

# Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter



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"Muswellbrook South Public School Official"

TERM 3 WEEK 6

Wednesday 29th August 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,  
**Rain Dance**

If you haven't joined our Facebook page yet, then you're missing out on some of the great things that are happening at South. Last week we posted a 'rain dance' video that was picked up by the Department and shared across their networks. While we didn't break the internet, the video of our infants dancing was viewed by more than 45,000 people, sharing our support for farmers far and wide. The support doesn't stop there. Our SRC has been busy raising money that will be used to 'buy a bail'.

### Reward System

We would like to update our rewards system, making it more enticing for our senior students and providing more variety for everyone. While we believe that the most important motivating force should be intrinsic – a sense of pride or willingness to get better – we realise that students also need some external motivating rewards on their way to becoming self-directed, self-motivated learners. As such we want as much input from students as possible. Over the next couple of weeks students will be surveyed in class to find out how they would like the system to run and what kind of rewards might be the most motivating. Once we've developed the new system, we'll invite parents to comment as well.

### Tell Them From Me

Another way we collect information from our students is through the Tell Them From Me survey. Students in Years 4-6 will be surveyed and asked a range of questions, providing us with valuable information about how we are catering for the needs of all students. Students are asked to report on a range of issues such as the quality of work they are presented with in class, how connected they feel to school, friendships and bullying. The results will be shared with students, staff and parents once they've been collated.

Yours in Education,

**Glen Kite**  
Principal

## Assembly – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August is an infant's assembly that will **start at 11am** in our school hall.

KGREEN will be presenting a class item.

White, Bronze & Silver PBL Awards will be presented.

All parents & carers are warmly invited to attend.

Please note entry is via the front gate only.

*"PJ is excited to see all the rewards students would like to have".*



## WEEK 5 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received Gold PBL awards at last week's whole school assembly. MSPS are proud of your efforts!

### Gold Award – 100 Pebbles

Megan Ng, Riley J, Ruby P, Bella F, Brooke L, Allan F, Zachary B, Lillian F, Ryder W, Jordyn L, Deannah N, Amelia B, Connor C, Teagan A,

## K-2 Attendance Hero

Each week, the K-2 classes like to acknowledge those students who come to school each day, ready to learn, by awarding two students as 'Attendance Heroes'. These lucky students get to wear a super hero cape for the morning and also win a lunch order valued at \$5 the following week.

To be an Attendance Hero and get your name in the draw, you must be

**H**ere  
**E**very day  
**R**eady  
**O**n-time!



Congratulations to the Term 3 Week 5 Attendance Heroes **Rosanna G of K RED** and **Catelyn G of 1 BLUE**.

*Please note if your child is sick, please do not send your child to school, as it may cause others to be unwell.*

**WEEK 5 PBL CHAMPS**

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded "PBL champs" at last week's whole school assembly. MSPS are proud of your efforts!

**Early Stage 1** – Meila B, Patrick G

**Stage 1** – Leyhton C, Tyyrone A, Phoenix Mc, Mervan A

**Stage 2** – Sophie B, Ruby G, Letisha J, Bailey C

**Stage 3** – Riley B, Christine R, Skye K, Lydia L

**Support** – Ella R

# LOST PROPERTY

Families are reminded to please label all clothing with a child's name. With experiencing cold mornings, but the days warming up, jumpers have been left lying around with no names on them. If clothing is labelled it can be returned to the owner. Lost property not labelled is placed in bins near 2 YELLOW's classroom.

# SPORTS REPORT

**Netball Gala Day**

St Catherine's Netball Gala Day was a great experience for the senior girls. It was an opportunity to network with students from Mayfield to Scone. The girls worked hard and learnt lots! A huge thank you to the parents who transported the students and Miss Watson who accompanied the team.



MSPS 10's and Opens Rugby League teams travelled to Cook Park Singleton on Tuesday to participate in the Bryan Kirkland Cup. It was a round robin format, with both teams playing 3 games against other local Public and Catholic schools. The Opens never gave up all day, unfortunately recording three narrow loses. The 10's played

some great football winning their first two games and narrowly losing the 3rd game by 2 tries and missing a spot in the final.

Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children to Singleton, and to our wonderful fathers who helped with coaching and league safe duties. Thank you Mr Wild for organising and accompanying the teams.



