

Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 9

Wednesday 11th September 2013

This Week's PBL Focus: Use your words not physical actions, to solve problems

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of our students attended a number of events last week: the Westpac Helicopter Golf Day, an author's visit at St James Primary and an excursion to Newcastle. What has been very pleasing are the positive comments staff and community made about our students' wonderful behaviour. Well done Muswellbrook South on being respectful and responsible when representing our school. Many thanks also to the staff who organised the above outings and excursion.

Tomorrow is the Bloke's BBQ commencing at 8.00am. All students and their dads, stepdads and granddads are warmly invited to attend. Not only will there be a delicious breakfast, but lots of fun games on the oval as well. Come and join us.

Next Wednesday we will be hosting an end of term disco, see further details in this newsletter. While the disco is on, parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are invited to a parent information session on maths from 5.00pm to 6.00pm and then parents of students from years 3 to 6 are invited to another session on maths for these grades from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. ***This is a great opportunity to find the answer to all those questions you have about maths and your child.*** Please complete the relevant slip found in this newsletter if you wish to attend one or both of these workshops.

Yours in Education,
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Parents Corner

Say NO to cyberbullying – tips for parents

1. Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that both of you are comfortable with so your child knows what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.

2. Establish one or two other trusted adults your child is comfortable in approaching about their concerns.
3. Be aware of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.
4. Keep the lines of communication open so your child will be comfortable about talking to you if something is worrying them. Help your child to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Guide their online activities and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.
5. Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
6. Discuss the kinds of sites that are ok to explore and those that are not and have clear rules about online activities.
7. Help your child to block anyone who sends offensive content. Most social networking services allow users to block and report someone who is behaving badly.

KINDERGARTEN AND STAGE 1 FUN DAY

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Fun Day will be held this Friday 13th September on the School Oval from 9.45 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. The children are to arrive at school at the normal time of 9.25 a.m. to allow teachers time to mark the roll. The children will be involved in a march past, running and novelty races as well as participating in a variety of fun activities. The children have taken home a note to inform parents of the Sport House each child has been placed into and we encourage the children to come dressed in the appropriate colours for their team on the day. Parents are invited to come to school to watch the races and games and join their child for lunch and then afternoon tea after the activities.

The children are to wear suitable clothes and joggers to run in (no bare feet allowed) and to bring sunscreen, a safety pin and a drink bottle containing water and labelled with their name. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A HAT (SCHOOL HAT OR COLOURED HAT) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE ON THE DAY.

C. Avery

Assembly

There will be no assembly this week due to the Kindergarten & Stage 1 Fun Day.

General Reminder

Just a reminder that all money for the Yr 6 Canberra excursion is to be paid by Thursday 19th September.

Shoes and Jewellery

Please remember students are required to wear black leather shoes or white joggers with matching laces. Coloured laces are not permitted. Excessive jewellery 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. Please phone the school to register.

Canteen News

Thank you to our volunteers working in the canteen Sue Pollard, Odette Edwards, Rebecca Donaldson, Shellie Stewart and Amanda Wright.

Well done to all students who lined up in 2 lines at the canteen window whilst waiting to be served. Manners were of a very high standard. Congratulations!

Eftpos is available now for purchases in the canteen.

Please return all K-2 Meal deal orders by Thursday morning 10am 12th September.

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be open twice a week in these last weeks of Term 3. It will be open with limited stock available to purchase.

Tuesday mornings: 9.00am to 10am

Thursday afternoons: 2.45pm to 3.25pm.

We are taking orders for summer uniforms.

Forms are available at the office and uniform shop.

Majestic Cinema Fundraising

We are extending the Majestic Cinema Fundraiser to the end of November. These will make great Christmas presents! If you have lost your order form please see the ladies in the office for another one.

Thank you, P&C Committee

School Banking Update

School Banking day is still every Monday.

For every deposit a child makes they receive a token. They can collect these tokens to redeem prizes (money box, torch, handball, knuckle game or calculator).

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be **two new** reward items for students to choose from **each term**. With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the **Dollarmite moneyboxes will no longer be available next year**. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year. In an effort to ensure your child doesn't miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

**What's Happening in the Community?****Quirindi Public School P&C Horse Sports Day**

Friday 11th 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 9th 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

Junior Cricket Registration

Thursday 12th September 2013

from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Saturday 14th September 2013

from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Costs:

Milo (formerly known as Kanga) \$60

U10 \$65

U12, U14, U16 \$75

Please note new players are required to bring their birth certificate

Many Thanks,

Annabelle McLoughlin

Secretary Muswellbrook Junior Cricket Club

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, email scceaustr@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!



