



# Muswellbrook High School

## Newsletter 1

27th February 2014



### *Principal Report*

Welcome back to school for 2014.

You will already have noticed that there have been some changes in the staff, this year.

I will be relieving as Principal for Term 1, until the advertising and appointment process is completed and we will hopefully know who our new Principal will be before the end of the Term.

Mr Herbert is relieving as Deputy Principal responsible for Year 7, 9, and 11.

We also welcome some new faces to the school:

Ms Katrina Byrnes – TAS Faculty

Ms Beth Ripley – TAS Faculty

Ms Kate Maher – TAS Faculty

Ms Sarah Hope – PD/H/PE

Ms Kath McGeechan – CAPA

Ms Jamie Sturtridge – Science – Returning

It is great to be able to welcome these teachers to Muswellbrook and, already, they have all shown their enthusiasm for teaching and are settling in to the routines and creating a fantastic class environment.

### *Swimming Carnival*

The Swimming carnival was an outstanding success, with a fantastic House spirit being shown by everyone. It was great to see so many parents interested in the kids' participation. From this we have had students nominated to swim at the Zone Swimming Carnival, with some students achieving very highly. More news will be in the next newsletter.

### *Cross Country*

Our next whole school event will be the Cross Country, on Wednesday 26 March. It is very important that your child makes this a special day and also that you are supportive of their attendance at this event. Sometimes, as a child, we don't value these events, but when we grow older, we tend to remember these days as they allow students and staff to build stronger relationships which are reflected in better learning outcomes in the classroom.

## Attendance Team

Mr Mulvihill and the attendance Team have started the year off with a bang! Students at the latest Assembly received rewards of Newcastle Knights family passes, iTunes vouchers etc for their efforts in raising their attendance percentage. Well Done to all of the students in the school who attend every day, whenever possible.

Attendance at school is a major precursor to success in school and a student's ability to have a long and prosperous life. As parents, please assist us in this approach and continue to encourage your children to attend school on as many days as they can, so they may have greater success.

Thanks for your time,

**Brian Drewe**  
Relieving Principal

## Deputy Report

Welcome back to all our parents and students. 2014 promises to be a fantastic year with students engaged in a number of activities. Mr Foy has already recruited a group of Year 7 musicians for the school band. Ms Kelly is trialling a wonderful new approach to teaching and learning in the history classroom, requiring students to negotiate in group situations, ensuring the success and learning of the group. Ms Young continues with her highly successful Numeracy and Literacy programs, assisting students with extra support. The first filmmaking class has commenced with a number of Year 9 students experiencing the film production process and much, much more....

It was great to see all our students on the first day, in uniform and genuinely pleased to be back at school, following a boring five week break. After conversations with parents and students, it would appear the majority have had few issues with the commencement of the new year and the Year 7 cohort are beginning to find their way around the school.

I would remind parents, if you have any concerns with any issues your child might be experiencing, please contact the relevant Year Advisor who will be able to provide or recommend the best support.

The school and P&C on a number of occasions have attempted to secure a pedestrian crossing located on King Street without success. It is an area which causes a great deal of concern. Buses are arriving, students are crossing the road and parents are picking up their students. The amount of traffic in this area could be reduced if it is possible for parents to choose another exit of the school to collect their students. While we will continue to raise our concerns with Council and the RMS it would be appreciated for your cooperation in this area.

Finally, with the introduction of filmmaking in the school, I would like to draw your attention to a Short Film Competition organised by the Muswellbrook Shire Council. The Blue Heeler Film Festival commenced in 2013 and proved to be a great success for the community. Council would like to see this festival to become a major event each year and are encouraging anyone and everyone to take part. Like Sydney's major short film competition, Tropfest, the competition has a signature word for 2014, which is "Campbell's Corner". If you are able to enter a film, it must contain images or mention of Campbell's Corner. Hopefully a number of students and possibly their parents will dust off the old family camcorder and have a go. If you are interested in over \$5,000 worth of prizes, go to [www.BlueHeelerFilmFestival](http://www.BlueHeelerFilmFestival) or Facebook.com/BlueHeelerFilmFestival for details.

Have a great year.

**Mr Copland**  
Deputy Principal



## *gats@mhs 2013*

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December last year, the gats@mhs 2013 program concluded with an outstanding showcase of projects and a presentation of awards. The evening was a celebration of a range of achievements from Year 6 students from Denman, Muswellbrook South and Muswellbrook Public Schools, as well as students from Years 7 and 8 from Muswellbrook High School.

