

Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter

"Building Solid Foundations For Life"



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TERM 4 WEEK 4

Wednesday 29th October 2014

PBL Focus: Solving problems in a game and working as a team.

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Stage 2 classes enjoyed a terrific excursion to Dubbo last week. The teachers were very pleased with the students' behaviour. Well done everyone and thank you to those staff who accompanied the students.

On Monday our senior dance group, the senior choir and Warrae Wannu performed at the True Colours Festival in Singleton. All groups performed their items to a very high standard and the festival was enjoyed by all those who attended. Thank you to Mrs Kenning, Mrs Bellamy, Mr Wild and Mrs Moore.

With the advent of the hot weather it is essential that students bring their drink bottle to school and wear their school hat. A broad brim hat is the best possible hat for this weather. We are fortunate enough to have a big shade area that students are encouraged to use during the warmer months.

Our PBL focus for this term is learning how to play minor games in the playground and to practise some social skills to play these games. It has been great to see small groups of students playing some of the games they have learnt in a very responsible and friendly manner.

At this time of the year some of our gardens are in need of some additional weeding. If you can spare an hour or so to help out on just one occasion this would be much appreciated.

Yours in Education
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Quote of the Week - Alone we are smart. Together we are brilliant.

Assembly

Next Monday 3rd November is a whole school assembly. All parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to attend. The assembly will commence at 2.30pm in the school hall. The assembly item will be by 5/6K.

School Car Park in Osborn Avenue

Parents are reminded that the car park in Osborn Avenue is not to be used for pedestrians or for parents to park their cars. Please use the walkway to come into the school and park in Osborn Avenue, not the school car park. The taxi for students with disabilities in the MC class is having great difficulty in being able to get into the car park due to some parents blocking the car park or the car park entrance with their cars.

Your help in this matter is urgently needed and will be appreciated.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are now being taken.
Children turning 5 on or before 31 July 2015 are now eligible to enrol.

IF YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT NOT RETURNING TO MSPS IN 2015 COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP ON 02 65 431 896.



The P&C are holding a Fete meeting next Wednesday 5th November at 2pm in the canteen office.

Please Come along and share some ideas!!

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 18th November 2014 in the School Library at 1.30pm.
Hope to see you there!!

Uniform Shop News

We have moved.

The uniform shop is now located at the school canteen.

Opening hours remain the same -

Mondays 9-10am

Fridays 9-10am

Cash, cheque, eftpos or layby plan available

Canteen News

The canteen is open 5 days a week this term.

Monday, Thursday & Friday's 9am - 2pm

Please Note: Tuesday & Wednesday's only 11.25am - 2pm, **only snacks and drinks can be purchased on Tuesday & Wednesday.** No food will be cooked or lunches made.

If you are able to volunteer an hour or two especially Friday mornings please see Megan in the canteen.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers this week.

Regards Jane

HALLOWEEN GUESSING COMPETITION

The canteen is running a lolly guessing competition.

Visit the canteen during operating hours and have a guess at how many lollies are in the bucket.

20c per guess

Winner announced at 2nd break on Friday 31st October

HALLOWEEN TREATS



WILL BE FOR SALE DURING BOTH BREAKS AT THE SCHOOL CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER.

A variety of snacks ranging from 50c to \$2.

TRUE COLOURS FESTIVAL

A huge congratulations to the Senior Dance Group and Senior Choir students who participated in the Song Room True Colours Festival in Singleton on Monday 27th October. You were outstanding performers on the day and wonderful ambassadors for Muswellbrook South. Mrs Kenning, Mrs Bellamy and Mr Wild are extremely proud of you all!

Also a HUGE thank you to Brooke Lidbury from Song Room who has been an immense help to Mrs Bellamy and Mrs Kenning in putting together the Senior Dance Group this year. We could not have done it without your help!



**2nd Muswellbrook Scout Group
and Bricks at the Bay
present**

UPPER HUNTER BRICK SHOW

A **LEGO** FAN EVENT



**SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2014
9AM TO 2PM**

**MUSWELLBROOK SCOUT HALL
80 FORD STREET, MUSWELLBROOK**

**LEGO DISPLAYS LEGO FOR SALE
FREE BUILD AREA**

**DISPLAYS BY BRICKS AT THE BAY AND MEMBERS
OF RAINBOW LUG AND SYDNEY LUG**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

ENTRY \$4 EACH OR \$10 PER FAMILY



Free Parking available in Ford Street
and Aberdeen Street



2B'S HEROES

In 2B this week, we have been writing about our heroes. We had to persuade Mrs Bellamy that our hero deserved a special Hero Award. Who is your hero?

My hero is Michael. He keeps me safe. I think he should get the award because he never gives up and makes me feel safe. He is kind. He is nice. He would never never ever be unkind or give up.

Kya T.

My brother is my mum's hero because he is helping my mum. His name is Josh and he helps mum cooking tea for us and he helps mum clean and wash the dishes. He tucks us into bed. My brother deserves an award.

