

Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter

"Building Solid Foundations For Life"



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PBL Focus: How to be a good winner in a game

Dear Parents and Carers

The busy end of the year is certainly upon us. Our School Plan has to be updated for the next three years and shortly I will be calling a meeting with parents to get your ideas and feedback about the direction in which you would like to see the school take and programs you believe are worthwhile in keeping or pursuing. I look forward to the chance to speak to you.

Our school numbers have been on the increase over the last few terms so much so, that we are getting 2 demountable classrooms for next year, which are going to be placed near the oval. The former Heritage Hall will also be refurbished as an additional classroom. These are exciting times for our school.

Congratulations to Stage 3 for your excellent behaviour both in Canberra and at the Aussie Bush Camp. We have had very positive comments from the bus drivers, staff at the locations and teaching staff.

We would appreciate it if parents could come at 3.15pm and after to collect your children in the afternoon. This allows us to keep all students safe and focussed on their school work until the bell goes. A reminder also to wait in the Infants quad when you do come into the school. Your help in these 2 areas will be much appreciated.

Yours in Education
Karen Rayner
(Relieving Principal)

Quote of the Week - If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground put some responsibility on their shoulders

Assembly

Next Monday 17th 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 2S.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Following are some photographs and reports from the students and teachers experiences in the national capital.

UNIFORM SHOP IMPORTANT INFORMATION

With only 5 weeks of school left we would like to finalise all laybys that have been held in the Uniform Shop.

If you need more time we will be open on **Friday 23rd January 2015 from 9.30am until 2.00pm** and **Tuesday 27th January 2015 from 10.00am until 1.00pm** where you can pick up your layby. After this date all layby's will be cancelled and monies paid will be refunded.



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

Christmas Pencils



For sale during 1st and 2nd breaks this Thursday and Friday.

\$2.00

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.

This week's meal deal winner is Lacey S K/1W Thank you to our wonderful volunteers this week Catherine, Jane, Nikita & Colleen. Volunteers needed for Thursday & Friday mornings, please see Megan in the canteen.

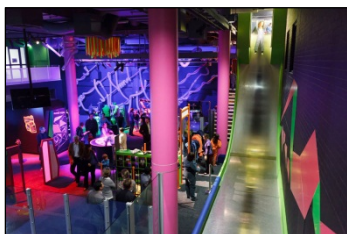
THE SCHOOL WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KIND DONATION OF SCHOOL CLOTHES

If your child has out grown there school clothes and they are still in good condition please consider donating them to our school office.



As the weather continues to warm up, summer polo shirts and dresses are often needed as spares.

Thoughts about Canberra . . .



"Canberra was great! My favourite part would have to be our visit to Questacon - the 4 storey Science place. It was awesome!!!"- Tahlia

"At Canberra last week my favourite place was Questacon. Questacon was good because of the 7 metre slide and the lightning cage."- Lluka

"The best part of Canberra was Questacon because it had lots of cool things to do. I liked the big slide and the lightning cage." - Corey

"At Canberra, my favourite part was the free fall slide at Questacon and Parliament House. We got to role play how to pass a Bill in the House of Representatives."- Chandon

"The cool part was when we went to Parliament and went to the Upper and Lower House." - Blain

"The best part was when we went to the War Memorial because there were heaps of different things to look at and there was the closing ceremony honouring the soldiers that lost their lives for their country." - Kaly

"At Canberra last week we went to heaps of awesome places. My favourite was the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport), because we had access to see the rooms where the Olympic athletes trained." - Kate



GIFTED AND TALENTED (GATS) PROJECT AT MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

On the 28 November, I attended the showcase of Gifted and Talented (GATS) projects at Muswellbrook High School. Primary students from feeder primary schools, together with students from Muswellbrook High school participated in the program this year.

Students from Muswellbrook South Public School who participated in the GATS project were Kate R (56C); Erin D, Kylee H (56W), Claire L (56K) and Brooke E (56C).

Kate's project was an Equine photography, card making and calendar business. Kate established her business, produced all the stock, made business cards, advertising and promoted her business appropriately.

Erin, Kylee, Claire and Brooke worked together to write, produce and edit a multi-media presentation about the impacts of bullying.

