



Muswellbrook Public School

What's On

Humanity and Excellence

Term 4 Week 5

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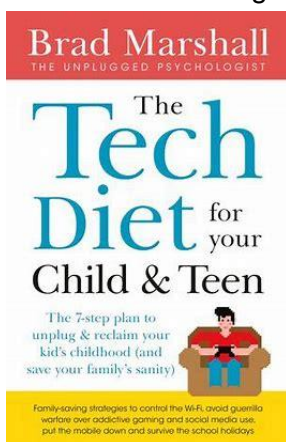
Everyone, Everywhere & Every Time

From the Principal:



Recently, I attended the State Primary Principals' Conference, where many guest speakers delivered inspirational messages in regard to great leadership and the effect that it has on students in our care. Some of the meaningful messages

that were delivered related to the necessity to create a life of choice for students, to not impose limitations on students' capabilities, the importance of resilience and how people can change adversity into opportunity and grow in strength, in order to leave a lasting footprint. Many speakers spoke so passionately about their journeys but one speaker, Brad Marshall, a child psychologist, explained how addiction to the internet affects your child's brain leading to mental health issues including anxiety and depression. Brad has written this book, which details ways in which parents can tackle internet addiction and it's a great resource. How I wish this resource was around when I was raising my children! It certainly is interesting to read!



Relieving Principal for Semester One, 2020

As mentioned at the last P & C meeting, I will be taking leave for Semester One, 2020. In my absence, Fiona Lewis, Relieving Principal of Hallidays Point PS will be leading MPS, supported by Mr Kerrigan (DP) and the Executive Leadership Team. Ms Lewis will be visiting our school in the near future and I'm sure she will receive a warm welcome from our whole school community members.

Celebration Day for Music Count Us In 2019

I would like to thank Mrs Troon, who coordinated this most enjoyable whole school event.

As the theme focused on mindfulness, positive growth mindset, feeling good, and how music is powerful in changing your mood, it seemed fitting to host it during Positive Education Week.

All classes sang along to the song and many students used Auslan to sign the chorus, tag and pre-chorus. Well done to everyone for your input and enthusiasm!

Parent Meetings

Last night's P & C meeting was postponed. A new date will be advertised shortly. This Thursday (14th Nov) Aberdeen PS will be hosting an AECG Meeting commencing at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Kindergarten Transition Program

Our 2020 kindergarten students are spending time in the current kindergarten classrooms over the next few weeks, where they are participating in activities that will prepare them for 'big school'. 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 as soon as possible.

Joan Stephens - Principal

Firies Climb for MND



On Saturday 9th November, one of our staff members was part of a team of firefighters, who climbed Sydney Tower Eye to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease. Lisa, who works in our front office, has taken part in the climb for the last five years. She was joined by six members of the crew from Muswellbrook including two members, who are proud parents of kids at Muswellbrook PS. The crew took on the tower wearing full firefighting gear and breathing apparatus weighing approximately 25kg. They climbed 1504 stairs covering 98 floors. Our local team raised around \$11000 for the worthy cause. If you would like to donate, please click on the link.

<https://fundraise.firiesclimbformnd.org.au/page/Muswellbrook3920>

Do you need a laptop bag?

MPS has around 35 laptop bags, which we would like to give away.

Please see the office staff if you would like one!

PBL FOCUS – WEEK 5

BE RESPECTFUL – On the bottom oval!

What an amazing sound!

Music: Count Us In.

Our students all joined forces last Thursday to hit the high notes for the "song that stops the nation". This year's song was co-written by former pupil Brady Cavanagh (now at Muswellbrook High) and called *We Are*. The students enjoyed singing together and also showed off their skills at Auslan sign language. Well done to everyone for doing an amazing job.

More than 745,000 students were expected to join in with the country's largest school music participation program, Music: Count Us In.

It involves students learning the same song for Celebration Day, when they sing it at the same time. This year's livestream was from Surfers Paradise beach and Q1 tower. We wished we could have been there too. Class 3D made a cameo appearance on the livestream video in front of our school's Roger sign on the front office!.

The Music: Count Us In program advocates for the importance of music education in schools and the way it benefits student opportunities, develops neural pathways and enhances brain function, improves confidence, self-expression and fosters creativity, and promotes teamwork and collaboration.

And most importantly, it is FUN!

Musically yours,

Mrs Troon.



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

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HIP HIP HOORAY!
MRS LAMBERT WAS 60
YESTErDAY!





REMEMBRANCE DAY



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Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
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						

Bengalla Colouring Competition
The Winners are – Jayda M and Piper K





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.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 – Party Day

Will be held on Tuesday 17th of December 2019. They will be having a pizza party. Therefore, students are asked to bring in \$5.00 to cover party costs.

Children may come out of uniform. Clothes will need to have sleeves and covered in shoes to play in the playground.
Thank you

CANTEEN NEWS

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity from the parents within our school in regards to with donations.

This week I have to say a massive thank you to Erwins Distributors for their kind donation of forks, garbage bags, spoons and lunch bags. Also thank you to Tiffany Eagles for organising this donation. With these donations each week, help keep our costs down.

We understand everyone leads busy lives and are unable to volunteer in our canteen, so helping us by providing donations is much appreciated.

