

# Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter



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"Muswellbrook South Public School Official"

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The future is here. While we've all been busy preparing meals for our kids, going to work and coming home to clean up after our kids, the world has grown up. Artificial intelligence is here and is only growing in power. Cars on the road today use radar to keep themselves in lane and keep a good distance from the car in front. Facebook predicts what you want to see and makes suggestions to you about what you might like. It also recognises your image from the billions of photos on the web through facial recognition software. Google has created a piece of code that imitates a human and can speak to a real life human to book a haircut for you. Code exists that can take an image of a mole and predict, better than the best dermatologist in the world, whether or not it will become malignant.

With all this going on, what kind of jobs will be available in the future and what skills will our children need to be successful? According to Forbes, jobs that are likely to be on the way out are those that are repeatable and lack variety, such as researchers for example. Those jobs that are variable and manual in nature will remain; plumbers and electricians for example. And those jobs that are variable and unpredictable will remain.

Our challenge is to prepare students for a world that is changing rapidly. Students are going to need high level skills in critical thinking, creativity and problem solving. They are also going to need the 'soft skills', things like empathy, cooperation and perseverance. These are the skills that as a school we strongly value and we find ways to develop while teaching core literacy and numeracy skills. Because we understand that the combination of these skills and knowing how to read and count will make our students successful in the future.

Yours in Education

**Glen Kite**  
Principal

## Remembrance Day Assembly followed by Infants Assembly – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

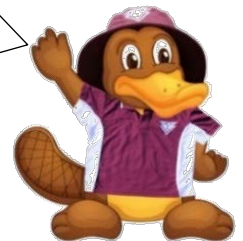


REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Left We Forget*

The whole school will be attending a Remembrance Day service on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November in our School Hall from 10.45am. All students are to be in full school uniform. We look forward to a reflective and respectful assembly.

Following the Remembrance Assembly will be an Infants assembly.  
1 YELLOW 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 says - *"Please remember to be safe, respectful and responsible when walking to and from the pool and when in the community".*



## WEEK 3 AWARD WINNERS

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

### White Award – 25 Pebbles

Michael H, Thomas L, Samara B, Elijah B, Lauchlan M, William S, Shae J, Mairead W, Cassidy S, Trey J, Wayde S,

### Bronze Award – 50 Pebbles

Rielly D, Delacey T

### Silver Award – 75 Pebbles

Delacey T, Jeremy D, Jensen N, Rohahn C, Chanel S, Saffron J, Hunter Mc, Chloe C, Harley C

## SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT JANUARY 2019

If any student will not be attending school at the start of Term 1, 2019 please provide written documentation addressed to Mr Kite to the school office before the end of Term 4, 2018. Thank you.

**In planning for 2019 classes, we ask that any families who won't be returning in 2019 notify the office as soon as possible. If you know of any new families who may be considering MSPS in 2019, please ask them to contact the office on 02 6543 1896 to provide student details.**

**GRANDPARENTS DAY – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Grandparents Day is celebrated nationwide on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Grandparents Day celebrates the contributions Grandparents and older people make to their families and communities. Muswellbrook South Public School values the relationships students have with their Grandparents and as such will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The morning will begin at 9.25am with visits to the classrooms to learn about life at school in 2018. At 10.25am we will all move to the hall for a special assembly and a couple of surprises. After assembly, our honoured guests will be invited to partake in morning tea in the top quad.



**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 4 Week 2 Attendance Heroes **Cadence C of 2YELLOW** and **Jasper T of K BLUE**.

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

**Seasons of Growth**

Muswellbrook South Public School is celebrating the end of Seasons for Growth for 2018. Mrs Hunter and the students who participated have celebrated its success with a morning tea and an open discussion regarding grief and loss. Thank you to Mrs Hunter and the families and students who have participated in this valuable program. Muswellbrook South Public School values this program, assisting our families and students when dealing with grief and loss.



**MSPS Band**

We currently have several positions available in the school band for 2019. Music lessons are run during school time by the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. Band is held before school on a Thursday morning a week as well as some Thursday afternoons during the afternoon session.