2013 OCTOBER TENNIS CAMP

Conducted by Dean Trembath

Tennis coaching

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 30th - coaching & match play

Tuesday, Oct. 1st - coaching & match play

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd - coaching & match

play

Coaching: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

WHERE: Olympic Park Tennis Club

COST : Coaching - \$50, or \$20 per day

Enquiries: Contact Dean on (mobile) 0412 735113

Or email dkahanut@gmail.com

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

BEFORE SUNDAY September 29th

Coolah Horse Sports

The annual Coolah Horse Sport event is still on for ONE day only Friday 18th October 2013. Entry forms are available at the office. Entries are due back to Coolah Central School by end of term 20th September 2013.

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee Equestrian Day

Mudgee Showground

Monday 14th October 2013 8.am Start

For Riders 8 Years and Over

All Entries Close 20th September 2013

Cost: \$25.00 Per Student

Entry forms are available at the office

Enquiries to: Andrew Mulligan 0428721861, Di Pearce 0418434855 or Barry Neaverson-Smith 63721742

FREE TAFE Course

TAFE Outreach in partnership with Muswellbrook YMCA are running an Introduction to Fitness course on Fridays from 11am to 2 pm from 11 October to 29th November at the YMCA.

Course covers basic fitness testing including the BEEP test, learn about precautions to exercise, muscles and movement, stretching, learn how to construct circuit training plans, understand how to safely use gym equipment, do boxing and training with weights, learn about nutrition, calories, planning healthy meals and lots more! There is no TAFE enrolment fee.

For more information or to register for this course please CALL Annabelle at TAFE on 6542 1115

St Alban's Spring Fair

The Anglican Parish of Muswellbrook will be holding their Spring Fair on Saturday 21st September in the grounds of the Church (just over the railway line) from 9am to 1.30pm. There will be children's entertainment including a Jumping Castle, Kindifarm petting zoo and face painting. There will be plenty of stalls to browse for mum and dad as well as coffee from Caffe Mobilita and a chocolate wheel running throughout the day packed full of awesome prizes. So if you are looking for something for the family to do on the first day of the school holidays come on down and have some fun at our Spring Fair. All money raised will be going towards fighting poverty and injustice at home and abroad.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 17th September at 1.30pm in Heritage Hall. Everyone is welcome.

C.W.A VISIT

Last month our school took part in the C.W.A. annual poster competition on a Country of Study. The country this year was the Kingdom of Morocco. Students from 6S designed and completed their posters as part of their Library Programme for Term Three. Two students were given a Commendation for their detailed information on the poster and presentation of their project.

Here is a picture of the girls with the poster that won them a commendation. Well done Georgia and Makayla.

**BAND WORKSHOP A BIG SUCCESS**

Last Thursday, our School Band members attended a Combined Band Workshop which was hosted by our school.

Music students, from both private and public Primary schools from within the district, came together to perform under the direction of Janelle French from the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music who acted as their conductor.

The day involved the students performing a variety of classical and modern musical pieces in a 90 member strong Band and allowed the students to enjoy performing as part of a Band with a **BIG SOUND**. Our Band members also had the opportunity to develop their music skills and make new friends. In the afternoon, the Band treated visiting parents and the students from our school with a concert featuring the music that they had practised during the day.

Our thanks goes to Janelle French and the Conservatorium staff who organised this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Mrs C Avery

**Author/Illustrator Visit - David Legge**

On Thursday our Stage Two students were very fortunate to hear The Author/ Illustrator David Legge speak at St James School. He is the illustrator of the very popular books- Baby Boomsticks, Captain Crabclaw's Crew, Kisses for Daddy and the author of Bamboozled. He spoke about how he sketches drawings in black and white first and then uses the computer to colour the pages of his picture books. Each book can take years to complete. He also explained how easy it can be to draw pictures of people once you know the step by step procedures.

The visit was made possible by a generous donation from **Coal and Allied**. It was an incredible opportunity for our students to be involved in and we are very grateful for their generosity.

Below are some comments by our Stage Two students.

Kohen Hall- 3/4H

I really liked watching how he drew the pictures for the book 'Bamboozled.'

Lucy Jimmieson- 3/4B

I thought it was really helpful when he showed us how to draw.

Nicole Bengel- 3/4N

My favourite part was seeing all the drawings of his books.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4H?

