



# Muswellbrook Public School

## What's On

*Humanity and Excellence*

Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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We are  
**SAFE**

We are  
**RESPECTFUL**

We do our  
**PERSONAL BEST**

*Everyone, Everywhere & Every Time*

**PERSONAL BEST – before school! Participate in a quiet activity, help others and only go to the front office when necessary!**



### From the Deputy Principal:

#### *Positive Education Week*

This week is Positive Education Week. Monday we "Coloured our Threads" to highlight this very important initiative in our

schools and raise money for a very important organisation in our community, Where There's a Will Foundation. The final figure is very close to \$1200. This money is used to implement important programs and raise awareness and support of mental health issues within our local Upper Hunter community. **Thank you to all students and families who supported this important fund raising event, we really do have a wonderful MPS community.**

Students will be participating in a range of Positive Education activities throughout the week as we consolidate on the important Pos Ed practices teachers are embedding into their classrooms on a daily basis. Have a discussion with your children about the Pos Ed activities they are participating in and how they can help to improve their days.

#### *Kindergarten Transition Program*

Last week we welcomed our new kindergarten students for 2020 to our school for the beginning of their transition to school program. The children are spending time in the current kindergarten classrooms where they are participating in activities in the classroom. Well done parents and our local pre-schools for having the children school ready at this stage of their lives. The transition program will continue over the next 3 weeks. If you are yet to organise a time for your child to attend please contact the office.

#### *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.

Thank you to all families for your on-going support of your children and our school.

*Mr Kerrigan - Deputy Principal*

## Academic Corner – 2W

2W have been working hard during Term 4. Last week, we had the pleasure of winning Roger for displaying our PBL values during assembly. Roger kept watch over 2W to ensure we continued to be safe, respectful and do our personal best.

During VCOP lessons, we have been learning about what causes the seasons to change. We completed our 'Big Write' last week, where we used vocabulary such as axis, orbit and Southern and Northern Hemisphere. 2W found it very fascinating to discover what happens to our Earth during the year. It was also interesting to find out why we see movies in which it is snowing at Christmas time, yet we all know it is very hot in Australia during this time of year. We even had questions about why we need to have a leap year.



2W love discovering new information during mathematics. We have just finished learning about 3D objects. 2W did an amazing job at remembering the names of our 3D objects, we even learned about different types of prisms and pyramids. It was great fun to count the vertices, edges and faces of our 3D objects. During our art lessons we are learning to create 'Year 2' using 3D lettering. We will have everyone in our class sign our artwork to keep as a memento for our year in 2W.

Last week in history we explored how technology has changed the telephone. We looked at pictures of the first telephone that was created and patented by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876 and how telephones have changed over time. Some of our grandmothers had worked on telephone switchboards when they were younger. 2W realised they could not imagine a world without modern smartphones to access games and contact people.



During Science, we have been exploring the changes that the sun causes during the day. We have looked at what direction the sun rises and sets in, also what happens to the sun during the day. 2W noticed that the direction of our shadows changed, depending on the time of day. We found the weather also changed throughout the day.

Finally, we all look forward to Fridays for our Stage 1 sport activities. Our stage is learning to play Teeball, Soccer, Hockey, Netball, Touch Football and Invasion games. By the end of the term we will get to play each sport, three times for half an hour.

Wow! We are so busy in 2W!



# 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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

1ST

grade

@ Muswellbrook public school



Muswellbrook Public School Term 4 2019 Parents Copy						
Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
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						

# Free Laptop Bags

Do you need a laptop bag?

MPS has around 40 laptop bags we would like to give away. **Please see the office staff if you would like one!**



## 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.

Please remember to enter the school through the front gate!

### 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

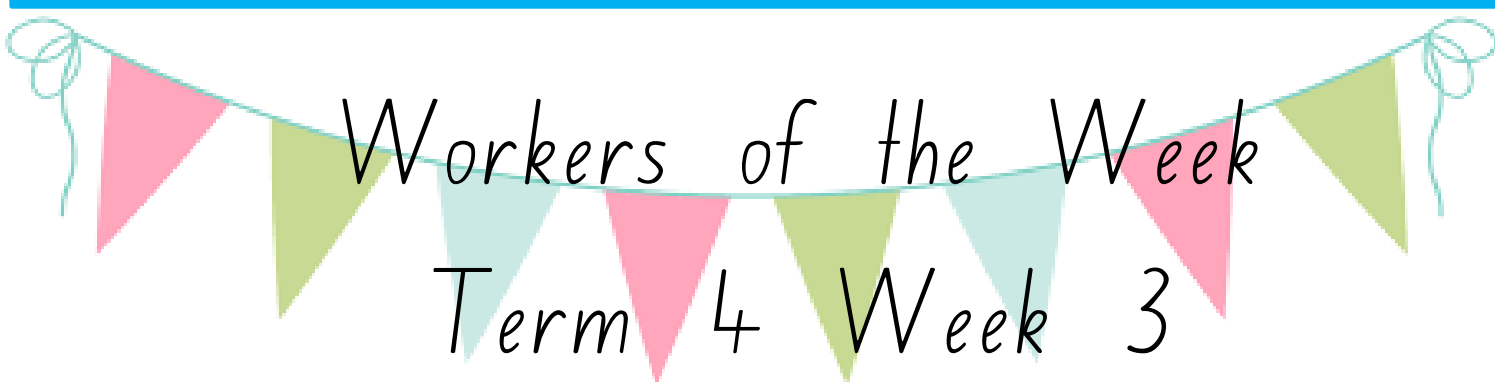
A big 'Thank you' to Megan Trappel for her kind donation of supplies for our canteen. Every donation helps keep our costs down.

