



MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Term 4 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To say this year has been challenging is to understate the enormous impact that this global pandemic has had on our way of life. It has literally changed the way we live.

That impact was felt powerfully here at school by our staff, our students and our families. The way in which our teachers and support staff navigated the uncertainty, while ensuring that every one of our students was cared for, was outstanding. They are an incredible group, who keep me motivated and constantly wanting to improve myself. I am so grateful to have their support and for the many ways that they compensate for my failings.

We say goodbye to some of our fantastic teachers at the end of this year. Many are moving to be back closer to family and friends, while others are taking up opportunities to further their careers. We thank them for the excellent contribution and wish them well for the future.

Special thanks go to Mr Adams, Miss Bashford and Mr Morgan. We will miss you dearly and we thank you all for your commitment to our school over several years. The future is bright for you all.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday and hope that you are able to spend some quality time with your family.

Glen Kite - Principal

2021 Return to School

Wednesday 27 January 2021 - Staff Development Day (office only open).

Thursday 28 January 2021 - Staff Development Day (office only open).

Friday 29 January 2021 – Students in Grades 1 to 6 return to school.

Monday 1 February 2021 – Kindergarten students start school. A letter will be posted to all Kindergarten students advising their starting time.

Uniform Shop opening hours

Monday 25 January 2021 - 10am to 2pm

Wednesday 27 January 2021 – 10am to 2pm.



Drumbeat



Colour run fun



Farewell Year 6



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THANK YOU

This morning Mr Kite and our 2021 school leaders received a generous donation of \$2762 from Toshiba / PGSR outage crew.

Jenni from Toshiba attended site to hand the cash over to our school leaders.

She explained the monetary donation came from multiple raffles, selling cold drinks and zooper doopers amongst her colleagues throughout the Unit 2 outage at Liddell. Many of her co-workers come from far and wide, leaving their families for weeks at a time whilst working.

They raise money at every outage for a worthwhile cause in the Muswellbrook or Singleton Community.

MSPS was nominated to be a worthy receiver because of all the wonderful programs being run at our school available to our school students.

Jenni was impressed with our new re-furbished Year 6 area commenting, 'It is a great way to help the students transition to young adults. We wish them all the best for the future'.

Thank you very much Jenni and Toshiba colleagues for your generous donation to our school.



Just a little bit of kindness each week adds up to a big amount in the end...

Each week Jacinda has done jobs at home to earn pocket money. Jacinda then chose to buy groceries and donate them to our school Breakfast Club. Over the year this is what Jacinda has donated -

- 71 loaves of bread
- 5.5kg of corn flakes (6 boxes)
- 3 jars of jam
- 1 jar of vegemite
- 4 small jars of cheese spread
- 1 large jar of cheese spread
- 730g of sultana bran (1 box)
- 4 packets of crumpets
- 1.5kg of ricebubbles (2 boxes)
- 1.1kg of Milo
- 1.5kg of margarine

and a massive 40 litres of milk!

Thank you Jacinda and thank you to Mrs Doran for all her help with breakfast club.



THANK YOU



The Warrae Wannu children and staff at Muswellbrook South Public School wish to acknowledge the generous support of Glencore's Smarty Grants Program 2019 -supporting Primary Schools P&C Committee members to address long term needs within the school that produce a positive contribution to their school. The children and staff at the Warrae Wannu Centre are overjoyed to be the lucky recipients of a new verandah roof and drop down outdoor blinds to our existing verandah area. These changes have certainly had a positive outcome for all. Not only has this project modernised the style of our building, it has also provided additional shade for an all-weather play space throughout the day. Exposure to harmful UV rays has been minimised. We can now freely engage in a range of activities especially sensory and messy play inspiring children's curiosity, exploration enhancing learning, language and creativity.

Mrs Watson said "The children were so excited to see our new structure on return from their holidays that one child said "Wow, I like our new home, oh I mean school". We tend to spend a large part of our day utilising our new area – our sincere thanks and appreciation to former MSPS P&C President Mrs Gina Philpott and our local Glencore Smarty Grants Program Committee.



A huge thank you to the Ryan family for kindly donating an inflatable Santa that is on display in our front foyer. Thank you ANZ Muswellbrook for your kind donation of Christmas trees to our school.



THANK YOU



At the beginning of the term, Muswellbrook South Public School were lucky enough to receive a donation of \$1418.24 from AGL to assist us in creating a Stage 3 Wellbeing area. We already had the space in the form of our shed, however, we wanted an area where our Stage 3 students could be engaged during break times and for other extra-curricular activities.

The donation of money went towards things such as an outdoor lounge, some carpeting, craft supplies and other supplies to allow us to provide our Stage 3 students with an area where they can have a sense of belonging and engage with other Stage 3 teachers and students in a relaxed atmosphere. The hope for this is that we build stronger relationships with our students, allowing them to feel a stronger connection with staff and their peers.



