



Muswellbrook Public School

What's On

Humanity and Excellence

Term 4 Week 3

Tuesday 29th October 2019

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We are
SAFE

We are
RESPECTFUL

We do our
PERSONAL BEST

Everyone, Everywhere & Every Time

From the Principal:



Muswellbrook Public School continues to grow from strength to strength. A recent analysis of our Tell Them From Me data showed that 90% of our students enjoy positive relationships with peers and teachers, whilst 79 % of students feel that MPS provides a positive sense of belonging. This data demonstrates that there is a direct correlation between positive well-being and academic achievement, with so many of our students experiencing success in many areas. Well done team! You always ensure that each child is known, valued and cared for!

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents, who ensure that their child is dressed for school appropriately. Maintaining high standards is one of the reasons why our school is so highly regarded in the Muswellbrook community. A copy of our dress code is attached, which clearly states our expectations. Lately, we have noticed some children wearing coloured socks, socks with logos, JoJo bows, multi-coloured hairbands, jewellery, ankle bracelets, body piercings, coloured hair and inappropriate footwear. Can I please ask all parents to ensure that their child is dressed appropriately when attending school. If any parent wishes to change any aspect of our Dress Code, please attend a P & C meeting and put your suggestion forward. Thank you for your support.

End of Year Celebrations

There are many end of year events happening during weeks 9 and 10 of this term. They are all marked on the 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.

Enrolments for 2020

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all new families to MPS next year. Please note that all public schools have a catchment boundary. If you are unsure as to which public school your child should attend, please check with the office. Also, if you are planning on leaving MPS at the end of the term, please advise the office.

Joan Stephens - Principal

treat DAY – MONDAY 4th

NOVEMBER 2019

MPS IS RAISING MONEY FOR

Where There's A Will

**see ADDITIONAL info in
newsletter!**



2019 NEWCASTLE PERMANENT PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Muswellbrook PS School has secured outstanding results in the 2019 Newcastle Permanent Primary School Mathematics Competition. The competition is now in its 39th year, attracting 19,200 students from 336 schools. In 2019, our Year 6 students achieved 12 Distinctions and 10 Merit awards. Our Year 5 students achieved 2 Distinctions and 10 Merit Awards.

Year 5 Merit – Blake F, Harry B, Ashely A, Elka K, Luke C, Kelly L, Koby M, Hallie R, Joseph V and Molly H.

Year 5 Distinction – Carson T and Angus T.

Year 6 Merit – Hayden S, Samara C, Kato C, Eloise S, Mina D, Jackson E, Bryce B, Nate J, Emilia W and Chelsea K.

Year 6 Distinction – Nina S, Elvin K, Lucas F, Jack G, Scarlett T, Leroy B, Shontayne H, Harrison M, Ajay T, Dominic H, Ajay T, Dominic H, Emily X and Amber S.

A special mention must be made of Sidney M (Year 6), who received a High Distinction scoring in the 99.01 percentile. I congratulate Sidney for this magnificent achievement, as well as all of our students who obviously did their personal best! Well done everyone!



Time 4 KINDERGARTEN transitions

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT MPS IN
2020?

We are excited to announce that Kindergarten transition is now in full swing!

Transition sessions are being held from weeks 3-6 inclusive. The sessions will run from 12:10pm-1:10pm.

Please sign in at the front office, the office staff will let you know what Kindergarten classroom to take your child to. The classroom doors will be clearly labelled for parents to find them easily.

If you have not scheduled your child in for transition sessions or you are not sure when your child is required to attend, please call the office on 6543 2500.