While all projects demonstrated an excellent level of engagement and application, special awards were given to the following projects and participants:



### **Primary School Projects:**

Most Academic – Gemma O’Leary (MPS): History of Muwellbrook Public School.

Best Presentation – Elizabeth Mearick & Emily Medhurst (DPS): Horses Video.

Most Diligent and/or Best Process – Jayke Rann (MSPS): Doll House with Electrical Circuit.

Most Original or Creative – Meg Rankin & Boston Gageler (MPS): Muswellbrook Tourism Brochure.

### **High School Projects:**

Best Presentation – Liam Barnes (Yr 7): Tent Peg & Forge.

Most Diligent - Ashley Rossow (Yr 8): Photography Business.

Best Process – Amber Collard (Yr 8): Tribal Drum.

Most Original or Creative – Brydie Cullen (Yr 7): Brydie’s Balms.

Perpetual Trophies for the best overall Projects were awarded to:

Best Overall Primary School Project – Callum Jackson (DPS): Callum’s Cooking Show!

Best Overall High School Project – Sophie Scriven (Yr 7) - Musical Composition & Performance

The gats@mhs 2013 owes a lot to the support of **Mt Arthur Coal**, who sponsor the program in terms of monetary support and through donating their time for the marking of projects and contribution to the Presentation Evening. Muswellbrook High School would like to pay special thanks to Mr Adam Lancey, Mr David Gentle, Mr Nick Stokes & Mr Paul Montagu for their time in marking the projects and Mr John Hayes for his assistance on the Presentation Evening.



gats@mhs 2014 is due to start in term two this year and applications will be delivered to all Year 5 and 6 classes at our feeder schools and Muswellbrook High School students from years 7- 10, in the coming weeks. Primary School students from outside our area, that intend to enroll at Muswellbrook High School in 2015 are welcome to apply. For enquiries, please email the gats@mhs 2014 coordinator, Mr Jason Foy: [jason.foy@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jason.foy@det.nsw.edu.au).



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gats@mhs 2013 participants and award recipients, with Mr Gareth Erskine (Principal) Mr John Hayes (Mt Arthur Coal) and Mr Foy (gats@mhs coordinator)

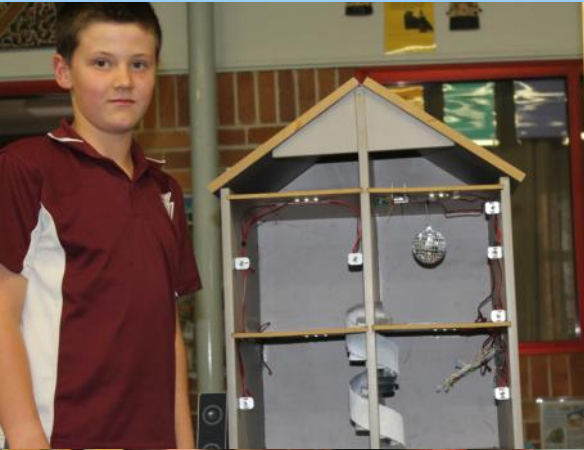


gats@mhs 2013 'Best Primary School Project' award recipient, Callum Jackson (Denman Public School), with Mr John Hayes (Mt Arthur Coal).



gats@mhs 2013 'Best High School Project' award recipient, Sophie Scriven, with Mr John Hayes (Mt Arthur Coal).





[gats@mhs](mailto:gats@mhs) 2013





# CAREERS











Where are they  
now?











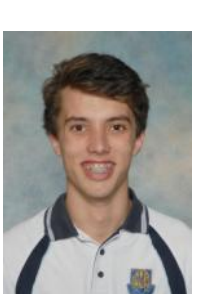




The Class of  
2013.



Congratulations to the HSC Class of 2013

(pictured above, Steven Garrett signs on with UNE)

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|   |   |   |   |          |
| <b>Andrew Anderson</b><br>Working<br>Retail<br>Cardiff                              | <b>Tegan Baker</b><br>Passmore's College<br>Business Diploma                        | <b>Kaitlyn Barr</b><br>Relocated to NZ  | <b>Morgan Behsman</b><br>Working local<br>Newsagent                                  | <b>Ashley Billing</b><br>Working Prices Plus<br>may do Personal<br>Trainer<br>Course in 2014 |
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| <b>Tori Bingham</b>   | <b>Blake Brands</b><br>Senior role at KFC   | <b>Maddison Brands</b><br>Studying Dance<br>Diploma Tuggerah                        | <b>Caitlin Bray</b><br>B Visual Design<br>Newcastle Uni                              | <b>Leah Cameron</b><br>Endeavour Group   |

