PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but productive term. I’d like to thank all students for their efforts, parents for your support and to our staff who have worked hard to ensure that all students are working to meet appropriate learning outcomes in a supportive and quality learning environment.

There are 2 dates to remember in the holidays:

- **The Blue Heeler Film Festival** - to be held on Sunday night 14th April, beginning at 5:30pm. Our school has an entry in the junior section and have worked hard with Ms Brown to put together ‘something special’. All parents and friends are invited along to Highbrook Park to support MSPS students, view all film entries as well as to see the feature film ‘Brave’. Our P&C will be running a BBQ and any help would be much appreciated. Please be aware that this is an alcohol free event and any children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

- **Town Anzac March** - on the 25th April at 9:45am at the Railway Station. All students to wear full summer uniform. We would love to see as many students as possible turn up to march with our school. Several staff members and myself will there to march with our students.

School will commence for all students on Wednesday 1st May. Staff will be at school on the 29th and 30th April completing 2 staff development days as designated by the Department of Education so that staff can become familiar with the new Australian curriculum.

Term 2 is the Term when students need to wear our school’s winter uniform. Please find listed further in our schools’ newsletter the winter school uniform requirements. If you have difficulties with the uniform requirements please contact us. Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Yours in Education

Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

There will be no newsletter in Week 1, Term 2.

‘Screen free’ things to do in the holidays:
- Visit the Town Library
- Make a scrap book
- Build something with recycled material
- Play board games
- Read favourite books to friends and family
- Visit the park and have a picnic
- Have some fun cooking with adult supervision
- Learn a new skill

Reminders to Parents

Parents, please remember not to use the car park to bring your child to school or when you collect them. **It is a safety issue and we would appreciate it if you dropped off outside the school.**

The disabled car park must only be used by people who display a disabled permit.

Thank you for your support.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to Georgia D., Tobey S., Braidyne R. and Mikayla H. who all made it through to regional Cross Country at Broadmeadow in Newcastle. Well done, the school is very proud of you. See photos from the Zone carnival later in the newsletter.
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ASSEMBLY TIME:

In place of our whole school assembly this Friday we are having our Anzac Day Ceremony commencing at 9.45am in the hall. You are all most welcome to come along.

**Term 2 – Winter Uniform**

Term 2 will bring the cooler weather and for girls, the option of our new Winter tunic. It is to be worn with maroon tights and a white, collared undershirt. **This is still an option** and girls can also still wear the maroon tracksuit pants and maroon school shirt. Please note: the **Summer dress with maroon tights is not a Winter option.**

**Boys** are encouraged to wear long grey trousers with limited pockets, however maroon tracksuit pants are also accepted.

School shoes are still required to be black leather or white joggers. **Coloured joggers are not acceptable.**

Maroon hats are to be worn at school for all outdoor play, PE lessons, Sport and on excursions. No coloured hats please with our school uniform.

**SONGROOM NEWS**

The Songroom in partnership with Coal and Allied Community Fund are running a creative communities project at MSPS. The project is a sculpture garden which will be an outdoor classroom, an area for parents to meet and also a visual identity for the school. We are encouraging all parents of MSPS to be involved in this project along with our students, you will see regular updates on the garden over the coming weeks.

The sculptures are going to be Australian animals made from scrap metal. We are asking all families to donate any scrap metal they might have at home for the project. This might include tin cans, old metal tools, car parts, wheel rims, old scooters, bikes etc. Please drop your materials to the office for collection.

