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# Muswellbrook Public School

## What's On – Term 4 – Week 7

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#### From the Principal:



#### Community Donation

Our K-2 students will certainly benefit from the very generous donation of \$10,000 made to our school. These much-needed funds will be used to purchase

new play equipment, which will be situated on the top oval. Thank you MACHEnergy! Your donation is very much appreciated!



#### End of Year Celebrations

During week 9, we will be holding our annual Presentation Day Assemblies. As our school must comply with the COVID-19 restrictions then these assemblies will be attended by students and staff only. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform. We will taking plenty of photos, which will be shared on our school Facebook Page. A separate note has already been sent home detailing all the special events planned for our Stage 3 students.

**P & C Meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, 6-7pm in the library**

The latest COVID-19 guidelines state that P & C Meetings can now proceed out of school hours providing the number of people attending does not exceed 20. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times and all attendees must sign the visitor acknowledgement form. If you wish to attend, please email [joan.smyth1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joan.smyth1@det.nsw.edu.au) to secure a place. At this meeting we will be consulting with our community about our school plans for 2021, as well as the 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan for the next four years. Unfortunately, babysitting will not be available at this meeting.

#### Google Family Links App for Teens and Children

A very supportive parent of our school brought the above-mentioned app to my attention. Please click on the link below for further information. It sounds like the perfect way to monitor your child's online usage.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-family-link-for-parents/id1150085200>

#### Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

If there are any families in our community, who haven't yet registered for kindergarten next year, please contact us as soon as possible. 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.

Kind regards

*Jean Stephens*

Principal

## Important Information regarding Dance!

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL (Both Groups): Monday 30th November, (Week 8) Time is yet to be confirmed.

COSTUMES: All dances will need to bring their costumes to school on their performance days.

JAZZ GROUP: Red and black are our base colours (small amount of white if you like) to be used in a combination shorts, leggings or shirts and appropriate tops. Black or nearly black joggers. Hair needs neatly done and off the face. E.g. high ponytail for long hair.

SENIOR DANCE GROUP: Costume ideas were provided to the dancers to fit in with the theme of the dance. Hair should be a high ponytail with some curl included. Makeup should be brought to school on the performance days.

The children have worked hard to complete these dances under difficult circumstances and we look forward to celebrating and sharing their achievements.



# Upcoming Events!

## Christmas Raffle

We are excited to announce that MPS is once again running a Christmas Raffle.

Tickets will be going home with students this week.

Please see Flyer included for additional details.

### Reminder: COVID Guidelines

Please protect the health and safety of students and staff.

- Parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.
- Students who present at school as unwell or have flu like symptoms will be sent home. Arrangements will need to be made to be tested for COVID - 19.
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.
- Alternatively students who are unable to be tested for COVID-19 must be excluded from school for a period of 10 days before returning, and MUST have been symptom free for a period of 3 days before returning.

We ask that you advise the school if your child is unwell. This can be done by phoning the office or submitting an absentee form through the Skoolbag app.

### Stage 3 CPR Course

Course: Royal Life Saving Australia (CPR)

Venue: Muswellbrook Public School

Date: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Cost: \$4.00

At MPS we have the opportunity for 'The Royal Life Saving' course, CPR to be delivered to our Stage 3 students. This course gives school students the knowledge and confidence to administer first aid or CPR until professional medical help arrives.

**Please note payment date has already passed.**

### Stage 3 – End of Year Party (due next Monday)

Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Venue: Denman Pool

Cost: \$15.00 - \$10 if the student has a season pool pass to the Muswellbrook Fitness and Aquatic Centre. (Please note the pool pass must be shown to the teacher when returning the note) \*\* All payments must be made by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Students who have not paid will not attend.

Requirements: T-shirt and shorts with enclosed shoes to be worn to school. Thongs are permitted to be worn once the students arrive at the pool. Students need to bring swimmers, a drink bottle and towel. Please pack sunscreen if your child doesn't want to use the sunscreen provided. A broad brim hat will be their passport to get on the bus.

Lunch will be provided, each student will receive 2 x sausage sandwich, a drink and an ice block. If your child requires additional food, they will need to bring it with them as students are not permitted to purchase food from the pool canteen.

