

Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter

"Building Solid Foundations For Life"



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TERM 4 WEEK 8

Wednesday 26th November 2014

PBL Focus: What to do if someone gets hurt in a game

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week we had the pleasure of listening to the speeches of the prospective leaders for 2015. All speeches were of a very high standard, delivered clearly and with confidence. Congratulations to all students who made a speech, you can be very proud of yourselves.

The Muswellbrook South Public Sports Presentation will be held on Friday 5th December commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 11.25am approximately. All major sporting awards will be presented. Also at this assembly Early Stage 1 students will receive a certificate celebrating a learning achievement and 6 students from each Stage 1 class will receive a certificate based on a Key Learning Area. Premiers reading awards will also be given out. We look forward to seeing you there.

All parents are invited to a meeting in the library this Thursday 27th November at 6.00pm to discuss planning for next year and the years to come. This is a chance for you to have a say in the future direction of the school, programmes that could be put in place and the skills you would like to see developed amongst the students at Muswellbrook South. Refreshments will be served.

Our school concert is being held in week 10, with the matinee performance on Tuesday 9th December at 1.30pm and the night performance on Wednesday 10th December at 6.30 pm. More information is in this newsletter.

Yours in Education
Karen Rayner
(Relieving Principal)

Quote of the Week - Dreams don't work unless you do.

Assembly

Next Monday 1st December 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 1B.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no receipting of money after Wednesday 26th November until and including Tuesday 2nd December due to the school's financial year rollover.



THE SCHOOL WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KIND DONATION OF SCHOOL CLOTHES

If your child has out grown their 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.

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.

Christmas Pencils

For sale each day during 1st and 2nd breaks from the school canteen.



Canteen News

The canteen is open Monday, Thursday & Friday's 9am - 2pm. **Please Note:** Tuesday & Wednesday's only 11.25am - 2pm.

MINI MELTS available \$4 while stocks last
Spaghetti Bolognese is currently Out Of Stock
Fruit Stick Ice blocks are discontinued

Christmas Lollie Guessing Competition

20c a guess, drawn 12/12/14

This week's meal deal winner is Jonah A KW
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers this week – Jane, Catherine & Colleen.

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

Last day of canteen 2014 is Monday 15th December. Canteen will reopen on Monday 2nd February 2015.

BOOK SALE \$1 each

Monday 1st December until Friday 5th December



Dear Parents,

The library has had a big cull of Non Fiction books. Many of these books are old and the information is out dated .Students will be able to purchase these books for \$1.00 and hopefully enjoy reading these books at home. The books will be for sale on Monday 1st December until Friday 5th December. They will be available for sale in the Library during 1st and 2nd break.

Thanking You

Anne Solman (Teacher Librarian)

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Looking Forward, Looking Back

Over the past 100 years Australia has grown into the lucky country we know today. Or were we always the lucky country? *Looking Forward, Looking Back* is the name of Muswellbrook South Primary's variety night performance that will explore the changes that Australia has been through over the past century or so. The children of Muswellbrook South have woven together a tapestry of nostalgic performances that will stir memories and feelings of bye-gone eras. They will paint a picture of where we've come from and map a course for where we're headed, and all to a jaunty soundtrack and some killer dance moves. Don't miss out on your opportunity to watch the children of Muswellbrook South Primary perform for you *Looking Forward, Looking Back*.

Performance Times:

Tues 9/12 1:30pm

Wed 10/12 6:30pm

Tickets will be on sale at the office from next Wednesday 3rd December.

Adults \$5 each

Children \$2 each



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:



- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you'll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.

For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below.
Merry Christmas!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



Featured Event

Cartoon Dave @ your Library

Cartoon Dave presents fully Interactive Cartooning workshops, where young people of all abilities can discover how to create a cartoon.



Dave's NO-RULES

approach to cartooning involves the a hands-on workshop where they can achieve positive outcomes within a relaxed, fun environment.

Tuesday, 20th January 2015

Muswellbrook Library @ 11:30am-12:30pm

Denman Library @ 2:30pm -3:30pm

Bookings essentials as places are limited!

Did you know...

Your library offers more than just books!

Library members have access to free eBooks, downloadable audio books, and family history resources like ancestry.com, research databases, magazines, movies, music, free Internet and WiFi access ad much more!

If you have any new ideas or suggestions let us know, we are always open to new events and services.

Find us at...



Muswellbrook Branch

126 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook

PH: 02 6543 1913

Fax: 02 6543 1325

Email: library@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au

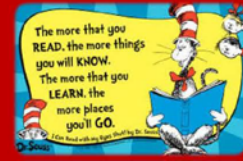
Denman Branch

7 Ogilvie Street, Denman

PH: 02 6547 2208

Fax: 02 6547 2485

Email: denman@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au



Summer Reading

@ Your Library

2014-15 Adventure

Upper Hunter Regional Library

UPPER HUNTER COMMUNITY SERVICES Inc

Special Summer Events

Summer Reading—Adventure with Dr Seuss

Join our Summer Reading Club and play Reading Bingo! This is where you read books and when you hit bingo you get a surprise gift and "blackout" you get a Golden Ticket to go into the draw to win a major prize. We also have major events lined up for everyone!

Registration starts on 1st December 2014!



Random Activities each week @ Muswellbrook & Denman Libraries : Ping-Pong tournaments, board games and video games, Spot Dr Seuss games, portrait paintings, and much, much more... win a prize each week!

You are cordially invited to Jane Austen High Tea Party with Janelle

Thursday, 8th January @ 3:00 to 4:30 in the afternoon

Dress up as Jane Austen or any of the characters and enjoy an afternoon of trivia games, reading and listening to quotes from the book. Everyone is welcome from all ages.

RSVP Monday, 5th January 2015.



