

# Muswellbrook South Public School Newsletter



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"Muswellbrook South Public School Official"

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4! This week the main focus is our largest fundraiser of the year - our School Fete. This is a biannual event which attracts the whole community to our school. A huge thanks to our hardworking P&C who have worked tirelessly in organising and facilitating many sponsors, stalls and activities for our families to enjoy on Friday afternoon. We look forward to a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment.

A huge thanks to all of our families who have contributed to our Tell Them from Me and PBL surveys over the past few weeks. These results will help drive our School Plan for the next three years and help us develop our strategic directions to ensure our students can succeed and engage with their learning. The results from these surveys will be available in the coming weeks.

Hillvue Public School teachers and executives visited our school on Monday to view the amazing programs and teachers that we have in our school. They were very impressed by the way our students engaged in their learning, how they wore their school uniform with pride and commented on the amount of space and PE programs the students have access too. We look forward to our next meeting soon.

It was an absolute pleasure this week to witness an amazing writing sample from Tanner Hann in KB. Tanner wrote a story about a plane and received a Principal's sticker for the way he delivered his story with confidence. Thank you for sharing your story. A wonderful effort and keep working hard Tanner. Our swimming program kicked off last Friday and it is outstanding to see the amount of students participating in the pool. Well done to all of the parents who have supported this important initiative as we truly believe that swimming is a skill that students need to attain early in their lives. Well done to Mr Adams in organising such an important program and thanks to the staff at Muswellbrook pool for working with our students each Friday.

Yours in Education,  
**Jonathan Russell**  
Principal

PJ says - *"Don't forget your expectations before the 9am bell".*



## Primary Assembly – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a Primary assembly that will start at 11.00am.

3F will be performing a class item.

All parents & carers are warmly invited to attend.

Please note entry is via the front gate only.

## WEEK 3 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the students who received PBL awards at last week's infant's assembly. MSPS are proud of your efforts!

### White Awards – 25 Pebbles

Logan J, Bella S, Amelia B, Ryan W, Janeeka A, Stewart E, Tyrese S, Khloe J, Aiden L

### Bronze Award – 50 Pebbles

Jorja S, Shakirra H, Michaela B, Harmony T, Jadyan H

### Silver Award – 75 Pebbles

Jackson R

**IF YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT NOT RETURNING TO MSPS IN 2018 COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP ON 02 65 431 896.**

## SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT JANUARY 2018

If any student will not be attending school at the start of Term 1, 2018 please provide written documentation addressed to Mr Russell to the school office before the end of Term 4, 2017.

Thank you

# SPORTS REPORT

Years 3-6 went to Muswellbrook Aquatic and Fitness Centre for their Learn to Swim Program finally! I was delighted to see so many in the pool and excited to see all students develop their swimming abilities with summer just around the corner. For those families that did not send their notes and payment back by the due date last week you have until Wednesday 1st November to do so to partake in the following 5 lessons. I wish to thank all of those parents who have chased up bucket hats for their children. I have seen an encouraging increase of the amount of hats on heads in PE. It is great to see we are putting our student's sun safety first. A quick shout out to Miss Bashford's class 4B who have made an incredible start to Term 4 with every student remembering and wearing their hat in PE. Well done 4B and Miss Bashford. Have a safe and enjoyable week everyone! I hope to see you all at the fete on Friday at the Haunted Alley.

Mr Adams  
PDHPE Teacher

## GRANDPARENTS DAY – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, our school will be celebrating Grandparents' Day. This is our way of acknowledging and thanking the grandparents/older family friends who enrich our lives in so many ways.

The morning will begin at 9.45am with visits to the classrooms to learn about life at school in 2017. At 10.15am we will all move to the hall for our special assembly and a couple of surprises. After assembly, our honoured guests will be invited to partake in morning tea in the library. Then it will be time to join the children outside for some fun and games!

