



# MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Wednesday 21 July 2021

Term 3 Week 2

### PRINCIPAL'S message

#### COVID-19

I'd certainly like to be spending less time talking about COVID but unfortunately the virus continues to dominate our immediate attention. Currently there is a significant divide between schools in Greater Sydney and those outside Greater Sydney. Fortunately, restrictions outside Greater Sydney are significantly reduced and have not changed since we started Term 3. We are currently working under Level 2 restrictions (see COVID-safe school operations), while Sydney schools are working under Level 4 restrictions.

#### Training for our teachers

Improvement for all members of our school community is a key part of our school vision. That improvement comes in many forms.

For our teachers, improvement in their knowledge is vital to the success of our students. Currently our teachers are deepening their understanding of how to teach the complex task of reading. It is not a simple one-size-fits-all approach. Our students all bring unique skills to the classroom and our teachers must quickly assess where students are in their learning of reading and then map out the way forward for them. Expertise is needed in this task and all our teachers must be expert teachers of reading, because we believe that becoming a confident reader is crucial to future success for our students.

*Glen Kite -  
Principal*

#### WONDER RECYCLING PROGRAM - FINISHES THIS FRIDAY 23 JULY 2021

Please send bread bags and bread tags (any type) to school and place them in the pink Wonder Recycling boxes that can be found outside the library.

Final collection day is this Friday 23 July 2021 (Term 3 Week 2). Thank you for your support.



Music fun



Art club - beautiful artwork



Play equipment fun



## MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## COVID-Safe School Operations

### Overview

### Guidance on mask wearing

<b>Level 1</b>  School operating in a COVID-safe/ COVID-normal way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools can operate in a COVID-normal way</li> <li>Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school</li> <li>Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on-site</li> <li>QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors</li> <li>COVID safety plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events)</li> <li>Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines</li> <li>Community use in line with broader Health settings</li> <li>SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational</li> <li>Community Language Schools operational</li> <li>P&amp;C on site</li> <li>Additional cleaning measures in place</li> <li>Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2</b>  COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors	<p>As per Level 1, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (including parents and carers)</li> <li>Mask wearing recommendations</li> <li>Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home</li> <li>Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only</li> <li>Assemblies must have COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents/ carers are allowed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excursions within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance</li> <li>Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3</b>  COVID-safe; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors	<p>As per Level 2, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mask wearing requirements</li> <li>Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible</li> <li>Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted</li> <li>No assemblies</li> <li>No excursions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)</li> <li>No uniform shops</li> <li>No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes)</li> <li>No Community Language School on site</li> <li>Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are required for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4</b>  Learning from home encouraged, schools are open for families who need it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away</li> <li>Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home.</li> </ul>	<p>Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No community use (except early childhood services)</li> <li>No canteens</li> <li>Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.</li> </ul>

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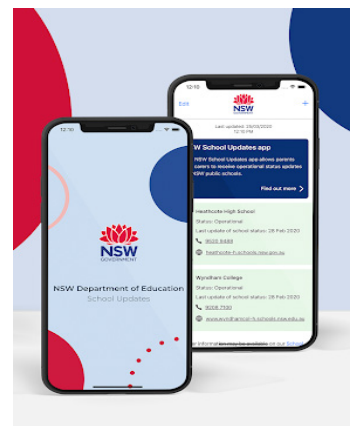
As at 12 July 2021

## SCHOOL UPDATES APP

The NSW school updates app allows parents and carers to receive real-time notifications about the operational status of their chosen NSW public school(s), such as temporary closures.

The Department of education is recommending all families to download the free app on their iOS or Android device.

The app will complement our other means of communication available to parents and carers and ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis.



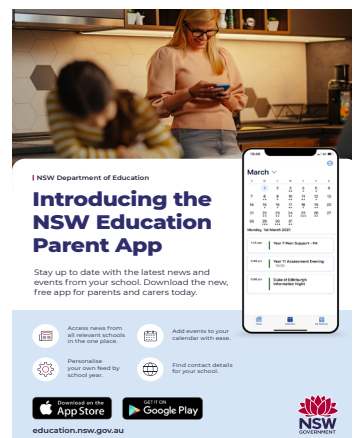
## NSW EDUCATION PARENT APP

Stay up to date with the latest news and events from our school.

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You can -

- \* Access news from relevant schools in the one place.
- \* Personalise your own feed by school year.
- \* Add events to your calendar with ease.





## LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 2021 - FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2021.

Book Week this year will be celebrated in Week 7 Term 3 from Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August. To celebrate Book Week we will be having a **BOOK WEEK PARADE** on Friday 27 August. The theme this year is OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS. Children can come dressed as a favourite book character.

## NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The N.S.W. Reading Challenge for 2021 finishes on Friday 20 August. All children who have not yet completed the challenge must do so by this date. Children on the K-2 challenge must have read 30 books and children on the 3-4 and 5-6 Challenge must have read 20 books. All sheets need to be completed and returned to the library by Friday 20 August for children to receive their certificate at the end of the year. A big thank you to all the children who have taken on the challenge this year and a big thank you to all the parents who helped support their children to finish the challenge. It does make a difference. If you have any queries about the challenge please phone the school and ask to talk to someone in the library.



## MSPS SPELLING BEE

Stage 2 and 3 students participated in the 2021 Premier's Spelling Bee competition. This was an in-class elimination competition, to find the spelling champions for each class.

The class winners and runners-up participated in the MSPS 'Ultimate Belling Bee' today. Congratulations to all students for participating and well done to the stage winners & runner-ups. Jayden and Mahdi will now go on to compete in the Virtual Regional Spelling Bee Competition being held in Week 7 & 8.