If you have any questions or might like further information on the project, please contact the Songroom Regional Program Coordinator Amy Sullivan on 0410347313 or email amy@songroom.org.au
School Banking
Every Monday is School Banking day we now have quite a few families banking each week.
If you can spare a little time of a Monday to assist Jane with the banking she would be very grateful.
Phone Jane 0459772741

School Contribution
As we are at the end of term 1 our school contributions are due. They have not increased this year and still remain at $20 per child.
Thank you to our families who have paid.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion
The Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion started Monday.
For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art and crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.
So start collecting today

Stewart House
A $2 donation in the Stewart House envelope will be such a big help. Complete the entry details on the back and return it to school to be eligible to go in the draw to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.
Envelopes must be in before Friday 3rd May

Uniform Shop
From the beginning of term 2 the Uniform Shop will have new hours
Monday 9am to 9.30am
Wednesday 9am to 9.30am
Thursday 9am. to 9.30am
Afternoons are by appointment only by phoning Anne 0477063184

School Holiday Fun!!!!!
Les Elvin, winner of Australian Aboriginal Artist of the Year 2008, and Cessnock’s Citizen of the Year 2012, will host two art workshops, at Muswellbrook and Denman Libraries. The workshops for all the family will include a discussion about the meaning of NAIDOC Week and of the symbolism of Les’s artwork. This community mural will be hung in the Youth section of the Library.
There are other activities as well. More detail for this holiday fun and lots more contact Muswellbrook Library on 65431913 or Denman Library on 65472208

Blue Heeler Film Festival
Please come and support South’s talented team of film makers at the Blue Heeler Film Festival on Sunday 14th April at Highbrook Park at 5.30pm. After the short film show there will be a screening of the feature film “Brave”.
This is an Alcohol free event!!!
Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.
Entry is FREE and there will be food and drinks available for you to purchase.
**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY?**

**Netball Development Clinic**
Sport and Recreation will be presenting a two day Development Clinic in Muswellbrook during the April school holidays.  
Enrolment forms are at the front office at school or for more information phone 49261633

**Girl’s Get Active**
Girl's get active in April come and try Rugby Union. The newest Olympic Sport. Introductory school holiday Rugby Union Clinic which will feature introductory games which will feature the national Try Rugby Kids Pathway Program.  
Enrolment forms are at the front office at school or for more information phone 49261633

**Come and Try Rugby League**
An introductory Rugby League clinic for girls aged 5 to 16 years. This clinic is aimed at primary and high school aged girls to give them an introduction into Rugby League.  
Enrolment forms are at the front office at school or for more information phone 49261633

**Holiday Tennis Camp**
The dates for the coming holiday Tennis Camp conducted by Dean Trembath are as follows

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Coaching is at 9am and goes through until 12 noon. The coaching is at Olympic Park Tennis Club. The cost is $20 per day or $50 for the three days.  
Enquiries to Dean 0412735113 or email dkahanut@gmail.com  
Booking are essential before Sunday April 21st

**Relay For Life**
As a fundraiser Zumba Classes are being held this Sunday 14th April at Muswellbrook Workers Club with all proceeds to Cancer Council Muswellbrook Relay for Life. Check out the following sessions:

- 4pm a cool class for cool kids $5.00
- 5pm an easy low impact class $10.00
- 6pm a fun energetic class $10.00

Lots of games, raffles and prizes.

**NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service**
Lots of great walks and experiences for you to enjoy during the school holidays organised by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife.  
For more information phone 65402300

**Suicide Alertness**
Seasons for Growth has partnered with Lifeline Newcastle and Hunter to present safeTALK. SafeTALK is a half day presentation to increase suicide alertness.  
This is being offered free but please bring a gold coin donation to cover the cost of morning tea.  
Bookings are essential inquiries phone 49791355 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

**Upper Hunter Community Services**
Below are dates for Parent Groups. All programs are free of charge.  
Wednesdays 8th – 29th May Triple P Group commencing at 10.30am to 12.30pm  
5th June – 19th June and Wednesday 26th June.

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Engaging Adolescents  
Thursday 27th June from 9.30am to 2pm

**Aberdeen Playground Markets**
Aberdeen Playgroup invites you to their Sunday indoor markets on Sunday 28th April commencing at 10am in the auditorium at the Aberdeen Sport and Recreation Club. Free entry
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
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**Enjoy your holidays, stay safe!**