Cartoon Dave @ Muswellbrook and Denman Library

Tuesday, 20th January @ 11:30am to 12:30pm (Muswellbrook)

& 2:30pm to 3:30pm (Denman)

Bookings essentials as places are limited please give us a call at 02 6543 1913

Summer Reading Party Adventure with Dr. Seuss @ Muswellbrook & Denman Library

Thursday, 22nd January @ 11:30am to 1:30pm (Muswellbrook)

Friday, 23rd January @ 11:00am to 1:00pm (Denman)

Come along to our Adventure Party, dress up like the Grinch, Thing1 or Thing2, Lorax or even Dr. Seuss!



Get your Christmas reading pack now, pick up available from early December, ask your librarian

about this or visit our website www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au

Regular Events

Storytime

Held weekly at Muswellbrook Library on Tuesdays from 10:30AM (All ages) and Wednesdays from 11AM (2+). Come along and have fun reading and singing along to action songs. (School Term Only)

Baby Rhyme Time

Held weekly at Muswellbrook Library on Wednesday 10:15AM (0-2yr). Come along and join the fun of reading, singing along rhymes and action songs. (School Term Only)

Sunset Storytime

Held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30pm for all ages. Bring along your favourite blanket and pillows. Warm milk, Milo and biscuits will be served. (School Term Only)

Denman Storytime

Held every Saturday at 11:00am—12:00pm for all ages. Come along read a book, play the Playstation and use our free WiFi and internet.

Crafty Hour

Join Di for a crafty hour and get your needles and fingers busy, held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30am at Muswellbrook Library.

Genealogy at the Library

(Local Studies—Getting Started)
Held every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month @ 11:00am to 1:00pm. Check out Ancestry.com and findmypast, historical newspapers and many more online databases.

Free Events - No Bookings Required.



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Stage 1 Excursion - Newcastle Museum

As part of a unit of work on Wet and Dry Environments, Stage One visited Newcastle Museum. When we arrived we were split into small groups and had a tour of the museum with Emma and David. They provided a lot of very interesting information about the exhibits on display in the museum.

Our favourite exhibitions were the Permian Monsters, the hands on activities in the Super Nova area and the old Newcastle tram. The students had excellent behaviour and we look forward to visiting the museum again in following years. Ms Marshall has shared these photographs.



Writing in KS

Currently in KS we are working towards writing sentences using a range of grammatical features including commas, conjunctions and pronouns.

We have recently started our writing groups with Miss Boyle, Miss Streater and Mrs Galvin. This week we wrote about "Lucas and Jack" by Ellie Royce and Andrew McLean.



"Lucas went to the nursing home. When he went there he saw an old man. He used to be a detective. After that they saw an old lady who used to be a ballerina. When they went in the nursing home they played SNAP with Mum, Pop, Misty and the little boy." Written by Olivia

"Lucas went to the Nursing home because he was bored and he played SNAP. Inside the Nursing home he played with Mum, Pop and Pops friend Jack". Written by Luke

"The Old man that was in the wheelchair was a detective. The old lady was a ballerina" Written by Jaylah

"Lucas is in a nursing home because he was bored. Jack was telling him about the old lady who was a ballerina". Written by Alicia



EXCITING NEWS – Muswellbrook South Public School are participating in a free trial (until the end of 2014) of the Skoolbag App for mobile phones. Users will receive up-to-date information regarding events and information regarding the school and students. The App will be updated with school newsletters, calendar events and also include convenient features for parents to submit absentee eforms and change of details.

THIS APP IS FREE AND ALL PUSH NOTIFICATIONS YOU RECEIVE AND SEND ARE FREE!!!

Apologies but during the free trial it will only be available to Apple users. If the school receives positive feedback it may be available next year for both Apple and Android users.

Please consider installing by following the below instructions then advise the school office once installed.



Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

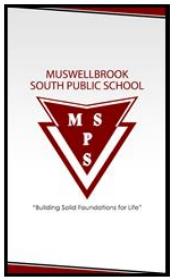


Please return this slip to the school office / classroom teacher once you have installed the Skoolbag App on your phone. This will help the school identify who will be receiving important information.

Student/s name _____

Class _____

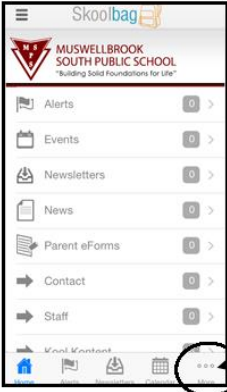
Parent name _____ Parent signature _____ Date _____




Muswellbrook South Public School App now available on iPhone with



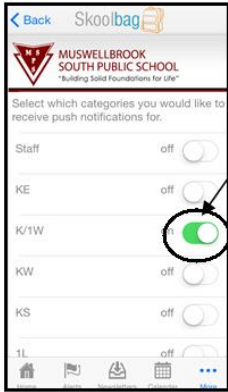
Once you have installed this FREE application on your iPhone device please follow the below instructions to receive FREE notifications

1. 

Select 'More' which is the three (3) dots icon located in the bottom right hand corner

2. 

Select 'Setup'

3. 

Turn 'on' the categories you wish to receive notifications from e.g. Your child's class, P&C, canteen etc.

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>
24 to 28 Nov 1 to 4 Dec	Year 2 & 3 Intensive swimming program
5 December	Sports Presentation Day 10am
9 December	Whole school concert Matinee performance 1.30pm School Hall
10 December	Whole school concert Evening performance 6.30pm School Hall
11 December	Parent Helper Morning Tea
12 December	Presentation Day 10am
15 December	Warrae Wannu Graduation Day 10am
15 December	Year 6 Farewell 6pm to 9pm Muswellbrook RSL Club
17 December	Last Day of School for Students