First Day of
Kindergarten

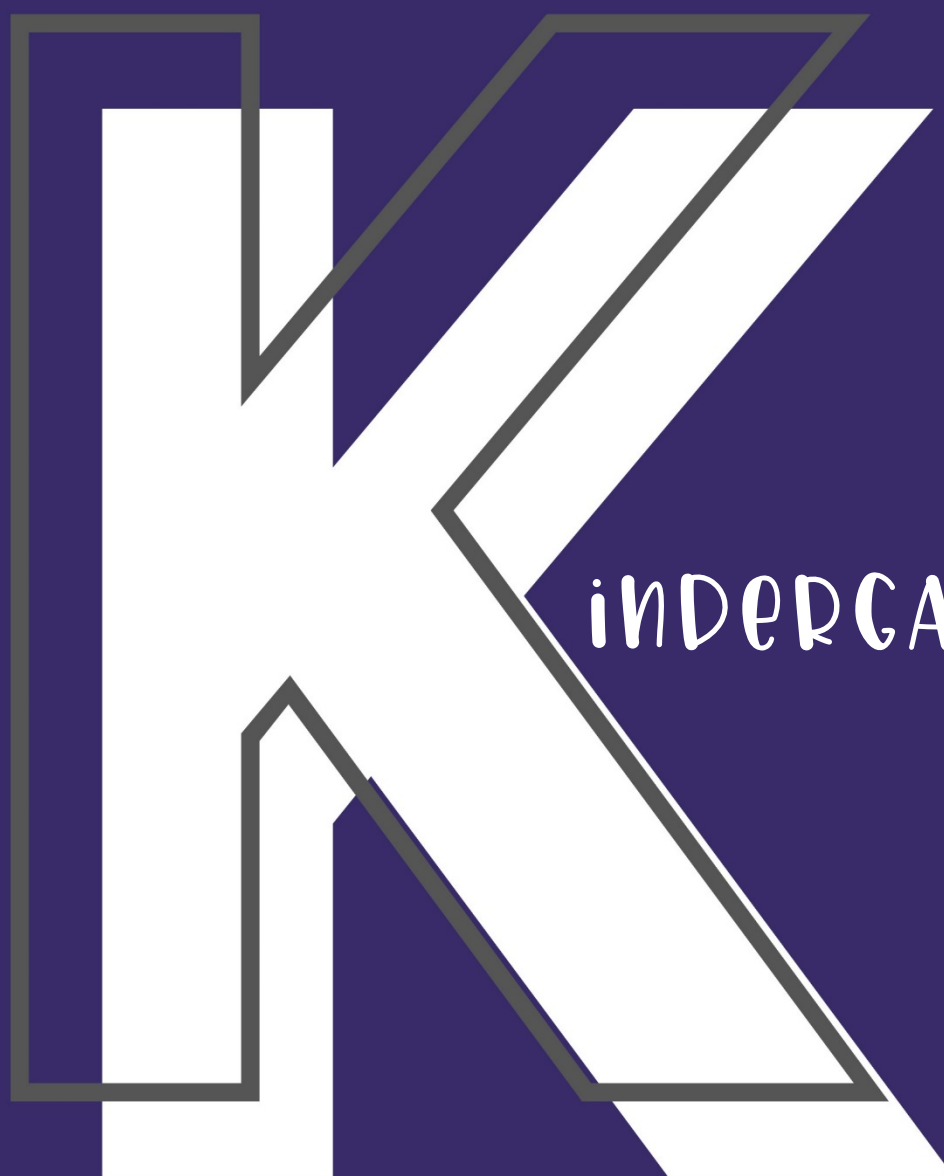
OUR 2020 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THEIR BIG SCHOOL JOURNEY ON
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020.

A letter will be sent home over the Christmas holidays regarding an appointment for a best start assessment and your child's start time for their first day of school.

Please note start times are staggered to allow the teacher to greet the students and their parents/carers.

THIS TERM'S NEWSLETTERS WILL INCLUDE A FREE PRINTABLE SIGN FOR YOU TO USE
ON YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2020!

FIRST DAY of



INDERGARTEN

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2019



Muswellbrook Public School Term 4 2019 Parents Copy						
Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
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 Treat Day – Where's there a will 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	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						

TREAT DAY – MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019

Students are invited to come dressed in bright colours for a gold coin donation.