Good luck to our students who are competing at the PSSA Hunter Region Athletics Carnival at Glendale this Friday.



Quote of the week "Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement".

Regards  
Mr Adams - PE Teacher



# Busy in K green

## Book week

We enjoyed being pirates and using the treasure map to find our treasure. We love our class book- Alpaca with maracas.

Our handwriting lessons incorporate Occupational Therapy activities that help build up fine motor movements and build muscle strength so students can become legible and fluent writers.



## NAIDOC week celebrations

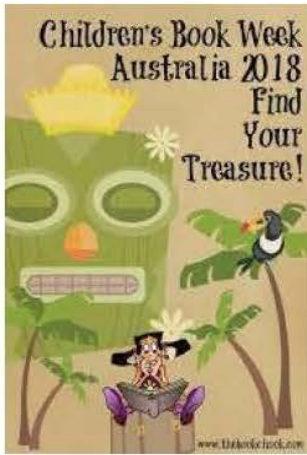


We work hard during literacy time. At the learning stations, we learn to rhyme, type and make sight words, read books, learn letters and sounds and write amazing sentences. We have been learning facts about Australian animals and then add this information into our witting.

## Australian animals



# BOOK WEEK 2018



The theme for Book Week this year was 'Find Your Treasure'. To celebrate the theme a Treasure Hunt was held throughout the week. Each class was given a map and a list of questions. Questions had to be answered at different spots around the school and if successful they received a gold coin. After collecting all their gold coins the classes received a book (or treasure) for their class to keep.

Books are like treasures. When you open a book you can discover interesting characters, great places to visit and build a wealth of knowledge. Book Week is about making connections and our Library has hundreds of books for the children to borrow and treasure.

Thank you everyone for your support in making Book Week fun and engaging for the students.







# Muswellbrook South PS

*Breakfast Club Program supports*



# Coonamble PS

Muswellbrook South Public School have decided to support families of Coonamble Public School affected by the current drought by donating proceeds from our Breakfast Club for Terms 3 & 4.

By helping support our Breakfast Club you will be helping support families of Coonamble Public School.

MSPS Breakfast Club is open to all students and operates daily in "The Shed" from 8.45am to 9.15am. For 50c children can get a piece of toast, cereal, milo drink and fruit.



This week, Muswellbrook South and King Street Public Schools launched a Muswellbrook and Singleton Schools' Community Fundraiser, in support of our local farmers who are struggling with the drought.

Our first goal is to raise \$9500 to provide hay for their stock.

Please visit

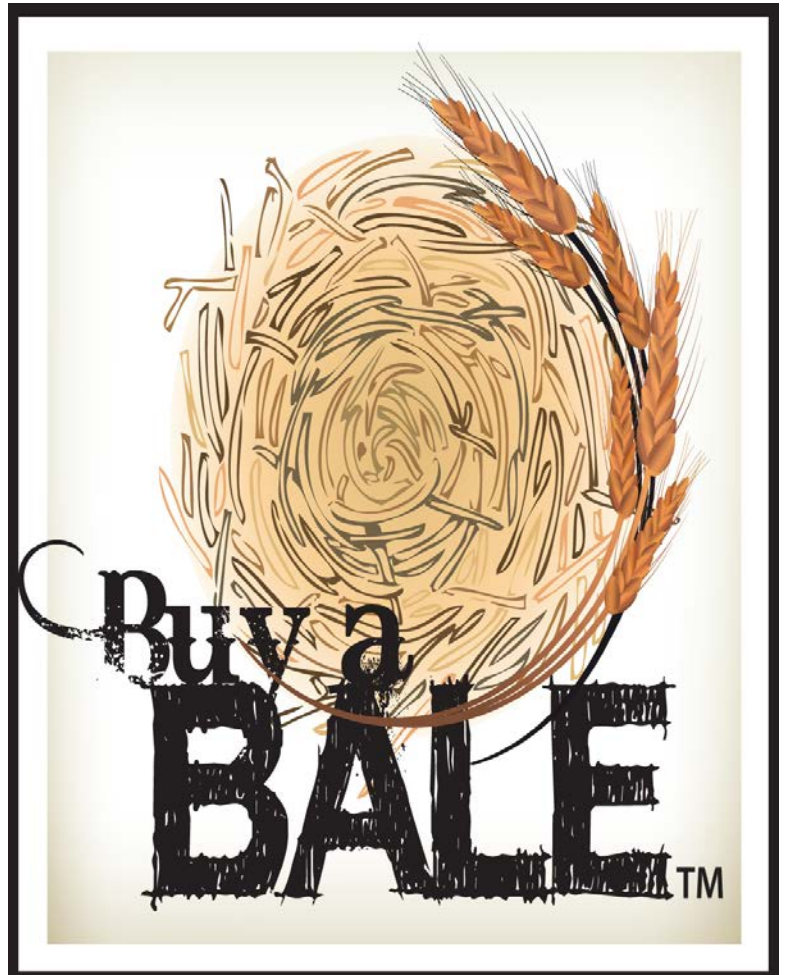
[https://www.buyabale.com.au/donate/?supporter\\_id=95176](https://www.buyabale.com.au/donate/?supporter_id=95176) to donate.

