

# MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Wednesday 3 March 2021

Term 1 Week 6

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We understand that there are a variety of circumstances affecting students' attendance at school. Regardless of the reasons, the evidence is clear – non-attendance affects student outcomes in significant ways. The effects of non-attendance add up over time and if they begin in the early years of schooling, they continue in later years. As a result, early attendance patterns, particularly in Kindergarten and Year 1, are crucial. In particular, unauthorised absences are strongly associated with compounding declines in achievement and engagement.

I'm certainly not suggesting that you shouldn't keep your child home from school when they are sick. Sickness occurs every year and that's normal. What I am saying is that as a community we need to be setting an expectation that school is important. We must send a very clear message to our children that learning is critical for their future success and that sometimes we are faced with challenges that in the moment are difficult but will pay dividends in the future – that hard work and sacrifice is good for them.

At Muswellbrook South we take a broad approach to achieving high levels of attendance at school. Our primary influence is in the classroom, where we provide individual support for students, engaging them in learning

and providing opportunities for success. We want school to be an inviting place that children enjoy, so that they are motivated to attend. We also have layers of support for children and families who face challenges. We make sure our gates are open early, so that if students need to be at school early they can be. We use our bus to pick up students who are having trouble coming to school on time. Our teachers make regular phone calls to see how they can help. We monitor attendance weekly to celebrate students who attend consistently and to investigate strategies to help those in need.

Attendance is a priority for us because we know all the benefits that come from consistently being at school. While we understand that 100% attendance for all students is unrealistic, we strongly believe that all students can achieve above 90% attendance (that's still 20 days off per year!). Currently as a school we only have about two-thirds of our students with attendance above 90%. For me that's not good enough. As a community, we must ensure our children engage in learning by attending school.

*Glen Kite - Principal*



Learning with technology



Mind games during lunch breaks



VCOP lessons



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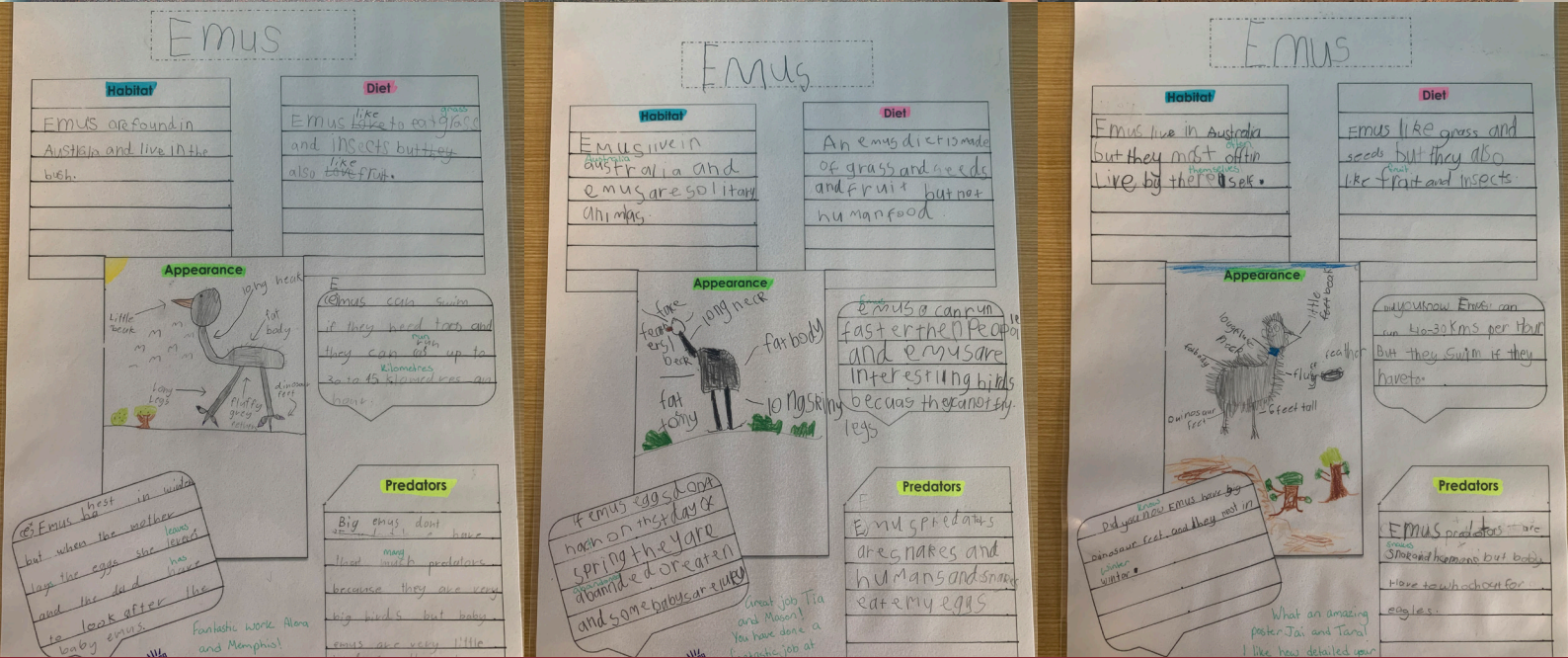
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# - 2RED NEWS -

