

MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

Wednesday 13 December 2023

Term 4 Week 10



Honour students celebration



Johnny Cakes at Lands Council



Year 6 Farewell celebrations

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Everyday our teachers come to work to improve the lives of their students. This year they have done an amazing job.

We know we still have work to do and have set clear targets in reading and numeracy in our strategic plan to ensure we keep ourselves accountable, because our students deserve the best.

Our focus areas include:

- Numeracy – developing students' knowledge and understanding of place value and partitioning of numbers
- Reading – increasing students' vocabulary knowledge
- Wellbeing – boosting students' sense of belonging.

I would like to personally thank all our teachers for their dedication and hard work. They are an incredible group, who keep me motivated and smiling even when the pressure is on. I am so grateful to have such a supportive and talented team.

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 their excellent contribution and wish them well for the future.

Special thanks go to Mrs Beech, Miss Kelly, Mrs O'Malley and Miss Scott. 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



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2024 SCHOOL LEADERS



Captains
Elsie F & Connor S



Vice Captains
Livia D-B & Patrick G



Prefects
Sasha S, Chloe C, Rylann B & Ethan W

2024 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



President - Grace A



Secretary- Jett A



Treasurer - Loralai B



**Communications
Minister- Lumyn R**

MSPS 2024 SPORTS HOUSE LEADERS



Edinglassie
Meila B (C) &
Izzabella S (VC)



Skellatar
Charly E-B (C) &
Grace M (VC)



Balmoral
Gabbie P (C) &
Oliver T (VC)



Gyarran
Naomi C (C) &
Evelyn L (VC)

2023 PRESENTATION DAY MAJOR AWARDS



Seymour Family Interhouse Debating - Edinglassie



Stage 1 & Early Stage 1
Public Speaking



S2 Toastmasters Junior Public Speaking



Stg 3 Apex Public Speaking



MSPS P&C Scholarships



Excellent Achievement in Support



Band Person of the Year



Aboriginal Student Achievement Award



Rotary Scholarship



S2 Excellent Attitude to Schooling



S3 Excellent Attitude to Schooling



MATS Drama Award



Creative and Practical Arts



Environmental Science



Encouragement Award for Science



Award for Science



Liddell Coal History Award



Liddell Coal Geography Award



Proficiency in English



Alan Cousins Award for Mathematics



Year 5 Citizenship Award



Year 6 Citizenship Award



Principals Award



Roy & Grace Cousins Dux



2023 School Leader



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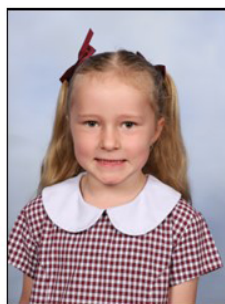
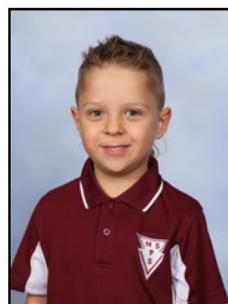
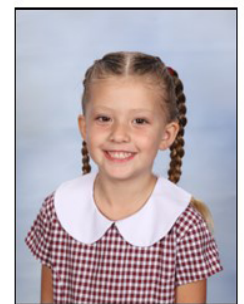
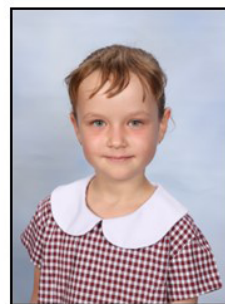
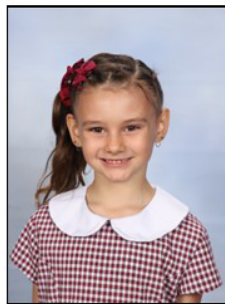
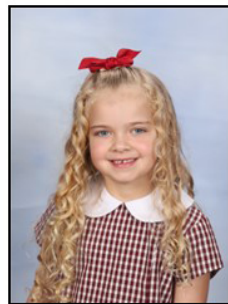


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2023 HONOUR STUDENTS

~ EARLY STAGE ONE ~

For Earning One Hundred
Pebble Awards and Four Merit
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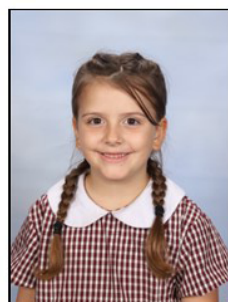
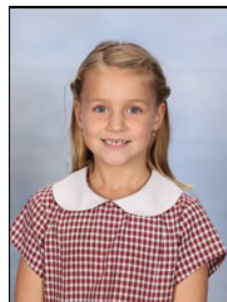
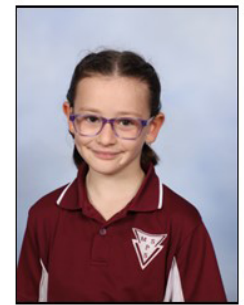
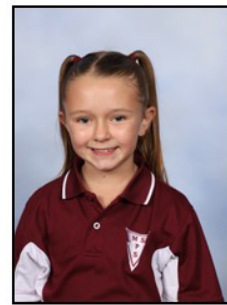


