



# Muswellbrook Public School

## What's On

*Humanity and Excellence*

Term 4 Week 1

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Roger Street, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

"Muswellbrook Public Skoolbag"

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We are  
**SAFE**

We are  
**RESPECTFUL**

We do our  
**PERSONAL BEST**

*Everyone, Everywhere & Every Time*

### From the Principal:



#### Welcome back to Term 4

I hope all families enjoyed the holiday break. It was lovely to see our staff and students return to school yesterday bursting with energy, ready for another very busy term.

### End of Year Celebrations

There are many events happening during weeks 9 and 10 of this term. They are all marked on the attached Term Planner. Please mark these dates and times in your diaries and we look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible at our annual Presentation Day Assemblies.

### National Week of Deaf People

I congratulate Ms Coward, who coordinated a whole school assembly on the last day of term to raise awareness of deaf people. It was wonderful to see our two profoundly deaf students, Storm and Isaac participating so confidently in the assembly along with students and staff, who used sign language relating to the

song 'Lean On Me'. I also congratulate Callie M, Harpa C, Shelby B and Cooper L, who led the assembly. Well done to all involved!



### Musica Viva

Notes were sent home last term detailing this fine musical performance by B'TUTTA. The performance is part of our school's learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom. To ensure that your child does not miss out, **please pay by tomorrow, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. No late payments will be accepted.**

## Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply online. Further information is attached to this newsletter or can be found on the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens on **8th October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11th November 2019**.

## Enrolments for 2020

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all new families to MPS next year. Our school is now taking kindergarten enrolments; please see the office for an enrolment form.

Also, if you know that you will be leaving MPS at the end of the year, can you please advise the office.

*Joan Stephens – Principal*



## We are back and ready for term 4!

The students are happy to be back learning and playing with their friends!





Muswellbrook Public School Term 4 2019 Parents Copy						
Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	14 October Staff and Students return	15 October	16 October Kindergarten Orientation #2	17 October	18 October	19 20 Oct
2	21 October Musica Viva 12 noon & 1pm	22 October	23 October Kindergarten Orientation #3	24 October	25 October	26 27 Oct
3	28 October Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	29 October Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	30 October Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm AECG/AGM members only 4.30pm	31 October Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	1 November	2 Nov  3 Nov
4	4 November PBL Celebration day/Treat Day (WTAW Fundraiser) Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm HS Transitions/ATSI students	5 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	6 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	7 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm Music Count Us In/MHS	8 November	9 10 Nov
5	11 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	12 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm 6pm P&C	13 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	14 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm AECG 4.30pm Aberdeen	15 November	16 17 Nov
Wellbeing Week  6  No Meetings	18 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	19 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	20 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm	21 November Kindy Transitions 12:10pm-1:10pm SARS visit to MPS @ 10am	22 November School Spectacular SARS visit to MPS @ 10am QUIZ Worx 10.15/11,15 K-6 scripture children	23 24 Nov
7	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November SARS visit to MPS @ 10am	29 November SARS visit to MPS @ 10am	30 1 Dec
8	2 December	3 December MHS Year 6 – Orientation Day/Evening	4 December Talent Quest	5 December	6 December	7 8 Dec
9	9 December Presentation Day Assembly ES1/S1 9.30am	10 December Presentation Day Assembly S3 9.30am S2 12 noon 6pm P&C social night	11 December	12 December Emerald Lunch K-2 concert 2.30pm	13 December Year 6 Graduation 9.30am Reports home	14 Dec Xmas Spec 4pm
10	16 December Moving Day	17 December Party Day	18 December Last day for students	19 December SDD	20 December SDD	21 22 Dec
11	23 December	24 December	25 December	26 December	27 December	28 29 Dec
Hols	30 December	31 December	1 January 2019	2 January 2019	3 January 2019	4/5 Jan 2019

50 DAYS FOR TEACHERS

48 DAYS FOR STUDENTS

YEAR 2018: --DAYS FOR TEACHERS E. Div. (196 W. Div.) -- DAYS FOR STUDENTS (191 W. Div.)

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

**Remember: the tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Joan Stephens  
Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.** This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend** to apply.

**TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.**  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

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Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ASSEMBLY NEWS

K-2 assembly will be held on Wednesday at 2:30pm.

3-6 assembly will be held on Friday at 2:30pm.

*Zone ribbons will be handed out this week!*

#### uniform shop opening hours

Tuesday	8:30am – 9:30am
Wednesday	8:30am – 10:30am 2:30pm- 3:30pm
Friday	8:30am – 10:30am

Opening hours are subject to  
availability of volunteers.