Please note permission notes were sent home with students on Monday.



### Year 6 Farewell Party – Friday 11th December 2020 (12 noon onwards)

Following on from the Graduation, only Year 6 students will be attending their Farewell Party. Students will get changed from their school uniform into their party clothes, in preparation for a fun afternoon with their peers and teachers. The expected standard of dress is smart casual, but students must remember to be sun safe. Thongs or strapless tops are not permitted. The air conditioned hall will be decorated by teachers, who will also serve the food to the students in line with COVID-19 guidelines.

A photo booth will be available and photographs will be taken throughout the party.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ALL EVENTS!**

2020 certainly has been a challenging year for everyone. The COVID-19 restrictions have made it very difficult at times to organise events. In regard to parent attendance, we dearly would have loved to be able to invite parents to attend Presentation/Graduation Assemblies. This decision was not made lightly. It was discussed at school, with neighbouring schools (who are also unable to accommodate parents), the Upper Hunter Principal meeting, and with the Director, Educational Leadership. All school principals have been advised to comply with restrictions and follow the physical distancing guidelines provided.

Staff discussed holding separate assemblies for individual class groups. They also discussed holding these events on the school oval, under the COLA, or at the local high school. All of these presented their own set of challenges in regard to the use of technology, social distancing, split families, lack of space etc. As our school simply cannot meet the requirements set by the NSW Health/DEC, then the difficult decision to restrict attendance to students and staff was made. The safety of our students and our staff must be a priority.

At the end of the day, the staff will ensure that all Stage 3 students enjoy the last few days with their friendship/peer group, and have lasting memories of their moments spent at primary school. Lastly, we really do appreciate all the support that we have received from parents during this difficult year.

**A note has been sent home with all Stage 3 students outlining details for all events.**

Presentation Days - Commencing at 9:30am

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Kindergarten – Year 2

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Stage 3

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Stage 2

Please note parent/carers attendance is not permitted at the Presentation Days.

**2021 SRC - Important Information**

**Week 7 - Announcement of 2021 SRC**

**Week 8 - Captain speeches in front of Year 5/Teachers and Voting for the Captains**

**Week 9 - Announcements of 2021 Vice Captains and Captains at Stage 3 Presentation Days**

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Students last day of Term 4

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Staff and Teachers last day of Term 4 – Student attendance is not permitted on this day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Staff Development Days – Student attendance is not permitted on this day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Students in Years 1 – 6 return to school for Term 1 2021

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 – Kindergarten commence big school!

Kindergarten Transitions - Ends next week!

Reminder: Kindergarten Transitions take place Monday – Thursday between 12 – 1pm.

We kindly ask you to phone the office on 6543 2500 if you need to reschedule your child's session.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

See Flyer for additional information!

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

**Save the Date – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 @ 9:30am.**

**Please note parent attendance is not permitted at this event. Students will be presented with a USB as a keepsake of their primary school years.**



# Assembly Awards



Term 1 2 3 **4**

Week 1 2 3 4 5 6 **7** 8 9 10

Class	Name	Activity
KM	Reid H	For his improvement and persistence in reading activities.
KL	Ayden T	For his enthusiasm and interest in Science lessons and for his neat work in the butterfly life cycle.
KS	Luke R	Fantastic work about "How I have changed".
KT	Bella C	For super effort in Science, learning about lifecycles.
1F	Stephanie M	For her outstanding attitude and effort towards mathematics.
1M	Livinia D	For working sensibly and doing her personal best in TEN's math groups.
1WT	Leslie D	For pleasing efforts in spelling and sound work.
1/2W	Blayze S	Fantastic sentence construction in his persuasive text.
2H	Levi S	For his positive approach to all learning tasks.
2J	Lucian M	For his amazing persuasive writing in class.
3M	Munashe T	For always being on tasks and doing his personal best.
3S	Storm A	For her dedication toward her handwriting.
4C	Bridget C	For always being prepared for learning.

