

Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter



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"Muswellbrook South Public School Official"

TERM 4 WEEK 7

Wednesday 27 November 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week we broke one of the fundamental agreements that exists between the school and families; that of care and trust. For that I am incredibly sorry. That breach cuts deep for many reasons. Primarily because it undermines my driving purpose and why I get out of bed each morning: *to help others be better tomorrow than they are today*. I chose to be a teacher to achieve this purpose and I worked hard to become a principal to broaden my impact beyond the children in my classroom, to the staff at my school and the children in their classrooms. The mistakes of last week have damaged relationships across our school community that are vital for our school to achieve that driving purpose. And that hurts. It makes me angry, disappointed and ashamed that we have failed our students and our parents in such a fundamental way. Please be reassured that we are prepared to sit in that uncomfortable situation until we have made it right. We will do everything within our power to ensure that no other child or parent is faced with that kind of fear again. We will work with the family directly affected and with the broader school community to rebuild trust, and ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, because we truly care for our students, we want the best for them and we want to ensure that every day, every student is better than they were yesterday.

Glen Kite
Principal

Infants Assembly – Week 7

Friday 29 November is an Infants assembly that will start at 11am in the school hall.
2GREEN will be presenting a class item.
PBL awards will be presented and Band scholarships will be announced.
ICAS awards and the Carole Avery Infants Fun Day sportsmanship awards be presented.
Premiers Reading Challenge Certificates will be awarded to Infants students.
All parents & carers are warmly invited to attend.
Please note entry is via the front gate only.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT JANUARY 2020

If any student will be on holidays and not attending school at the beginning of Term 1 2020, please provide written documentation addressed to Mr Kite and hand in at the school office before the end of Term 4, 2019. Thank you.

In planning for 2020 classes, we ask that any families who won't be returning in 2020 please notify the office as soon as possible.

If you know of any new families who may be considering MSPS in 2020, please ask them to contact the office on 02 6543 1896 to provide student details.

WEEK 6 PBL AWARDS

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

Bronze Award (25 Pebbles) – Lucas J, Tristan L, Miley T, Ashton C, Shakira R, Ella T, Mairead W, Bailey M, Saxon T, Rielly D, Amelia J, Jessie B, Jax V, Cora-Lea L, Charli-Rose W and Jackson G.

Silver Award (50 Pebbles) – Noah H, Georgia K, Shanika T, Patrick P, Kyden S, Wayde S, James M, Jasmine F, Adelaide A, Alicia R, William F, Jordan T, Dylan S, Declan M, Trey J, Henry D, Shakira R, Aurelia R, Tianah N, Dominic B, Sophie F, Saderina C, Dean Bates, Sky-Ann S, Brodee T, Colin G, Benjamin C, Reese S and Hope C.

Gold Award (75 Pebbles) – Netise W, Mia H, Teegan E, Charlotte B, Reagan T, Wayde S, Kaitlyn C, Jonathan F, Mitchell M, Kiara G, Cassidy S, Olivia G, Harrison F, Kiara D, Tyson C, Riley S, Indigo S, Danny-Boy V, Terren V, Sara W, Flynn S, Tai-Ron S, Noa K, Althea M, Maelie P, Jacobi P, Brodie S, Ezra S, Jorja S, Jasmyne P, Tahnee R and Jonah A.

Platinum (100 Pebbles) – Lilly G, Emma B, Lochlan H, Kyle A, Netise W, Koia R, Marcus P, Mia H, Teegan E, Charlotte B, Marlon G, Aiden J and Lauchlan M.

PJ says . . .

"We can use our character strengths to make strong and smart choices".



INTRODUCING MSPS LEADERS FOR 2020 . . .



Congratulations Bailey, Harrison, Cassidy, Chanel, Kyle, Cory, Lilly and Kaitlyn who were announced as 2020 School leaders. Their leadership positions will be announced at our School Presentation Day ceremony on Friday 13th December. All Year 5 students who nominated and presented speeches for leadership roles are to be commended.

HONOUR STUDENT

Honour students will be recognised at our Presentation Day on Friday 13th December. To be an honour student, children need to have received four (4) merit awards and a PBL Platinum award (100 PBL's) in 2019. If your child has received both these, please bring the awards in to their classroom teacher by Tuesday 10th December. Honour students will receive an award at Presentation Day and have a special luncheon with Mr Kite on Tuesday 17th December.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 Farewell is being held on Tuesday 10th December from 6pm to 8.30pm at Muswellbrook RSL Club.