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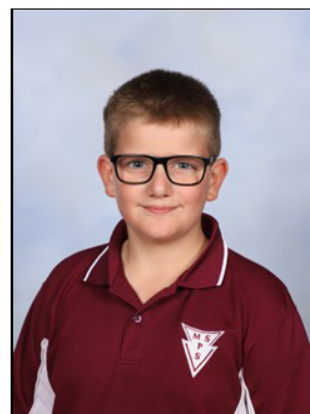
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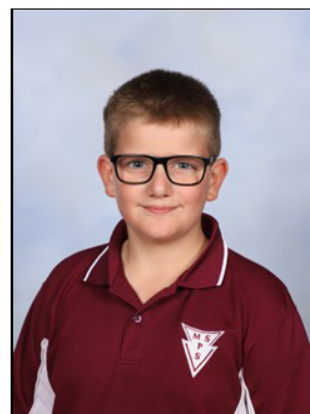
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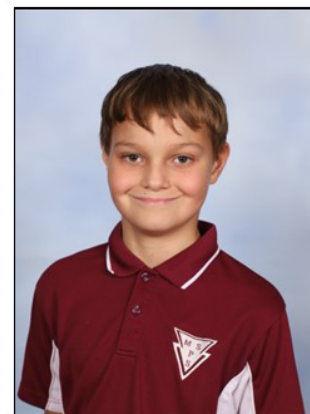


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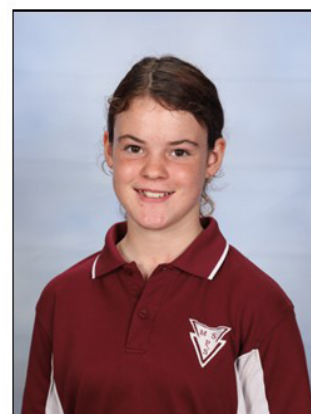


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2023 Honour students

On Monday 2023 MSPS PBL Honour Students were treated to a special morning of fun with Mr Kite at Game On Muswellbrook. These students were recognised by teachers as following the school PBL values throughout the year and received 100 Pebbles (Platinum Award) and four academic merit certificates. All students and Mr Kite had a fun-filled morning.



- WARRAE WANNI NEWS -

The children and staff at Warrae Wanni have had an enjoyable year learning and playing together.

We would like to wish our families and our community a safe and Merry Christmas as you celebrate the festive season together. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year. Our very best wishes to all our children who are moving forward into the exciting world of "Big school".

