PBL Focus of the Week: Appropriate behaviour when lining up.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Carers
Congratulations to the team of swimmers who attended the Zone Swimming carnival last Friday. Mr Bellamy was very pleased with both the efforts and exemplary behaviour of all students – well done!

On Monday we had our first whole school assembly. These are being held in weeks 5 and 10 of each term. Thank you to the many parents who attended, despite the warm conditions. The school gates will be open for parents to access assemblies each week at 2.20pm.

Senior Constable Gray addressed the assembly about Cyber Bullying – an important issue in today’s world. Here are some useful websites:

In the classroom, lines and at assemblies we ask our students to use the ‘5Ls.’ When we ask students to do this we are asking them to close their lips (stop speaking), listen, look, laps (have their hands in their laps) and legs (legs crossed). This message is part of our school culture and embedded in our Positive Behaviours for Learning and is expected in every class in the school – our Kinders are doing a great job in learning these new skills. Perhaps you would like to use these at home as well....

We are again using the Skool Bag App in 2015. This will enable us to send reminders to parents who have downloaded the App, allow parents to send in sick notes to class teachers and various other functions to make communication between the school and home more effective. With this new App in place and our up-to-date school website page we are no longer going to maintain a Facebook page as well.

Save the date for Welcome to 2015 Information evening and BBQ. – 12th March. All students will receive a note with more information soon.

Yours In Education
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Quote of the week: A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

Assemblies
Monday 2nd March Stage 2 and Stage 3 (Years 3-6) will hold their assembly at 2.30pm.
All parents are warmly invited to attend.

Pleasing NOTE: There will be NO assembly for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (Years K-2) due to the visiting circus show.

ZONE SWIMMING
Last Friday, I had the pleasure of taking 11 students to the Upper Hunter Zone Swimming Carnival in Singleton. All students represented Muswellbrook South with pride and did their best. Many students placed in their heats and Brody Simpson placed first overall in Backstroke and Georgia Hutchings placed third overall in Breaststroke. Well done to all our Zone representatives!

Mr Bellamy

WARRAE WANNI
Attention 2014 WARRAE WANNI FAMILIES:
Our PAL home literacy program will be starting again very soon. If you still have a PAL KIT at home, could you please return it to the Warrae Wanni classroom so we can get organised for this year’s program.
Thank you
Allison Moore and Jeanine Pascoe

FOOD IN TINS
It would be appreciated if tins of food for lunch are not brought in if possible. Some children have cut their fingers on the sharp pieces of metal.
**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C Meeting will be our AGM, all positions will become vacant and we can elect our new Executive Committee. Meeting is to be held in the School Library at 1.30pm Tuesday 17th March 2015.

**Open 9am – 10am Monday & Friday.**
Hats and Polos back in stock.
The office has order forms for you to order over the counter at any time.
We take cash, cheque and eftpos.
**NOTE:** We also have a layby system available
**No items can be taken without full payment**

Our canteen is now open 5 days a week!! 9am – 2pm.
**Lunch orders can be placed at the school canteen between 9am and 9.30am.**

**Please make sure correct class is written on order bags.**
Thank you to our helpers Catherine, Emma, Kristy & Rachel. If you have any spare time and would like to help please see Megan.

**DINO NUGGETS MEAL DEAL**
**AVAILABLE 5 Days per week**

6 Nuggets & an Orchy pop top $4

Eftpos is available for lunch order payments by adults only.

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**Recipe book**
The P&C would like to collate a recipe book with yummy family favourites including but not limited to meals, sweets, treats and lunch box ideas etc.
We are asking families to contribute recipes. They can be sent into the school, we can make photocopies if needed or preferred method is via email to muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
This will be an ongoing process with hopefully a cookbook published and available for sale at the end of the year.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
School Banking is every **Tuesday.** Students should have received a starter pack. If you haven’t received one please see the front office.

**Breakfast Club** is available for 50c between 8:45 and 9:15 from the school canteen every morning.
We’ve already got a busy Term and year ahead of us in 3K!

In class, we’re learning so many different things. Currently for English, we’re learning how to write expositions, find the main idea in reading texts and how to cursive handwrite. During reading groups, we take turns reading to our teacher, or to Mrs Jones, complete some fun interactive comprehension activities on Study Ladder and practise our spelling rule for the week.

During Mathematics time, we’re learning how to use place value to help us read numbers correctly, read the time, collect data and create picture and column graphs, as well as how to problem solve.

On Tuesday afternoons with Mr Bellamy, we are studying the HSIE unit ‘Living In Communities’, focusing on the workers of our community, the facilities we have, our Aboriginal culture and special events we celebrate.

