



Muswellbrook Public School

What's On

Humanity and Excellence

Term 3 Week 6

Tuesday 27th August 2019

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We do our
PERSONAL BEST

Everyone, Everywhere & Every Time

RESPECTFUL transitioning.

From the Principal:



Grandparents' Day

What a fantastic day Grandparents' Day turned out to be! The weather was glorious, the turnout was fantastic, the 'Showcase' items were very entertaining and the costumes were amazing. Thank you to all mums and dads, as well as grandparents, who supported the event by making costumes and attending on the day. Many grandparents travelled from near and far to attend and their efforts are very much appreciated. I would like to thank Amy Brown, Rose Neal and Louise Martin for organising this event. The Scholastic Book Fair was very popular and the school receives 20 - 30% of the profits so thank you to everyone who purchased items.

SAS Staff Recognition Week

We all know they are worth their weight in gold but this week it's time to show our appreciation to the SAS staff, who work quietly behind the scenes to ensure that our school runs smoothly and effectively. I'm talking about the administrative staff, the learning support officers, the general assistants and auxiliary workers, who support the executive staff and teachers every day.



Thanks SAS staff for everything you do to make great education happen! I hope you enjoy your special breakfast!

Fathers' Day Stall

Fathers' Day is on Sunday 1st September and many of our students are busy making cards in preparation for this special day. Our wonderful P & C members have organised the Fathers' Day stall and gifts will be available to purchase this Thursday 29th August. Please read the P & C Report for additional details.

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.

Revised Enrolment Policy

A copy of the new Enrolment Policy is attached. In summary, as our school is at capacity, **we are unable to accept non-local applications from Term 4, 2019. This includes siblings of currently enrolled students, who live out of the area. The policy also states that a 100 point check is required for all new enrolments.** If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thank you, Power FM

Yesterday, students from 2H accompanied staff from Power FM, as well as Miss Hayter, Mr Kerrigan and Mr Mcleod on their trip to the Hunter Valley Zoo. The zoo staff commented on our students' excellent behaviour and by all account, everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks Power FM for organising this excursion and we are so grateful to the parents and community members, who voted for 2H.



MESSAGE FROM OSBORN'S MUSWELLBROOK

Just a reminder for all students while waiting at bus stops. Please be respectful and mindful of other people and their property. Whilst waiting, please do not climb trees or walk through their yard. If you have rubbish, please make sure you take it with you and do not leave it in their yard.



What a wonderful Book Week we have had! Thank you to everyone who purchased a book at the Book Fair. Our school receives approximately 20 to 30% back from the books sold, and we sold over \$6000 worth of books and stationary. This is amazing news for MPS!

A special shout out to all of the parents, grandparents and elders, who came to watch the Book Parade. It is always fun to dress up and bring a character to life. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces is very rewarding.

Thank you for bringing a sparkle to the children's lives by allowing them to participate in our Book Week activities.

Rose Neal
Teacher Librarian

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS REPORT

Brought to you by Miss Hassett

Brian Kirkland Cup

Students who are competing in the Brian Kirkland Cup on the 10th September need to ensure they have returned their permission notes to Miss Coward as soon as possible.

PSSA Touch Football

On Thursday 22nd August, our boys PSSA Touch Football team competed against Scone PS in round 3 of the knockout competition. The Scone team were quick and worked together well. They put up some tough competition for our boys in windy and dry conditions. Unfortunately, Scone took the win 9 tries to 3. MPS displayed fantastic sportsmanship and have enjoyed their time playing together. Well done boys!

ATHLETICS RIBBONS

Reminder: Field event ribbons from our school carnival will be presented at the week 6 assemblies.

NSW Touch Football Gala Day

Last Wednesday 21st August, Muswellbrook Public School participated in the NSW Touch Football Gala Day at Olympic Park. We had 2x junior teams and 2x senior teams, who enjoyed playing 4-5 games of touch football in a fun and supportive environment. No scores were kept as this was an opportunity to come and try a new sport. Thank you to all the parents, who maintained this supportive atmosphere and encouraged each and every one of our students.

Congratulations to Macey C who is competing in the State Cup for Touch football in Mudgee this week. We wish Macey all the best and look forward to hearing her results when she returns.

Book Week 2019

Did you see these characters make an appearance?



