We have been doing narrative writing and the narrative I have written is based on the writing skills of Leonie Norrington. I planned my story first which helped me figure out how to orientate my story. I was happy with the complication I wrote and how it was resolved.

T. Watson

School Holidays at Hunter Park Family Centre

Monday, 24/9/12 – 1.30pm to 3.30pm Art Group.

Wednesday, 26/9/12 - 10.30am to 12.30pm Cooking for Kids

Friday, 28/9/12 – 9.45am to 6.00pm, Excursion to Newcastle Museum. Ring HPFC on 65433566 for cost and permission notes for this activity.

Tuesday, 2/10/12 – 12.30pm to 2.30pm, Dancing in the Park

Wednesday, 3/10/12 – 10.30am to 12.30pm, Arts & Crafts

Thursday, 4/10/12 – 10.30am to 12.30pm, Kids in the Kitchen

Friday, 5/10/12 – 10.30am, Child Protection Fun Day – This will be at the Indoor Sports Centre, near the Skate Park.

Hunter Park Family Centre is at, 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook. For more information, please call Janelle on 65433566. Family InSight is also located in this Centre and Anne can be contacted on 65413000.

Muswellbrook Child Care Centre is Turning 30

Come and celebrate with us at our
Family Fun/Open Day

At Muswellbrook Child Care Centre – Outdoor Area
Skellatar Street, Muswellbrook
Saturday 22nd September, 2012, 11-2pm

Rooms will be open from 1-1:30 for families to have a look inside our centre if you are looking for Early Childhood Education.

There will be lots of fun for the kids....

Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Plaster Painting, Sausage Sizzle, Cupcake Stand.....and lots more.

Come along for a lovely Spring day out for the *whole community!*

For more information call us on 6543 4205



MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS (AFL & CRICKET)

Have fun in the sun these school holidays with our multi sport holiday camps for **boys and girls 5-9 years of age**.

All camps are run from **9am-1pm** (2 hours AFL / 2 hours Cricket) at these venues:

Mon. 24th Sept - Newcastle No.4 Sportsground, Newcastle West
Tues. 25th Sept - Maitland Park, Maitland
Thurs. 27th Sept – Cook Park, Singleton
Fri. 28th Sept – Victoria Park, Muswellbrook

The cost of each camp is \$35. Each participant will receive a show bag from both sports.

To register email craig.golledge@aflnswact.com.au or neil.mcdonald@cricketnsw.com.au and leave your child's name, D.O.B. and the venue they will be attending. All children must be registered before the day of the camp. Payment is made at the camp.



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!
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

Boosting the fibre in your child's diet

*Toss small white or kidney beans into tuna or chicken salad.

* Add extra vegetables to soup. Often, kids forget they're eating 'vegetables' when it's part of a soup or stew.

*Toss some of the following ingredients into salads, *kidney or garbanzo beans, chunks of artichoke heart, cherry or grape tomatoes, grated fresh carrot, summer squash and broccoli floweret's.*

* Substitute whole wheat flour in baked goods like muffins, scones or pikelets. Start with partial substitution and gradually add more over time.

2012 October Tennis Camp

Dean Trembath Tennis Coaching are conducting sessions at **Olympic Park Tennis Club** on the following days during the July school holidays:

Tuesday Oct 2nd – coaching

Wednesday Oct 3rd – coaching

Thursday Oct 4th – coaching

Friday Oct 5th – match play and presentation

Coaching runs from **9am – 12pm**

Coaching sessions cost **\$20 per day, or \$60 for the four days.**

If you have any further enquiries please contact Dean on 0414 735 113 or email dkahanut@gmail.com

Bookings are essential before Sunday 30th September!