If you would like to donate, we are in need of lunch bags, spoons, garbage bags, forks and foil.

This week we will have the Oak 300ml banana

## First Day of 2020 for Students in Years 1-6

**Students will return to school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
January 2020.**



# Workers of the Week

## Term 4 Week 3

KB – Ruby M – A wonderful description of a witch.

KL – Rhiannon C – A fantastic artwork of a witch.

KM – Kiahni V – Excellent description of her rainbow bear.

KT – Samuel G – Great Maths

IK – Laine- Jade Z – Wonderful seasons writing.

IM – Elliot – Fantastic work with similies.

2H – Evie B – A fantastic day/night artwork

2W – Aaliyah B – Fantastic design and description of a winter outfit.

3D – Indiana H – Excellent research skills and presentation using animation and transitions in Power Point.

3S – Sophia C, Lachlan C, Aria F and Darcy H, Georgia L, Toby M, Zachary R, Emaleah S, Bobby J and Oliver W – Over 90% in grammar.

4C – Megan N – Wonderful 'Banksy' inspired artwork.

4H – Eva K & Jada R – Outstanding geography project on Arenal Volcano National Park.

4M – Terriki E – Number fact recall.

5/6A – Hayden S – Excellent work on symbolism/discussion.

5/6B – Leroy B – Literacy circles.

5/6H – Ashlee C – Artistic impression of haunted house.

5/6K – Ruby H – VCOP Writing.

## Principal's Awards

1A – Nathan O – Excellent beginning to an informative text.

2F – McKenzie M – Wonderful drawing and description of changing landscapes.

3M – Demi M – Awesome writing and Day of the Dead Artwork!

5/6S – Angel D – Excellent work in geography.

## Congratulations



## Farewell Frank!

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019, Frank held up his lollipop sign for the last time and bid MPS farewell!

Frank was our crossing supervisor, a friendly face and a kind hearted man, who made sure your children crossed the road safely. At assembly, he received special cards made by the classes and a gift on behalf of the Staff.

We would like to thank Frank for many wonderful years!





# Treat Day – Term 4 – Where there's A Will!

Fantastic Effort MPS! Yesterday, we raised approximately \$1200 for Where There's A Will.

Thank you to the parents and carers who assisted us by supplying treats and donating money.









## LOCK THESE DATES INTO YOUR CALENDAR!

### Presentation days

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 -ES1/S1 – 9:30am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Stage 3 – 9:30am & Stage 2 – 12  
noon

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

Please like us on Facebook  
[@MuswellbrookPublicSchool](#) for  
information about events and to stay  
up to date with what is happening at  
MPS!

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## Year 6 Graduation Assembly

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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A note regarding the Stage 3 class parties on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!



Education



## ***Information sessions for PARENTS and PROVIDERS***

### **NDIS and its Interface with Education**

The Department of Education together with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), would like to invite you to attend an Information Session for parents about the NDIS and the range of supports available including supports which assist young people to transition to post school life and employment.

#### **The Information Session will cover:**

- Understanding the NDIS
- Seeking access to the NDIS
- The participant pathway
- Post school pathways and employment supports
- Preparing for your planning appointment
- Let's Talk About Work booklet
- Meet Providers in your local area
- Q&A

**Tuesday 19 November, 1-3pm**

**Callaghan College Waratah Campus**

Turton Rd, Waratah NSW 2298

**Wednesday 20 November, 1-3pm**

**Maitland Education Office**

Level 1 2 Caroline Place, Maitland NSW 2320

**Thursday 21 November, 1-3pm**

**Muswellbrook Public School**

3/9 Roger St, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

**Please contact Rowan Coombes on (02)6656 6644 OR email  
[rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au) to confirm your attendance.**