The standard and quality of work was absolutely outstanding. Congratulations must go to all the girls for the level commitment they have shown to their own learning.

While both projects demonstrated a high level of engagement and application, particular mention must go to Kate R who earned the perpetual trophy for the Best Overall Primary School project in 2014.

Well done girls.

Mrs Crooks



Canberra Excursion 2014

Last week, Mr Kerrigan, Mrs Reading and I had the pleasure of accompanying 30 Year 6 students to our Nation's capital. Your children represented our school, their families and themselves with pride and maturity. We visited the Canberra Exhibition Centre, Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Questacon, the National Gallery, the National Museum and the Australian Institute of Sport, to name a few. Thank-you to our bus driver, Mr Tom Galvin- his good humour, professionalism and knowledge of Canberra made our trip that much more enjoyable.

Mrs Crooks



KW Love Literacy Groups

Every morning KW enjoys doing Literacy Groups. The students move independently around the room to do activities that allow them to use and develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Whilst the students are busy with their activities, small groups of three read with Miss Watson. This week we took some photos of some of the activities we do to share with you! Some other activities we like are talking and listening with the puppets, listening to stories on the computer, reading to self or friend and playing literacy based games.

Ryan has been using the blocks. In this activity a die is rolled, and dots counted. The same amount of blocks are added to make a tower.



Cooper and Cate are filling in the missing letter from the words with magnetic letters.



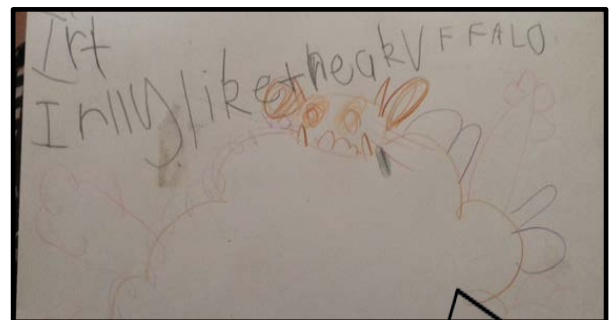
Mairead is using the Jolly Phonics program on the Interactive Whiteboard. There are many interactive games to play that helps students practice there letters and sounds.



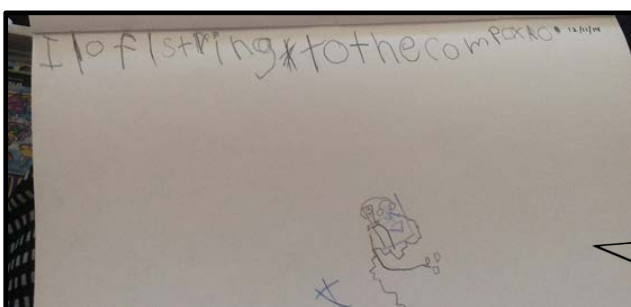
Lucy, Henry and Hannah are at the writing table. Sometimes we write about a toy, a book we have read or something we have experienced.



Welcome to our newest arrival, Bailey! Here Hunter is showing Bailey how we practice our sight words.



I really like The Gruffalo – Olivia O'Leary.



I love listening to the computer - Hunter McInerney.

When: Wednesday 19th November
 Where: School Hall
 Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm K-2 students
 6.15pm – 7.30pm 3-6 students

SCHOOL DISCO

Cost: \$5 per student which includes drink, chips and treat
 Clothes: bright and colourful

All money raised will go towards the cost of covering student lessons in the Hunter Life Education van.

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

Muswellbrook's
Cinema Under the Stars

Watch a FREE Christmas movie with the family at Hunter Park Muswellbrook
Saturday 22nd November
 Fun starts at 6:00pm. Movie starts at sundown.

6:00pm HIP HOP dance demo and workshop
 Toy Box popcorn
 craft activities jumping castle lolly bags
 face painting free sausage sizzle
 ...and SANTA!

Picnic blankets welcome. This is an alcohol and glass free event.

Event Partners:
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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>
13 November	2S, 2B and Year 2 from 2/3R Excursion to Newcastle Museum
18 November	Last Kindergarten 2015 Transition 9.30am to 11.20am
19 November	School Disco. 5pm to 6.30pm Grades K-2, 6.15pm to 7.30pm Grades 3-6
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 _____