One student said “I enjoy the shed as the teachers are welcoming and kind. My favourite thing was probably playing pool against all the kids. I have had a lot of fun and enjoyed it very much.”

Another student said “The thing I like best about the shed is the pool table, because I would go in and be able to do something fun when friends are not here or are busy. The games of table tennis are hardcore...We got new lounges and we now have a lounge inside and outside. They are the best place to lounge around and relax. The shed is fun and relaxing and I love it.”



Another said “The shed is an amazing place to have fun and relax. You can play ping pong, pool and PS2. You can sit on the lounges and relax. The shed is also a good place for down time and a place to get away from the sun.”

Thank you AGL.



PROMOTING POSITIVE WELLBEING





COLOUR RUN FUN



IMPORTANT NEWS

If any student will be on holidays and not attending school at the beginning of Term 1 2021, please provide written documentation addressed to Mr Kite and hand in at the school office before the end of Term 4, 2020. Thank you.

In planning for 2020 classes, we ask that any families who won't be returning in 2021 please notify the office as soon as possible.

If you know of any new families who may be considering MSPS in 2021, please ask them to contact the office on 02 6543 1896 to provide student details.

Our school would appreciate any donations of second hand clothes that are no longer required. If Year 6 students departing our school don't have family members they can pass their MSPS school uniforms on to, we would be very appreciative if they could please be donated to the school. Please drop clothes in to the school office this week (office closes 12pm Friday 18 Dec) or next year when the school office re-opens on Wednesday 27 January 2021. Thank you.

SPORTS REPORT



The Sixers - Div 1 Basketball Winners

Christian, Jordan, Callum, Bailey, Ryan, Sophie



Socceroos - Div 1 Soccer Winners

Terren, Joshua, Ryan, Teale, Jensen, William & Mr Day



Skittles - Div 2 Basketball Winners

Erica, Cadence, Lettecia-Lee, Bella, Charli-Rose, Scott
Absent - Lachlan, Corey



Red Fire - Div 2 Soccer Winners

Ryan, Damon, Preston, Nathan, Tylor, Nathan, Naomi
& Miss Shannon. Absent - Corey.



Wellbeing Tip ~ Week 10

This is the last day of school for 2020. Wishes are used at this time of year for many reasons.

Hope, future directions, love, faith, focus . . .

This Christmas surround yourself with the things that make you feel good . . . candles, people, love, plants, food, music.

Make sure when you make a wish this Christmas, to make one for yourself.

We wish for others and for a better world, but rarely spare a wish for ourselves.

Merry Christmas . . .what a year!



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

3 BLUE students

for having the highest attendance this week. Great job!

Term 4 2020

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Dec Wk 10			16 LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	18 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

2021 IMPORTANT DATES

Staff Development Days – Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 January 2021

2021 Grade 1 to 6 students return Friday 29 January 2021

2021 Kindergarten students start on Monday 1 February 2021



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.

SAVE THE DATE

Muswellbrook South Public School

2021 Swimming Carnival



Date: Monday 8 February 2021
Time: 9.25am assemble at school
 approx. 10am start at pool
Venue: Denman Pool
Cost: To be advised
Who: Children turning 8 years or older during 2021 who are confident swimmers able to swim at least 25metres and enter from the deep end.

Permission notes will be sent home next year.



JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

UPPER HUNTER YOUTH SERVICES INC - YOUTH CENTRE

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
10AM - 2PM**

WEEK 1

Tuesday 5th Jan
 Welcome Back! Discussion:
 How was your Christmas?
Wednesday 6th Jan
 Pool, Badminton and Tunes
Thursday 7th Jan
 In Town Excursion - TBA

WEEK 2

Tuesday 12th Jan
 Bingo
Wednesday 13th Jan
 Cooking And Decorating Cupcakes
Thursday 14th Jan
 Craft : Mandala Colouring

WEEK 3

Tuesday 19th Jan
 Drawing Cartoon Pictures
Wednesday 20th Jan
 Excursion: Hunter Valley Zoo -
 For Further Information Please
 Call UHYS Office 65 434 841
Thursday 21st Jan
 Celebrity Heads

WEEK 4

Tuesday 26th Jan
 Australia Day - CLOSED
Wednesday 27th Jan
 Cover Your School Books
Thursday 28th Jan
 Baking Cookies

Located at The Showground, Maitland Street, Muswellbrook NSW 2333
 Phone: (02) 6543 4841 - Email: lmcphee@uhys.org.au or cbrown@uhys.org.au
 Free Transport Provided: Muswellbrook Area Only
 AGE GROUP: 10 - 17yrs
 FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 - 17 YEARS



ALL YOU NEED IS
THIS VOUCHER!

\$9.90*

ALL TICKETS

Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas
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Valid Until: 27th Jan, 2021

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