

# Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 6

Wednesday 21st August 2013

## **This Week's PBL Focus:**

Always follow teacher's instructions

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our students who attended the touch gala day yesterday. Their behaviour and sportsmanship were of a high standard and reflective of our school values.

Over the next few weeks we have many activities happening. The ever popular Book Week Parade will be held this Friday, commencing at 12.30, all parents and family are very welcome to attend. Great books at very reasonable prices can also be purchased at the book fair being held in the library. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August an information night for parents of Kindergarten students for next year will be held at 6.00 in the library.

Our hardworking P&C are conducting a Father's day stall next week. I thank our P&C for providing this service to our students, this is much appreciated.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45 am the school will be holding our Blokes BBQ. Staff will cook a delicious breakfast, tea and coffee will also be served. Children and their 'Blokes' will participate in various activities. So mark this on your calendar. We look forward to seeing all dads, step dads, pops, uncles or male role model for your family enjoy a great school community morning.

All the events happening over the next few weeks take organisation and hard work from small teams of people and I thank them for their help and support.

Yours in Education,  
**Karen Rayner**  
Relieving Principal

## **Touch Gala Day**



Yesterday Mr Cox and I had the privilege of taking 40+ students to Olympic Park for the annual Primary School's Touch Football Gala Day. It was a beautiful sunny Winter's day, the children arrived at school nice and early, ready to have fun and do their best. We had 5 teams participate on the day and all played well as a team and with displayed outstanding sportsmanship.

A massive thank you to all the parents and family who came to support us, especially Cindy, Glen and Rebecca who assisted on the day with coaching and getting teams to their matches on time.



**Miss K McMillan**

## **Assembly**

This Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, we will be having a whole school assembly. All parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to attend. The assembly commences at 9.45am in the hall. The assembly item will be performed by 2/3C. Hall display is by 1B, foyer display by KB.

**Yarn-Up with Rosie Richards**

Come along to Yarn-Up next week on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August in Heritage Hall when Rosie Richards will be visiting. Morning tea will be provided, for more information, please see Jeanine Pascoe.

**Parent Corner**

Simple tips to encourage your child to become a strong reader and a book lover for the rest of their lives.

- **Share a book at home**

Children love to hear a story read aloud. Try reading with different voices, lots of emotion, invented sound effects and funny faces. Change the tone in your voice and vary its loudness or softness. Have fun and enjoy it.

It's a good idea to practise reading before sharing a book. Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures. Try asking your child which parts of the books they found exciting, funny or different.

Give your child the chance to choose a book to read. Try reading to your child and, at other times, ask your child to join in reading the book.

Let your child hear how 'hill' and 'home' start with the same sound or how 'trouble' and 'bubble' rhyme.

- **Research the internet**

When kids use the internet they need skills and knowledge that are different from those found in books and other printed materials. These skills include such things as links, images, icons and searching.

The internet is a wonderful resource for finding things to support your child's literacy development. If you are searching for a good book to read to your child, try entering a publisher or an author's name into a reliable search engine such as [Google](#). Some reliable [publishers](#) include [Scholastic](#), [Penguin](#), [Allen & Unwin](#) and [Pan Macmillan](#). These publishers have their own databases that will allow you to preview recent releases, read sample extracts and covers and read brief overviews. You can also search for books at the [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge](#) or the [Children's Book Council of Australia](#).

**Canteen During Book Week**

This Friday for Book week, the canteen will be operating from 9am to 2:10pm and will offer tea, coffee, mud cake, lamingtons, sausage rolls, meat pies and soft drink for visitors. Adults can order in the morning if they wish.

**Coloured Hair**

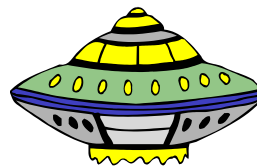
Coloured hair is not considered part of MSPS uniform or for general presentation.

**Collecting students in the afternoon**

It would be appreciated if all parents could wait for their students in the infant's quad area of an afternoon after 3pm.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2014**

If your child turns 5 before 31 July 2014 they are eligible for enrolment. Simply visit or phone school to register your child's name, date of birth and contact details. Our 6 week transition program will commence early Term 4.