4D	Isabella O	For her determined attitude in Maths.
3/4P	Lahni G	Continued excellent homework efforts.
5/6A	Daesjarn C	For an excellent effort in geography.
5/6B	Amy S, Isla G & Matilda M	Great idea to upgrading our greenhouse for out latest VCOP Topic.
5/6H	Sophia M	For excellent effort and attitude in the Advanced Literacy Group with Mrs Bayliss.
5/6K	Charli B	Awesome precision driving of the Sphero in Science.
5/6S	Piper A	For her excellent work in grammar and punctuation lessons.
5/6W	Savannah M	For her excellent construction of topic sentences in her persuasive text.

## Canteen News!

Online ordering with our Munch Monitors website is making life easier for everyone using it. With more and more families using it each week, to make sure there isn't any problems, we kindly ask where possible to order your child/children's lunch the night before or prior to 8am the morning off.

Remembering, you can preorder your child's lunch or recess weeks in advance! (This is to stop an overload of the system).

We would also like to thank our local radio station, 98.1 Power FM for their kind donation of breakfast cereals. The Canteen runs breakfast club every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8:45am and 9:15am.

Breakfast club is open to students who did not have the opportunity to have breakfast at home, may catch an early bus or need a little top up before heading to class.



# PBL Weekly Focus – Week 7



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## Week 7 Respectful at special assemblies



Hello everyone and welcome to week 7. Our focus this week is one we have already learnt about in the past, but I feel as though MPS needs to practise this one again.

It's being respectful at assemblies.

On the next slide you will be reminded of the ways we can demonstrate respect at assemblies.

K-6, as a class, discuss the weekly focus. Are there more ways we can demonstrate respect at assemblies? I'm sure you can come up with plenty!

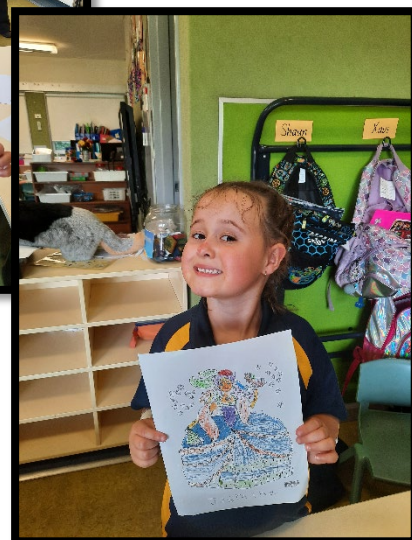
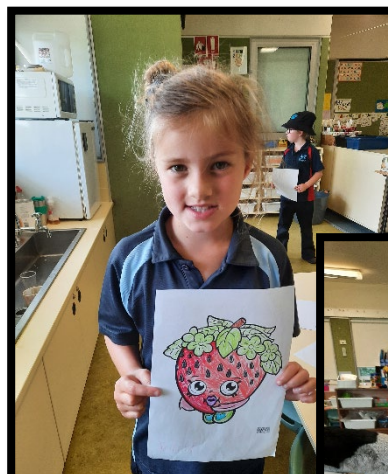
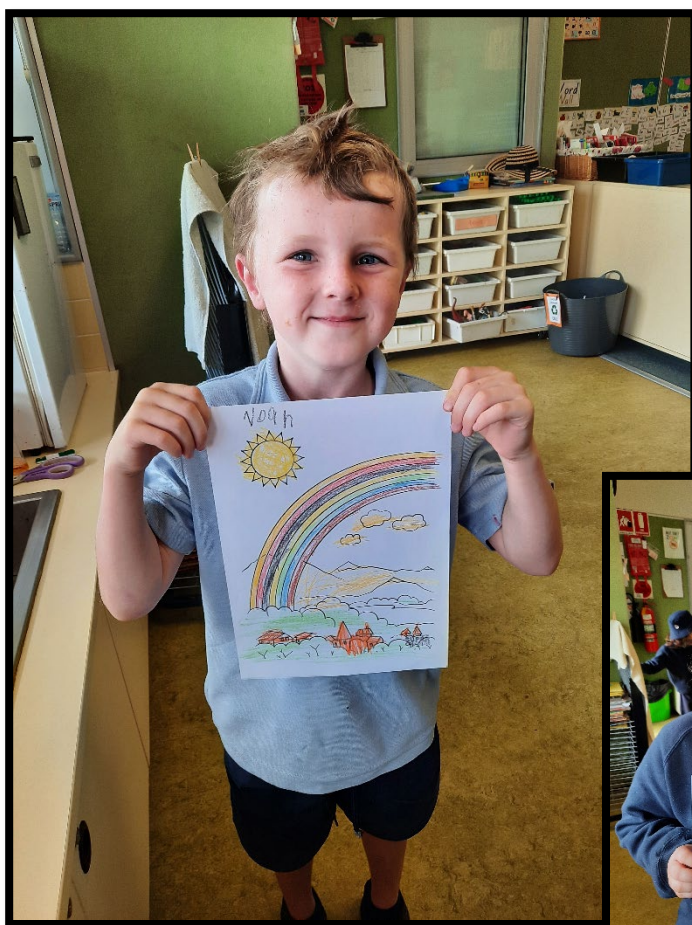
I can't wait to have a weekly stay with the 2 classes who demonstrate this at assembly.