Students in kindergarten and Year 6 are asked to bring in treats to be sold on the day! Treats will be sold for 50c each

All money raised will go to the Where There's A Will foundation.

A note will be sent home later this week, detailing more information.



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.

There will be a grade performance by Year 2 at this week's K-2 assembly.

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.

Canteen news

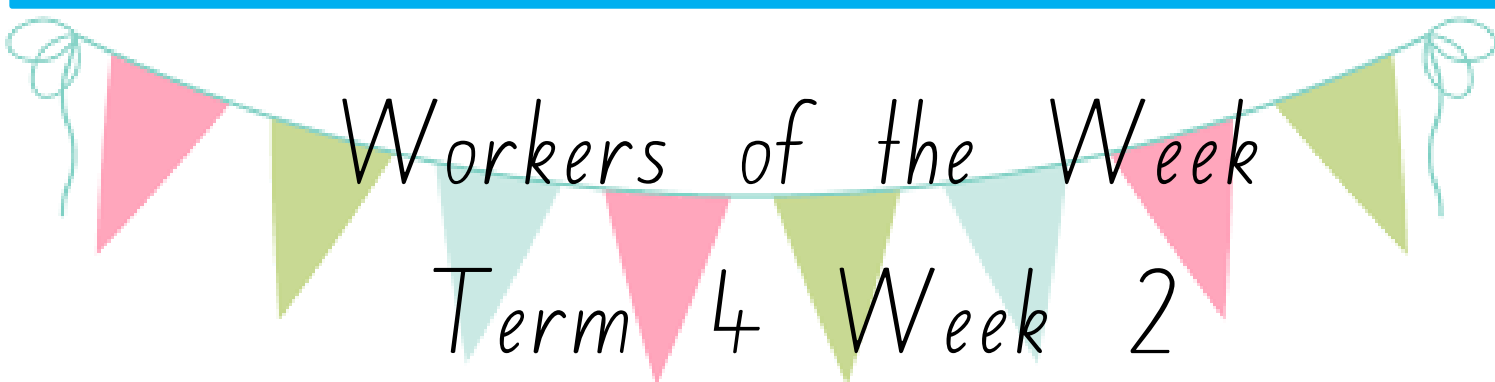
Thank you to Joanne Hayes for your kind donation of paper lunch bags. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Oak Vanilla Malt 300ml bottles are permanently added to our menu, available all day for \$2.50 each.

This week is Halloween Week! The canteen will be selling cupcakes with a spooky treat on top and also chocolate spiders, at both breaks 1 & 2.

FIRST DAY OF 2020 FOR STUDENTS in YEARS 1-6

STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2020.



Workers of the Week

Term 4 Week 2

KB – Melody J – An excellent picture and story of a giraffe.

KL – Ella N – A fantastic fractions flower.

KM – Axel C – Wonderful work with hexagons.

KT – Livinia D – Excellent handwriting.

IK – Hayley B – Excellent work in maths displaying data.

IM – Ebonnie – Excellent work in Science.

2F – James J-P – Fantastic day and night artwork.

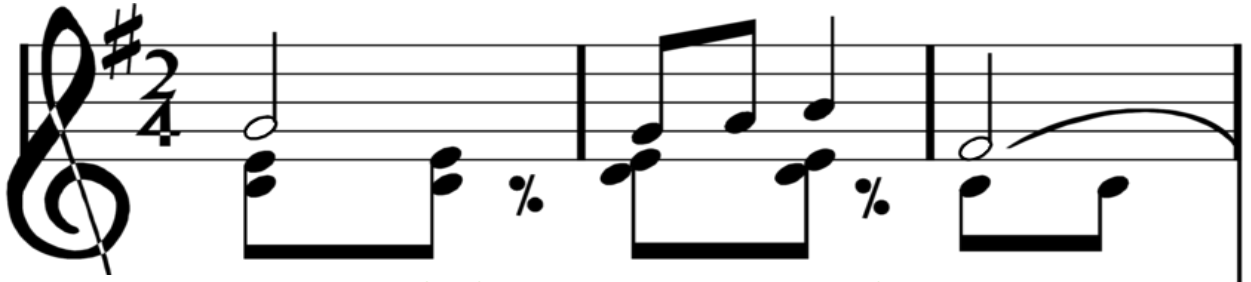
2W – Sharlah – Great story about a mouse in the house.