At this stage we do not have many photos of children with their grandparents/older friends for the slideshow. Please consider emailing a photo into the school as it's a nice way to remember the occasion.  
Mrs Dunn

## Crossing the road safely – some important tips to remind your children about . . .



### 1. THINK FIRST - PLAN

- Find the safest place to cross then stop.
- If available cross the road at a zebra crossing, traffic light crossings or at traffic islands or where there is a police officer or a traffic warden. Wait on the pavement until the traffic has completely stopped.
- If not available, choose a place where you can see clearly along the roads in all directions, and where drivers can see you.

**Never cross on turns.**



### 2. STOP

- Stand on the pavement little way back from the edge. You should be away from the traffic but still be able to see all around. Even if there is no pavement stand at a little distance from the edge.
- **Don't hurry**, give yourself time and have a good look all round.



### 3. WATCH AND LISTEN

- Look for traffic in all directions and listen.



### 4. WAIT UNTIL IT'S SAFE

- Wait patiently and let the traffic pass.
- Cross when there is a safe gap and you are sure there is enough time.

**Don't cross if you are not sure.**

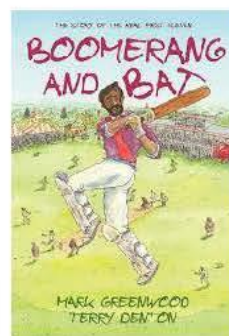
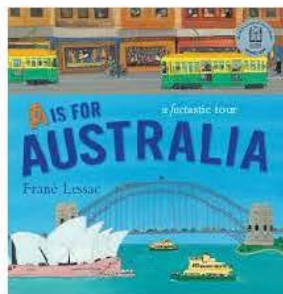
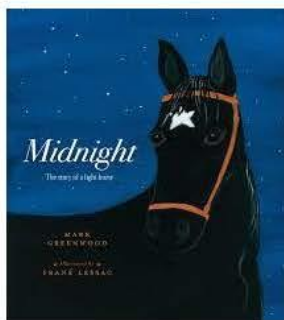


### 5. WATCH AND LISTEN

- When it's safe, walk directly across the road. Keep looking & listening while crossing.

**Never Run**

## Author and Illustrator Visit



Our School was very fortunate last week to have the author Mark Greenwood and illustrator Frane Lessac speak about the many books they have written and illustrated. Stage Three were entertained by stories written by Mark Greenwood. He introduced his session with the story **Boomerang and Bat** which is about a team of aboriginal cricketers who in 1868 set off on a journey across the world to take on England's best. His second story **Midnight** was about the Australian Light Horse Regiment, a horse called Midnight and his rider Guy Hayden. He engaged the students with stories about his trips to Israel with Terry Denton and finally left the students on a cliff hanger when he introduced his latest book **Diamond Jack** which is part of a series of books called **History Mysteries**. Mark Greenwood is a great storyteller and the students thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

Frane Lessac spoke to our Stage Two students about the many books she has illustrated for Mark Greenwood. She spoke about growing up in New Jersey and after completing her studies she moved to the island of Montserrat. Her first book **My Little Island** is a compilation of her paintings from there. She explained some of the processes involved before the book goes to her publisher. She shared the story **A is for Australia** and gave insights into why she wrote it. She concluded with the story **Midnight** and donated a picture of the horse Midnight to our school.











## P&C News

### REMINDER: PARKING FOR THE FETE

Parking for the Fete is available in the streets surrounding the school and the adjacent TAFE carpark. Anyone can enter the TAFE car park until 5.30pm. After this time the cable gate will automatically go up. The cable will automatically go down when vehicles already inside the carpark leave. All vehicles must vacate the carpark by no later than 7.30pm.

### LAST CHANCE TO PRE-PURCHASE AT A CHEAPER PRICE!!

Fete unlimited amusement wrist bands are available to purchase from the school canteen this Thursday & Friday. Open to the general public. Wrist band presale cost is \$20 each or a family of 3 for \$50. Cash only. Wrist bands will only be available to purchase on the night of the fete for the first hour and will cost \$25 each. If a wrist band is not purchased, each amusement will cost \$4 per go on the night. There are seven (7) inflatables in total!

