

# Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter



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"Muswellbrook South Public School Official"

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to Week 9! This Friday we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students at our annual Presentation Day. The school will be presenting all of our major award winners from each of the classes as well as our perpetual trophy recipients. It will be exciting to share the news of our new school leaders for 2018. We look forward to seeing everyone at our assembly.  
It is with mixed emotions that I congratulate Mr. Kerrigan on being officially appointed as the Deputy Principal of Muswellbrook Public School. Mr Kerrigan has been at South for 8 years and has been an outstanding teacher and leader of our school. He has worked hard at South and deserves the promotion at his new school. The students and staff thank you for being a brilliant mentor, colleague and ambassador for South and we would like to wish you all the best for the future.  
Congratulations to Mrs Crooks who has been appointed as a permanent Assistant Principal of our school. Mrs. Crooks has been working hard in the role as Kindergarten AP and has had experience as an Instructional Leader. We look forward to working with Mrs. Crooks for many years to come.  
We are in the process of forming classes for 2018, if you have any special requests or concerns about your child's class for next year, please email the school or phone me by next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.  
A huge thank you to all of our parents and friends who joined us for our Infants and Sports Presentation Days last Friday. The students have performed well over the past 12 months and deserve all of the awards and accolades that were handed to them. Well done to all of our Key Learning Area award winners and to the students who received coaches and major awards at the Sports Presentation. It was great to hear from two of our students who were interviewed by Mr Bayliss about their experience at competing at a State level and that the best part of the carnival was meeting and playing with their new friends.

Our P&C are putting together an exciting Colour Run for our students next Wednesday 13th December. It is only a gold coin donation to celebrate the end of the year. The Colour Run will occur at 2.15pm on the back oval. We look forward to your company.

On Tuesday 12th December, we will be thanking our parent volunteers who have helped over the past 12 months within our classes and school or helped out with sporting teams. The morning tea will commence at 11.45am in the library. We look forward to sharing the morning with our wonderful helpers.

Yours in Education,  
**Jonathan Russell**  
Principal

**IF YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT NOT RETURNING TO MSPS IN 2018 PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP ON 02 65 431 896.**

## SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT JANUARY 2018

If anyone is having a holiday and will not be at school for the first few weeks of Term 1 please put it in writing in a letter addressed to Mr Russell. Please hand this letter in to the school office before the end of this Term. Thank you.

PJ says -  
*"Keep working hard until the last day of Term.  
Congratulations to all award recipients"*



# SPORTS REPORT

Our Sports Presentation was held last Friday. Congratulations to all the award recipients and thank you to all family members and friends who attended. The Sports House Captains for 2018 were announced and a family member/friend had the privilege of pinning the house badges on the new house leaders. Names and photos of the new sports leaders will be in next week's newsletter.



Swimming Age Champions



Cross Country Age Champions



Athletics Age Champions



Induction of House Sports Captains for 2018



Edinglassie House leaders accepted the Kel Adams trophy for swimming, Kel Adams trophy for athletics and overall winning house



Skellatar house captain accepting the Cross Country Ford trophy for Cross Country



Smith Family Sporting Spirit Award - Sarah Benge



Premier's Sporting Challenge medallion winner - Ethan Howe



Kerle Family Sportsmanship Award - Ethan Simpson



Barnes Family Trophy for Rugby League - Matthew Lackenby



Day View Club Outstanding Achievement in Sport - Mitchell Galvin



Coaches award for girl's soccer - Joss Stewart



Coaches award for boys soccer - Mikee Dolbel



Coaches award for boys touch football - Riley Davies



Coaches award for girls touch football - Elizabeth Ferris



Coaches award for rugby league - Banjo Baggott



Coaches award for Todd Woodbridge Cup - Marcus Pollard



Coaches award for netball - Melissa Parker



Coaches award for cricket - Jayden Craker

Coaches award for Tennis – William Hewlett (absent).

We look forward to the last week of Term keeping active with the Colour Fun Run on Wednesday and the Year 6 v Teachers game of Newcomb ball on Thursday. Thank you for a great year.