All donations are tax deductible.

We have farming families that need our help, so please help us to help them.

Regards

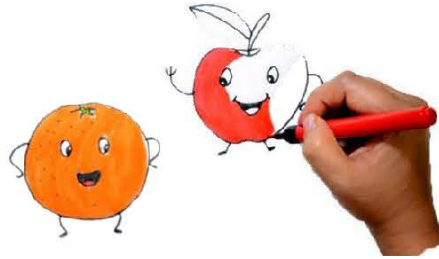
Mrs Felan and MSPS SRC







**P&C News**



**Muswellbrook South P.S Canteen  
Drawing Competition**

**Starts Monday 20th August 2018**

**Closes Friday 14th September 2018**

Students are to draw and colour their favourite fruit or vegetable.

One entry per child and must include child's name and class.

Each entrant will receive a Fresh for Kids collectors' card.

**One winner from each grade will be selected on Monday 17th September and will receive a free lunch order to the value of \$5.**

(one piece of paper per student can be collected from the canteen if required).

**Muswellbrook South Public School**

**School Summer Uniform**



Thank you to everyone who purchased an item from the Father's Day Stall. Any remaining gifts will be available to purchase from the school canteen during 1<sup>st</sup> break on Wednesday and Thursday.

**CANTEEN news**

**Open 5 days a week 9am to 2.15pm.**

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 1st break.

Any hot food orders after 10am will be served at 2nd break.

Any frozen treats or Slush Puppies ordered will be highlighted and your child must bring the bag back to the canteen for collection.

2nd 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.

**Congratulations to this week's meal deal winner Michaela B from 1 BLUE.**

Michaela has won a lunch order to the value of \$5.

Please note the meal winner must claim prize within one week.

Thank you to last week's canteen helpers Debbie, Jayde and Catherine and thank you to Shellie and Suellen for assisting during lunch breaks.

Thank you we couldn't do it without you. If you can spare a few hours on any day between 9am & 12.15pm or even just half an hour from 1.45pm for 2nd break please see Gina or Kristy in the canteen.

**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.

Cash, Eftpos and Lay-bys are available. Please note all laybys require a regular fortnightly payment. No items can be taken without full payment.

**MSPS P&C Meeting  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm  
in school library.**

We have had a confirmed case of whooping cough in our school. Below are the signs and symptoms of Whooping Cough. If you are suspicious that your child may have any of the below symptoms please keep your child home and seek medical attention.

## Whooping cough (Pertussis)

Whooping cough affects people of all ages, but can be very serious in babies.

### What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough (or pertussis) is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*.

### Signs and symptoms

Whooping cough usually begins like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes mild fever. Coughing then develops, in bouts, followed by a deep gasp or “whoop”. Some people vomit after coughing. It can be very serious in small children who may go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need to go to hospital. In older children and adults it may be less serious, with bouts of coughing that continue for many weeks.

### How is it spread?

It is spread by droplets from coughing or sneezing. If untreated, an infected person can spread it to other people for up to 3 weeks after the onset of a cough. The time between exposure and getting sick is usually 7-10 days, but can be up to 3 weeks.

