



Muswellbrook High School

Newsletter 1

2nd March 2015



Principal Report

A Great Start to the Year



Welcome back to all our students to another great year of learning. I trust you have had a happy and safe holiday and are keen to get back into the routine of life.

It is with great delight that we especially welcome 45 new students and their families to Muswellbrook High School. It has been a busy start and our new enrolments have boosted our school numbers to 745! We are also delighted to welcome our Year 7s. They have been a welcome addition to our High School. We hope that you settle in quickly and have a great year of all things new.

New Staff and Staff Changes

Mr Copland is on leave for Term 1 and Ms Narelle Smith is acting in the Deputy Principal role for Yr. 7 9 and 11. Ms Alex Skailles is acting Head Teacher Support for Term 1 and is also our Student Representative Council (SRC) Teacher Advisor.

Welcome Ms Kathy Quinn to our school. Ms Quinn has accepted a permanent full time position as our teacher in the ED class. She is an outstanding educator who always gives her best to ensure young people succeed.

The talented Miss Sarah Hope is teaching in the Gold class and has also taken the role of 2015 Girl's Advisor. Miss Hope has big dreams for our girls and I look forward to her putting her plans into action.

Welcome back to Mr Rod Glase (TAS faculty) and Mr Duncan McKinley (PD/H/PE). Both permanent full time teachers of MHS have returned after 12 months leave. They bring with them experiences and wisdom from teaching in other schools on the Central Coast and North Coast.

It is also exciting to welcome back Mrs Nicole Parker to the Maths faculty from maternity leave. It is wonderful to have her expertise in the Maths Faculty.

Swimming Carnival

A great day was had by all at the Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Goulburn House for a spectacular lead. Our Sporting House Captains were badged on the day - welcome to this student leadership role.

There was an increase in student attendance from last year and of note was the increased number of senior students attending! They certainly set the 'fun' tone for the day and demonstrated student leadership.

Congratulations to the House Captains and Vice Captains.

Keep Abreast of What's Happening

If you have not already done so, check out our Muswellbrook High School Official Facebook site. You will find it full of the latest news. We try to keep our posts current so that parents can use it as a conversation starter when their young person comes home from school. We know how busy our lives can be and we would like you be involved in what is happening at school. The Facebook site is one way we can help!

Student Leadership

Here is a quick questionnaire response from our school leaders. They are enthusiastic young people whom I would like you to get to know a little better...

Elizabeth Symington

Vice-Captain

Favourite subject: English.
Best App.: Triple J.
Career Aspiration: English Teacher.
Best holiday destination: Japan (...although everywhere is awesome).



Thomas Hogan

Vice-Captain

Favourite subject: Chemistry/Physics/Biology
Best App.: Live cricket scores
Career Aspiration: Biomedical Science
Best holiday destination: Japan



Josie Whitten

Prefect

Vice-Captain
Favourite subject: Ancient History / English
Best App.: Solitaire
Career Aspiration: Paediatric Psychologist
Best holiday destination: Everywhere!!!



Alex Armstrong

Prefect

Vice-Captain
Favourite subject: Physics
Best App.: YouTube
Career Aspiration: Plant Mechanic
Best holiday destination: Fiji



National Assessment Program

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 Test Dates

Will be as follows:

Language Conventions test Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar **Tuesday 12 May 2015**

Writing test, Writing task **Tuesday 12 May 2015**

Reading test **Wednesday 13 May 2015**

Numeracy tests (Years 7 and 9) Number, Algebra, Function and pattern, Measurement, chance and data, and Space. There are two numeracy tests for Years 7 and 9. (Calculator allowed followed by non-calculator.)
Thursday 14 May 2015

2015 Youth of the Year Quest

The Lions Club of Muswellbrook hosted the Lions Youth of the year quest – a project of the combined Lions Club of Australia and PNG. Their aim is to select an outstanding youth to be an ambassador to his/her country and travel overseas under the auspices of the Lions Club International. The Lions Youth of the Year Quest is designed to foster, encourage and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizen qualities of our youth, at an age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education.