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|                    |                     |    |    |    |
| <p><b>Cameron Campbell</b><br/>Apprentice<br/>Muswellbrook Toyota</p>                               | <p><b>Tahler Connolley</b><br/>Deferred Primary<br/>Teaching<br/>Trainee Admin<br/>Scone Council</p> | <p><b>Danielle Cooper</b><br/>Apprentice Chef<br/>Den Vegas</p>                     | <p><b>Anthony Coster</b><br/>Traineeship<br/>Dairy Industry</p>                      | <p><b>Brenna Crozier</b><br/>Deferred<br/>Primary Teaching<br/>Working Retail</p>     |
|                   |                    |   |   |   |
| <p><b>Joshua Davis</b><br/>Design Cert 3<br/>Tighes Hill Tafe<br/>Plus working- Reject<br/>Shop</p> | <p><b>Beaudan Dixon</b><br/>Casual Ag.work<br/>Cert 3 Fitness course later<br/>in 2014</p>           | <p><b>Kimberly Douglas</b><br/>Design<br/>Newcastle TAFE</p>                        | <p><b>Nicole Ebzery</b><br/>Tafe Child Care Cert3<br/>Work in Retail</p>             | <p><b>Sara Egan</b><br/>Tafe Child Care<br/>Cert 3</p>                                |
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| <p><b>Jason Elphick</b><br/>B Music<br/>Newcastle Uni.</p>  | <p><b>Taya Elphinstone</b><br/>PE and Spec. Ed.<br/>Newcastle Uni</p>                                | <p><b>Amy Foster</b><br/>Casual work<br/>Dance rehearsals</p>                       | <p><b>Stephanie Garland</b><br/>Advanced Careers<br/>College<br/>Cert 3 Hair</p>     | <p><b>Stephen Garrett</b><br/>UNE<br/>Engineering</p>                                 |



**Sarah Gurr**  
Double Degree  
Education  
Newcastle Uni.



**Georgia Haines**  
Beauty Diploma  
Advanced School of  
Beauty Therapy



**Georgia Harris**  
Soccer Scholarship USA  
for 2015  
Working 2014



**Christopher Hartin**  
Shop assistant  
Electrical Trade  
Wholesaler



**Caitlin Henry**  
Deferred  
Newcastle Uni.  
Working 2014



**Luke Hinton**  
Final stages  
Application Process for  
defence force



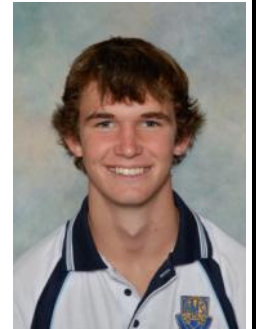
**Michael Hutt**  
West Australian Academy  
of Performing Arts



**Conor Kennedy**  
Apprentice Mechanic  
Muswellbrook Holden



**Jacob Kennedy**



**Liam King**  
Apprentice Mechanic  
X Strata



**Nicholas Lane**



**Emily Lanyon**  
Bridging Course  
Newcaslte Uni  
Casual Work



**Zaskia Lategan**  
Delayed start to  
Hairdressing  
Apprenticeship later in  
2014

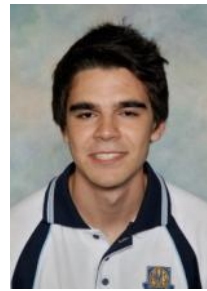
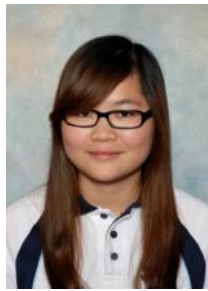


