

Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter

"Building Solid Foundations For Life"



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Wednesday 5th November 2014

PBL Focus: What do we do when we lose in a game?

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Warrae Wann, our Prior to School Program, won the community award of \$5000 in the NSW/ACT Regional and Community Awards. This award is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The presentation was held at Wagga over the weekend. This is not the first time this outstanding program has won an award.

Congratulations must go to the team of Mrs Allison Moore, Mrs Megan Partridge and Mrs Jeanine Pascoe who do an amazing job in providing their students with skills and knowledge in early literacy and numeracy, as well as social skills and set their students on the path to succeed when they begin Kindergarten. This program also has a strong parent and community component that is contributing to building a solid partnership between these groups.

This week Year 6 is on excursion to Canberra and Year 5 set out today for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Our students are fortunate to be able to have these opportunities. Both excursions were subsidised by the school to make costs as fair as we possibly could. I am sure we will be hearing lots of interesting stories from our travellers next week.

Our Kindergarten Transition program continues to attract large numbers of children each week. The parent sessions finished yesterday with many parents commenting on how useful these sessions have been, covering a range of topics with experts such as a speech therapist, occupational therapist and dietician giving wonderful advice. There were also presentations from staff on reading, maths, technology and school readiness. We look forward to working with our new parents next year.

Yours in Education
Karen Rayner
(Relieving Principal)

Quote of the Week - Kind words are easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Congratulations to Kate Rowlands of 5/6C who last week won the Gifted and Talented Students' (GATS) Program Presentation Award for the primary section.

A full article and photo will feature in next week's newsletter when Kate returns from her school excursion.



Assembly

Next Monday 10th 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 SW.

UNIFORM SHOP IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our school uniforms are authorized by our school and we sell them at the lowest price possible. Buying your children's uniforms at the school uniform shop guarantees the money goes back into the school and not into retailer's profit margin. For those who have purchased uniforms from us already, we appreciate the time you have taken and appreciate that you have supported your child's school.

I would like to inform you that the uniform shop will be opening in the school holidays for you to purchase uniforms needed for your child to start school in 2015.

The uniform shop will be opening on **Friday 23rd January 2015 from 9.30am until 2.00pm** and **Tuesday 27th January 2015 from 10.00am until 1.00pm.**

In 2015 we will be open every Monday and Friday from 9am until 10am throughout the year.

We are now located in the canteen. There will be a sign out the front of the building letting you know we are open.

We take cash, cheque or eftpos and we also do laybys.



Our next meeting is Tuesday 18th November 2014 in the School Library at 1.30pm.



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.

This week's meal deal winner is Chanelle W 3/4B Thank you to our wonderful volunteers this week Catherine, Jane & Matthew.

Volunteers needed for Thursday & Friday mornings, please see Megan in the canteen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RED DOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN



In need of a free home cooked meal?
Come along and join us EVERY Thursday.
Muswellbrook Uniting Church Hall
12 noon—2pm
If you would like to help or require further information, please call Upper Hunter Community Services on 6542 3555

TEN WAYS TO BE ACTIVE

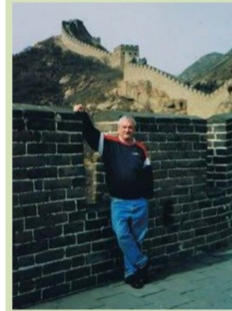
1. Actively watch your kids play sport and take the kids to watch you play sport – it's a guaranteed motivator for more activity and a good conversation starter around the dinner table.
2. Walk dogs with the kids – suggest they ride their scooter or bike instead of walking. If you don't have a dog, ask to borrow the neighbour's one.
3. Never underestimate the humble pushbike. Encourage your kids to ride their bike safely around the street or round the block, and go with them to the local park or on established bike tracks.
4. On holidays or weekends at the beach, bring boogie boards, go walking, rock climbing, play in the sand or have a game of beach cricket. (Don't forget sunscreen and hats.)
5. Go swimming at the beach, the local pool, friends' places and swimming lessons. If you're the family with the pool, have your kids invite their friends over for a swim.
6. Ask your child to invite some friends to meet at the local park or oval to kick a ball around. The more people who play, the more active the game can be.
7. Keep a box of sports equipment – balls, frisbees, racquets, flippers and diving mask, quoits, etc – in a plastic container and throw them in the car when you're going out so you've got something on hand to play with wherever you are.
8. Walk to school. If it's too far, drive halfway and then walk. When you're picking up kids from school, park a short distance away, walk in and walk the kids back to the car.
9. Get your kids to join Cubs, Scouts or Guides – these organisations do a lot of activities that are not always easy to do as a family, such as wide games (games that use a large area of land), orienteering, bushwalks and rafting.
10. Visit a skateboard park – you can take along a scooter or bike if your kids don't have a skateboard. They're good value and your kids learn about turn-taking and spatial awareness by not getting in the way.

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.

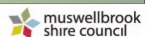
"The question I encounter the most when discussing my books is 'where do I get the ideas' for the things I write. It's quite simple. They come from a vast well of information and experiences I've stumbled through over the many years of my life."

'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**



Road safety tips for parents

Key points to remember around schools

1 In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months

Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years

Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door'. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'safety door'. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2014

<u>Every Wednesday</u>	<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>
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
4 to 7 November	(Stage 3) Year 6 Canberra Excursion
5 to 7 November	(Stage 3) Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp
21 November	Year 2 & 3 Intensive swimming assessment day
24 to 28 Nov 1 to 4 Dec	Year 2 & 3 Intensive swimming program
5 December	Sports Presentation Day
9 December	Whole school concert Matinee performance
10 December	Whole school concert Evening performance
12 December	Presentation Day
15 December	Warrae Wannu Graduation Day 10am
17 December	Last Day of School for Students

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 _____