Laser tag will be set up and games commence every 15 minutes. You can pre-book a timeslot by pre-booking at the school canteen. Cost is \$5 per person per game. Book now to avoid disappointment of missing out!

### FOOD & DRINKS

A big thank you to Rapid Relief Singleton and Domino's Muswellbrook who are helping to cater at the Fete.

Available for purchase will be –

**Sausage sandwich \$2**

**Hamburger \$5** (including coleslaw, tomato, beetroot and cheese)

**Slice of pizza \$2** (Hawaiian, Meat Lovers, Pepperoni & Supreme)

**Bottle of water \$1**

**Can of Soft Drink \$2.50**

**Poppers \$1**

**Cappuccino, Latte, Mochaccino, Flat White \$3**

**Tea \$2**



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**Domino's**

### THANK YOU!!!

Last Friday night our P&C

President, Ms Gina Philpott,

accepted a generous donation

from Muswellbrook RSL Club for our Fete.

Its donations like this that will ensure our fete is a success. Thank you

Muswellbrook RSL Club for your continued support, it is very much

appreciated.

"YOUR CLUB, MY CLUB, OUR CLUB"

MUSWELLBROOK



### Upcoming Events

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 4-7pm**

\*\* FETE \*\*

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 6.30pm**

P&C Meeting in school library

### UNIFORM SHOP

**Open 5 days a week 9am – 10am.**

We are located in the Canteen.

If these times do not suit please see the office for an order form for you to order over the counter at any time.

These orders can then be processed and collected at a time that suits you.

Cash, Eftpos and Lay-bys available. Please note all laybys require a regular fortnightly payment.

No items can be taken without full payment.

### CANTEEN

**Open 5 days a week 9am to 2.15pm.**

Congratulations to this week's meal winner Sophie E from 4/5R.

Sophie has won a lunch order to the value of \$5.

(Please note the meal winner must claim their prize within one week).

Thank you to last week's canteen

helpers Catherine, Kerrie and Debbie. We really appreciate your help.

If you can spare a few hours on any day between 9am & 12.15pm or even just an half hour from 2pm for 2nd break please see Gina or Kristy in the canteen.

Eftpos is available for adults only. Minimum spend is \$5 on debit card and \$10 on credit card. **The canteen cannot give cash out on eftpos.**

**BRING ALL YOUR LOOSE COINS TO THE FETE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RANGE OF FUN ACTIVITIES**

### MSPS Dates for the Diary

<i>weeks</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
Oct/Nov <b>4</b>	30	31 Kindergarten Transition  Year 2 (2S) Muswellbrook Art Gallery Excursion	1  Year 2 (2R) Muswellbrook Art Gallery Excursion	2  Year 2 (2F) Muswellbrook Art Gallery Excursion	3 School Fete 4-7pm  Primary Assembly  Primary Sports Learn to Swim  Year 2 (2B) Muswellbrook Art Gallery Excursion
Nov <b>5</b>	6	7 Kindergarten Transition	8	9 PANTO – 12noon   Stage 2 Learn to Swim	10 Grandparents Day  Whole School Assembly  Stage 3 Learn to Swim
Nov <b>6</b>	13 K-2 Washpools Excursion	14 Kindergarten Transition	15	16	17 Primary Assembly  Primary Sports Learn to Swim
Nov <b>7</b>	20	21 Kindergarten Transition  P&C Meeting	22	23  Primary Sports Learn to Swim	24 Infants Assembly  Primary Sports Learn to Swim
Nov/Dec <b>8</b>	27	28	29	30	1 Infants Presentation Sports Presentation
Dec <b>9</b>	4	5 Year 6 Orientation Day to Highschool	6	7	8 Presentation Day
Dec <b>10</b>	11 Year 6 Farewell	12	13	14	15 Last Day for Students Whole School Assembly