Principal's Awards

IA – Jasmine P – Great work with collecting and displaying data.

2H – Blake M – Great Story about the mouse in the house.

Congratulations



HELLO AGAIN FROM MUSIC CLASS!

All students across the school have been busy learning about the Percussion family of Instruments to prepare for our concert performance by B'Tutta. The children enjoyed hearing their new music and joining in playing our school percussion instruments and body percussion, but they especially loved seeing the variety of percussion instruments that B'Tutta and students played at the concert.



Coming up next week is 'Music Count Us In'. This is where over 500,000 students across Australia sing the same song "We Are", at the same time, 12.30pm, on the same day, Thursday 7th November.

This year's song has a local connection, with one of the songwriters, Brady Cavanagh, an ex student of our school and now in Year 11 at Muswellbrook High School! Students are learning about the songwriting process and singing and signing the song ready for the big day.

Toward the end of this term, classes will be rehearsing for their end of year items.





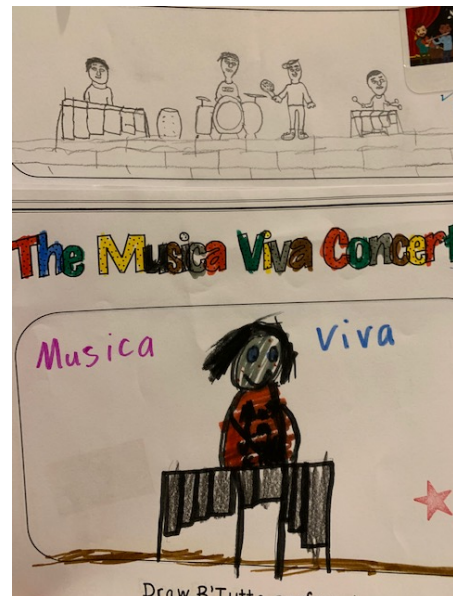
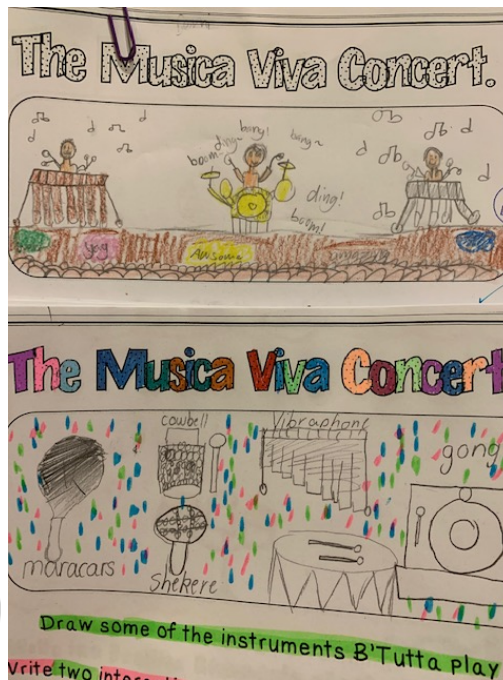
Don't forget to get your School Spectacular note and money in if your child is in year 3 - 6 and would like to attend the excursion. Spare notes are available at the office. (Closes 6th November.)

It is also time now to start thinking about your child learning a band instrument next year, or joining in the school choir! We would love to start the year 2020 with lots of new faces in band and choir. Just let Mrs Troon know if you would like any information about either of these.

Have a great end of year!

Musically yours,

Mrs Troon & Mrs Sumner.