We did. Take a look at the photo scrolls to see these characters and many more!





Grandparents and Elders Day

Grandparents have ears that truly listen, arms that always hold, love that's never-ending and a heart that's made of gold.



Thank you to all the Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Elders, who participated in Grandparents Day. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2020.

More photos from the book week parade can be found on the School's Website – visit <https://muswellbro-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

State Dance Festival

Senior Dance students will be attending the State Dance Festival on Monday 9th September 2019.

Students are required to be at school by 7:45am. The bus will depart at 8am sharp.

Students are to bring snacks for morning and afternoon tea, as well as lunch. Students will purchase their own tea at Broadway Shopping Centre. Please send \$20 with your child (they will be responsible for their own money).

Tickets are available to purchase. Please phone Seymour Centre Box Office or visit their website.

Students are asked to wear full school uniform. Please pack their dance costume and makeup in their school bag.

Parents are welcome to jump on-board the bus for \$30. This will help the school subsidise the cost of the bus.

Please note that late payments cannot be accepted. Please ensure payments are made to the office no later than Thursday 4th September 2019.

**THERE WILL BE A PARENT HELPER
MEETING THIS EVENING AT 6PM IN
THE DOUBLE YEAR 4 ROOMS.**

Please note this is only for the parents, who will be attending the Year 4 camp as a helper.

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 ENSURE YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE FRONT GATE.

Congratulations to those students receiving awards!

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.

P & C Report

*The P & C will hold the
annual Father's Day Stall
on Thursday 29th August
2019.*

Gifts range in price from \$3 to \$6.

YEAR 5 CAMP – MORISSET ACTIVE EDUCATION CAMP

*Our Year 5 students will be attending the Morisset Active Education Camp this term.
The camp will take place between Tuesday 3rd September and Friday 6th September 2019.*

**the COUNTDOWN is now on FOR YEAR 3 CAMP.
ONLY 7 NIGHTS REMAINING.**

year 3 camp

Year 3 students are required to wear their camp clothes to school on Monday 2nd September 2019. Students will return home as per normal on Monday. Students are then required to be at the hall between 8:30 - 9am on Tuesday with their camping gear. Students will spend the night camping on Tuesday.

Please arrange to collect your child from the hall at 12:30pm on Wednesday.

YEAR 4 CAMP!

The Year 4 camp will take place in Week 8 from Monday 9th September – Thursday 12th September 2019.

Students will spend 3 nights camping at Glenbawn Dam.

Please ensure students are at school by 8:15am on Monday. Students will return to school at approximately 12:30pm on Thursday.

**A LIST OF CAMPING GEAR CAN BE FOUND IN THE
STUDENT'S CAMP BOOK!**

FINAL PAYMENT OF \$40 IS DUE THIS FRIDAY!

Muswellbrook Public School Term 3 2019 Parent Copy						
Term Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
6	26 August Sports Photos Kindy Preschool transition	27 August	28 August	29 August Fathers' Day Stall Gymnastics	30 August Regional Athletics Carnival	31 1 Sep
7	2 September Year 3 Camp	3 September Year 5 Camp Year 3 Camp	4 September Year 5 Camp Year 3 Camp	5 September Year 5 Camp	6 September K-2 Sports day Year 5 Camp	7 8 Sep
8	9 September Year 4 Camp	10 September Year 4 Camp 6pm P&C	11 September Year 4 Camp	12 September Year 4 Camp Gymnastics	13 September	14 15 Sep
9	16 September Swimming Year 1-2	17 September VWB Celebration Swimming Year 1-2	18 September Swimming Year 1-2 Kindergarten Orientation # 1	19 September Gymnastics Swimming Year 1-2	20 September Swimming Year 1-2	21 22 Sep
10	23 September Swimming Year 1-2	24 September Swimming Year 1-2	25 September Swimming Year 1-2	26 September Swimming Year 1-2 Stage 3 – Burn Bright – Leadership Course	27 September Last day Term 3 Swimming Year 1-2 Rewards Afternoon	28 29 Sep
Hols	30 September	1 October	2 October	3 October	4 October	5 6 Oct
Hols	7 October Labour Day	8 October	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 13 Oct
50 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 49 DAYS FOR STUDENTS						

Save the date – K-2 Sports Day

K-2 will hold their annual Sports Day on Friday 6th September 2019.