Mr Adams  
PDHPE Teacher

**Hand, foot and mouth disease**

There has been a confirmed case of hand, foot and mouth disease reported within our school. Hand, foot & mouth disease starts with blisters that begin as small red dots which later become ulcers. Families are requested to visit a doctor to receive a diagnosis and see how to care for your child. Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school until their blisters have dried up, and any rash (if present) has gone and any fever has settled.

**MSPS Band**

We currently have several positions available in the school band for 2018. Music lessons are run during school time by the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. Band is held before school one morning a week. Some instruments can be hired from the school for a small term fee. We have places for Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute, and Clarinet. Some scholarships are available. If your child is interested in joining please return the slip below to Mrs Tonon and a pack will be sent home.

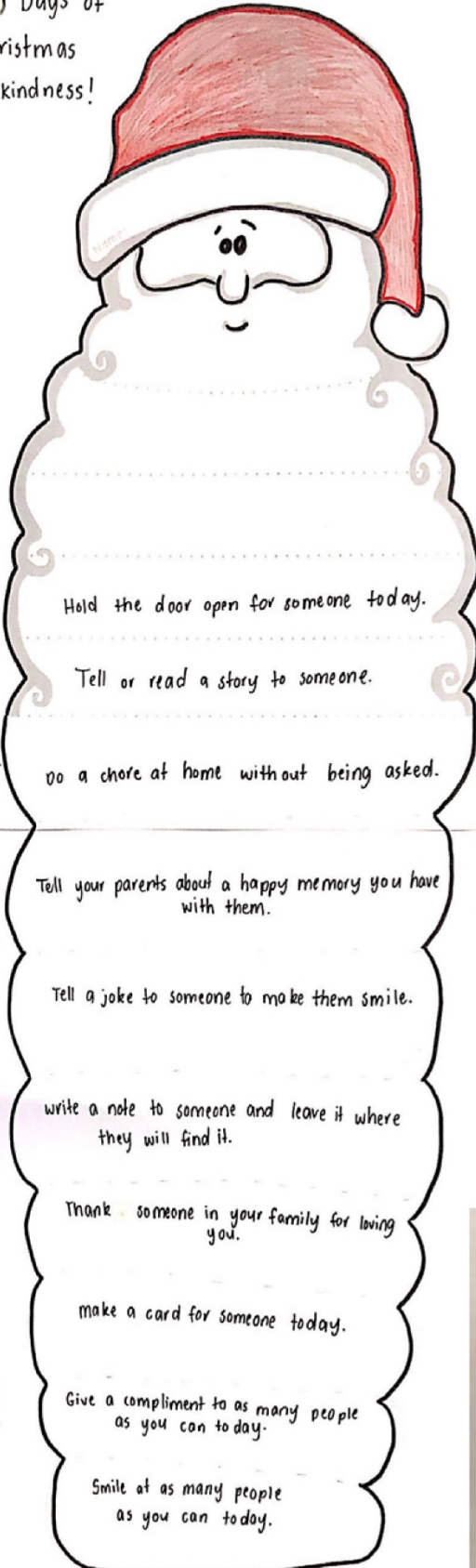


Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

It's that time of Year again and KB is celebrating the giving season with....

# 10 Days of Christmas Kindness.

10 Days of  
Christmas  
Kindness!



As the term draws to a close KB has decided to finish with a BANG and *10 days of Christmas Kindness* is just the way to do it.

Each day the students will focus on completing a different act of kindness. During the morning session the students write about how they are going to carry out their act of kindness and the reasons why they think their act is kind.

At the end of the day KB get to complete a mindful craft activity where they reflect on their success in completing their 'kind act' and cast their thoughts forwards to tomorrow's kind deed.

So far we are doing well! You can see our *Thoughtful Santa's* below. As you can imagine this has filled our classroom with positivity and kind words and of course FUN! Keep an eye out for our mindful craft works of art and don't be surprised if you get a compliment here or there!



