

# MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Term 4 Week 7

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At this time of year, we are beginning to reflect on our performance as a school and evaluate programs and student outcomes. Evaluation is a key part of whole school improvement, as it forces us to stand back and clearly measure the impact we are having. We use a variety of different sources of information for our evaluation including parent, student and staff surveys, student assessment, analysis of teaching programs, observations of classroom practice and focus groups. This information is then collated and not only allows us to measure our impact but also provides the next steps for future development. Some of our key findings this year are below.

#### Educational Outcomes

In 2020, NSW Government schools sat the Check-in Assessment as NAPLAN was not offered.

- In Year 3 reading and numeracy, cohort scores were 2.5% above the statistically similar schools group (SSSG).
- In Year 5 reading, cohort scores were similar to the SSSG and 5 % above in numeracy.
- Students at MSPS reported that important concepts are taught well, class time is used efficiently, and homework and evaluations support class objectives at higher rates than the NSW Govt norm.

#### Social and Emotional Learning

This data is taken from our annual student survey – Tell Them From Me. Students from Year 4 – 6 are surveyed.

In 2020, 160 students (90%) completed the survey.

#### Values school outcomes

- Students report a 4% increase in valuing school outcomes since 2019.
- 100% of Year 4 students indicated that education will benefit them personally and financially, and will have a strong bearing on their future.

#### Advocacy at school

- Since 2019 there has been a 5% increase in students reporting that there is an adult at school who consistently provides encouragement and can be turned to for advice.
- At MSPS advocacy at school is 5% above the NSW Govt norm.

#### Positive teacher student-relations

- In 2020 students rated positive teacher-student relations 3% above the NSW Govt norm.

#### Student Behaviour

Behaviour data is collected via internal methods.

#### Reduction in physical aggression

- From 2019 to 2020 there has been a 28% decrease in incidents of physical aggression.
- From 2018 to 2020 we have seen a 40% decrease in suspensions for physical aggression.

As we strive to ensure that every student and every staff member improves every year, we are encouraged by the positive trend this data indicates but know there is much still to do.

*Glen Kite - Principal*



Kinder garden beds



Sharing Dreamtime stories



Kindergarten Transition Graduation



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# - SUPPORT **RED** NEWS -

Support Red love the new bus. We go swimming weekly to learn water safety skills. With the redevelopment of Muswellbrook Pool we have been going to Scone and Singleton Pools.



## KINDER GARDEN BEDS ARE

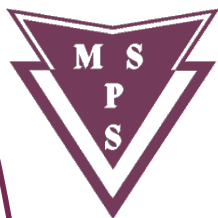


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MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 4 WEEK 5 PBL CHAMPS

Congratulations to the following  
students for being

**SAFE, RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE**

by following all six whole school  
PBL Expectations



Early Stage 1



Stage 1 - Year 1



Stage 1 - Year 2



Stage 2 - Year 3



Stage 2 - Year 4



Stage 3 - Year 5



Stage 3 - Year 6



Support



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## BOOK CLUB DUE TODAY WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Book club order forms were sent home last week.

### CASH/CHEQUE ORDERS:

Please return order forms and correct money with student's name and class clearly marked to the school library by Wednesday 25 NOVEMBER 2020.

ONLINE ORDERS: Orders are to be placed online via LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment Platform) by Wednesday 25 NOVEMBER 2020.



## YEAR 6 UPDATE

### Year 6 Farewell

Invitations to attend the Year 6 Farewell have been sent home with Year 6 students. The Farewell will be held on Thursday 10 December (Week 9) at the Muswellbrook RSL Club. Payment is due by 27 November 2020. Please be mindful there are strict restrictions regarding parents onsite at this event, further details will be sent home closer to the date.

Mrs Winning - Stage 3 Assistant Principal

## CANTEEN NEWS

**The school canteen has returned to normal operating hours**

**9am to 2.15pm.**

**It is open every day for 1st break and 2nd break.**

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.

**GLUTEN FREE WRAPS** - Now available to order from the school canteen.

Please be aware this will be an extra cost of \$1.25 per wrap due to costs.



Does your child have a birthday coming up?

## NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN

**- Birthday Buckets - \$17.00**

Your child will receive one of these birthday buckets delivered to their classroom with an ice block for each student in their class.

Your birthday child will also receive a balloon (pictured) to keep and a \$2.50 canteen voucher to purchase anything of their choice to the value of \$2.50.

Please give 24 hours notice and parents may pre purchase for the term.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF ORDER.**

\* If wishing to surprise your child please contact the school canteen and we can take order and payment over the phone.

\*Voucher MUST be used within 5 school days from delivery date.