#### KINDERGARTEN 2020

*If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, please ensure you book in their transition sessions.*

*Transition commences on Monday 28th October 2019.*

*Please phone the office if you are unsure when your child is required to attend.*



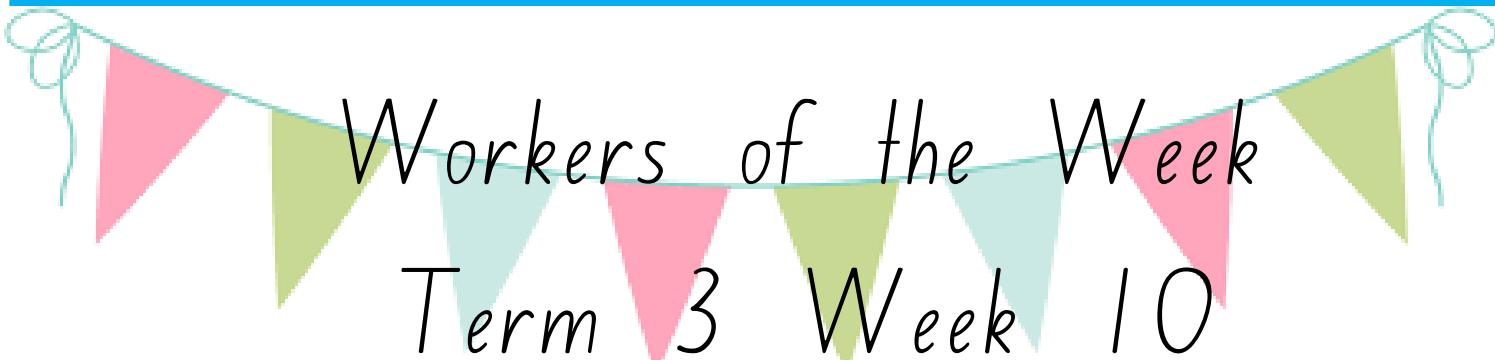
#### presentation days in term 4

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 9:30am

Stage 2 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 12 noon

Stage 3 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 9:30am

Special invitations will be sent home to the parents of students receiving awards!



# Workers of the Week

## Term 3 Week 10

- KB - Casey J - Fantastic handwriting
- KM - Kira U - A wonderful sheep artwork
- KT - Heath W - Wonderful writing about Alpacas
- 1A - Dellecia O - Excellent persuasive text on learning to swim
- 1K - Harrison - A fantastic artwork on swimming.
- 2F - Flynn P - Beautiful neat handwriting.
- 2H - Nicholas D - Fantastic work with measurement.
- 2W - Diya R - An excellent persuasive text about learning to swim.

## Principals Awards

KL - Denzel H - for her wonderful work with senses.

1M - Max B - hard work during maths.

*Congratulations*

## MUSICA VIVA PERFORMANCE PAYMENT DUE TOMORROW!

There will be a performance at our school by B'TUTTA on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 at 12.00pm and 1.00pm.

B'TUTTA are a brilliant percussion ensemble with a gift for removing barriers for anyone who wants to make music. Students are integrated from the beginning, where they build the courage and confidence to become conductors, composers and players. B'Tutta's inspirations are diverse – from Brazilian Samba to Tokyo subways – and their instruments range from marimbas to vibraphones, to Latin American percussion.

This performance is part of our school's learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom utilizing resources linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas.

**THE COST FOR THIS PERFORMANCE IS \$7.50 PER CHILD.**  
**TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY! NO LATE PAYMENTS**  
**WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members to attend.

# term 3 – week 10 – PBL winners

## 3-6 WINNERS

Pypah	Hunter	William
Blu	Lachlan	Abirami
Jack	Riley	Myah
Callum	Mina	Matilda
Tyler	Campbell	Dallas
Hazel	Taylor	Tyler
Kaeleigh	Meghan	Brodie
Ainsley	Rhes	Sarah
Lexi		
Elvin		

## K-2 WINNERS

Callum  
Mia  
Alicexia  
Lysander  
Kaley  
Adelle  
Safia  
Jane  
Sam



## KINDER ORIENTATION DATES

*Do you have a child starting kindergarten in 2020!*

**OUR NEXT ORIENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE, TOMORROW,  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 9:30AM.**

**Please register your child outside the library, the children will be invited to join the Kindergarten teachers in the Kindergarten classroom, while parents/carers are involved in an information session in the School Library.**

**This is the perfect opportunity to bring your child along and begin their transition to big school.**



Muswellbrook Public School

# Kindergarten!

Countdown Calendar



Kindergarten enrolments  
are now open for 2020!



Orientation #1 - Wednesday 18th September  
2019 in the school library.



Orientation #2 - Wednesday 16th October 2019  
in the school library.



Orientation #3 - Wednesday 23rd October 2019  
in the school library.