# INVITATION

*You are warmly invited to attend this year's  
Muswellbrook South Public School  
Presentation Day*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

*Commencing at 10am*

*K-6 class awards will be presented as well as  
special awards and the induction of the new school  
leaders for 2018.*

*The Aboriginal dance group, school choir and band  
will be performing for us.*

*Come and celebrate our success and share in this  
special end of year event.*

**All students are expected to wear full summer school uniform  
with the correct shoes.**

- Girls maroon hair accessories only please.**
- Girls summer tunic preferred.**
- Boys to wear their grey shorts and maroon shirts.**





## CANTEEN news

Open 5 days a week 9am to 2.15pm.

Thank you to last weeks helpers Catherine, Deb and Karen. We really appreciate your help. If you can spare a few hours on any day between 9am & 12.15pm or even just a half hour from 2pm for 2nd break please see Gina or Kristy in the canteen. We would love to see some new faces in the canteen, even Dad's can come in and lend us a hand.

This week's meal deal winner is Laura C from KJ. Laura has won a lunch order from the canteen to the value of \$5. This prize must be collected within a week.



*Christmas treats will be available from the canteen at first break next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.*

Please note: As of 1<sup>st</sup> December the cost of our milk and juice products will unfortunately increase. This is due to a price rise from our supplier due to the recycling deposit scheme recently introduced in NSW.

Lunch orders must be handed to the canteen before 10am with child's name and class clearly marked on the lunch bag. No hot food lunch orders will be taken after this time for 1<sup>st</sup> break. Any hot food orders after 10am will be given at 2nd break.

2<sup>nd</sup> break orders have to be collected from the canteen by the kids themselves, we do not send the lunches to the classrooms.

Eftpos is available for adults only. Minimum spend is \$5 on debit card and \$10 on credit card. **The canteen cannot give cash out on eftpos.**

Thank you to everyone that has supported us this year. We are the only primary school with a canteen open 5 days a week and this is due to our little group of volunteers. We could not have done this without you. Thank you.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Open 5 days a week 9am – 10am.

We are located in the Canteen. If these times do not suit please see the office for an order form for you to order over the counter at any time. These orders can then be processed and collected at a time that suits you.

The uniform shop will be open until the last day of school.

The uniform shop will be open for extended hours the week school goes back next year.

**Students start Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

It is recommended that you purchase clothes ready for next year by close of business this year.

We've still got more stock arriving so come in and get ready for next year.

Cash, Eftpos and Lay-bys available. Layby system is also available – please note all laybys require a regular fortnightly payment. No items can be taken without full payment.

The school is in desperate need of second hand uniforms. If you have any that are now too small for your child, please drop off at the front office. Thank you for your help.

## COLOUR FUNRUN

**Don't forget about the colour run being held next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

**All students wishing to participate must return a signed permission note and make a gold coin donation. Don't forget all students participating must bring in a spare pair of clothes.**

**Next MSPS P&C Meeting  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the office for details.**

MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&amp;C PRESENTS



# COLOUR FUNRUN

## Wednesday

ALL MSPS STUDENTS & STAFF ARE INVITED  
TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME END OF YEAR FUN!

## 13th December at 2.15pm

## on the school oval

## Gold coin donation requested

ALL PROCEEDS  
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Permission note must be returned



### WARRAE WANNI News

Our WARRAE WANNI CENTRE at Muswellbrook South Public School is starting to fill up for 2018! We are planning for new enrolments. If you have a child or know a relative/friend who has a child living in our school zone, fitting our criteria, please fill in an:

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

#### The GOANNA class is a 2 day per week program

- If you have a **4-5 YEAR OLD** starting school at MSPS in 2019
- A Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Statement from Medicare

#### The JOEY class is a 2 day a week program

If you have a **3 YEAR OLD** who has:

- A Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Statement from Medicare
- Is toilet trained

We do not take any children who are **attending any day care or Preschool setting**. (ie: Goodstart, Tilly's, Muswellbrook Childcare Centre, Muswellbrook Preschool).