**Danai Lee Edwards**



**Jordon Legge**





**Phillipa Lewer**  
Working Retail  
Study  
Business at Tafe

**Tingting Li**  
Accounting  
TAFE Sydney

**Jayden McCarthy**  
Apprentice Fitter  
MacGen

**Jye McGrady**  
Tafe Metals

**Dannielle McKay**  
Senior Role at KFC  
investigating Defence  
Force careers



**Mathew McKay**  
Working in the food  
industry

**Savannah Melichar**  
Beauty Therapy  
College of Australia

**Mathew Merrett**  
Apprentice Plant  
Mechanic  
Mt Arthur Coal

**Tanele Miller**

**Dana Morrison**



**Patrick Nyatoro**  
Education  
Charles Sturt Uni.  
Wagga Wagga

**Morgan Page**  
Au Pair in Milan  
Deferred Languages and  
International Business at  
UNE

**Jamie Parker**  
Bridging Course to  
apply for Policing NSW

**Lauren Parker**  
Supervisor  
Reject Shop

**Joel Picton**  
Working-  
Muswellbrook Pool



**Courtney Price**  
Vet Nursing Scone  
TAFE and two casual  
jobs



**Lauren Robb**  
Deferred Nursing Degree  
working as waitress in  
2014



**Grace Rodham**  
Working  
Café Industry



**Ethan Rumbel**  
Endeavour Group



**Kyle Rutland**  
Working-house  
repairs, renovation  
and maintenance



**Cody Scholes**  
Paramedics Degree  
Charles Sturt Bathurst



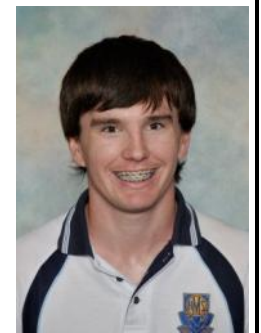
**Rhian Scott**  
Investigating  
Establishing family  
clothing business



**Blessing Sithole**  
Bridging Course for  
Engineering at  
university



**Kimberly Smoday**  
Working  
retail



**Blake Stevenson**  
Defence Force  
applicant



**Emma Thompson**  
Double degree  
Education  
Newcastle Uni.



**Taylah Vicary**  
Nursing  
Newcastle Uni



**Josh Whyburn**  
Apprentice Plant  
Mechanic  
Mt Arthur Coal



## Careers Report

The **HSC High Achievers Assembly** was a proud moment for the school on February 11 as Regional Director, Mr Mark Young presented a range of HSC Honour awards to the following students: Sarah Gurr Dux and Band 6 results(over 90%) in English Extension 1, Caitlin Bray Band 6 results in both General Maths and Visual Arts, Caitlin Henry for General Mathematics, Taya Elphinstone for Visual Arts and Emma Thompson, Band Six in Visual Arts and major work in NSW exhibition, Art Express.

While these were awards of distinction, HSC Credit awards were also given to students who gained results within one or two marks of a Band Six including: Jason Elphick—Music, Cody Scholes-Spanish, Grace Rodham-Visual Arts, Caitlin Henry-Music and Taya Elphinstone PDHE. Students were interviewed on stage about their career plans post HSC and along with their teachers and families should be congratulated.

**Year 10 Work Experience** is an optional program across schools in NSW. This year at Muswellbrook High School students have been divided up in to four groups with a week for each group set in the school calendar late in each term. Group 1 is 31 March, Group 2-16 June, Group 3 - 8 September, and Group 4 December 1–5. This is optional as a growing number industries cannot accommodate students with growing work place safety, insurance, privacy and duty of care responsibilities. Students are encouraged to consider work experience. Students also need to demonstrate a positive record of employment related aspects of their school conduct to go on work experience and need to complete at least two lessons at school about work experience and safety.

**NEW-Careers Lessons** are running Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Whilst previous lessons were only timetabled for Year 10 students, **any student from Year 8 to Year 12 can nominate** or sign up for a lesson(s) on topics such as, Resumes, Application and Cover Letters, Getting a Tax File Number, Work Experience Procedures and Safety, University Admissions –Regional Bonus and Early Entry Schemes, Guest Speakers and Presenters.

**UNI Roadshow**– Four regional universities with links and programs for Muswellbrook High School will present to students from our school and other schools in our region, here at Muswellbrook High School on **February 28 at 10 am.**

**Trade and Careers Day-March 18** will involve presenters from twenty industries and training providers here at Muswellbrook High School. Students from Year 10, 11 and 12 as well as some Year 9 candidates, get to pre select three small group presentations to attend with approximately three to eight students. Presenters include Universities, Scholarship and Apprenticeship Providers, and Tafe and Training Providers.

**Unicrawl**– Is set for April 9 and 10 this term.

**Careers News from all over NSW is emailed to students regularly** and may be an excellent source of information for parents.

**Looking forward to a great 2014**

**Tony Borg,**  
Careers

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## Swimming Carnival

The 2014 Muswellbrook High School Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. The day started with many of the newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains participating in a Year 12 Boat Relay.