Transition Sessions - Monday to Thursday -  
commencing 28th of October 2019. Please phone  
the office on 6543 2500 to book in transition  
session.



FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN - Monday  
3rd February 2020.



## Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swimming Club



Come and  
join us!

For ages 5  
and over

**FREE  
TRIAL NIGHTS**  
on Monday  
14th and 21st of Oct.

*All swimmers must be  
financial members  
after this date.*

Swim club nights are held every  
Monday during the summer season  
(October to March) starting at 6:00pm.

Cost \$100.00 per swimmer and \$25 for a non-swimmer.

**REDEEM YOUR ACTIVE KIDS  
VOUCHER IF AVAILABLE!**

For further information



or

email [muswellbrookswimming@gmail.com](mailto:muswellbrookswimming@gmail.com)





Oct 2019 What's  
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**Hunter Park Family Centre**



Hunter Park Family Centre 58 Wollombi Rd, Muswellbrook  
65433566 hpfc@uhcs.org.au

Monday	10.00am to 11.30am	Fun Time Play Group
Tuesday	3.45pm to 4.45pm	Homework Help Hour
Wednesday	5.00pm to 6.30pm	Free Guitar Lessons
Thursday	9.30am to 11.30am	Child & Family Nurse: Drop in service
Friday	11.00am to 1.00pm	Armchair Travelling (fortnightly)

## Parenting Programs

Upper Hunter Community Services Inc. (UHCS) run Parenting Programs?

Parenting classes are delivered by the Upper Hunter Family Support Services team in Denman, Scone, Muswellbrook, Murrumbidgee and Aberdeen. All courses are free and we provide quality childcare at all locations.

Check out our website and like our Facebook page to find out about upcoming sessions and other exciting community events. If you wish to enroll, please ring 65423555 or 65433566.

The parenting courses that we offer are:

**123 Magic & Emotion Coaching**

**Engaging Adolescents**

**Triple P Group and Seminars**

**Circle of Security**

**Helping your Child with Early Learning & Primary School**

**Food & Fun for Families**

**Fun Time Play Group**  
Time: 10am to 11:30am

Monday mornings during school terms — Term 3

21/10/2019	11/11/2019	2/12/2019
28/10/2019	18/11/2019	9/12/2019
4/11/2019	25/11/2019	

The Muswellbrook FunTime Playgroup is run from the Stan Thiesse Centre, Hill St, Muswellbrook

Please pack morning tea and a water bottle for children

Please ring 6542 3555 to register your interest

Upper Hunter Family Support Service

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID 2019 MERRIWA November 9 & 10 2019

Where There's a will is pleased to offer an opportunity for parents, sports coaches, teachers and youth workers from the Upper Hunter to participate at NO COST in Youth Mental Health First Aid training (YMHFA), the course, which gives participants official accreditation in YMHFA, normally costs \$500.

With schools now well and truly immersed in programmes to improve the wellbeing of students, the WTA Foundation is now switching focus to parents and providing opportunities that will help tighten the safety net around children when it comes to mental health in the Upper Hunter.

These sessions complement the Teen Mental Health First Aid training that WTA is helping to deliver to every student in Year 8 and Year 10 at high schools across the Upper Hunter.

Dates and registration details for the next group of courses are listed below.

DATE

TIME

**MERRIWA 9 & 10 November 2019**

Merriwa Central School  
Bow Street Merriwa

**9.00am til  
3.00pm**

**Please RSVP via the link**

<http://merriwa.rsvpify.com>

**Please note: Attendance is required at all sessions to officially obtain certified Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Certificate.**

**WHAT TO BRING:**

**Pen, Notebook, water and a snack**

**FREE**

[www.uhwheretheresawill.com.au](http://www.uhwheretheresawill.com.au)

## JOIN THE FUN- SEASON 2019/2020

### JUNIOR BLASTERS 5-7yo girls and boys

This is a 60-75 min program of skills and games run by junior clubs during Term 4 (Oct-Dec) or Term 1 (Feb-March). The focus is on fundamental movement skills and cricket game sense with lots of activities. All equipment is supplied, and participants receive Junior Blasters packs.



### MASTER BLASTERS 7-10yo girls and boys

An 8-week x 90 min programs of fast paced games and skills during Term 4 or run by local junior clubs. All players participate in batting, bowling and fielding, and all equipment is supplied including rubber ball, plastic bats and stumps so there's no need to wear any protective equipment. All participants receive a Master Blasters cap in the colour of their favourite Big Bash team with a shirt provided by the club.

### JUNIOR CLUB U10'S to U16s boys and girls

Played on Saturday mornings from October to March. Players wear protective pads and helmet and have the skills to bowl a cricket ball with a straight arm over 16m having mastered the skill in the Master Blaster program. U10 and U11 games are finished in 2 hours with all players getting to bat, bowl and field in fast-paced games played on modified size pitch and fields. U12-U16 games last for a maximum of 3 hours.