Here in 2RED we are very inquisitive creatures – similarly, so are emus! So far this term we have been learning about all things informative, especially informative writing. Our class has really enjoyed reading all sorts of informative texts and watching informative clips telling us many interesting facts about Australia’s largest flightless bird. We have enjoyed it so much that we decided to create some amazing posters detailing emus habitat, diet, predators, appearance and some very interesting emu facts.

Not only are 2RED inquisitive, we are also very creative! To add to our emu theme, we have also made some beautiful emu artworks which are hung in our classroom windows next to our posters for all of MSPS to see. So, if you haven’t seen them already, stop by and take a look at our amazing talent!



Last week we saw ten students head off to the Zone Rugby League trials in Aberdeen. All students were mixed up into different teams with other students from around the Hunter. They played two modified games of football to display their skills in attack and defense.

A huge congratulations to Kayne M, Flynn S and Jukell M who were all selected in the Upper Hunter Opens team to play at the Hunter trials in Raymond Terrace.

Good luck to our students participating at the Upper Hunter Zone Netball trials at Singleton tomorrow.



Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Rugby League trials



Players selected in Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Rugby League team

*Mrs Winning -  
Stage 3 Assistant Principal*

**Congratulations to the following Term 1 Week 5 award winners -**

**Merit awards -**

Hope, Brayton S, Anelle B, Stevie G, Tait Mc, Loralai B, Patrick G, Dakota T, Theodore H, Archie B, Zane D, Mahdi P, Macey R, Madison S, Zuhayr A, Khloe J, Aston S, Camille S, D'Angelo C, Oshiana R, Zarah Y, Kiara D, Jayden V, Dallas F, Lillian S, Declan F, Nathaniel M, Alicia-Anne B, Adam L and Alex D.

PJ would like to introduce the MSPS community to his new Grow Your Mind friend - Sensitive Octopus. He is in charge of our insular cortex which controls our emotions and senses.



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MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 1 WEEK 5 PBL CHAMPS

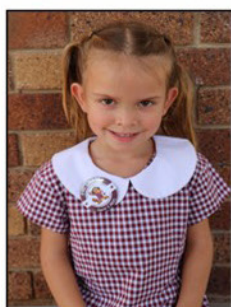
Congratulations to the following students for being

**SAFE, RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE**

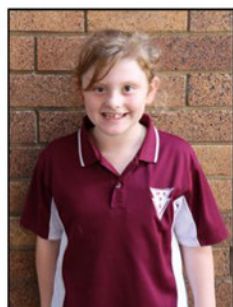
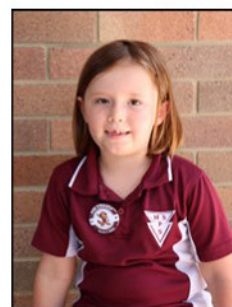
by following all six whole school  
PBL Expectations