Stage 3 Winner: Jayden  
and Runner-up: Zuhayr



Stage 2 Winner: Mahdi  
and Runner-up: Vitaliy

# SPORTS REPORT

The Zone Athletics Carnival is back on! All students who have qualified for the carnival have had a note sent home to give them further information on the event. Please note that there are restrictions with only one spectator per family able to attend. The carnival will take place next Wednesday 28 July in Singleton. Please make sure notes and money are returned by this Friday 23 July. We have 51 competitors attending the carnival and we wish them all the very best on the day.

*Mrs Winning*

*Stage 3 Assistant Principal*



# Play equipment fun





# - SUPPORT ORANGE NEWS -

It is always busy in Support Orange! From tricky work to Community Access - you will always find us with big smiles ready to give 200%.

Yummy hot chocolates ...



Community visits ...



Celebrating NAIDOC ...

Eisteddfod success ...





With parents not permitted on site, it is the perfect time to sign up for Munch Monitor and continuing ordering items online. Canteen items for 1st and 2nd break can be ordered as well as items from the uniform shop.



## SAVE TIME with our ONLINE CANTEEN

Muswellbrook South Public School  
accepts online orders using MunchMonitor



### Setting up an online account is easy!

1. Go to **www.munchmonitor.com**
2. Click **LOGIN**
3. Click **REGISTER**
4. Enter
  - School ID: **mbssouthps**
  - Password: **munch2337**
5. Click **Submit**
6. Enter your email address
7. Enter the password you want. Make sure you can remember your password
8. Review and tick on the Terms of use
9. Click **Create your Account**
10. Click on the **Activation Link** in the email we sent
11. Follow the steps to **create your Parent Profile**
12. **Add Students** to your account
13. Click on **Account Top-up** to transfer money into your account
14. **You are now ready** to order online!

🔑 SETUP A NEW ACCOUNT

SUBMIT

### Quick Information

#### Using MunchMonitor Online Ordering

- You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- Top-up your account online using VISA DEBIT/VISA/MasterCard
- List allergies to alert canteen staff
- You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
- You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
- It only costs \$ 3.65 (incl GST) per school term for the family account
- No sign up fee
- No transaction fee

Call us at 1300 796 190 or email us at [help@munchmonitor.com](mailto:help@munchmonitor.com)  
if you require further assistance.

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# Muswellbrook South Public School

## ENROL NOW FOR 2022 KINDERGARTEN

Children turning 5 on or before 31 July 2022  
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.



# Kindergarten

## INFORMATION NIGHT

*You are invited to our Kindergarten 2022  
Information Night*

**When:** Wednesday 13 October 2021

**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 2022 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 15 October to register your child and nominate the session you would like your child to attend.

**Where:** Muswellbrook South Public School

**When:** Term 4: 27 October, 3 & 10 November 2021.  
(3 week program).

**Time:** Sessions will be held on a **Wednesday**

Students are invited to attend the same 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

**What to bring:** A piece of fruit/snack and a bottle of water.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Every day counts: Your learning is important.

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 .....



# 3/4 GREEN students


for having the highest attendance  
this week. Great job!



# Term 3 2021

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>July</b> <b>Wk 2</b>	19	20	21	22	23 Premiers Debating MSPSvsMSPS; MSPS vs Aberdeen
<b>July</b> <b>Wk 3</b>	26 <b>Education Week</b> <b>Life Education</b> <b>Van (K-2)</b>	27 <b>Education Week</b> <b>Life Education</b> <b>Van (K-2)</b>	28 <b>Education Week</b> <b>Life Education</b> <b>Van (K-2)</b>  <b>Zone Athletics</b>	29 <b>Education Week</b> <b>Life Education</b> <b>Van (K-2)</b>	30 <b>Education Week</b>
<b>July</b> <b>Wk 4</b>	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Aug</b> <b>Wk 5</b>	9	10	11	12 <b>ICAS Digital</b> <b>Technologies</b>	13
<b>Aug</b> <b>Wk 6</b>	16 <b>Basketball Gala</b> <b>Day (Girls)</b>	17	18	19 <b>ICAS English</b>	20 <b>Regional</b> <b>Athletics -</b> <b>Glendale</b>
<b>Aug</b> <b>Wk 7</b>	23	24 <b>ICAS Science</b>	25 <b>ICAS Spelling</b>	26	27 <b>Book Week</b> <b>Parade</b>
<b>Aug/ Sept</b> <b>Wk 8</b>	30	31 <b>ICAS Mathematics</b>	1	2 <b>? Brian Kirkland</b> <b>Rugby League</b> <b>at Singleton -</b> <b>Opens &amp; 10's</b>	3
<b>Sept</b> <b>Wk 9</b>	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Sept</b> <b>Wk 10</b>	13	14	15 <b>Year 5 Camp</b>	16 <b>Year 5 Camp</b>  <b>Infants Fun Day</b>	17 <b>Year 5 Camp</b>





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## Nutrition Snippet

ENJOY WINTER VEG & FRUIT.



Try this winter warming meal!

- Chicken & veg lasagne - 2.5 serves of veg per portion
- Stewed apples and sultanas - 1 serve of fruit per portion

For these recipes and more visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Good for Kids** good for life

## HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

Here's a few ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious, full of everyday foods and will keep you warm in winter!

- Soups – try pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches – fill them with your favourite everyday fillings like baked beans & cheese or ham, cheese and tomato.
- Mini Pizzas – make them with English muffins or wholegrain wraps
- Slow cooker casseroles – pack them full of vegetables like potato, carrot, celery or pumpkin