**Please be aware that we phone these services to ensure your child is not currently enrolled or has been enrolled in the past.**

**We are supporting children who have not had the opportunity to access any Early Childhood Service.**

Thank you,  
Mrs Partridge & Mrs Bridge  
Warrae Wannai Teachers

# SAVE THE DATE

## MSPS Dates for the Diary – 2017

weeks	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Dec 9	4	5	6	7	8 Presentation Day
Dec 10	11 Year 6 Farewell	12	13 Colour Run	14 P&C Meeting	15 Whole School Assembly <b>Last Day for Students</b>

Integrating Multi-Cultural Ladies into our community through sharing cultures and building relationships.



Wednesdays 1pm and monthly at night

Coffee Mornings, lunch, craft, cooking, home visits and more

*Muswellbrook Multi-Cultural Group*

Phone Heather on  
0438405925



Muswellbrook South Public School

## 2018 Swimming Carnival



Date: Thursday 8th February 2018

Time: 9.25am assemble at school  
approx. 10am start at pool

Venue: Muswellbrook Pool

Cost: To be advised

Who: Children turning 8 years or older during 2018 that are confident swimmers able to swim at least 25metres and enter from the deep end.

Permission notes will be sent home next year.



## Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc - Youth Centre

# DECEMBER CALENDAR 2017

Open Wednesday-Fri 3pm –6pm Free bus run provided every afternoon .  
School Holidays Tues - Thurs 11am-3pm Focus of the month: Human Rights

Located at  
The Showground,  
Maitland Street  
PO Box 628  
Muswellbrook NSW  
2333  
Phone: (02) 65434841  
Fax: (02) 65425443  
Email: kholman@uhys.org.au



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 TEAM BUILDING Taking pride in our Youth Centre	
			6 LIFE SKILLS Cooking some Christmas treats.	7 CREATIVE ARTS Making our own Christmas ball.	8 COMMUNITY AWARENESS Human Rights Day 10/12/2017	
			13 GROUP WORK A game of Captain ball on the lawn.	14 LIFE SKILLS Not falling into the comparison trap.	15 GROUP ACTIVITY Youthies Xmas break up party.	
	18 Free Choice 11am-3pm	19 Free Choice 11am-3pm	20 Last day of Youth Centre for 2017 11 am–3 pm	21	22	
			27 			

Youth Centre closed for Christmas holidays.  
We will re-open Tuesday  
2nd January 2018  
11am-3pm



## Good for Kids good for life

### THE BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Being active is very important for children. Not only for their physical health but also for their mental wellbeing.

Some benefits of being active include:

- Promoting healthy growth and development
- Building strong bones and muscles
- Improving cardiovascular fitness
- Improves balance, coordination and strength
- Improves concentration and thinking skills
- Improves confidence and self-esteem
- Improving sleep

Children aged 5-12 years should participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity (makes you huff and puff) physical activity every day.



PHONE 4924 6499



SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

...to be SunSmart in summer!

### Did you know?

Temperature doesn't determine when you need sun protection. It is UV radiation, which is not affected by temperature that damages skin cells and causes cancer. To reduce your family's risk of skin cancer, **use sun protection whenever UV levels are 3 or above.**

### How do I know when the UV is 3 or above?

Download the free SunSmart App and set it up for your location!

Most parts of NSW experience high levels of UV radiation, especially from October to March. Check the UV every day using the app, or set up the auto-alert, to find out when you need to use sun protection.



Got any questions? Contact the friendly SunSmart Team on (02) 9334 1761.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



You're invited...

## Upper Hunter Compass Tenant Christmas Picnic

**Friday 22nd December**  
**10:30am - 3pm**  
**Wollombi Road Footy Fields,  
Muswellbrook**

Lunch and drinks supplied  
Music  
Activities  
Show rides  
Water slides  
...and much more!

Santa will pay us a visit  
All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult  
Bring your swimmers  
Please RSVP to  
1300 333 733

**compass**  
housing services

Brookside invites you to

## Christmas Eve Carols

24th December at 6:30pm  
79 Sydney St, Muswellbrook

Supper included

**Our Christmas Day Service is at  
gam on Christmas Day.**

Everyone Invited

**BROOKSIDE**  
Muswellbrook Baptist Church

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