These beautiful drawings are by Demi 3M,
Layla 5/6B, Nina 5/6K and
Lexie 1K.



LOCK THESE DATES INTO YOUR
CALENDAR!

PRESENTATION DAYS

Monday 9th December 2019 -ES1/S1 — 9:30am

Tuesday 10th December 2019 - Stage 3 — 9:30am & Stage 2 — 12
noon

Invitations will be sent home to the parents of students receiving
an award.

K — 2 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



YEAR 6 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Year 6 will soon be celebrating their graduation and farewell. The cost of these events will be \$40 and this includes costs for food, a Year 6 gift and a Year 6 journal. This money needs to be paid to the classroom teachers by Friday 6th December 2019.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

On Friday 13th December 2019, a special Year 6 assembly will be held in the hall from 9:30am. The Year 6, 2019 cake will be cut and the graduation certificates given out. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly and join their children. Children are to wear full school uniform.

FAREWELL PARTY

The Year 6 Farewell Party will be held on Friday 13th December 2019, between 12:30pm and 3:15pm in our school hall. This will include lunch, desserts and drinks followed by a disco and games. Dress for this occasion is smart casual.

A note regarding the Stage 3 class parties on Tuesday 17th December 2019, will be given out at a later date.

A permission note regarding the above has been sent home. If you have not received a copy, please phone the office on 6543 2500.

LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!

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DRESS and APPEARANCE CODE POLICY

Rationale:

Following extensive discussions with students, staff and P & C representatives, the parent body endorsed the following Dress and Appearance Code Policy for students that attend Muswellbrook Public School. This was ratified by the P & C Association in August 2016.

In designing these expectations we have taken into account the very strong desire for our school to be a school of excellence, for our children to have pride in attending our school and the belief that children need to be well-groomed, clean to enable them to have the confidence to perform at their best.

Uniform:

Summer:

- Light blue polo shirt with embroidered emblem.
- Navy shorts/skorts
- Navy socks
- Navy wide brimmed hat or navy bucket hat. (Light blue hats in special circumstances).
- Black leather shoes or black leather joggers.

Winter: (as per Summer plus)

- Navy track pants or boot leg pants.
- Navy V-neck sloppy joe with embroidered emblem.
- Navy taslon school jacket with embroidered emblem.
- Navy fleece lined jacket.

Sport Uniform:

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on Friday and when advised. This involves:

- A sport shirt representing their house
- Appropriate shoes (joggers)
- Navy shorts/skorts

Children who come to school out of uniform will be asked to wear a clean uniform provided by the school and will be expected to have it washed and returned. Failure to wear school uniform may result in the child not being able to represent our school.

Appearance:

All children are expected to:

- Be clean and tidy each day. Children are allowed to bring roll-on deodorant if required. **Spray deodorant is banned for safety reasons.**
- Come to school with clean uniforms, clean hands, clean teeth and hair combed.
- Acceptable hair styles – spikes, dreadlocks and Mohawk hair styles are considered unacceptable
- Coloured hair is also not permitted.
- Wear only blue scrunchies or head bands.
- Not have any body markings, transfer tattoos, texta or glitter (except on special occasions with the permission of the principal.)
- Wear only natural nail polish and clear lip gel.
- Wear only studs or sleepers in their ears with no more than two earrings in the lobe of each ear. One being a stud the other a sleeper.
- Wear only “special” jewellery such as medical bracelets which have significance to be worn. Children wishing to wear such items should discuss their intention with the deputy principal before choosing to wear them.
- Body piercing is not permitted to be worn at school or on any school activity.

NB: Many of these items are not allowed for school or sporting teams for WH&S reasons.

Joan Stephens - Principal

Our School needs a new crossing supervisor!



Part-Time Work

1X Permanent Part-Time Position – Muswellbrook Public School – 00007DC4

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.20am – 9.20am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close Sunday, 3rd November 2019



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Roads & Maritime
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