**Library News**

This year Book Week runs from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The theme is "Read Across the Universe". I would like to hold a competition reflecting the space theme.

Children and their families are invited to make a "space model" to fit any of the categories below.

1. The Smallest Spacecraft
2. The Biggest Spacecraft
3. The Tallest Spacecraft
4. Best Original Design of a spacecraft (rocket, satellite or UFO) or space station- creative section.
5. Best Replica Design of a spacecraft (rocket, satellite or UFO) or space station
6. Best Representation of Planets.
7. Spaceship of the Future- looking at design and function- could we travel in this to Mars in the future?

There will also be another section for children who wish to draw a spacecraft.

1. Best Original Design
2. Best Replica of a Spacecraft

This project is to be completed at home with the help of your parents or friends. Some materials the children could use are cardboard, coloured paper, paper Mache, wood, crepe paper, Lego, cellophane etc.

Vouchers will be given to the winning students of each section at the Friday assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August. All children who enter this competition will have their names go in a box and three children from each stage – Early Stage One, Stage One, Stage Two and Stage Three will have a chance to win books from the Book Fair which will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Don't forget to attach your name and class to your entry. The competition could be fierce so use family, friends, books and the internet to help you. Entries will be accepted up until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. A voucher worth \$50.00 to be spent at Big W will also be awarded to the overall winner of the Space Project for Book Week 2013. This will be judged by all the teaching staff at Muswellbrook South.

### BOOK PARADE AND BOOK FAIR

There will be a Book Parade on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August starting at 12.30 p.m. and finishing around 1.30 p.m. The theme for BOOK WEEK is **"Read Across the Universe"**. The children can come dressed to reflect the space theme e.g. aliens, astronauts, planets, rockets UFO'S, Star Wars, Star Trek, Superman, Dr Who, Futurama etc. Parents are invited to have a picnic lunch with their children after the Parade. It will be an out of uniform day and children can either wear their costume to school or change for the Parade.

The Book Fair will operate all day from 8.30 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**, only closing while the parade is on. Don't forget there are lots of prizes to be won with our Space Competition - vouchers for the winning students of each section and free books for the lucky students whose name is drawn out on the day.



### Premier Reading Challenge Alert

The N.S.W. Premier Reading Challenge closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Thank you to all those children who have already given me their completed sheets. There are still a lot of children who need to finish. Please come and see me if your child has lost their sheet or if your child needs to borrow more books to complete the challenge.

**Thanking you,  
Anne Solman – Teacher Librarian**

### Canteen News

Thank you from the Canteen for volunteering your time;

Jane Whitehead, Alison Bradstreet, Perri Hedley, Sue Pollard, Odette Edwards, Shellie Stewart, Rebecca Donaldson, Ashleigh Bartholomew, Kevin McTaggart and Melissa Kelman.

#### New Products - (While stock lasts)

Raspberry Water 350ml	\$1.80
Lasagne	\$3.00
Potato Bake	\$3.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.00
Meat Lovers Pizza	\$3.00

Canteen is open Friday break 1 & 2. Please order food to guarantee you won't go hungry

## What's Happening in the Community?

### Australia Red Cross

Mobile Blood Service  
Muswellbrook PCYC  
Carl Street Muswellbrook  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm-7pm  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 9am-3pm  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm-7pm  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9am-3pm  
Every blood donation saves three lives



### "ADDITIVE FREE PANTRY" Workshop

Muswellbrook Pre School is excited to invite you to our "ADDITIVE FREE PANTRY" Workshop. Food is part of everyday life and has major effects on you and your family's health and well-being. Additive-Free Pantry aims to help educate, advice and boost your confidence in the choices you make for your family.

Have you ever wondered/are you interested in.....

- How manufacturers can hide MSG
- Aspartame, what causes and where to find it
- The very misleading 5% loophole
- Marketing and label reading
- What is in canteen/tuckshop foods?
- Additives to avoid
- Understanding natural colours & flavours
- Asthma, ADHD and Autism facts in Australia

If you are interested to find out more, join us on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

6-8pm

At Muswellbrook Pre School

\$10 per person

Please book your seat before 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Contact the Pre School on 65432637

Everyone welcome- families, friends, community etc.