Dress code is smart casual.

This is an event for Year 6 students and staff only. Parents are invited to arrive at 8pm to watch the Presentation section of the evening. The Farewell is scheduled to finish by 8.30pm.



Attendance Hero

Each week we like to acknowledge those students who come to school each day, ready to learn, by awarding students as 'Attendance Heroes'. These lucky students receive a lunch order to the value of \$5 to be used during the week.

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

Here
Every day
Ready
On-time!



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

Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 6 Attendance Heroes pictured below.

Infants –

Lauren G of KBLUE, Breeana L of 2GREEN, Lucas H of 1GREEN and Axel M of 1YELLOW.



Primary –

Jacob T of 3RED, Dorrie O of 3RED, Myles B of 3/4YELLOW, Kalaya D of 3/4YELLOW, Tom N of 5BLUE and Marcus P of 6RED.



SAVE THE DATE

Muswellbrook South Public School

2020 Swimming Carnival



Date: Thursday 6th February 2020

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.



Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates will be presented on the following days –

Kindergarten to Year 2 students at the Infants Assembly on Friday 29th November 2019 (Week 7)

Gold and Platinum Reading Challenge Certificates will be presented at Monday morning lines on 16th December.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.



You are warmly invited to attend this year's

Muswellbrook South Public School

SPORTS PRESENTATION

Friday 6th December 2019

Commencing at 9:45am
in our school hall.

This assembly includes the presentation of School Sporting Awards and Trophies and the Naming of 2020 Sports House Captains

We hope you can join us in recognising these special achievements.

INVITATION

You are warmly invited to attend this year's
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Presentation Day

Friday 13th December 2019

To accommodate the growth of our school, our presentation celebrations will be split into two ceremonies.

Infants (K-2) ceremony will commence at 9:45am

Primary (Grades 3-6) ceremony will commence at approximately 11am.

K-6 class awards will be presented as well as special awards and the induction of the new school leaders for 2020.

Our choir and band will also 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.



In conjunction with the P&C Colour Run on Friday 29th November, Muswellbrook South Public School are hosting their second annual 'Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed' day.

Students are invited to wear their brihgest items of clothing and colour their hair to celebrate the vibrant culture and success of positive education at Muswellbrook South Public School. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support student positive mental health.

By going to the trouble of helping your children to dress in colour, you're helping to remind them of the importance of working on their strengths. A big thanks to Where There's a Will and PESA for this joint initiative. By building on our strengths and resilience, we are creating a Positive, Flourishing, Learning community.

Regards
Visible Wellbeing team

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!

29th November at 2.15pm
on the school oval
GOLD COIN DONATION REQUESTED

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Permission note must be returned



2GREEN

Wow! What a year 2019 has been for 2 Green. We cannot believe it's almost over.

We have all learnt and improved so much - not only in the curriculum but as people.

We have laughed and we have cried.

We have made mistakes.

We are all still growing and Mr Morris has been telling us all year that if we don't make a mistake, we are not human. Mistakes are great and we learn from them.

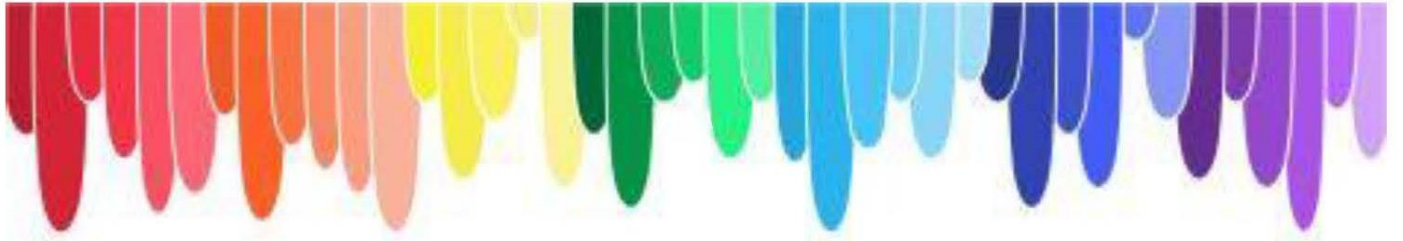
We are all so grateful for being given the opportunity to participate in Positive Wellbeing lessons at MSPS to focus on our attitude and how to control our brain when situations arise out of our comfort zone.

We are now ready for Year 3 and the extra challenge that primary school will bring.

We have been busily rehearsing for our performance at this week's Infants assembly. Hopefully it will blow everyone away!