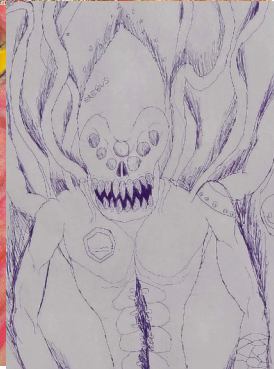
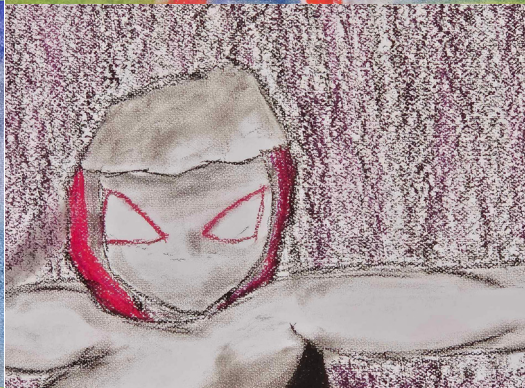
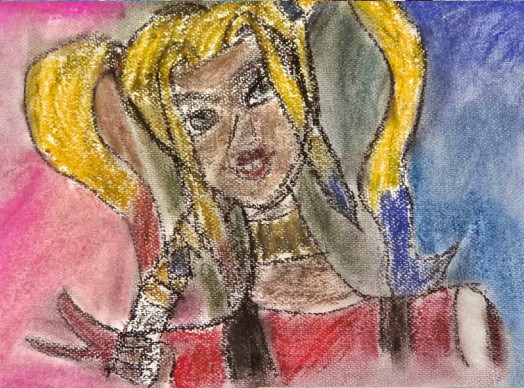
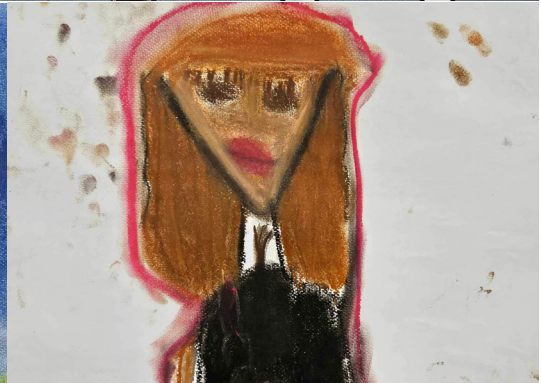
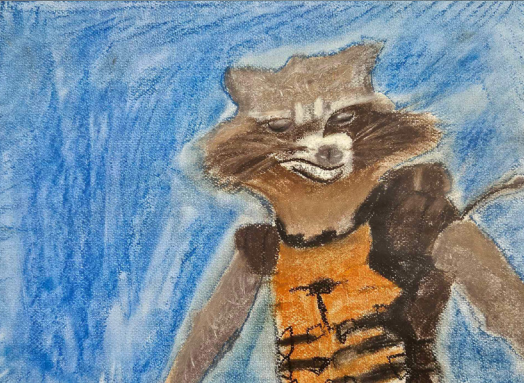
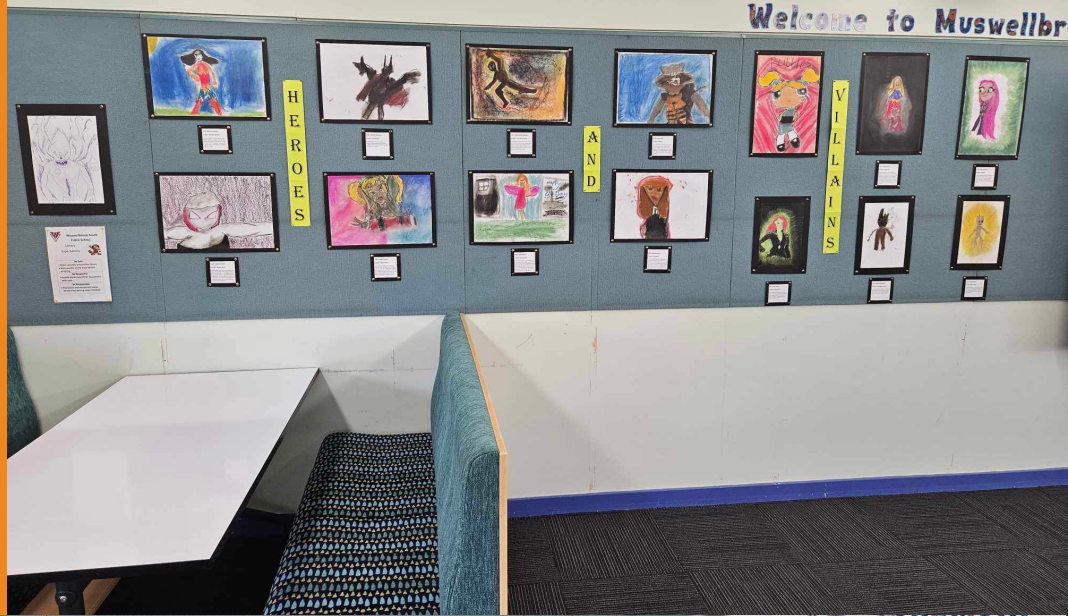


Starry night



ART CLUB

MSPS' 2nd Art Exhibition is proudly on display in the school library. The theme this time is heroes and villains. These wonderful artworks are created by art club students who meet with Miss Hipwell each day during lunch break.



BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge thank you to Mrs Doran and our teaching staff for another successful year in providing breakfast to more than 80 students a day. We know breakfast is important to start each day so our students are ready to learn.

Breakfast Club will be open until the last day of term, Friday 15

December 2023. Breakfast club will re-open again next year. Thank you



SPECIAL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS -

Wednesday 31 January 2024 from 9am to 2pm.

Normal uniform shop hours will resume from Monday 5 February and be open each Monday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 12pm.

Orders can be placed online via Munch Monitor at any time during the holiday break. These orders will be processed and ready for collection on Wednesday 31 January 2024. If you are a new student for 2024 and wish to purchase clothes online, please use class name of K-2024.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Our school would appreciate any donations of second hand school uniforms 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 before the end of term. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREATS

MSPS students have been treated to some yummy Christmas themed treats at our school canteen this week.

They will still be available to purchase tomorrow and Friday.

Prices range between 20c and \$3.

A huge thank you to Gina and our wonderful canteen volunteers for your efforts.



MUNCH MONOTOR UPDATE

For any students that will be leaving our school at the end of 2023 who have a Munch Monitor account, parents will need to send an email to accounts@munchmonitor.com with their details and request to close the account.

Any money in your child's munch monitor account will be returned.