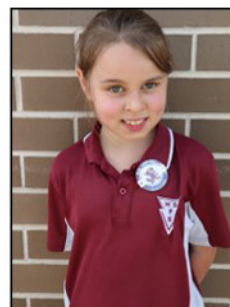
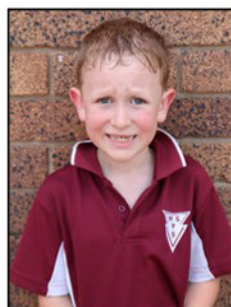
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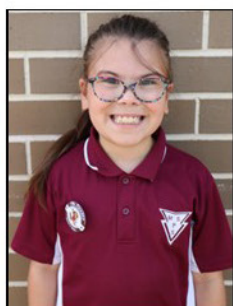
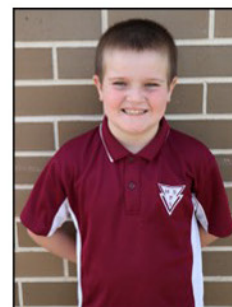
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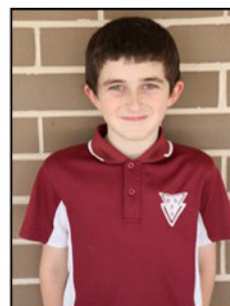
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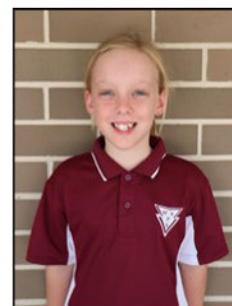
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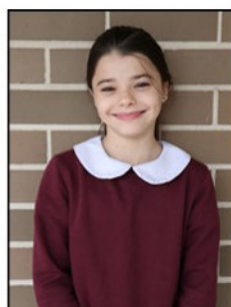
Stage 2 - Year 4



Stage 3 - Year 5



Stage 3 - Year 6



Support



### NAPLAN Save the date

MSPS would like to inform parents that this year's NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 is approaching. Test dates will be in Term 2, 11-13 May. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns around your child sitting the tests.



### CLOTHING DONATIONS

If you have any old school uniforms, socks or shoes at home that no longer fit your child would you please consider donating them to the school.

## Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter



The Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod is being held during Week 8 of Term 2 at St James Primary School Muswellbrook. Our school would like to encourage students to enter individual items in the Eisteddfod in either the Speech or Drama sections. **Transport to and from St James Primary School is the responsibility of the parent/carer.** Please note there are admission fees payable for each entry. MSPS Eisteddfod Committee will be available to assist children with rehearsals at school leading up to the Eisteddfod.

Children interested in entering individual sections of the Eisteddfod are to advise their teacher or contact the school office. Entry forms will be sent home and must be returned to the school, completed with money by Friday 26th March 2021.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office and someone from the Eisteddfod Committee will phone you back.

### RETURN AND EARN - FOR OUR SCHOOL REWARDS DAY

Our school Student Representative Council (SRC) has taken on the responsibility of recycling plastic bottles, cans and cartons through the Return and Earn initiative.

Our school P&C purchased several large tubs and we received a grant from Muswellbrook Shire Council for some small bins. These bins and tubs are scattered throughout the playground for students to drop their recyclable drink bottles, cartons and poppers.

Each week the SRC representatives will collect the bottles. The Treasurer of the SRC will calculate how much money the students have earned each week and report back to the school every Monday morning.

Following last year's efforts of raising \$550 this year our target is \$600. All money raised will go towards the end of year reward for all students in our school to enjoy.



### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Thursday 11 March students will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia Day raises awareness of keeping our environment clean and encourages students to take pride in their school environment.

Students will spend a short time after second break cleaning up within the school grounds before returning to class.

Students will need to bring gloves and a plastic bag.

Thank you for your support.



# WELLBEING AT MSPS

At MSPS we are learning that there are many ways to look after our Mental Health. Our staff share healthy lunch box ideas because we know our physical health can affect our mental health. Take care of your mind and try one of the below activities with your child.