Our Sporting Leadership team for 2014 is as follows:

### Paterson

**Captains:** Nic Vitali & Amba Ward

**Vice-Captains:** Ryan Symington & Kaitlin Roberts-Batty

### Page

**Captains:** Anaru Komene & Montana Mephram

**Vice-Captains:** Jayden Rivers & Shelby Medhurst

### Goulburn

**Captains:** Nathan Elliott & Lauren Beatty

**Vice-Captains:** James Carey & Melinda Allen

### Hunter

**Captains:** Jackson Keegan & Samantha Elphick

**Vice-Captains:** Noa Durham, Rhys Jordan, Megan Doran & Danielle Goodwin

Student participation on the day was impressive with many events requiring several heats. The Age Champions are as follows:

12 Years: Kyle Barwick & Emily Bishop

13 Years: Damon Boeckx & Jacinta Ballard

14 Years: Joel Hartin & Hannah Hill

15 Years: Blake Shackleton & Nicole Boeckx

16 Years: Jai Twivey & Rachel Thompson

17+ Years: John Langley & Emma Wilkins

Two records were broken on the day by some of our talented male swimmers. John Langley broke the 17+ years boys 50m Freestyle record with a time of 26.05. Damon Boeckx broke the 13 years boys 50m Freestyle record with a time of 30.59 – the fact that this record has been unbroken since 1959 makes it even more exciting! Well done to both boys.

Our sporting houses were represented strongly in the relays, as were our teachers with three very competitive teams. Of particular interest and excitement was the inaugural Belly Flop competition, a big hit with students and staff alike who crowded the edges of the pool to see Crystal Lacey of year nine and Nathan Elliott of year twelve take out the title.

The results at the end of the day were as follows:

Goulburn – 489 points

Paterson – 364 points

Page – 328 points

Hunter – 221 points

Big congratulations to Goulburn House on such a large victory. The first two students in every event have been invited to swim at the Zone Carnival which will be held at Scone on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Good luck to those students.

**Debbie Pitt – Carnival Organiser**

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2014 Muswellbrook High Swimming Carnival





## 2014 HSC Examination Support

The NSW Board of studies provides support to HSC students with specific needs related to physical condition, visual impairment, hearing loss, learning difficulties and/or mental, emotional wellbeing.

This support, categorised as Disability Provisions could include a student being eligible for a reader, writer, separate supervision, extra time to write, rest breaks, enlarged print, specific furniture.

Applications for these provisions are completed by Learning Support Teachers in conjunction with a students subject teacher—requiring specific assessments and anecdotal comments. Applications close online last day Term 1.

Several students have already been identified as potential applicants for such examination support.

If you would like more information about HSC Disability Provision Applications, please contact me on 65431033.

**Sharon Young**  
Learning Support Teacher

## P&C REPORT

The Muswellbrook High School P&C Association would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year, which is well and truly underway.

A special welcome to all new students and staff and their families. We are looking forward to you becoming a part of our school community.

We also welcome Mr Brian Drewe, as acting Principal and Mr Grant Herbert as acting Deputy Principal, joining Mr Scott Copland. We hope you both enjoy your new roles.

We had our first meeting for the year on 13th February and it was great to have some new members join us.

Our Canteen Manager, Stasia, was thrilled to have had so many new parents volunteer to help this year. We have already committed to funding extra resources for your students throughout the year and our Canteen is the major source of this funding. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and if anyone else would like to help prepare and/or serve food during any part of a day please contact our Canteen Manager, Stasia, through the front office. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all students who are wearing our school uniform with pride and thank you to parents for your encouragement in this endeavour. The P&C would also encourage parents to purchase all uniform items through the School's Uniform Shop. This will ensure that your children will always be in the correct uniform colours and design, patented for our school.

Also a reminder to parents to also encourage your children, when coming into and leaving school, to remember to cross the roads, including roundabouts, safely. They are very busy during these times.

**Our next meeting will be our**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**on Thursday 13th March at 7pm in the School Library**

All are welcome and we would love to see some new faces. You will not be persuaded, bribed or forced into holding a position. Come along and meet other parents, find out about what is happening at school before your children do and/or voice some concerns or share new ideas.

Hoping to see you there

**MHS P&C**

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## Mathematics Report

### H.S.C

A number of students achieved pleasing results in the H.S.C. The best results were Band 6's to Caitlin Henry and Caitlin Bray in General Mathematics. Well done the Caitlin's!

### Courses

The new Syllabus for General Mathematics is now being implemented in both Year 11 and Year 12.

Thanks go to the P&C for a new class set of textbooks for Y12 General. We will be purchasing new class sets for Year 11 this term, again thanks to the P & C.

### Text-protect

Due to the high cost of textbooks students have been asked to purchase protective holders for their textbooks. To obtain these students are asked to pay \$5 at the office and bring their receipt to the Maths staffroom.

### Calculators

*Scientific* calculators are essential equipment for all students in Years 8 to 12. A small number of students are still without a calculator. Please contact the principal if finances are a problem. The school has a supply of Sharp EL531XH calculators, in pink or white trim. It is preferable if all students have the same model as different keys work differently on different calculators. To obtain these, students are asked to pay \$20 at the office and bring their receipt to the Maths staffroom. The Maths faculty will engrave calculators for free if you wish.