If you have a younger child still attending MSPS next year, when you delete your Year 6 child any money will remain in your account.



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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.

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

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

A white t-shirt/change of clothes are required for the colour run.

Cost - Gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to a local charity.

All students must have completed a permission note to participate in the colour run.

Supported by:



WELLBEING

Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed is on tomorrow and this week we are focusing on Habits and Goals. Prof. Lea Waters tells us “Habits are those automatic processes that we do without even thinking about them – they can be both beneficial and detrimental to our wellbeing. Knowing how to break bad, and create good, habits can help us progress towards our goals. When we set goals it can provide us with a sense of purpose, mastery and direction in life”. As we head towards the holidays make some goals and focus on building healthy and sustainable habits.

S
SPECIFIC:
Define your goals in detail.
Tip: answer "W" questions (who, where, when, what, which)

M
MEASURABLE:
It means you can measure your goal and know when you have achieved it.
Tip: answer "how much" or "how many" questions

A
ACHIEVABLE:
It means you are setting goals that you can accomplish.

R
RELEVANT:
It means your goal makes sense, it is worth your effort, it benefits you and meets your needs.

T
TIME-BOUND:
It means there is a time frame for your goal. Tip: answer "when" questions (one week, every week...)

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BAND MEMBERS

Thank you Jacinda, Michaela, Skye and Phoenix for your commitment to MSPS Band. Best wishes for high school.



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations



Students who participated in the 2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge were presented with their participant certificates last week. The Reading Challenge recognises and encourages students to read more, and more widely, and is a great way to support reading for pleasure. Special mention to Oliver L in Year 3 who received a Gold Certificate for completing the challenge for 4 years, and Jacinda D, Catelyn D, Tzion K and Vitaliy O in Year 6 who received a Platinum Certificate for completing the Challenge each year of Primary school (7 years in a row). Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you to all families for helping support the program.



SIMPLY THE BEST



THANK YOU

MSPS would like to thank our friends from Warrior Disability Services for their support throughout 2023. We look forward to working together in 2024. #supportingcommunity



CHANGE OF DATE

Muswellbrook South Public School

2024 Swimming Carnival



**** NEW DATE ****

Date: Friday 2 February 2024

Time: 9.25am assemble at school
approx. 10am start at pool

Venue: Muswellbrook Pool

Cost: \$4 to be brought in on the day.
\$2 spectator fee

Who: All students, including non-swimmers, turning 8 or older in 2024 will be attending. Permission notes have been emailed to families via School Bytes.



Term 4 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec Wk 10	11	12	13	14 Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed	15 Newcombe Ball Yr 6 Archway 3pm LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

2024 RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 30 January 2024 - Staff Development Day (no students).

Wednesday 31 January 2024 - Staff Development Day (no students).

Thursday 1 February 2024 – Students in Grades 1 to 6 return to school.

Friday 2 February 2024 – Kindergarten students start school. A letter will be posted to all Kindergarten students advising their starting time.

Term 1 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan/ Feb Wk 1	29	30 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	31 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	1 STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL	2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL KINDERGARTEN START SCHOOL

MOVIE DISCOUNT

VALID UNTIL: 31/01/2024

Trolls

Band Together



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ILLUMINATION PRESENTS

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*T&C's: Voucher not available with any other offer. Must be shown via phone or printed voucher at the box office to receive offer. Not valid for special events. Valid for up to 4 tickets per use.

Nutrition Snippet

FESTIVE FUN

Get the kids in the kitchen decorating their own healthy and tasty Christmas pizza.



Perfect for the lunch box, after school snack, party pleaser or dinner!

Our [Christmas tree pizza](#) recipe is a healthy and tasty lunch box item that the kids will love!

For this recipe and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



CHRISTMAS EVENT

Stan Thies Building Victoria Park Muswellbrook
Saturday 16th December 10am-2pm

Traditional Dance Performance
Koorioke Uncle Trevor Simpson
Party Chameleon - Face Paint & Balloons twist
Kids amusements Jumping Castle & Snowcones
Snake tails - Reptiles
Pizza on wheels - Pizza & Ice cream
Arts 'n' Crafts
Double Picc Coffee Cart
Sausage Sizzle
Transport Available

BRING A RUG OR CHAIRS | FREE EVENT | ALL WELCOME



Thank you to our Sponsor's BHP, AGL, Wonnarua Nation and Glencore



Healthy doesn't = expensive

Packing everyday foods in the lunchbox can actually save you money.

Try these cost saving ideas:

- Swap from a chocolate muffin to two pikelets and save 60c per serve
- Buy vegetables and fruit that are in season
- Buy a big packet of rice crackers instead of individual serves and save 15c per serve

SWAP FROM



Chocolate muffin



SWAP TO



Pikelets

Transport for NSW



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)