We have Trumpets, Clarinets, Saxophones and flutes for hire \$35 per term. We have places for Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute, and Clarinet. Some lesson 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPORTS REPORT



A very big congratulations to Year 6 student Jorja S, who competed at the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush last week. Jorja finished 5th in the final of the 13 year old girls 100m race. Well done Jorja, it is a fantastic achievement.

Regards  
Mr Adams - PE Teacher

## Five SunSmart symbols.

**Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide**



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Do you know what these symbols mean?

1. **Slip** on clothing that covers your arms and legs
2. **Slap** on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
3. **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
4. **Seek** shade
5. **Slide** on wrap around sunglasses (if you can manage them)

Go to the Cancer Council website to find out more:

[www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary)

## Inter-school debating Competition

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Muswellbrook South Public School hosted the Interschool's Debating Competition with five schools from our local area coming together to compete. Thank you to our year 6 students who performed chairperson duties in each of the debates. Adjudicators for the debates were Mr Turvey, Mrs Moore and Miss Hill. The adjudicators commented on the valuable skills students learned during this competition such as thinking on their feet, researching a topic, gaining confidence in public speaking and critical listening and thinking skills.

After many heated debates, St James Muswellbrook were crowned to be this year's winner.

Both our teams debated very hard with one of our teams making it through to the semi-finals. The students who participated in this competition should be extremely proud of their performance. Hopefully they have inspired some of their fellow students to participate next year so that this cherished competition can continue in the years to come.



## Year 6 Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who cooked and supplied special treats for Year 6's cake stall. In line with last Friday's theme "Colour Your Threads for PosEd" there were some very bright and yummy cakes. Money raised from today's cake stall will go towards end of year activities like the Year 6 Farewell. Thank you for everyone's support.

**Muswellbrook Local Art Awards**

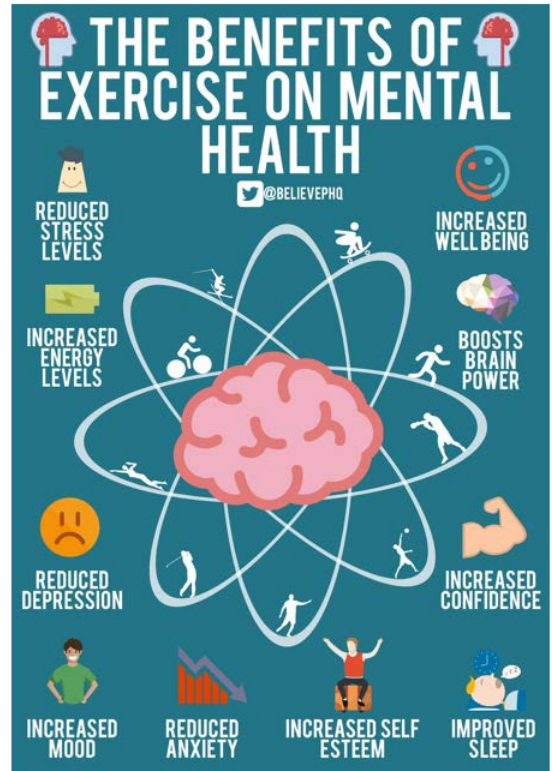
Year 4 student Maverick B, recently entered the Muswellbrook Local Art Awards 2018 at the Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre.

Maverick attended the opening night on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October where his artwork was on display. Maverick's drawings are titled "Light Fury", "Ultimate Ash Geninja X" and "Ultimate Ash Geninja Y" and are on display at the art gallery until January.

If you get a chance you can support Mav by voting for him as People's Choice. Well done Mav!



**Good for Kids** good for life



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**GRAND PARENTS' DAY**



**Muswellbrook South Public School**



will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on **Friday 16th November 2018.**

Grandparents are warmly invited to visit MSPS classrooms from 9.25am to 10.25am and then attend a special assembly in the hall.

Following the assembly Grandparents are invited to morning tea in the top quad.

This is our way of acknowledging and thanking the grandparents/older family friends who enrich our lives in so many ways.