Thank you to the staff and parents at Muswellbrook South Public School, and most importantly the students in 2 Green for making 2019 such an awesome experience that will always be remembered fondly.

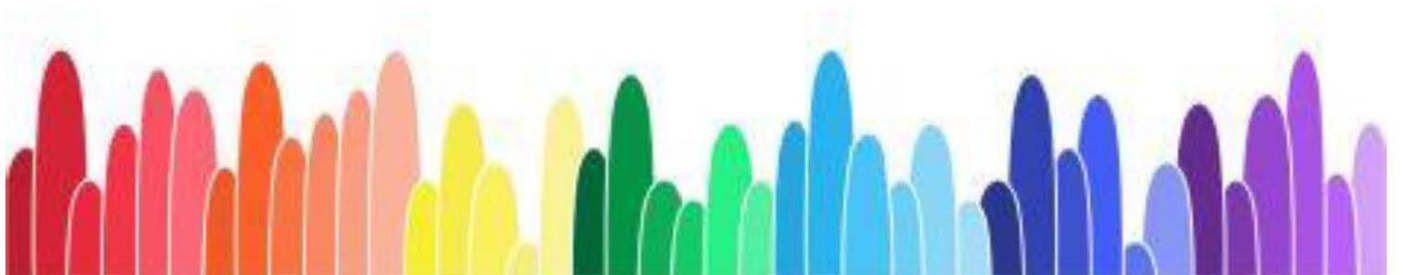




Visible Wellbeing and Positive Behaviour for Learning

In class, we are looking at our character strengths and which one we can use when we are faced with a tricky situation in order to develop our resilience (or, our ability to 'bounce back' when things are tough). Students are learning to also recognise which strength to use when others may upset or annoy them. Chat to your child about their character strengths and which ones they can use when they find things difficult.

VIA Classification of Character Strengths



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

On the down low with Mrs Dowdell

Motor skills are movements and actions of the bone structures. Typically, they are broken into two groups: gross motor skills and fine motor skills. **Gross motor skills** are involved in movement and coordination of the arms, legs, and other large body parts. **Fine motor skills** are involved in smaller movements that occur in the wrists, hands, fingers, feet and toes. These two motor skills work together to provide coordination. Here are some fun **gross motor skills** to do with your family!



Hopscotch, throwing and catching, bouncing, obstacle course, skipping, tug of war, and balancing activities all help develop gross motor skills.



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MSPS Dates for the Diary – Term 4 2019

weeks	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov Wk7	25	26	27	28	29 Colour your threads for PosED Colour Run Sports captain speeches Infants Assembly
Dec Wk8	2	3 Yr6 Orientation Day/Night	4	5	6 Sports Presentation 9.45am
Dec Wk9	9	10 Year 6 Farewell	11	12	13 Presentation Day K-2 9.45am 3-6 11am
Dec Wk10	16 End of Year Celebration	17 Honour Award lunch	18 Last day for students	19 SDD	20 SDD

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

Staff Development Day – Tuesday 28th January 2020

2020 Grade 1 to 6 students return Wednesday 29th January 2020

2020 Kindergarten students start on Thursday 30th January 2020

December 2019 Calendar
Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc - Youth Centre

Week 1
Wednesday 4th / Decorate the Youth Centre for Christmas
Thursday 5th / GAME – ‘Pin the Beard on Santa’
Friday 6th / NO DEVICES - What are you doing in the holidays?

Week 2
Wednesday 11th / Group Cooking – NACHO’s!!!
Thursday 12th / Outdoor Team Games – Tug ‘o’ War and Blindfold Obstacle Course
Friday 13th / Ten Pin Bowling at the Youth Centre

Week 3
Monday 16th / Xmas Craft – His ‘n’ Hers
Tuesday 17th / Everyone’s Favourite – Fruit Kebabs
Wednesday 18th / Last Day of School and Youthies Christmas Party!!!

Week 3 - School Holiday Activities
11am - 3pm (please note change of times)
Thursday 19th
Team Games - 3 Legged Race and Hula Hoop Challenge
Friday 20th
Making and Decorating Christmas Cupcakes
Monday 23rd
Board Games and Xmas Carols

Youth Centre is CLOSED for the remainder of December and will RE-OPEN 7th January. Upper Hunter Youth Service Staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Located at The Showground, Maitland Street, Muswellbrook NSW 2333
Phones: (02) 5543 4841
Email: lmcohee@uhys.org.au or cbrown@uhys.org.au
Opening Hours: Wednesday to Friday: 3pm – 6pm
FREE BUS RUN: Muswellbrook area only
AGE GROUP: 10 – 17yrs
FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 – 17 YEARS

MSPS Band

We currently have several positions available in the school band for 2020. Music lessons are run during school time by the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. Band is held before school on Thursday mornings each week as well as some Thursday afternoons during the afternoon session.