Year 7 students will require a calculator for the Naplan tests in May but will not need to bring them each day to class in Year 7. Teachers will advise students when to bring them to class for NAPLAN practice.

### Australian Mathematics Competition – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August

This is Australia's largest competition for high school students and gives students the opportunity to pit their problem solving skills against students from across the country. All students may enter, whilst those in a top Mathematics class are expected to do so. Please pay \$5 at the front office. Please encourage your child to take part.

David Cummings  
Head Teacher of Mathematics

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## Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre

The Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre 'Partnership for Success' is an innovative education project that began operation early in 2010 for local aspiring Aboriginal secondary school students.

The project helps students stay at school and work towards entry into university, TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships and other employment. This is achieved through the following support:

- An Enrichment Centre where tutors assist students with homework, assessment tasks, study skills and goal setting
- Monitoring of student progress and providing intensive assistance for students as required
- Educational excursions to develop resilience, leadership skills and career knowledge
- Access to traditional culture and appropriate role models

### Applying to be part of the Project

All Aboriginal secondary school students, who demonstrate a commitment to their education and aspire to be role models, are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be those who meet the criteria and who are striving to achieve long-term goals.

### Student Commitment

By accepting a place on the Program, the student commits to:

- Maintaining a high level of school attendance
- Maintaining or improving their academic performance
- Showing sound leadership and role model skills to peers and wider community

If you would like your child to apply for this program or you have any questions regarding the program please contact Mrs Debbie Douglass on 0447257851.

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Muswellbrook High School

# Aboriginal Education



*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Aboriginal people and pay our respect to the elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.*

*We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt this land is was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.*

*Believing we can walk together to a better future, we meet today, taking it on.*

*Hi and welcome back for 2014. I would like to also acknowledge and welcome all our new families to the school.*

*My name is Melisa Powell and I am the Aboriginal Education Worker here at Muswellbrook High School.*

*My role in the school is to work closely with teachers to develop culturally appropriate resources and programs, promote Aboriginal education, encourage students and support parents. I work with teachers to assist Aboriginal students achieve their potential and keep the Aboriginal community informed of students' progress and achievements, and of things like parent meetings, school activities, new programs and other changes. I support Aboriginal students and have a positive impact on helping them achieve their potential.*

*Please feel free to contact me at any time on the school phone number to have a chat. I look forward to being involved in your child's education here at Muswellbrook High School.*

*Melisa Powell*

*Aboriginal Education Worker*

*(02) 6543 1033*

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# **Muswellbrook AECG**

## **Aboriginal Education Consultative Group**

Cordially invites you to our

### **1st AECG MEETING for 2014**

***Our AECG's focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal Education.***

*We strive to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education & Training.*

**On: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**Start: 4pm**

**At: Muswellbrook High School (Library)**

***Parents & Community members are encouraged to come along.***

The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organisation made up of volunteer members. Your Local AECG is your link to bettering Aboriginal Education outcomes.

All people involved or interested in Aboriginal Education are encouraged to be members of their Local AECG. This will empower our people and will contribute to improving outcomes for our students.

A light afternoon tea will be provided during the meeting.

***Youth are our future and should be recognised as an important part of our network.***

*If you would like an item added to the agenda please RSVP with details as soon as possible to allow time for the agenda to be distributed.*

**Please RSVP: David Newham (Secretary) on 0477 354 466 or [David.Newham@bhpbilliton.com](mailto:David.Newham@bhpbilliton.com)**

**Please RSVP: Melisa Powell (President) on 0409 692 785 or [melisa.powell@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melisa.powell@det.nsw.edu.au)**

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## Muswellbrook High School Norta Norta Program Tutors

Muswellbrook High School is seeking expressions of interest for employment as a tutor to assist the education of Aboriginal students in Years 8 and 10.

The tasks that a tutor may be expected to undertake include:

- Provide support to targeted Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and/or numeracy achievements.
- Assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in-class activities.
- Follow the teacher's set program and ensure that the tuition provided is aligned with the student's personalised learning plan.
- Maintain a structured timetable in negotiation with teachers to ensure all eligible students receive tutor support.
- Keep a record to communicate observations and information about each student to the class teacher.
- On request, assist teachers to communicate and provide feedback to parents, caregivers and community members.
- Attend, where possible, professional learning activities to develop effective strategies in providing tutorial support to Aboriginal students.