### SIXERS GIRLS LEAGUE Girls only competitions for girls aged 10 to 15

Played on Friday afternoons/evenings in Scone and Muswellbrook. The atmosphere is vibrant with music and lots of laughter. There are two formats available: This will depend upon age of participant. One format is played with a soft ball, no protective equipment is required and all girls bat, bowl and field equally. Games are 20 overs, are played on 16 metre pitches, and take around 90 minutes. The second format is played with slightly harder balls (not leather) and girls will wear pads, gloves and helmets. Played on 18 metre pitches, games take no more than two hours. Spring (Term 4, 2019- 6 weeks) and summer (Term 1, 2020- 6 weeks).



UPPER HUNTER  
COMMUNITY SERVICES Inc.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Upper Hunter Community Services Inc.

Will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

Commencing at 2 pm in the QEII Community Centre,

Cnr. Bridge & Market Streets, Muswellbrook.

ALL WELCOME

RSVP 18th October 2019.

For information, please phone 6542 3555 or email  
[admin@uhcs.org.au](mailto:admin@uhcs.org.au).



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## YOUNG ARCHIE COMPETITION 2019

### Competition closes 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The Archibald Prize, arguably the most recognised and highest profile art prize in Australia, is touring to Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre from the 26<sup>th</sup> of January to the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.

As part of the Archibald Prize tour, Muswellbrook Art Gallery will be hosting a Young Archie Competition for 5-18 year olds resident in the Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Shires.

Budding artists are invited to submit a portrait of a person that is special to them - someone who they know and plays a significant part in their lives.

There are four age categories:

- 5-8 year olds
- 9-12 year olds
- 13-15 year olds
- 16-18 year olds

#### Information for the Entrant

##### About your portrait subject

It is encouraged that your portrait is 'painted from life' and that your subject has a sitting for their portrait, like with the Archibald Prize. You may also create the portrait from memory or take your own photograph to use for reference.

##### Judging

The competition will be judged by the 'Trustees for the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre': Councillor Martin Rush, Mayor of Muswellbrook; Max Watters OAM; Kerrie Balmer-Smith, Branch Manager ANZ Muswellbrook; Carolyn O'Brien, Manager of Community Services; Elissa Emerson, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, based on merit and originality.

Five finalists from each category will be exhibited at the Gallery and on the Gallery website. One winner will be chosen in each category.

Each finalist and winner will receive prizes provided by ANZ.

#### Conditions of entry

- One artwork only per entrant.
- You may use any art materials you like, but your artwork must be a two-dimensional work on canvas or paper.
- Can be vertical or horizontal.
- Should be clearly labelled on the back with which way it should be displayed, along with your name, age, address and contact details. Make sure this doesn't show through to the front.

#### How to enter

- Print and complete the entry form, which includes a brief statement (less than 100 words) telling us who you have chosen to depict and why. This form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Your artwork should be sent flat, not folded or rolled. We suggest you place it between two pieces of cardboard to protect it.
- If you wish your artwork returned after the competition, please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope of the correct size. Families submitting artwork for more than one child must enclose one envelope per artwork due to the way that entries are processed.

#### Entering through the school

Students from kindergarten to year 6 will be encouraged to enter next term, with 2 students from each grade chosen to submit their artwork in the official Young Archie competition.

School judging for the competition will close Week 8 December 6<sup>th</sup>.

If your child is not chosen to enter through the school judging, then you are more than welcome to submit their artwork personally.

However, please remember that there is only one artwork per entrant.





**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
MONTH  
OCTOBER**

**Develop  
the tools  
you need to  
empower  
children with**

# **anxiety**

**An information session for parents, carers, grandparents, teachers, community members and service providers.**

What causes anxiety in preschool and primary school age children? How does it develop?

How do we better identify anxiety in children?

How should we respond to and manage anxiety to help children who are experiencing it?

Dr McLellan will provide information and resources to help answer these questions, including how the Upper Hunter community can now access the evidence-based **Cool Little Kids** and **Cool Kids** programs remotely.

Doctor Lauren McLellan, from the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University, is a clinical psychologist, clinical supervisor and early career researcher with expertise and special interest in understanding and effectively treating anxiety in youth.

**MANGOOLA  
OPEN CUT**

GLENCORE



**23 October 2019 6.30 to 8.00pm**  
Muswellbrook RSL Club, Auditorium  
**Free event – light supper provided**

For catering purposes bookings are appreciated.

Please call **6542 3555**, or book online [www.trybooking.com/BFMMG](http://www.trybooking.com/BFMMG)



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