Have a great week everyone!  
Roger

## Respectful at assemblies

- we enter and leave the hall quietly
- we actively listen to the speaker and follow instructions
- we politely clap when required
- we proudly stand on the stage with our awards
- we proudly sing and look towards the flags

## Lunch time Reading/Colouring Club



# Academic Corner 1F

One Fantastic (1F) have had an awesome year together. We have been lucky enough to have learned so many new things and enjoyed Mathematics, Science and PDHPE. 1F have been working super hard to make sure that we are always doing our personal best, being safe and respectful at Muswellbrook Public School. One Fantastic have really enjoyed creating and engaging in hands on learning activities, which has improved their knowledge and understanding of a variety of concepts. We have been super busy and always have big smiles on our faces! This year we have had the opportunity to be involved in the K $\square$ 2 Sports Day, Colour Fun Run, Gymnastics program and Aboriginal games. Of course, being fantastic, we have had an absolutely amazing time.

Term three was an extremely busy time for us. During the term, we went to the K $\square$ 2 Sports Day, where we got to make a cheetah facemask and come to school wearing orange. Did you know that Cheetah's are the fastest animal on the land? Yeah, that's how fast we tried to run on that day! We also had a blast completing all the gymnastics and athletics activities, where we learned team skills and built up big muscles. To top off the term, another experience we got to have was participating in the Colour Fun Run. This was awesome. We got to run around and get sprayed by our PBL colours. The best part about the day was that we could bomb Mr Kerrigan with the colour dust. He was completely covered! We also had a big laugh when Miss Felton and Mrs Taverner tipped a massive bucket of water over Miss Muller's head.

In maths we have learned lots of new things. We learned about 2D shapes, 3D objects, fractions and the area of a space. This is only a few things. It was so much fun to count the faces, edges and vertices of the shapes and objects. Vertices are the corners or points. Do you know that we got to make fraction pikelets using chocolate, marshmallows and sprinkles. We had to spread chocolate sauce on a whole pikelet, then put marshmallows on half and sprinkles on a quarter. We ate our fraction pikelets quarter by quarter, listening to the instructions. Maths is great! In Science we learned all about Earth and Space. We got to make birdfeeders, collect water and make the phases of the moon with Oreos and create constellations with marshmallows. Oh what fun we can have in Year one.

1F is an enthusiastic bunch of kids, who just love to discover new things and work hard to finish tasks. We have had a great year of fun and learning and now we think we are ready to tackle Year Two next year.

Please check out our photo gallery. There are some amazing photos that we would like to share with everyone.



Keep scrolling - there is more!



# Kindergarten to Year 2 Assembly





## 5-6 Assembly





# MUSWELLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL Christmas Raffle

Purchase your ticket or tickets today. Each ticket costs \$5. All students have been issued with a booklet of 4 tickets. If you wish to purchase all 4 tickets it will cost a total of \$20.

We kindly ask you to return tickets sold/ unsold by Wednesday 9th December 2020.