Mrs Kay Sokulsky, Ms Tracy Henderson and I attended the evening at the RSL Club on 21st February. It was wonderful to see our students face their nerves for public speaking and compete against one another. There were three components to the contest: an interview, two impromptu questions and a prepared speech. Well done to the following contestants: **Alex Armstrong, Lara Cutrupi, Thomas Hogan and Josie Whitten.**

Congratulations to **Lara Cutrupi**, Public Speaker Winner and **Alex Armstrong**, Overall Winner.

Alex and Elizabeth Symington, winner of the Lioness Club Muswellbrook competition, will proceed to the regional judging on 8th March. Thank you to Mrs Sokulsky and Ms Henderson for your support in helping our young people to prepare for this evening.

Ms Elizabeth Bate
Principal



How can I best support my child at school ?

There are many times in the educational life of a teenager when, as a parent, we feel that we are kept in the dark. This is often due to the student talking less to the adults around them.

We can work as a team to ensure a better outcome for everyone involved in your child's education by:

1. Log into the Parent Portal.
2. Book into the Parent/Teacher evenings – these open for bookings on .
3. Look up the assessment tasks that your child has this year. Create a learning information space at home (on the fridge, chalkboard etc.)
4. Make a note of your child's teachers and keep asking how their learning is going. Create a conversation around learning.

Below are some screen shots of some areas of the Parent Portal that might be of use.

Please phone the school on 65431033 if you have any trouble accessing the Parent Portal.

The links for all of our communication channels are on the last page of the Newsletter.

Mr Brian Drewe
Deputy Principal

Week 1	Period	Course	Class	Teacher	Location
Monday					
	RC	Roll Group	7R1	Mr D Bavister	B22
1		Stage 4 English	7ENO	Mrs K Sokulsky	B20
2		Stage 4 Mandatory Geography	7HG0	Mr S Nougher	K05
3		Stage 4 PDHPE	7PE0	Mrs L Gallagher	C15
4		Stage 4 Japanese	7JAO	Ms B Tier	C14
5		Stage 4 Technology Mandatory	7DT05	Mrs A Thornton	D10
6		Stage 4 Science	7SCO	Mr S Watson	C01
Tuesday					
	RC	Roll Group	7R1	Mr D Bavister	B22
1		Stage 4 Mandatory Geography	7HG0	Mr S Nougher	K05
2		Stage 4 English	7ENO	Mrs T Strachan	C25
3		Stage 4 Technology Mandatory	7DT05	Mrs A Thornton	D10
4		Stage 4 Mathematics	7MA0	Mrs J Reichel	C22
5		Stage 4 Visual Arts	7VA04	Ms C McGrath	C32
6		Stage 4 Japanese	7JAO	Ms B Tier	C14
Wednesday					
	RC	Roll Group	7R1	Mr D Bavister	B22
1		Stage 4 Science	7SCO	Mr S Watson	C01
2		Stage 4 English	7ENO	Mrs T Strachan	E02
3		Stage 4 Mathematics	7MA0	Mrs J Reichel	C22
4		Stage 4 Visual Arts	7VA04	Mr L Holdsworth	C32
5		Stage 4 Technology Mandatory	7DT05	Mrs A Thornton	D10
6		Stage 4 Technology Mandatory	7DT05	Mrs A Thornton	D10
Thursday					
	RC	Roll Group	7R1	Mr D Bavister	B22
1		Stage 4 Japanese	7JAO	Ms B Tier	C14

Course	Date	Activity	Raw Mark Results
Stage 4 Mathematics	7 MAR 2015	AT1 - Number	- -
	7 MAR 2015	AT1 - Number	- -
	7 APR 2015	AT2 - Integers	- -
	7 APR 2015	AT2 - Integers	- -
	20 MAY 2015	AT3 - Half-Yearly	- -
Stage 4 PDHPE	20 MAY 2015	AT3 - Half-Yearly	- -
	16 MAR 2015	AT1 - Sense of Self	- -
	22 APR 2015	AT2 - Fitness Testing	- -
	11 JUN 2015	AT4 - Practical Assessment - Skill Execution	- -
Stage 4 Science	13 JUN 2015	AT4 - Practical Assessment - Participation and Effort	- -
	13 JUN 2015	AT5 - Bookwork	- -
	20 JUN 2015	AT3 - Puberty Assessment Task	- -
	21 FEB 2015	Equipment and usage test	- -
	4 APR 2015	Separating Mixtures Skills Test	- -
	16 MAY 2015	Topic Test - Science is the Solution	- -

Muswellbrook High School Swimming Carnival

The 2015 Muswellbrook High School Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday the 4th of February at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. The attendance was excellent, particularly from our Year 12 students, who set a fantastic example for the junior years, with the best attendance from a senior group we have seen at a carnival in some time. The day started with many of the senior students participating in a Year 12 Boat Relay, requiring them to swim 50m as a team on a flotation device.