Bring your chair, pull up a seat and cheer everyone on!

Canteen news

A big thank you to the parents that jumped in to help in the canteen on Friday. Bec, Kim, Katie, Margy, Sandra, Heidi and Kellie, we honestly couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to everyone for being patient on the day and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

YEAR 5 CAMP!

Year 5 students will be attending the Morisset Active Education Camp from Tuesday 3rd September 2019. Students are asked to arrive at school by 8:30am. Please place all gear in front of 5/6S and 5/6J. The bus will depart at 9am.

Students are set to arrive back at approximately 3pm on Friday 6th September 2019. Please make arrangements to collect your child from school.

Students are allowed to bring \$20 in a labelled wallet, which needs to be given to Mrs Kelly. This money can be used to buy souvenirs.

Please ensure that all medication is clearly labelled and given to Mr Bayliss.

KINDER ORIENTATION DATES

The first Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Wednesday 18th September 2019.



presentation days in term 4




Early Stage 1 – Monday 9th December 2019 at 9:30am

Stage 2 – Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 12 noon

Stage 3 – Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 9:30am

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



Workers of the Week

KM - Cooper - Fantastic pig artwork for the "ig" sound.

KT - Cruz - His improvement in writing.

IK - Isla - Fantastic information report on China.

IM - Will - Excellent work with 2D shapes.

2F - Maddison - Great work on how we can help out planet.

2H - Eddie - Fantastic research on China.

2W - Alice - Wonderful information about China.

Principals Awards

KB - Rylan - Great improvement in reading.

IA - Ruby - Excellent information report on China.

If you have enrolled your child in Kindergarten for 2020, please ensure that you book in your child's transition sessions.

Please phone the office on 6543 2500 to book them in!

Muswellbrook Public School

Kindergarten!

Countdown Calendar

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Kindergarten enrolments
are now open for 2020!

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

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

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

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

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FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN - Monday
3rd February 2020.



RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM PRESENTS

★ **FREE** *Family* **MOVIE NIGHT** ★

How to Train Your Dragon:
The Hidden World ★

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

GATES OPEN 4.30PM

'THE PRETTY AMAZING JONO' APPEARING FROM 5PM

MOVIE STARTS 6.30PM

MUSWELLBROOK RACECOURSE

ENTRY- FREE! ENTERTAINMENT - FREE! BBQ - FREE!
DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE BAR

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MUSWELLBROOK
PUBLIC SCHOOL

ENROLMENTS
ARE NOW OPEN!

Our school aims to provide all children with a strong framework for excellent academic, moral, social and physical wellbeing, which will allow them to become valuable members of a balanced and caring local community. We encourage our students to be Safe, Respectful and to do their Personal Best. Muswellbrook Public School provides students with quality educational programs delivered by highly qualified, experienced and dedicated teachers. We also provide many extra-curricular opportunities for our students and work in partnership with parents, in order for our students to connect, succeed and thrive.

HOW TO ENROL!

When you're ready to enrol your child into our school, please pop into the front office and collect an enrolment form.

Our school is located at 3-6 Roger Street, Muswellbrook!

For additional information please visit our website
www.muswellbro-p.schools.nsw.gov.au or phone us on

6543 2500.



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Enrolment policy

Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

What are the changes?

The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at their buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means you will need to provide documents to verify your child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to your child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.

What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

There are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. In schools with available places, each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions around enrolment applications. Parents have a right to appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

But what do the changes mean for me?

What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school. What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity** they will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional circumstances will need to be considered.

Your circumstances should be discussed with the principal of your local school who can assist you to negotiate an out-of-area enrolment if there are exceptional and compelling circumstances.

Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: DoEInfo@det.nsw.edu.au

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>

VISIBLE WELLBEING FOR EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

Where there's a Will are delighted to confirm the two training dates for the Visible Wellbeing Strengths Project.

All centres **MUST** nominate their preferred date using the link below and indicate the number of staff that will be attending. It is required that **ALL** staff from each centre attend either of the training days.

Lunch will be available at participants own cost and menu's will be provided for your selected venue. Orders and money **MUST** be provided on the morning to WTAW if you require lunch.