**123 Magic & Emotion Coaching**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am – 2.00pm

Venue: Scone Youth Centre

Susan St, Scone

**Engaging Adolescents**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am – 2.00pm

Venue: QEII Building

CNR Market & Bridge St's Muswellbrook

Bookings Essential

Phone: 02 65423555

Email: [group@uhcs.org.au](mailto:group@uhcs.org.au)

**Muswellbrook Touch**

Junior Touch: The 2013-2014 Junior touch competition commences on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Olympic Park. Team Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> August and Registration days will be held at Olympic Park on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August between 4-6pm and Saturdays 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August between 10am and 1pm. Age divisions for both boys and girls are 6 years and under, 7-8 years, 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-14 years and 15-17 years.

Junior State Cup: Players who are interested in representing Muswellbrook in next years Junior State Cup at Port Macquarie must register their names on or before 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

Ladies and Mixed: The competition commences on September the 2<sup>nd</sup>, team nominations close 24<sup>th</sup> August. Further information is available on nomination form.

Mens: The competition commences on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Nomination form will ONLY be accepted at the Annual General Meeting at the Muswellbrook Golf Club 28<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 6pm. At least one player from each team must attend.

All nomination forms for any competition are available at Fine N' Dandy or on our website. For further information please contact Betty Nicol on 65432477 or Paul Benkovic on 0411278244.



**Quirindi Public School P&C Horse Sports Day**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Quirindi Showground

8am sharp gear check for 8.30am start

Ring Events – Rider, Hack, Pair of riders & Pleasure Hack

Champion & Reserve Rider Junior & Senior

Spring Events – Barrels, Bending, In & Out of the Paddock, Flag Race & Keyhole

Entry Fee \$20.00 per rider

Entries close 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

GREAT PRIZES!!

Canteen will be in operation from 7.30am

Free camping available

**STRICTLY RUN UNDER PONY CLUB RULES**

For more information contact

Simon Smith – 0428485355 or

Mary Frear - 0427912421

**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 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan 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](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!





**On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August our students participated in Jump Rope for Heart day. Our students had an excellent time and we witnessed some wonderful skipping tricks! All staff would like to thank our school community for the generous donations and sponsorship money that has come in. To date, our school has raised well over \$2000! A huge thank you goes to our local Coles for their very generous donation of fruit on the day! We would also like to remind you that as of this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, we will no longer be taking sponsorship money. Please remember that there are some exciting prizes on offer!**

# A DAY IN THE SCHOOL LIFE OF 3/4N

3/4N and Mrs K had a very full and interesting day on Monday! These pictures were all taken over the period of 6 hours and you can see just how much this Stage 2 class got done in a single day of learning. The first lot of photos are of their technology lesson with Miss Brown, they are using the new laptops to design and create Power Point presentations with animations and hyperlinks. Then we see Blade having news and showing off his new birthday present to a very attentive audience. After that we see happy faces making origami animals in a craft lesson, and finally...look at those studious faces doing fabulous learning in the library with Mrs Solmon, surrounded by our amazing Space model entries for book week.

**What a day!!! Great learning 3/4N!!**





# 2013 Staff Profile: Mrs Sandra Watts

## Relieving School Administration Manager



Name: Sandra Watts

Age: 21+21+5

Star sign: Sagittarius

Hometown: Denman

Lives: Muswellbrook

Favourite food/drink:

Chips/chocolate/pavlova/  
bubbles

Interests: Family, reading and  
movies

Skills: Being nice, being organised  
and reading minds.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2013

Every Wednesday	Playgroup every Wednesday, 0-4 years in Heritage Hall from 9:30-11:30. All are welcome and there is no cost!
Week 6	Book Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Book Week parade and fair
Week 7	Father's Day stall 50c-\$7
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Kinder Information Night
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Regional Athletics
Week 8	Band workshop
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Bloke's Breakfast-7:45am
13 <sup>th</sup> September	K-2 Fun Day
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Songroom Garden Launch-Special Assembly

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