## TAKE CARE OF YOUR MIND!

Have you done any of the invitations lately?  
Which one should we try today



Do something that brings you joy



Move your body



Show kindness to someone



Think about what you are grateful for



Know and grow your strengths



Take three mindful breaths



Learn something new



Connect with people



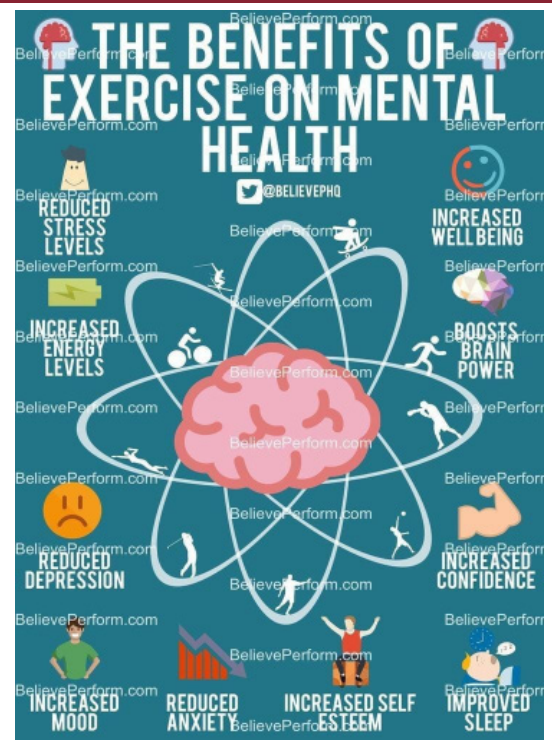
Laugh



Sleep



March is for 'moving it' and this month we are focussing on keeping our bodies fit and healthy. Keeping to a goal and prioritising it in our lives is important for achievement and our wellbeing. There are many types of exercise and choosing one is a personal choice. Be sure to pick an exercise you enjoy and set a target for each week.



## School Photos - Wednesday 17 March 2021

School photography envelopes have been sent home.

Please phone the school office (before photo day) if you would like a sibling envelope sent home with your child.

Students are requested to bring individual photo envelopes and completed sibling envelopes into school on school photo day.

**Payments are to be made online** using your child's unique shootkey printed on the photo envelope.

**No cash payments please.**

Each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

# say cheese

## School Photo Day is

17 March 2021

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography Flyer and remember these helpful points:

You can place your order online up to 7 days after photo day

1. Log on to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and click ORDER ONLINE.
2. Enter the Shoot Key and select the pack you wish to order.

To order a pack for another student from the same family at the same school use the "Change Shoot Key" function to enter the next shoot key.

Want to order later, individual students only...  
phone our office (orders will be subject to a surcharge).

Family order forms can be collected from the school office

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

e [admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au](mailto:admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au)  
p 02 4966 8292  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)



**PRE-PAY ENVELOPE**

More products and options available - **Order Online!**  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

**Premium Pack** \$49-  
See Overleaf → 2x 10" x 8" 1x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait 1x 5" x 7" 4x 5" x 3.5" 4x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Print quality)

**Classic Pack** \$47-  
Best Value for Money  
See Overleaf → 1x 10" x 8" 1x 5" x 7" 2x 5" x 3.5" 3x 3.5" x 2.5" 4x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Print quality)

**Value Pack** \$43-  
Popular Choice  
See Overleaf → 3x 5" x 7" 2x 5" x 3.5" 3x 3.5" x 2.5" 4x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

**Essential Pack** \$41-  
See Overleaf → 4x 5" x 7" 4x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

**Basic Pack** \$38-  
See Overleaf → 1x 5" x 7" 2x 5" x 3.5" 3x 3.5" x 2.5" 4x 1.7" x 1.2" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

**Gift Pack\*** \$15-  
All 12 items  
\*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.  
3 x Photo Bookmarks 8" x 2" 3x 2" x 1.4" 1 x Door Hanger 10" x 4" 1 x Photo Calendar 9" x 7" 4 x Photo Gift Tags 3.4" x 2.5"