Required resources will be provided by WTAW. Sign in sheets will be provided on the day.

RSVP - MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2019

Please select your date and follow the appropriate link below

OPTION 1

Saturday 7 September
8.30am - 3.00pm
ST JAMES SCHOOL HALL

MUSWELLBROOK

<http://elctrainingmbrook.rsvpify.com>

OPTION 2

Saturday 31 August 2019
8.30am - 3.00pm
SCONE RSL

SCONE

<https://elctrainingscone.rsvpify.com>

Please note: Numbers will be capped at 120 for sessions

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Where there's a Will

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID 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 WTAW 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 WTAW is helping to deliver to every student in Year 8 and Year 10 at high schools across the Upper Hunter.

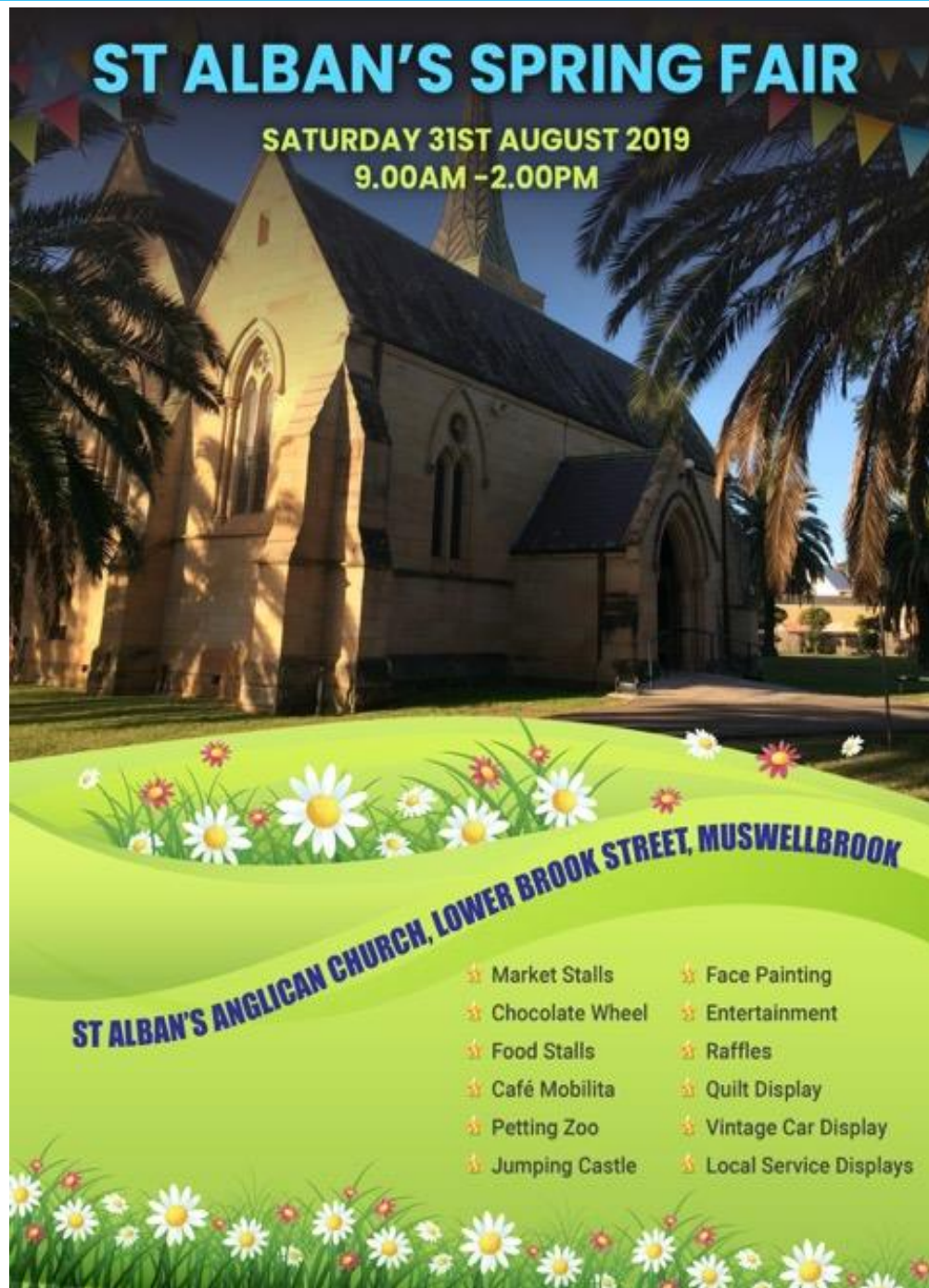
Dates and registration details for the next group of courses are listed below.

