PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear parents & carers
Thank you to all those parents and friends who attended our Harmony Day celebrations last Friday. A highlight of the morning was the Chinese dancing performed by Meg. Many thanks to Ms Williams for organising such an important and enjoyable event.

Congratulations to Helen Datson who was elected P&C president for 2014 at last week’s AGM. Congratulations also to the following parents who were elected to the executive team: Shellie Stewart and Rebecca Donaldson.
Our school looks forward to working with Helen and the executive to work with our school community to provide the best possible opportunities for our students.
I would like to thank the outgoing president, Odette Edwards for the fantastic job she did while P&C president last year. Odette was able to build upon and continue to improve the uniform shop, canteen and P&C. Her expertise, hard work and dedication is much appreciated. I wish Odette and her family all the best in their future pursuits.

Parent teacher interviews will be held next week. All students should have received a note and the time you request needs to be sent back to school. This is a good opportunity for parents to learn about their student’s progress to date and to discuss any concerns. Please note that if you cannot make the allocated time, staff will be only too happy to find an alternate time.

Save the date for the Easter Hat parade and Grandparent’s morning tea to be held on the 10th April.

Yours in Education,
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Assembly

This Friday 27th March, 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 school hall.
The assembly item will be performed by SA. Hall display is by KW, Foyer display 3/4k

School Contribution
Thank you to those families who have paid their $20 per child School Contribution. These funds form a vital part of our school budget and allow the school to provide quality and varied opportunities for all children at Muswellbrook South. If you are yet to pay your child/children’s school contribution please consider doing it soon.

Important Information
If parent/carers occupation and/or education information has changed since completing your child’s school enrolment form please phone or see the front office to update this information. It is important to keep this information up to date for funding purposes.
**P&C News**

Last Tuesday we held our Annual General Meeting for MSPS and some new executives were selected.

President - Helen Datson
Vice President – Rebecca Donaldson
Treasurer – Shellie Stewart
Secretary – To be nominated at next meeting

Congratulations Ladies!

The role of the P&C is to allow parents and other members of the community to support the school in the educational process. Here at MSPS this is done by providing a canteen & uniform shop, and assisting the school to purchase other resources that enhance our children’s learning experiences.

The P&C is not just about the executives though. While we are the public face and point of contact we cannot be successful in our roles without your help. There is a place for each and every member of the Muswellbrook community in the MSPS P&C. While attendance at meetings and being a financial member is important, we understand that not everyone is willing or able to contribute this way. What we do ask is that each family contribute in some way at least once throughout the year, perhaps through:

- Sharing with us your ideas - for fundraising, projects, increasing participation and raising our profile in the school and broader community
- Donating your time- volunteering to help in the canteen, uniform shop, at Mother’s & Father’s day stalls, working bees, or other P&C run events
- Donating goods – Chocolate eggs for Easter raffle, items for Mother’s day, Father’s day and Christmas raffles.

We look forward to working with you all

MSPS Executive Committee

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**Easter Raffle**

The P&C are organising an Easter raffle and are asking for donations of Easter eggs. Please hand any donations into the school office. Thank you to those that have already kindly donated Eggs.

This week you would have received your raffle tickets. Tickets are $1 each and prize will be drawn on 10th April. Please return all sold and unsold tickets by 8th April.

Thank you to Odette, Shellie, Colleen, Catherine and Helen for your help organizing raffle ticket booklets.

Thank you for your support

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

This year our Mother’s day stall will be held on Wednesday 7th May. Gifts will range between $2 - $7. There will also be able to purchase gift cards for 50c and gift bags for $1.

If you are available to help on the day please see Helen in the office.

Thank you.

**Uniform Shop**

Open Monday & Friday 9-10am

SALE!!! $5 tracksuit pants and jumpers (old stock).

Hats are available to purchase at our Uniform Shop – Monday and Friday mornings and also at the canteen daily.

**Now Taking Orders for Winter Tunics**

If you are unable to come during uniform shop hours, order forms are available in the school office for your convenience.

**Volunteers** – we are still looking for helpers on Mondays. Please see Shellie on Monday or Friday morning if you are able to spare an hour.

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos, and cheque

Lay-by/payment plan also available

Thank you for supporting MSPS Uniform Shop
Muswellbrook And Upper Hunter Eisteddfod
The Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod are now taking entries for a variety of categories. If you are interested in entering the Speech, Drama and Public Speaking division, I may be able to help you. **Entries for this division close Friday, 11th April 2014.** Competition sessions will be running from Monday, 2nd June until Friday, 6th June 2014. The competition will be conducted at Muswellbrook Public School hall on these dates.
The following entry fees apply:
- Individual entry $5.00
- Duologues $8.00
- Groups $10.00
If you would like an entry form so that you can enter the Eisteddfod or you need some guidance, please come and see me at school and I will help you out. The Eisteddfod is a fantastic opportunity to show case and refine your speech and public speaking skills- why not have a go?

