PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week’s PBL focus: Approaching others in a positive way

Dear Parents
Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program next week on Tuesday 14th May, the students will sit writing and language tests, on Wednesday 15th May there will be the reading test and the numeracy test will be Thursday 16th May. It is most important that all students attend school on these days. We wish all students the best of luck.

We would like to welcome Mrs Melissa Jones who is a student-teacher completing her final teaching internship on class 6S. We hope Ms Jones will enjoy her term at Muswellbrook South and that all students will continue to give her a warm welcome.

A new initiative for Multicultural Parents began today Wednesday at Muswellbrook TAFE. This is a great way for new parents to meet, make friends and learn about happenings and organisations in the community.

Today the P&C held their Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to our wonderful P&C members who purchased, wrapped and gave their time to sell the gifts to the students, so their mums will get something special on Mother’s Day.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums. Hope you all have a lovely day.

Yours in Education
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Leadership Conference

Yesterday I had the privilege of taking our 8 school leaders to a leadership course in Tamworth. We left Muswellbrook at 6:30 and drove the 2 hours to the Town Hall for a day of fun and learning.

At the conference the leaders got to learn about how to be a leader, different leadership styles and get ideas about what they can do at school.

There were fun games and prizes and the children go to meet and network with other student leaders from many schools in country areas.

It was a fantastic day and they leaders have all come back with great ideas for the rest of the year. A big thanks to Mrs Wendy Perkins for coming with us to get the children there.

Miss McMillan

A reminder that nuts are not permitted at school as some students have severe allergic reactions to these products.
**Amy’s Songroom news**

On Wednesday 29th May Masters Home Improvement are visiting our school to build hardwood benches for our sculpture garden. They are offering places to 20 families to participate in a bench building workshop, where you and your child will work alongside the Masters team to learn how to build benches on the day.

This is a great opportunity to learn some new skills, spend the day with your child at school and help improve our school environment at the same time. If you would like to be part of this event please leave your name and contact details at the front office.

We will work on a first come first serve basis, so make sure you get in quick! The workshop will take place from 9:30am - 2:30pm and there will be a complimentary sausage sizzle lunch for families involved.

**Opportunity Class**

Thinking of applying for opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2014. Apply online ([www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)) or contact the school for more information.

**Mentor Training**

Free Mentor Training is being offered to interested people in the Upper Hunter. The Mentoring Training that is being offered by the Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative is planned for **18 and 19 June at Singleton Youth Venue (school hours)**. It aims to provide community members, parents, grandparents, business people or just anyone interested in developing their mentoring skills with strategies, confidence and connection with other like-minded people. Julie Frazer will be the facilitator of training. Julie is a very experienced and well respected Plan-it Youth Mentor trainer. People find spending time with her empowering and confidence boosting. A small charge may be levied to cover morning tea and lunch depending on preference re bring your own/purchase. Contact Deborah McCrohon on 49 31 2727 if you are interested.

**ASSEMBLY TIME:**

This Friday 10th May, we will be having a whole school assembly. All parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to attend. The assembly commences at 9.45am in the hall. Come along and see 6S perform.

**Sport Term 2 and Term 3**

Please note Friday sport will be held in the afternoon session 2.15pm to 3.25pm for Terms 2 and 3.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop now has 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 or Kylie 0488597421

**Reminder 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 children off outside the school.
School Banking
Just a reminder!!!! Every Monday is School Banking day, don’t forget to send your child/childrens bank book to school with them. If you would like to participate in school banking please call into the office to pick up starter pack.

Book Club News
Book Club orders are due back to school before next Tuesday the 14th May. Thank you Darlene Scriven.

School Contribution
Our school contributions still remain at $20 per child.
These funds are collected from all families and form a vital part of our school budget. In order to provide for the quality and variety of opportunities at MSPS. We thank all families for their support.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion
In this newsletter you will find a Woolworths Earn and Learn Points Sheet. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn and Learn Point Sticker. Pop them onto the Woolworths Earn and Learn Point 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 and Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, english, science, art and crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

P and C Meeting
The next P and C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May commencing at 2.15pm in Heritage Hall. All are most welcome to come along. P and C meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Head Lice Alert
We are asking that all parents examine their children’s hair and look for the following signs:

1. Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck, accompanied by a red rash
2. Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft, small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify lice

Head lice can be treated quickly and effectively by simply following these steps.

1. Purchase a specialist head lice treatment from the chemist and apply it according to the directions on the pack.
2. Treat everyone found to have head lice at the same time.
3. Wash out the treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs.
4. Repeat the treatment in 7-10 days if lice are still present or eggs are found.

Please note: Head lice do not live on furniture, hats,bedding,carpet, or anywhere in the environment, they are only found on the human head. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.
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.

The P&C endorses that Maroon hoodies are not permitted at MSPS.
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