DATE	TIME
DENMAN- 12 August, 13 August, 19 August, 20 August	5.30PM-8.30PM
MUSWELLBROOK- 14 August, 15 August, 21 August, 22 August	5.30PM-8.30PM
SCONE- 26 August, 27 August, 2 September, 3 September	5.30PM-8.30PM
MERRIWA- 28 August, 29 August, 4 September, 5 September	5.30PM-8.30PM

Please RSVP via the link [here](#)
or email to info@uhwherethesawill.com.au

Please note: Attendance is required at all four sessions to officially obtain certified Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Certificate. If you need to swap any session between towns please contact us.

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ST ALBAN'S SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2019
9.00AM - 2.00PM

ST ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, LOWER BROOK STREET, MUSWELLBROOK

★ Market Stalls	★ Face Painting
★ Chocolate Wheel	★ Entertainment
★ Food Stalls	★ Raffles
★ Café Mobilita	★ Quilt Display
★ Petting Zoo	★ Vintage Car Display
★ Jumping Castle	★ Local Service Displays



TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 6PM

MUSWELLBROOK LITTLE ATHLETICS

Register now at www.lansw.com.au

Come and join the fun at Muswellbrook Little Athletics 2019 season. Tuesday evenings at 6pm. The season runs from September through to December. Come along to our FREE trial nights on the 20th and 27th of August for NEW athletes. All registrations need to be completed and paid online before the 1st September. Hope to see you there.



2 Free
Trial Nights 20th & 27th
August

Ages 3 – 17 years

Active Kids Vouchers
excepted

Canteen Available

Great fun for everyone!

MUSWELLBROOK LITTLE
ATHLETICS CENTRE
Weeraman Oval

www.facebook.com/muswellbrookla/

muswellbrooklac@gmail.com



Are you interested in hearing about
pathways to learning?

Come along to a Uni4You Information Session



Tuesday 3rd September

10am – 11 am

**Upper Hunter Tertiary Education
Centre (TEC) – 87 Hill Street
Muswellbrook**

Room: Training Room Level 1

Register for Childminding and More Information

Nicole Roser

Phone 40 551 891

ALL WELCOME

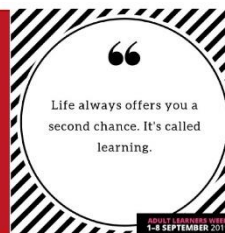
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**It's never too late....
Everyone has the ability to learn!**



Information Session is an activity of
The Uni4You Project
The Family Action Centre, UON



2019 Adult Learning Week Theme

"What are you waiting for?"

Come along to free activity - All welcome!

Monday

2nd September

Act Belong Commit in Recovery Workshop

11am to 1pm | Tertiary Education Centre | 87 Hill Street Muswellbrook | Contact Carly

Tuesday

3rd September

Learning Pathways Information Session

10am to 11am | Tertiary Education Centre | 87 Hill Street Muswellbrook | Contact Nicole

Wednesday

4th September

Unleashing Children's Learning

11am- 12 noon | Hunter Park Family Centre
58 Wollombi Rd Muswellbrook | Contact Nicole

Free Guitar Lessons

5pm -6pm

Contact Roz 6543 1288

Wanaruah Aboriginal Land Council

Thursday

5th September

Learning Unleashed through yarning and painting

Wanaruah Land Council Elders Group | 10.30am – 1.00pm | Contact Roz 68431288

Saturday

7th September

Living History Photography

10.30am – 1.30pm Muswellbrook
Art Centre | Contact Carly

Take Steps to a healthier you

2pm – 3pm Tertiary Education
Centre | Contact Carly

Uni4You Information Session

3pm – 4pm Country Women's
Association Hall | Contact Nicole

MORE INFORMATION | <http://muswellbrookhealthyandwell.org.au/events/>

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