## UNIFORM SHOP

**The uniform shop is currently open on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9am and 12pm.**

The uniform shop is fully stocked for all your summer uniform needs.

The office has order forms for you to order over the counter at any time. We accept cash, cheque and EFTPOS payments from parents over the phone. Layby system also available.

No items can be taken without full payment.



# AWARD WINNERS

**Congratulations to the following Term 4 Week 6 award winners -**

**Bronze Award (25 Pebbles) –**

Meila B, Lucas H, Teale M, Jonah A, Vioiolet S, Cherelee H, Jessie V, Rosanna G, Ryan R, Ava L, Melina R, Anelle B, Ethan W, Charli-Rose W, Austin L and Rylann B.

**Silver Award (50 Pebbles) –**

Jonah A, Sam R, Brendan B, Tristan L, Nikita R, Brayden D, Scott F, Ruby L, Jacob R, Heidi W, Iesha A, Jayden Mc, Connor B, Callum M, Dominic B, Oliver T, Keith M, Maddison S, Melina R, Corey M, Naomi C, Murray S, Nathan P, Abdullah B, Dax V, Lucas H, Stevie G, Tristan L and Skyler P.

**Gold Award (75 Pebbles) -**

Alora A, Annalee M, Callum M, Jonah A, Bracken S, Lilly K, Jesse J, Destiny H, Noah, Wayde S, Saffron J, Lyla L, Amilea J, Da'Shaun D, Cooper P, Mahlee E, Tia W, Lettecia-Lee Mc, Emma G, Hannah B, Lachlan P, Abdullah B, Tristan L, Mia S, Jax V, Oshiarna R and Avani B.

**SAFE**

**RESPECTFUL**

**RESPONSIBLE**

**PJ says . . .**

"A good laugh and a long sleep  
are the best wellbeing  
strategies for everyone."



**Muswellbrook South Public School**



**ENROL NOW  
FOR 2021**

**KINDERGARTEN**

Children turning 5 on or before 31st July 2021  
are eligible to enrol.

**Please contact the school office  
on 0265 431 896**

to register your child's name  
and to pick up an enrolment form.

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Where there's a Will

## COLOUR YOUR THREADS FOR POS ED AND MSPS COLOUR RUN

To raise awareness of wellbeing at MSPS, fostering relationships between peers and staff and teaching students the importance of looking after themselves.

**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020**

**Wear your brightest, most colourful clothing and accessories to school.**

Please bring a white t-shirt to change into for the colour run in the afternoon.

**Cost - Nil.** Permission note must be returned to participate in the colour run.







### Wellbeing Tip ~ Week 7

Talking to someone when you need a sounding board, or a person to listen and give advice, is a support avenue a lot of people are using now to help them with day to day issues, right through to deep long standing concerns.

People are a great resource and can help, support or steer actions for changes in ones life.

Talking to people with experience whether it is professional or personal, makes sense and can assist helping people live better and cope with life.

Don't forget the people in your life or seek experts to talk to as a resource to help you in your life.

in a world  
where you can  
be anything.  
BE kind.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### Every day counts: Be Strong and Smart

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### Weekly attendance



"Building Solid Foundations For Life"



PJ celebrates .....

**1 BLUE students**

for having the highest  
attendance this week.  
Great job!

# Term 4 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov Wk 7	23	24	25	26	27
Dec Wk 8	30	1	2	3	4 <b>Combined Presentation Day (students only)</b>
Dec Wk 9	7 <b>Golf &amp; Netball coaching sessions - Stage 1,2,3</b>	8 <b>Stage 2 World Expo Cricket coaching session</b>	9 <b>Colour your threads</b>  <b>Colour Run</b>	10 <b>Year 6 Farewell</b>	11  <b>Year 6 archway</b>
Dec Wk 10	14 <b>Yr 6 Excursion Adventureland</b>	15 <b>Yr 6 Excursion Adventureland</b>  <b>Golf, Netball &amp; cricket coaching sessions - Stage 1,2,3</b>	16 <b>Yr 6 Excursion Adventureland</b>  <b>LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS</b>	17 <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	18 <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>

## Sunsmart Snippet

Seek shade at home



Shade alone can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%

Priority areas for shade at home:

- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



Cancer Council  
Healthy Lunch Box

## Nutrition Snippet

ARE VEGIES A STRUGGLE?



Try different cooking methods.

- Keep it raw with a salad
- Stir it up with a veggie packed stir fry.
- Roasting brings out the sweetness in vegies
- Steaming reduces nutrient loss
- Grilling vegies on the BBQ will sure to be a hit for summer

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



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