Unqualified Tutors Pay Rate: between \$29.73 per hour

*Suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as part of the Norta Norta Program.*

Please apply to:-  
The Principal  
Muswellbrook High School  
King Street, Muswellbrook, 2333

***Applications close: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014***

Enquiries: Kylie Kelly Head Teacher HSIE on 6543 1033

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## Muswellbrook High School Summer Menu 2014

### Hot Food

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| Chicken/Beef Burger                     | \$4.00 |
| Chicken & Gravy Roll                    | \$3.50 |
| Hot Dog                                 | \$2.50 |
| Chicken Wrap                            | \$3.00 |
| Chiko Sub                               | \$3.00 |
| Beef/Cheese Cruizer                     | \$3.00 |
| Sausage Roll                            | \$2.70 |
| Wedges                                  | \$2.50 |
| Chiko Roll                              | \$1.70 |
| Chicken & Corn Roll                     | \$1.70 |
| Nuggets (3)                             | \$1.00 |
| Chicken Strips (6)                      | \$2.00 |
| Pizza HP/CB                             | \$2.00 |
| Cheese & Bacon                          | \$2.00 |
| Sauce (Tom, BBQ, SS or Thai Swt Chilli) | \$0.30 |

### Rolls

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Ham Salad              | \$4.00 |
| Cheese Salad           | \$4.00 |
| Chicken Salad          | \$4.00 |
| Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo | \$3.50 |
| Egg & Lettuce          | \$3.50 |

*Toasted Sandwich add 30c*

*Extra Fillings add 30c each  
\*By order only*

### Snacks

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Butter Menthol/Eucalyptus | 50c    |
| JJ's                      | 80c    |
| Grain Waves               | \$1.00 |
| Chips                     | \$1.00 |
| Banana Bread              | \$1.50 |
| Fruit                     | 80c    |
| Muffins                   | \$2.50 |

### Drinks

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| All Cans                 | \$2.50 |
| Small Juice              | \$2.20 |
| Poppers                  | \$1.20 |
| Water                    | \$2.20 |
| Flavoured Water          | \$2.40 |
| Oak Flavoured Milk Small | \$2.20 |
| Moove Milk Small         | \$1.80 |
| Oak Flavoured Milk Large | \$3.20 |
| Dare Milk                | \$3.20 |
| Dare Milk Large          | \$4.50 |
| Custard                  | \$2.60 |
| Yoghurt                  | \$2.20 |

### Iceblocks

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| TNT                             | 50c    |
| Juice Cup                       | 70c    |
| Pineapple Sticks                | \$1.50 |
| Mini Calippo                    | \$1.20 |
| Icypole                         | \$1.20 |
| Frozen Yoghurt                  | \$2.20 |
| Paddle Pop (Rainbow, Choc, Ban) | \$1.40 |
| Lifesavers                      | \$2.20 |

**Parents/Grandparents....  
Have you been thinking  
about volunteering?  
Please give us a call or  
come in for a day to try it out.  
Phone Stasia on 65432699.**

*Depending on the number of volunteer helpers in the canteen it may take a while to be served.  
Placing a lunch order is highly recommended to guarantee getting exactly what you want.  
Lunch order bags are available at the canteen from 8.30am and only take a minute to fill out.  
Those with lunch orders can come to the far right window and get your order without lining up.  
Please indicate on the bag whether your order is for recess or lunch.  
Icypoles cannot be included in lunch orders.*

## School Uniform Shop



### Uniform Shop

I would like to thank **Jordi Adam-Smith, Sophie Fitzgerald, Taylah King and Taya Elphinstone** for volunteering in the uniform shop leading up to the start of the new school year. These wonderful girls gave up their precious holiday time to help out and their generosity meant that waiting time was minimal. Thank you girls!

With Autumn approaching, new students should grab their winter clothing before the weather cools and to avoid missing out.

For our new Footballers, we have shorts and socks.

*Further information including the price list can be found on the school website.*

|   |                        |                                       |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Hours</b>                                  | <b>Cash or EFT-POS</b> | <b>Mobile Phone: 0439 118 033</b>     |
| Tuesday 7.30 – 11.30am<br><br>Thursday 12-4pm |                        | (only turned on during opening hours) |