### What is the risk of transmission?

Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as an infected person are more likely to catch it. Immunisation greatly reduces the risk of infection, but re-infection can occur.

### What treatment is available?

A specific antibiotic is taken for 7 days. This can prevent the spread of the germ to others. However, coughing often continues for many weeks despite treatment. Get treated early. While infectious, avoid other people and stay away from young children e.g. at child care centres, pre-school and school.

### What precautions can you take?

Ensure mouths and noses are covered with a mask when in contact with an infected person. Wear gloves when in contact with an infected person and when disposing of used tissues.

### How can you prevent contracting whooping cough?

Immunise your child on time: Immunisation is available through your GP. The vaccine does not give lifelong protection. Children need to be immunised at 2, 4 and 6 months. Boosters are needed at 4 years of age and again at 15 years of age.

Keep your baby away from people who cough: Babies need 2 or 3 vaccinations before they are protected therefore it is very important to keep people with coughing illnesses away from your baby so they don't pass on whooping cough or other germs.

Get immunised if you are an adult in close contact with small children: It is recommended that when planning a pregnancy, or as soon as a baby is born that both parents get immunised. It is also recommended that adults working with young children get immunised.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough, watch out for the symptoms. If symptoms develop, see your GP: Some close contacts at high risk e.g. children under 1 year, children not fully vaccinated; women at the end of their pregnancy, and others who live or work with high-risk people may need to take antibiotics to prevent infection.



**MSPS Dates for the Diary – Term 3 2018**

<i>weeks</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
Aug/ Sep <b>6</b>	27	28	29 Kinder 2019 Info night	30 Interschool Public Speaking competition at MSPS	31 Infants Assembly
Sept <b>7</b>	3	4 MSPS Year 5 visit MHS	5 House Debating in Hall	6	7 Primary Assembly
Sept <b>8</b>	10	11 Year 3 / Support Excursion	12	13	14 Infants Assembly
Sept <b>9</b>	17	18 Toonschool  House Debating Final	19 Yr 5 Camp	20 Yr 5 Camp	21 Yr 5 Camp Primary Assembly <b>Infants fun day</b>
Sept <b>10</b>	24	25	26	27 Stage 2 World Project Expo	28 Whole school Assembly



# Kindergarten

## INFORMATION NIGHT

*You are invited to our Kindergarten 2019  
Information Night*

**When:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Where:** Muswellbrook South Public School library

**Time:** 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Information talk and tour of the school

*Tea and coffee provided.*

Come and learn about the programmes on offer at Muswellbrook South  
and how we can help your child achieve their potential at school.







# Muswellbrook South Public School

## Kindergarten Transition Program

A special invitation is extended to all children who have enrolled at Muswellbrook South Public School for 2019 or who are going to enrol, to attend our

### **Kindergarten Transition Program.**

There will be lots of exciting activities such as art and craft, singing and dancing. This is a chance to become familiar with the school environment and teachers for next year.

Please contact the School Office on **65 431896** by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September to register your child and nominate the session you would like your child to attend.

**Where:** Muswellbrook South Public School

**When:** Term 4: 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October  
7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November  
(5 week program).

**Time:** Sessions will be held on a **Wednesday**  
Students are invited to attend one timeslot each Wednesday (limited spaces in each timeslot so please register asap).

- 10.00am to 11.30am
- 12.00pm to 1.30pm
- 2.00pm to 3.25pm

**Cost:** None





**act  
belong  
commit**

Keeping active, having a sense of belonging and having a purpose in life are all good for our mental health and wellbeing. We not only feel happier, but we can cope better with problems and stress.

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT is a community-based health promotion campaign which encourages people to think proactively about their health and wellbeing.

Come along to the official launch of this exciting campaign to learn more about what it means to Act-Belong-Commit and help us build ideas that will support the health and wellbeing of the Muswellbrook community.

*Muswellbrook*  
**HEALTHY & WELL**

### INVITATION

Community members (of all ages), community services, schools, sporting organisations, local government and businesses

**LAUNCH & FORUM**  
WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018  
5.30-7.30pm Muswellbrook PCYC  
*Registration and light meal from 5.30pm for 6pm start*

**PCYC** Carl St & Market St Muswellbrook  
**RSVP** [act-belong-commit.event@brite.com.au](mailto:act-belong-commit.event@brite.com.au)  
Or call 02 4055 1892

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MUSWELLBROOK LAUNCH & COMMUNITY FORUM







Rediscover your hopes and dreams about learning...It's never too late!