There are great prizes to be won!  
Including:

*\$200 Big W Voucher*

*\$100 Big W Voucher*

*\$50 Big W Voucher*

*Hair Care Pack valued at \$130*

*\$25 Hunter Belle Voucher*

*\$25 Hunter Belle Voucher*

*& many more!*

Raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December 2020!

# 2021 Kindergarten transition Program

Schools have been advised that Kindergarten orientation and transition to school can now resume for students with strict guidelines.

## **Orientation visit requirements:**

- Parents and carers can enter the school and report to a designated drop-off and collection zone. Parents and carers cannot remain on site for longer than 10 minutes.
- All enrolment paperwork must be sent to school and reviewed by the school before you can book your child in for transition sessions.

The school has made up orientation information packages for parents and carers, they can be picked up when bringing your child to their transition day. The information packages are full of vital material about the school and services. If you have any questions about the information or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call the school.

## **Transition Program**

**This year we would like to offer the opportunity for our 2021 Kindergarten students to join a Kindergarten class for part of a school day to experience life at school.**

These sessions will run Monday – Thursday and be available from November 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Starting time will be 12pm – 1pm, your child will be invited to join one of the current kindergarten classrooms. To book your child in on a day that suits, please phone the school on 6543 2500. You will be informed of which classroom your child will attend.

If you have any questions about Transition, please do not hesitate to contact the school, using the details above.



# Community News!

UPPER HUNTER COMMUNITY SERVICES

# CINEMA

## UNDER THE STARS

### FREE FAMILY MOVIE

Friday, 4 December 2020



**Highbrook Park, Muswellbrook**  
Starts at 4:00pm.  
**Movie starts at sundown.**

**Wonder Park, Kindifarm, Tom Foolery Entertainment,**  
**Craft activities, \$1 cold drinks,**  
**FREE hotdog or sausage sizzle**

Picnic baskets and blankets welcome.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, registration is essential. To register call Upper Hunter Community Services on **6542 3555** or Hunter Park Family Centre on **6543 3566**.

This is an alcohol and glass free event.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Event Partner:  
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# the Rising Stars

## Talent Quest


**What's your talent?** Do you perform in a band?  
Do magic tricks?  
Have a comedy routine?  
Whatever your talent is, we want to see it!

**PRIZES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS!**  
0 - 10yrs, 10 - 16yrs, 16yrs +


Entries will feature on the big screen at **CINEMA UNDER THE STARS**  
4 December 2020, Highbrook Park, Muswellbrook  
**Winners to be announced on the night.**

To enter, send a video of your performance along with your name, age & township to UHCS Facebook Messenger, or email [hwest@uhcs.org.au](mailto:hwest@uhcs.org.au) by **1st December**


Please ask your parent's permission if you are under the age of 16 years to participate.



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# NOVEMBER 2020 CALENDAR

UPPER HUNTER YOUTH SERVICES INC  
- YOUTH CENTRE

**Tuesday 3rd / Handball Challenge**  
**Wednesday 4th / Making Fried Rice**  
**Thursday 5th / Cricket On The Lawn**

WEEK 1



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**  
8-15 NOV 2020

**Tuesday 10th / Local Indigenous Stories**  
**Wednesday 11th / NAIDOC Canvas Art**  
**Thursday 12th / NAIDOC Artworks Social Media  
Presentation**

WEEK 2

**Tuesday 17th / Make Your Own Salad Sandwich**  
**Wednesday 18th / Device Free Day**  
**Thursday 19th / Water Bombs!!!**

WEEK 3

**Tuesday 24th / Board Games**  
**Wednesday 25th / Discussion: Hygiene – Why Is It Important?**  
**Thursday 26th / Touch Footy On The Lawn**

WEEK 4

Located at The Showground, Maitland Street, Muswellbrook NSW 2333  
Phone: (02) 6543 4841  
Email: [lmcphee@uhys.org.au](mailto:lmcphee@uhys.org.au) or [cbrown@uhys.org.au](mailto:cbrown@uhys.org.au)  
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AGE GROUP: 10 – 17yrs  
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