Permanently added to our canteen menu is:

Banana	Oak	cartons	300ml	\$2.50	each
Vanilla	Malt	bottles	300ml	\$2.50	each.

With the hot days fast approaching, our canteen lines are getting longer for sales of ice blocks. If you are able to volunteer at either break 1 or 2, please see our canteen staff to arrange a day that suits you.

Workers of the Week

Term 4 Week 4

KL – Bridget E – Fantastic description of the Gruffalo.

KM – Caitlin F – for her amazing handwriting.

KT – Isaac H – Wonderful artwork of the sun.

IA – Ivy W – Great fluency when reading aloud.

IK – Mia B – Excellent work with 3D objects.

2F – Chloe N – Great work with 3D objects.

2H – Jhi S – Fantastic work on the history of telephones.

2W – Turone G – Excellent work on the history of the telephone.

3D – Isabella C, Xander W, Molly M and Lachlan J – Fantastic portraits.

3M – Tyler W – For all your hard work training for the state Athletics Carnival relay.

3S – Whole Class – Great attitude towards our educational tasks.

4C & 4H – Jasmin F, Chloe P, Imogen C, Jyden W, Sophie S & Tayla W – Great art work based on impressionistic artists.

4M – Chad D – Fantastic magazine artwork.

5/6B – Rhys T – Great attitude towards his writing task.

5/6H – Daniel L – Fantastic sentence structure.

5/6J – Jayden B, Zac W & Harry M – Terrific car design

5/6K – Chelsea K & Nina S – Terrific plan of a city

5/6S – Bryce B – Terrific car design

Principal's Awards

KB – Keelen F – Great work in Maths about triangles.

IM – Mia K – A wonderful changing season's artwork.

5/6A – Eloise S, Savannah A & Lillian S – 'City builds'

Congratulations

- State Athletics -

Well done and Thank you!

Our athletes put in creditable performances at the State Athletics Carnival held at the Olympic Stadium in Sydney. Charlie K and Shontayne H threw well in their discus and shot put events without gaining a top 10 place while Ryan H placed 9th in his shotput event and Tyler M achieved a PB (4.53) in this long jump and placing 7th.

The Junior Boys relay also achieved a PB taking 2+ seconds off their Regional time. They also ran faster than the team who beat them at the Regional Carnival. All students should be proud of their efforts in making State level which is fantastic in itself.

A special thanks to the parents of the relay team, who allowed their sons to train leading up to the State Carnival.







You've Gotta Love Maths!

Last Week, Mrs Hugo did a survey with her Year 6 Maths group. We were blown away by the positive attitudes of our students and their thoughts on Maths at MPS! Here is a snapshot of comments below...

How do you feel about maths at MPS and why?

- The maths at MPS is great because it caters for every level.
- My love for maths has gotten stronger over my primary years.
- I feel very excited when I go to maths, because I like to learn new things, and revise things I can't quite get.

- I like maths because it helps me in everyday life; I strive at it and I can help people with questions, that they need help with.
- I love it because it can push you to your limits!
- I personally like maths a lot because it challenges me and I get to work hard.

What is your opinion on Stage 3 Graded Maths Groups?

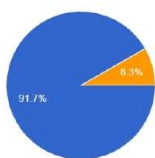
- You get to bond with your grade in maths groups.
- It prepares you for high school and having to move to different classes.
- We get to work with people at the same level and all classmates are working at a similar pace.
- You learn more in maths groups! If you get it, you don't have to wait for kids that don't understand. Teachers target special things for each group so it's at their level.
- I like graded maths groups because everyone in the class is the same level as you. They can help you learn and improve.

Thoughts about the Enrichment Maths Group from ALL students...

- I feel it's an amazing opportunity for people at a higher level and they can complete tasks to their standard.
- It can extend people's knowledge and make them think outside the box!
- It's a good thing if you're in it as you have more tough problems to solve-and if you're not in it, it's something to strive for!
- Taking this survey has truly made me realise how lucky I am to be in the group and I'm very grateful! It has helped me a lot this year to reach my biggest goal; I would love to achieve Dux this year and with the things I've learned in Enrichment Maths, I might just have a shot!

Do you like graded maths groups at MPS?

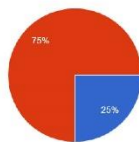
36 responses



Are you better at...

36 responses

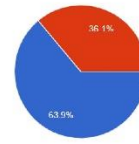
• Yes
• No
• Maybe



Would you prefer...

36 responses

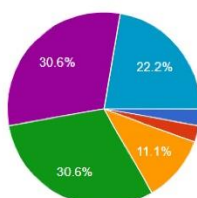
• Doing maths mentally
• Written maths



• Number talks in a class
• Number talks with a another student

Which do you enjoy the most?

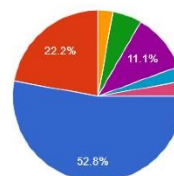
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• Open ended tasks
• Number talks
• Investigations
• Maths STEM tasks
• Problem Solving
• Textbook/ Written work

What is your best area in maths?

36 responses



• Problem Solving
• Fractions & Decimals
• Measurement
• Data & Statistics
• Mental Computations
• Adding huge numbers, some fractions and problem solving.
• Long division and tens of thousand, adding and subtracting

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.

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

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.



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 to confirm your attendance.**