Come along to a  
**LEARNING UNLEASHED Workshops**

**Tertiary Education Centre (TEC)**  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 | 10am – 12pm

**Hunter Park Family Centre**  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 | 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Muswellbrook Public School Hall**  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 | 9.30am -11.30am

**This fun and interactive workshop focuses on unlocking and supporting the possibilities of you or your family's growth and learning potential.**

- An opportunity to connect with other parents, grandparents and carers who would like to support their children's learning.
- Learn about how we see ourselves as learners.
- Find out about different pathways to learning.

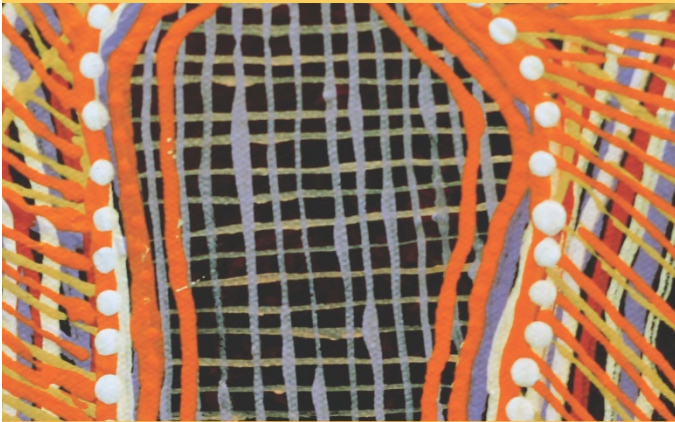
Light refreshments provided  
Child-minding available

To register and find out more information, please contact either:

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Uni4You: encouraging, supporting and connecting people who are interested in the possibility of learning.

# MUSWELLBROOK ABORIGINAL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



A Muswellbrook Shire Council Aboriginal Reconciliation Committee project in partnership with:



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MORNING TEA

3rd September 2018 | 10.30am  
at Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council



Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc  
Funded by Department of Community Services

## SPEAKING IN COLOUR

Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc. will be having a **FREE** Cultural afternoon.

**EVERY TUESDAY** - From 31<sup>st</sup> July - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Cherie Johnson from Speaking In Colour will be facilitating the program.

- Open hours 4pm to 6pm.
- Afternoon Tea will be provided.
- 10 - 18yrs.
- **FREE** transport available in the Muswellbrook area.
- There will be weekly activities for everyone to enjoy!!!!

For further info please contact UHYS on 6543 4841 or [lmcphie@uhys.org.au](mailto:lmcphie@uhys.org.au)



## UPPER HUNTER YOUTH SERVICES INC. - YOUTH CENTRE

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR 2018

Located in The Showground—Maitland Street Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Phone: (02) 65434841

Email : [jlondon@uhys.org.au](mailto:jlondon@uhys.org.au)

**SPEAKING IN COLOUR EVERY TUESDAY 3.30—6pm—ALL WELCOME**

#### Opening Hours

Wed - Fri 3pm—6pm

Tuesday 3:30pm-6pm

Speaking In Colour

School Holidays

Tues-Thurs

11am—3pm

#### FREE BUS RUN

Muswellbrook area only!




#### FOCUS OF THE MONTH

**World Gratitude**



World  
**Gratitude**  
Day

September 21

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		5th National Health And Physical Education Day <b>Outdoor Activities</b>	6th Family BBQ <b>Invite family down for a FREE BBQ!!!</b>	7th Life Skills <b>Youth Wash Up</b>
		12th Arts and Craft 	13th <b>RUOK? DAY</b> <i>A conversation could change a life.</i>	14th Friday Fun <b>Free Choice Afternoon! :-)</b>
		19th Outdoor Activity <b>Bull Rush On Lawn</b>	20th Life Skills <b>Cooking</b>	21ST <b>BEING THANKFUL</b> 
		26th Life Skills <b>Talking about Personal Hygiene</b>	27th Physical Activity <b>Cricket On Lawn</b>	28th <b>BBQ and Tunes!!</b> 