We have Trumpets, Clarinets, Saxophones and flutes for hire \$35 per term plus a one-off bond fee. 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: _____

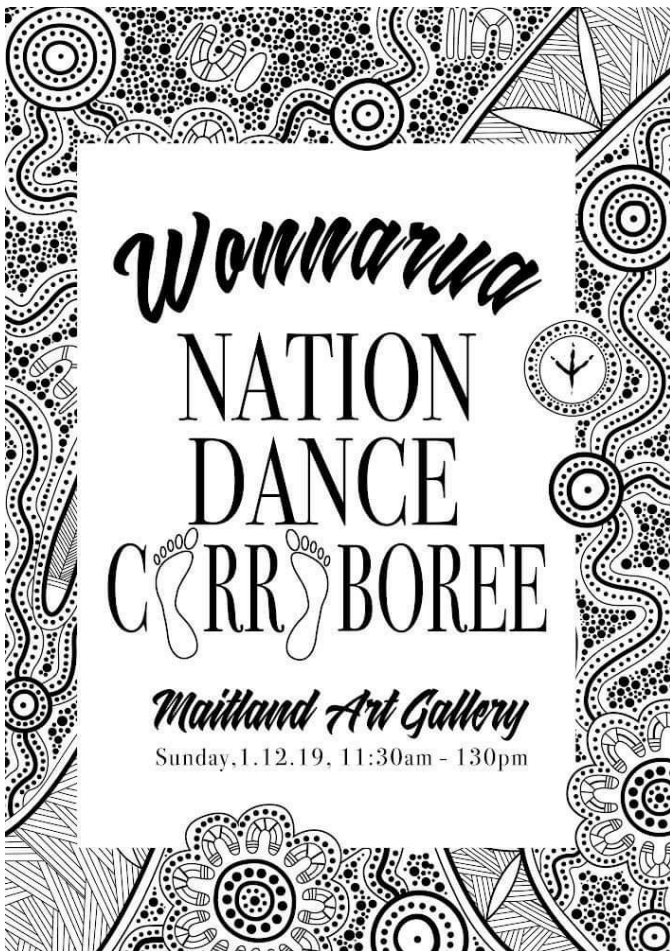
Class: _____

Preferred Instrument: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent contact phone number: _____

Parent email: _____



MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY!

(Grass area out the back)

There will be mats to sit on, but if you can, please bring a rug/blanket to sit on. Toilet facilities provided.

Corroboree is in conjunction with nation wide events on a national day of action.

Bring your clapsticks, boomerangs, yidaki's and voices as we make noise together. There will be ochre provided on the day for all.

-Birrawal Dancers

-Mixed Mobs

-Wakakulang

Any other group who wants to join us please get in contact.

THIS SUNDAY 1st December 2019.

11:30am - 1:30pm

ALL WELCOME

Community event where we all move together for the love of country. Everyone coming together dancing and sharing the love.



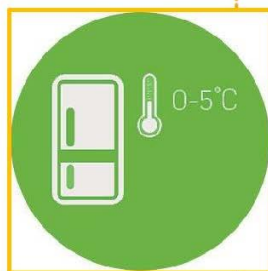
Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to keep food safe in summer.

Foods such as meat, fish, poultry and eggs; cooked pasta, noodles and rice; and dairy items such as milk, yoghurt, custard and cheese need to be kept very cold.

- Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep food cold in the lunch box.
- Freeze items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, and home-made muffins. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.
- If preparing lunches the night before, store in the fridge or freezer.
- Don't store food in an insulated bag in the fridge, it stops the cold air reaching the food.
- For food that has just been cooked, cool it in the fridge overnight before packing.



healthylunchbox.com.au



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

... to be SunSmart this summer.

Consider UV levels when planning your summer activities.

When UV is 3 or above you need to **PROTECT** your skin in 5 ways:

- **S**lip on sun-protective clothing
- **S**lop on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- **S**lap on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- **S**eek shade
- **S**lide on some wrap-around sunglasses



Download the free SunSmart app to know what the UV levels are in your location to help plan your summer fun.

SunSmart App is available on the App Store and Google Play

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au