**Group Only**  
See Overleaf → \$25-

**PRE-PAY ENVELOPE**

More products and options available - **Order Online!**  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

**Deluxe Pack** \$30-  
1x 10" x 8" 2x 5" x 7" 2x 5" x 3.5" Portrait Download (Print quality)

**Value Pack** \$25-  
Best Value for Money  
2x 5" x 7" 4x 5" x 3.5" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

**Standard Pack** \$20-  
1x 5" x 7" 2x 5" x 3.5" Portrait Download (Not print quality)

**Gift Pack\*** \$15-  
All 7 items  
\*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.  
1x Photo Calendar 10" x 8" 4x 2.5" x 1.8" 2x Photo Gift Tags 2.5" x 5"



CAPTURING SCHOOL MOMENTS



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## \*\* EXCITING NEWS \*\*

Our school canteen now has online ordering available for both our canteen and uniform shop. Please follow the below steps to register an account with Munch Monitor - <https://www.munchmonitor.com/>. You will then be able to load funds in to your account. There will be a small service fee of \$3.65 per term. You can purchase items online from the uniform shop under the section named - SCHOOL SHOP. **Online canteen orders have a strict deadline of 9am each morning.** You will not be able to order for that day after this time. You can place lunch orders up to 4 weeks in advance. **Lunch orders will still be taken over the counter each morning until 10am.**



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: **mbsouthps**
  - 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

<input type="text"/>	Your School ID
<input type="text"/>	Your School Password
<input type="submit" value="SUBMIT"/>	

## P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Families will receive raffle tickets within the next week for our Easter Eggstravaganza Raffle. If you do not receive a ticket book or would like more, please see the ladies in the front office. All money and ticket books (sold and unsold) are to be returned to the school office by Monday 29 March 2021. Prizes will be drawn on Tuesday 30 March 2021.

**P&C Easter EGG STRAVAGANZA**

Donations required

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The P&C is currently organising an Easter Egg Raffle and needs your help! If you are able to donate any Easter Eggs or other items for our Easter Raffle, please bring them to the school office. Thank you!

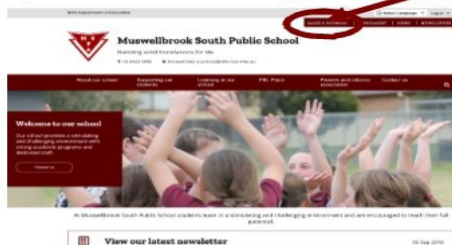




## DON'T FORGET YOU CAN MAKE A PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL USING THE ONLINE POP (Parent Online Payment) System . . . .

Go to:

<https://muswellbrs-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



### How to make a payment?

Go to our school website <https://muswellbrs-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and click on the link **MAKE A PAYMENT** at the top of the page.

### What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions / Camps
- Sport
- Creative and Performing Arts (these include dance and choir)
- Other (any items not listed above)

Unfortunately, payments to the P&C, Canteen, Uniform Shop and Book Club can not be accepted via this system.

Fill in all the Red Asterix (\*) items (compulsory).

Payments must be made via MasterCard or Visa. Please note payments made after 6pm will not be received into the school account until two days later.

**Making an online payment does not constitute permission.** Please return all signed permission notes to school as normal. Please write details of the online payment e.g. receipt number and date on any notes returned to school.

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 .....

# SUPPORT YELLOW students

for having 100% attendance this week. Great job!