Vanessa

## Muswellbrook High School Uniform Shop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| ITEM                      | PRICE | SIZE | QTY | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>Girls</b>              |       |      |     |       |
| Junior Blouse             | 27.00 |      |     |       |
| Senior Blouse             | 27.00 |      |     |       |
| Tartan Skirt              | 48.50 |      |     |       |
| Navy Stretch Slacks       | 39.00 |      |     |       |
| <b>Everyday Unisex</b>    |       |      |     |       |
| Junior Polo               | 30.00 |      |     |       |
| Senior Polo               | 30.00 |      |     |       |
| Sports Shorts Std         | 25.00 |      |     |       |
| Sports Short Sup          | 25.00 |      |     |       |
| <b>Sport/PE/Football</b>  |       |      |     |       |
| Sports Polo               | 35.00 |      |     |       |
| Football Shorts           | 18.00 |      |     |       |
| Football Socks            | 08.50 |      |     |       |
| <b>Warmth</b>             |       |      |     |       |
| Fleecy Jumper             | 38.00 |      |     |       |
| Wool Knit Jumper          | 72.00 |      |     |       |
| Microfibre Jacket         | 65.00 |      |     |       |
| Microfibre Trackpants     | 38.00 |      |     |       |
| <b>Other</b>              |       |      |     |       |
| Navy Scarf                | 12.00 |      |     |       |
| Navy/Gold Cap with Emblem | 12.00 |      |     |       |
|                           |       |      |     | \$    |

## Bus Passes

Use this link to find out if students can get a bus pass

<https://appln.transport.nsw.gov.au/mapservices/proxy/radialCheck/map.html>



## DENMAN SKATE PARK EVENT

Saturday 8th March 2014 10AM-2PM

Come along and have some fun!  
Ride with Joel and check out  
his demonstrations

BIKE & ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS  
All ages & abilities welcome

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CHAMPION  
JOEL GLEESON

GIVEAWAYS & PRIZES

FREE BBQ



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## MUSWELLBROOK DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB



\$80 for initial player & \$70 for additional players  
New players must bring birth certificate to be sighted  
Parents/ Carers need to sign consent forms. Returning players must register online by accessing the link via the Sporting Pulse website

2014 Registration Form: <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=7769>

New Players to the Club receive 2014 Club Polo shirt, socks and club shorts and players returning for another season with the club receive Club polo shirt insurance is provided as well.

Team Ages range from Under 6s all the way through to our international sides up age 16.

For further inquiries please contact our registrar Bronwyn Petitt on 0428 580 355.

**Season to commence with our first game on Sat 5\* April**

## Muswellbrook Australian Football JUNIOR CLUB



Weeraman Field, Theiss Crescent, Muswellbrook

2014 Registration Dates

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – 12 noon

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9.00am – 12 noon "Come and Try Day"

NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 10 Years

\$70 – includes AFL Auskick Pack

Juniors – U13s, U15s, U17s

\$90 – team jumper provided

\*\*\*\*\* NO WEEKLY FEES \*\*\*\*\*

*For further information please contact Donna Mullane 0488435119*

# Upper Hunter Educational Tutoring



Johanna Teague (Ba Education)

- \*Does your child require confidence building?
- \*Are they struggling with certain areas of their schooling?
- \*Does your child excel in certain subjects and want some challenges?
- \*Would you like your child to have some extra help for maths/english or both?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, Upper Hunter Educational Tutoring may be the answer or you!

*Upper Hunter Educational Tutoring is a local business owned and operated by Johanna Teague who has extensive teaching experience in single and multigrade classes for the last 10 years. Catering for students Kindergarten to yr 10, I focus on improving self esteem, confidence and learning habits. I offer tuition for students with learning difficulties, extension work and extra assistance in maths and english.*

*Upper Hunter Educational Tutoring operates four afternoons a week after school in the towns below.*

\*Muswellbrook

\*Scone

\*Murrurundi

\*Quirindi

If you are interested in this educational opportunity for your child, please contact me on [0439362500](tel:0439362500) or email; [johannateague1980@gmail.com](mailto:johannateague1980@gmail.com)



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**SMS text messaging** – Daily attendance of your child is sent to your family mobile number. This can also be used for important information regarding parent teacher meetings, issue of reports etc. The school SMS number is: **0427 016 460**. Please add this as a contact in your mobile phone. You CANNOT phone this number, please phone using 65431033. You may send a text message at any time to this number to explain your child's absences. Please let us know if you have any problems with this texting service.

**Email** – The school newsletter is distributed via email to as many families as possible, approximately twice a term. If you have an email address that you use regularly, please contact the school.

**Websites** – The school website holds a great deal of information and is a useful place for you to find out what is happening at school.

**Millennium** - The Millennium website contains all of your child's school information. This includes attendance, school reports, assessment tasks, timetables, behaviour information.

Families are able to see the whole family at a glance with your private login. This will be sent to you via an email if you have one listed with us, if not please phone the office with a current email address.

Students can also access this site through a separate login.



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