We have already conducted some experiments in Science, discovering how and why certain objects melt. It has been a lot of fun predicting if something will melt and explaining what makes an object a solid or a liquid.

When Healthy Harold visited us, we learnt about the human body and how peer pressure, medicines and second hand smoking can affect us. During our class lessons, we’ve learnt: what a drug is, the difference between legal and illegal drugs, what medicines are and the safe procedures for taking medicines.
On Monday morning Kindergarten participated in the NRMA bus safety excursion. Students learnt about how to be safe bus getting on and off the bus, and when on the bus itself. A Police Officer, Bus Driver and NRMA representative explained how to be safe, and then came on a short trip with us, with students practicing what we had learnt along the way!

Kindergarten really enjoyed this excursion.
SOLID STATE CIRCUS present
STATE OF PLAY

The Show:
Solid State Circus (SSC) is a fresh Australian comedy acrobatics troupe. Combining seasoned presenters with the youthful exuberance of some of Australia's best young performers, SSC presents a show with that "wow" factor. The tightly packed, high energy show features an array of circus skills, including mini tramp, juggling, and high level acrobatics! If you don't know the difference between back flip and a back sault, then this is the show for you! The dynamic, inspirational trio reinforce by example: the healthy mind, healthy body theme, promoted in many schools. The show includes a Q&A session – a chance for students to question a tame circus performer.

Circus Workshops for students in Years 5-12 are also available after school, weekends, and holidays – subject to availability.

Solid State Circus
Founded in 2011, by Hemlock Mejame and Luth Wolff. Solid State Circus tours circus shows to schools Australia wide. They work in festivals and corporate events, providing entertainment and circus workshops to people of all ages. A rotating cast of the top young performers from across the country brings new acts and possibilities to every show. To see a full list of performers, images from our shows or for teachers to pass on student questions, please visit our website at www.solidstatecircus.com.au

NB – The show is presented by three performers and the line-up changes for each tour.

Hemlock Mejame (Artistic Director) has performed and competed at an international level with circus, acrobatics and trampoline sports since 1987. Hemlock has performed and taught introductory through to elite level in acrobatic circus performance for theatre groups, community organisations and festivals in remote, urban and rural communities since 1989. Hemlock’s areas of specialisation are Tumbling, Mini-tramp, Equilibristics, Stilts and DANGER!

Luth Wolff (Boss Lady) has been involved youth circus since she was 6 years old. She has had 8 years experience as a performer and coach, teaching circus skills to people aged 3 to 63 with all levels of mental and physical abilities. Currently the Artistic Director of the Melbourne Juggling Convention, and selected for the Australian Circus And Physical Theatre Association's Cultural Mentorship Program. Luth is a fast emerging member of the circus arts industry. Luth’s specialties are Unicycle, Hula hoops, Acrobalance, and Administration.

Now at M.S.P.S.
Tues 3/3/15
not 1/4/15
12:05 - K - 2
2:10 - 3 - 6
$3 each

SOLID STATE CIRCUS
I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD

__________________________
OF CLASS
TO ATTEND A PERFORMANCE OF SOLID STATE CIRCUS
AT MSPS ON TUESDAY 3/3/15, AND ENCLOSE $3

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SIGNED
Welcome to all our new Kindergarten Students!

These photos appeared in the Muswellbrook Chronicle on Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} February

Photo’s courtesy of Muswellbrook Chronicle
Skoolbag App is back and running!

Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Muswellbrook South Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!  
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Please return this slip to the school office / classroom teacher once you have installed the Skoolbag App on your phone. This will help the school identify who will be receiving important information.

Student/s name ____________________________________________  Class _________________

Parent name ____________________________  Parent signature ________________________ Date _____________

Our school newsletter can be emailed to you. This is our preferred method of distribution as it reduces printing costs and it is guaranteed to be received.

Please provide your email address to our school office so we can add you to our weekly Newsletter distribution list.

Student/s name ____________________________________________  Class _________________

Email address - ________________________________________________

(please let the office know if this address changes)
**PARKING CHANGES**

Please be mindful of the parking changes in Osborn Ave. The Ranger & Police Are aware of these and will act upon illegal parking.

### SCHOOL ZONE PENALTIES

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**ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS**

- What does it mean? You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are a bus driver.
- Why is it there? To provide a safe place for buses to stop and pick up passengers.
- Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by pushing buses out of “their” safety zone.

**BUS ZONE**

**NO STOPPING**

What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

Why is it there? To keep line of sight clear for drivers AND children, so both have more time to avoid crashes.

**NO PARKING**

What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within three (3) metres of your car at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

**NO PARKING ON NATURE STRIPS OR FOOTPATHS.**