Mrs Crooks

Earn and Learn
Thank you to all students, parents, teachers and other school supporters for participating in the 2013 Woolworths Earn and Learn program.
The picture below shows you what we received from participating in the program. Lots of goodies!! They will be distributed to classes shortly.

Canteen News - open from 9am to 2pm every day Monday to Friday.

This week’s lucky lunch winner is Harley N 5/6K.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers – Colleen H, Shornea, Kylie C, Sue P, Alison B, Tara and Odette E.

The canteen does need more volunteers, if you are interested please call in and see Bec.

Canteen Roster for the next two weeks –
Wednesday 26 March Bec and Shornea
Thursday 27 March Bec, Sue, Colleen and Donna
Friday 28 March Bec, Mel, Kylie,and Emma
Monday 31 March Bec and Shornea
Tuesday 1 April Bec.xxxxx
Wednesday 2 April Bec and Shornea
Thursday 3 April Bec and Colleen
Friday 4 April Bec, Melissa and Colleen
Monday 7 April Bec and Shornea
Tuesday 8 April Bec and Melissa
Wednesday 9 April Bec and Shornea
Thursday 10 April Bec, Emma and Colleen
Friday 11 April Bec , Melissa and Colleen.

Please note xxxxx indicates we need more volunteers. Please see Bec if you can help out.

The P and C would like to wish Cherri all the best for her future. Cherri now has a job and won’t be helping in the canteen. Good luck Cherri, thank you for all your help.

Guessing Competition
Come and have a guess how many Easter Eggs are in the container. It is 50c a guess and the winner will be drawn on Thursday 10th April.

Remember to bring your lunch order BAG BACK TO THE CANTEEN to go into the draw to win a FREE MEAL DEAL.

Please hand lunch orders in between 9am and 9.30am.
We are open for break 1 and break 2. Five days a week.
Eftpos is available for lunch order payments or hat purchases by adults only.
Thank you for supporting our school canteen.
**What’s Happening in the Community?**

**Muswellbrook Rams Rugby League – Need Under 10’s**

We have had many new registrations this year covering all levels of our age groups however we have some rather large gaps in one side in particular. Our Under 10 boy’s side which comprises boys aged 9 or turning 10 this year is short of players.

**Teaching Someone To Drive?**

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop. The next workshop in the area will be held on Tuesday 1 April from 6pm to 8pm at the Denman Information Centre Denman. Book now on 49254200 or weahunter.edu.au

**Singleton Horse Sports**

The Singleton horse Sports hosted by Mt Pleasant Public School will be held on Friday 16th May, at Singleton Showground. **Entries are limited to 180 riders and entry forms are available on the website.**


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**Sunday Pastels With Jean Davies**

Arts Centre will be conducting **FREE Pastel Workshops**, once again under the expert guidance of Jean Davies.

The workshops are scheduled to take place on the fourth Sunday of every month at the Arts Centre from 10am until 1pm, with the first workshop to take place on 30th March.

Whether you are a beginner, of any age, or fine tuning your craft join us at the Arts Centre.

More information or to reserve a place contact the Arts Centre on 65493800 or arts.centre@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au
Scone Hockey Club

We have competition to suit all ages from U5’s through to Senior Competition commencing Saturday 5th April. Registration fees U9’s $45, U18’s $90 and seniors $160

Online registration at www.sconehockey.org.au

We will have a “come and try it day” at Scone Sports Complex on Wednesday 26th March between 4pm and 6pm. We will also have members available to assist with any issues doing online registration.

Enquiries email sconehockey@ozemail.com.au or Gary Davis 0428412483

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2014

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Harmony Day was celebrated last Friday 21st March. The celebrations commenced with the K-2 students decorating the trees in front of the hall. After the trees were decorated the whole school meet in the hall for an assembly to celebrate the diverse cultural backgrounds of the students at Muswellbrook South.
PERFORMANCES AT HARMONY DAY

We were very excited to have Meg Cridland perform two Chinese Martial Arts dances for the assembly.

The Muswellbrook South Aboriginal Dancers performed Taba Naba. A big thank you to Ms Marshall, Mrs Kellman and Mrs Pascoe for preparing the students for this performance.
This term, 2B have been practicing writing recounts. After we visited Healthy Harold last week, we wrote a recount about how much fun we had!

First we walked inside the van and then we saw Healthy Harold. He was funny. He had to clean his room and his dirty underwear! Then we stuck good food and bad food on the wall. Then we watched the SmartBoard. We were pretending to be superheroes and then we got stickers.

Logan P.

First we saw Harold in the van. We pretended to be superheroes. On the SmartBoard there was a little girl who was near a cupboard. The cupboard was open and she was in danger because the cupboard had medicine so the superheroes had to help. Harold had to pick up his dirty underpants and clean his room as well. I got to buy things from Healthy Harold.

Kya T.

First we waited out the front of the van and Sarah told us when to go inside. When we went inside we sat down and then we called Harold to come out of his bedroom. When he came out of his home to look at us, he stuck his tongue out! We were pretending to be superheroes and then we stuck food on the wall.

Melody F.