U P D A T E



I YELLOW enjoyed visiting TOCAL last week. We had a chance to wash and hang out clothes, carry water buckets, and learn about kitchens and houses from the past. We enjoyed meeting the piglets and dressing up like we lived in the past!



UPDATE





# Muswellbrook South Public School

## “Building Solid Foundations for Life”

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2019, our Year 5 students will become the leaders of our school and should be now starting to consider if they would like to be part of our school leadership team. All of Year 5 will be participating in a 2 day workshop that will enhance and outline the skills and responsibilities needed to be an effective leader at Muswellbrook South Public School. All students will have the opportunity to nominate for a leadership role in 2019.

Below is an outline of dates for our leadership program:

### Week 4

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Students wanting to nominate for a 2019 leadership role will be given a nominations note.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Leadership workshops for all of Year 5.

### Week 5

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Nomination notes due in.

### Week 6

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Notes given to shortlisted students.

### Week 7

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – from 9:30am: Speeches.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Voting and Counting.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – New Leaders notified.

### Week 8

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Sports Captain Voting.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Sports Captains for 2018 officially announced at Sports Presentation.

### Week 9

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - All new leaders will be invited to attend the Year 6 Farewell.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Leaders for 2019 officially announced at school Presentation Day

Sincerely,

Mrs Winning

Stage 3 Assistant Principal



# P&C News

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN -



## RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER BAGS \$8.50ea

These clever bags have been designed to replace brown paper bags for lunch orders. They hold substantially more food than a paper bag, are more hygienic, durable, easily wipe clean with a damp cloth after use and will help reduce paper waste.

Bag tags are available from the uniform shop. Printed are \$7 and plain \$5. They are good for reminding your child, and notifying school staff, on how your child will be getting home that afternoon.



Please try and limit sending high value notes with children to use at the school canteen. The canteen sometimes does not have enough notes to give change for these values and it is not safe for children to have this money on them at school.

**Under no circumstances will the canteen do credit or (student) accounts.**



Open 5 days  
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.

*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.*

## 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 Chloe C from K Yellow.**

Chloe 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, Kellie, Stacey and Catherine. 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.

## FINAL DAYS – GET YOUR ORDER IN ASAP!

The P&C is holding a "Drink Bottle" fundraiser.

Personalised stainless-steel drink bottles are available in 6 great colours and **Small (500ml) \$18** or **Large (740ml) \$20**.

Names and images are laser engraved so they cannot rub or scratch off. The office has drink bottle samples to view.

These are a great Christmas present idea and the P&C will receive \$5 per bottle ordered. Order forms are available from the front office.

**Order forms and money must be returned to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to enable delivery before Christmas holidays. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.



SAVE THE DATE: P&C COLOUR RUN  
FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018.  
NOTES TO BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK.

MSPS P&C Meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm  
in school library.



## MSPS Dates for the Diary – Term 4 2018

weeks	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov <b>4</b>	5	6	7	8 Yr5 Leadership Day Children's University Graduation	9 Yr5 Leadership Day
Nov <b>5</b>	12	13 Learn to Swim	14 Kinder Transition	15	16 Grandparents Day
Nov <b>6</b>	19	20 Learn to Swim	21 Kinder Transition	22	23
Nov/ Dec <b>7</b>	26	27 Learn to Swim	28	29	30 P&C colour run
Dec <b>8</b>	3	4 Learn to Swim	5	6	7 9:45-10:45am Sports Presentation
Dec <b>9</b>	10 Celebration of Learning Day	11 Learn to Swim	12 Concert	13 Year 6 Farewell	14 Presentation Day K-2 9:45-10:30 am 3-6- 11-12pm
Dec <b>10</b>	17	18 Swimming Carnival	19	20 SDD	21 SDD



Exclusive offer to  
**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**



**20% OFF**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
AND EVERYTHING ELSE

**INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

\* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes exciting 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 15/11/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

## SAVE THE DATE

NOTES WILL BE SENT HOME  
NEXT WEEK.

MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

**COLOUR  
FUNRUN**



**Friday**

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

**30th November at 2.15pm**

**on the school oval**

**GOLD COIN DONATION REQUESTED**

**ALL PROCEEDS  
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!**

**Permission note must be returned**