Term 3 in 3/4H has been both busy and exciting!

We have been thoroughly studying Fantastic Mr Fox in our Accelerated Literacy unit. The students have been really involved in both reading/transforming the text and creating their own novel through parallel writing. This has involved drafting, publishing and illustrating. We have been fortunate enough to have the support from Ms Ploetz and Mrs Kelman in our room throughout this time. Ms Ploetz has also been a huge help in printing and binding the student's novels. THANK YOU MS PLOETZ! A few of the first finished novels, were able to be taken to show the author Mr David Legge during his visit to St James school. These novels will be displayed in the school library by the end of the week for other students to read at lunch.

On Fridays we have been implementing maths groups in the classroom, which has been a great success! The students rotate groups and get to be involved with lots of interactive activities, including Studyladder on the laptops.

Our classroom is looking wonderful at the moment with lots of colourful artwork that highlights the topics we are covering. This term, these have included State and National Parks, Miniworlds and Fantastic Mr Fox. Hopefully you can pop in before the end of term to check it out!



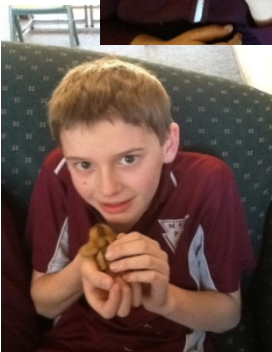
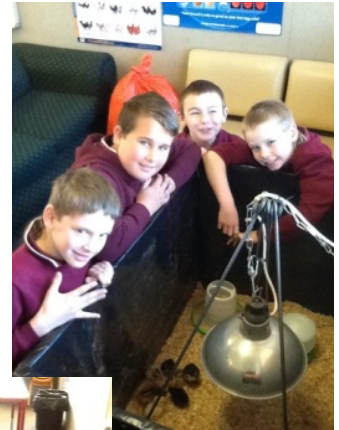
SJ HATCHING CHICKENS!

In SJ we have been hatching chickens. We incubated 20 eggs and successfully incubated 17 beautiful baby chickens. SJ have been learning about keeping poultry. We have learned about the different breeds, about their life cycle and about what it takes to keep happy, healthy chickens for egg production. Watching the incubation, the hatching, and the chickens development has been a great experience for us all.

SJ is very excited to announce that MSPS will be the proud owners of our very own chicken run with some of our very own chickens going to live here at MSPS. SJ will care for the chickens and hopefully we will be able to share our chickens and their eggs with the rest of the school. We hope to have our chicken run built by next term.

To raise money for the construction of the pen SJ will be holding a chicken naming competition. For **50 cents** students will be able to suggest a name. Winners of the competition will have the privilege of naming an MSPS chicken. The SJ boys will be selling entries next week.

We are looking for a suitable chicken house or frame that we might turn into a chicken house, preferably one that we could stand up inside for cleaning etc. If you own such a structure please contact the school. Your donation would be much appreciated.



K/1C VISIT THE CHICKENS!

K/1C was lucky enough that they were able to go and visit SJ and their amazing chickens! We were given a very informative presentation from the boys about the process that they went through. We were so inspired that we came back to K/1C and have been working very hard on our recount about them. Special thanks also to Miss Brown, Mrs Jones and 6S for helping us type our recounts on the laptops.



2013 Staff Profile: Mrs Suzanne Cooper

Special Programs Teacher



Name: Ms Suzanne Cooper
Age: doesn't matter, but my age is the same as the last two digits of the year I was born, or half an ancient plus six. There's a riddle for you!
Star sign: Scorpio
Home town: Sydney
Lives: in a house
Study (where and what): B.Ed at Macquarie Uni, Visual Arts at Sydney College of the Arts, Dip. Teach at University of Western Sydney, Life in the world. Study everything! Learning is for life, life is for learning.
Favourite food: Mmmm....food! BBQ meat and salad? Roast lamb and veg? Dark Chocolate !.. Is that a food? Crunchy red apples.
Interests: Drawing, painting and sculpture. Reading just about anything, ancient history, cultures of the world, the environment, permaculture, food, philosophy.
Skills: Spelling. Being flexible. Drawing. Number. Creative thinking. Problem solving. Washing up. Driving. Body surfing. Research.

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!
12 th September	Bloke's Breakfast-7:45am
13 th September	K-2 Fun Day
20 th September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4 10 th Oct	Songroom Garden Launch-Special Assembly

K/1C Working as a Team