# Term 1 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mar Wk 6	1	2	3	4 Zone Netball Trials	5
Mar Wk 7	8	9	10 Zone Soccer Trials	11	12
Mar Wk 8	15	16	17 School Photos	18	19
Mar Wk 9	22	23	24	25 Year 6 Leadership Conference Sydney	26
Mar/Apr Wk 10	29	30	31	1	GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



EASTER CRAFT & EASTER EGG HUNT  
TUESDAY 30TH & WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH

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## MARCH 2021 CALENDAR

**WEEK 1**  
3PM to 6PM

**TUESDAY 2ND**  
DISCUSSION - YOUTH CENTRE RULES & RESPECTING OTHERS AT YOUTHIES

**WEDNESDAY 3RD**  
HANDBALL CHALLENGE

**THURSDAY 4TH**  
KELLY POOL

**WEEK 2**  
3PM to 6PM

**TUESDAY 9TH**  
HAND HYGIENE INCLUDING HAND & NAIL CARE

**WEDNESDAY 10TH**  
MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA

**THURSDAY 11TH**  
CRICKET MATCH

**WEEK 3**  
3PM to 6PM

**TUESDAY 16TH**  
COOKING PANCAKES WITH JAM & CREAM

**WEDNESDAY 17TH**  
CHALK ART

**THURSDAY 18TH**  
CLOSED  
DUE TO MUSWELLBROOK SHOW

**WEEK 4**  
3PM to 6PM

**TUESDAY 23RD**  
MAKE YOUR OWN SALAD SANDWICH

**WEDNESDAY 24TH**  
DEVICE FREE DAY - FREE CHOICE

**THURSDAY 25TH**  
TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION



Located at The Showground, Maitland Street, MUSWELLBROOK NSW 2333  
Ph 02 6543 4841  
Email: admin@uhys.org.au or cbrown@uhys.org.au  
Free Transport Provided for Muswellbrook area only  
AGE GROUP : 10-17years  
FREE MEMBERSHIP TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10-17 YEARS







## PSM PUMA PATHWAYS Rugby League Clinics



**\*\*Free PUMA T-Shirt for each participant\*\***

## MUSWELLBROOK APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Date: Monday 12th April 2021  
Location: Olympic Park - 3 Wilkinson Ave, Muswellbrook

• 6-8 years / \$50    • 9-12 years / \$65    • 13-17 years / \$85

Visit [www.signonday.com.au/listing/psm-camps](http://www.signonday.com.au/listing/psm-camps) to register now!  
Due to COVID-19 restrictions spots are limited so get in quick to secure your spot!



## Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council

### Flag Raising and Morning Tea

Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council invites you to the annual NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony

**Date:** Friday July 2nd 2021

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Location:** 19 Maitland Street Muswellbrook

The ceremony will commence with the raising of the Aboriginal Flag followed by a Morning Tea

RSVP by Wednesday 26th June 2021 to  
admin@wanaruahlandcouncil.com.au



**MACH Energy**  
Mount Pleasant Operation



## Nutrition Snippet

Want healthy lunch ideas?



[Sign up to the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter.](#)

Our quarterly e-newsletters will keep you up-to-date with the latest recipes, healthy swaps and informative blogs to make packing a healthy lunch box easy!

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

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box



**Deadline:**  
Monday March 8th  
2021  
At 12:00pm

## Art Competition

Heal Country

## PRIZE:

There will be 1 major winner from each of the following categories:

- o Preschool Age 5 & Under - Prize
- o Primary School Age - \$50 gift card
- o High School Age - \$100 gift card
- o Adult - \$350
- o Over all winner - \$500

The winner will be  
announced  
Monday March 15th 2021

Prizes will also be given to the 2nd & 3rd runners up from the Preschool, Primary school, High School and Adult ages.

## Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER AS A DRINK



We know that water is the best drink to quench thirst and stay hydrated. But sometimes it can be difficult to persuade children to choose water over sugary drinks.

How much water should our kids drink everyday?

1-5 years: 1.25L or 5 glasses 

6-12 years: 1.5L or 6 glasses 

+ extra water if they have been active and on hot days

Here are some tips to encourage water intake:

- Pack a refillable water bottle for school and when you go out.
- Encourage your child to drink water before, after and during physical activity.
- Be a role model. Make a point of drinking water with your kids.
- Try adding slices of fruits such as lime or lemon to water for extra flavour. You could even try mint or cucumber.
- Try keeping a jug of water in the fridge or adding ice cubes.

 **Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>