Maddi O.

My teacher is my hero because she always helps me when I make a mistake and doesn't give up on me. She helps me when I need it the most and mostly she always keeps an eye on me. That's why my teacher is the best teacher in the world.

Charlie T.

My hero is Brendan. He plays with me in the front and the backyard.

Aidan H.

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE MUSIC?
THEN COME AND JOIN OUR DYNAMIC
SCHOOL BAND.



Our school would like to encourage new students, who would like to learn an instrument, to be part of our School Band program. If your child will be in Year 2 through to Year 6 in 2015 they are able to join our School Band and apply for a Band Scholarship.

Recently our school received funds for 5 Band Scholarships to be made available to the students from our school. The scholarships are for students who would like to learn one of the following Band instruments – flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, euphonium, drums or bass guitar. These Scholarships were made possible through the generous support from the Coal and Allied Bengalla Mining Company. Each Scholarship will pay for half of the music tuition fees with the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music and as such will make learning an instrument much more affordable for families.

If your child is keen to learn a Band instrument and join our School Band please complete the form below to request information on applying for a Scholarship, lesson fees and instrument hire costs. **Please note that application forms for a Bengalla Band Scholarship must be completed and returned to school before FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.**

Any further inquiries can be made by contacting Mrs Avery at school.

To Mrs Avery (School Band coordinator)

My child _____ in class _____ is interested in learning to play a musical instrument and joining the School Band.

My child would like to learn the following Band instrument –

flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, drums, bass guitar

Does your child have their own instrument? No / Yes (list instrument _____)

Would your child need to hire a school instrument? Yes / No

(Please note that any students wishing to learn the **drums** or **bass guitar** will need to have their own instrument. The school does not have these instruments for hire.)

Are you interested in applying for a Band scholarship? Yes / No

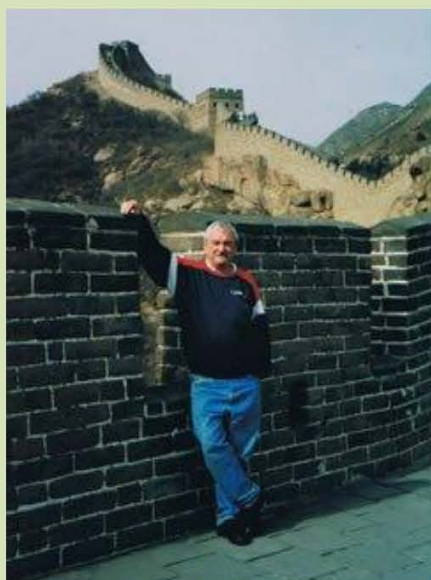
Parent's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Muswellbrook Library



All the way from Canada... Ian Stout @ Muswellbrook Library Author Visit

Muswellbrook Library
126 Bridge Street
Muswellbrook.
Ph. 6543 1913



FREE event

Bookings essential

www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au

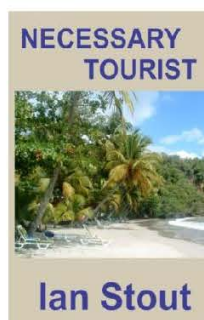


Join us to hear Ian talk about his two recently published books. A book that movies are made from!!

Ian is a keen house sitter and has visited many different countries around the world. He has some interesting and very funny tales to tell.

"The question I encounter the most when discussing my books is 'where do I get the ideas' for the things I write. It's quite simple. They come from a vast well of information and experiences I've stumbled through over the many years of my life."

'Necessary Larceny' is a fun story of a gang of seniors living in retirement in Florida who are bilked of their life savings by a gang of slick conmen. When they find authorities can do nothing for them, they decide to get their money back themselves.



'Necessary Tourist' Alone in the densely forested mountains of tiny Grenada, Rachel Lusinski desperately seeks a way to safety, unaware an army of grandparents from Florida, local volunteers, and police are beating the bushes searching for her. All the while, the man responsible for the search is using her as a pawn to settle a twenty-five year old grudge.

Where: Muswellbrook Library
126 Bridge Street

When: Thursday 6th November 2014

Time: 1.30pm



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DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2014

Every Wednesday	<u>Playgroup every Wednesday, 0-4 years in our School Hall from 10.00am until 12.00pm. All are welcome and there is no cost!</u>
4, 11, 18 November	Kindergarten 2015 Transition 9.30am to 11.20am
11 November	1L, 1B, 1/2M and Year 1 from K/1W Excursion to Newcastle Museum
13 November	2S, 2B and Year 2 from 2/3R Excursion to Newcastle Museum
22 and 23 October	Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion
4 to 7 November	(Stage 3) Year 6 Canberra Excursion
5 to 7 November	(Stage 3) Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp



Road safety around your child's school

Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing **wig wag lights**.

Always park and turn legally around schools. **Avoid dangerous manoeuvres** such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always **give way to pedestrians** particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the **school side of the road** in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always **hold your child's hand**. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these **safe pedestrian habits** from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.