Our newly elected Sporting Leadership team for 2015 is as follows:

Paterson

Captains: Benjamin Parker & Delilah Whipps

Vice-Captains: Peter Turnbull & Madeline Van Vliet

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Captains: Jordan Pavey & Jovanna Snow

Vice-Captains: Mitchell Paine & Karly Stevenson

Goulburn

Captains: Tyrell Roadley & Bronte Baker

Vice-Captains: Aaron Carey & Jaudyn Cavanagh

Hunter

Captains: Noa Durham & Shannon Harvey

Vice-Captains: Seaton Graham & Shaeleigh Doran

Student participation on the day was impressive. The Age Champions are as follows:

12 Years:	Callum Alvey & Cloe Franklin
13 Years:	Paddy McTaggart & Nadia Owen
14 Years:	Damon Boeckx & Jacinta Ballard
15 Years:	Joel Hartin & Hannah Hill
16 Years:	Blake Shackleton & Nicole Boeckx
17+ Years:	Anaru Komene & Rachel Thompson

Our sporting houses were represented strongly in the relays. Of particular interest and excitement was the Belly Flop competition, a big hit in its second year of being an annual event, with students and staff alike crowding the edges of the pool to see many students attempt to take out the title. Mr Bellotti and Mr Bavister were star participants, with Mr Bellotti doing a spectacular belly flop wearing a tiger onesie, and Mr Bavister making all spectators cringe in agony as he demonstrated what must have been a very painful back flop! This year's carnival also saw the introduction of a best dressed event, taken out by School Captain Bailey Carter in the boys division, and a team effort by Jaudyn Cavanagh and Taylor Brosnan in the girls division, and the "Fifty for Fifty" race, which saw the eight fastest swimmers in the school in a handicap event, in which the start was staggered to see them finish at a similar time, in a competitive, edge-of-your-seat race for a fifty dollar prize. Nadia Owen (7), Nicole Boeckx (10), Rachel Thompson (11), Damon Boeckx (10), Anaru Komene (12), Joel Hartin (9), as well as Mrs Duck and Mr Foy raced their hardest for this prize, Mr Foy taking the win in the end and so kindly donating the prize to a student who participated strongly all day in the carnival, of his choosing.

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

Goulburn – 414 points

Page – 326 points

Paterson – 267 points

Hunter – 204 points

Big congratulations to Goulburn House on such a large victory. The amazing Goulburn leadership team, including House Patron Mr Bavister and Year 12 house captains and students, should be given particular congratulations, for conducting some of the best house group cheering and support to be seen at a Muswellbrook High Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all students who raced in events, the first two students in every event have been invited to swim at the Zone Carnival which will be held at Muswellbrook Aquatic centre on the 18th February 2015. Good luck to those students.

Debbie Pitt – Carnival Organiser

P&C REPORT

The Muswellbrook High School P&C Association would like to welcome all students, their families and staff to another school year.

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

A special welcome to all Year 7 and other new families and we are looking forward to you becoming a part of our school community.

We had our first meeting for the year on 12th February and it was great to hear how smoothly everyone has settled into life at MHS.

The Canteen has been very busy thanks to all our volunteers. If you would also like to help out in the Canteen please ring the School's Office and ask to speak to Stasia, our Canteen Supervisor.

Our next meeting will be our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Thursday 12th March at 7pm in the School Library

All are welcome and we would love to see some new faces. Come along and meet other parents (you do not have to hold a position), find out about what is happening at School before your kids do, raise some concerns or share new ideas.

Hoping to see you there,

Muswellbrook High School P&C

Head Teacher of Administration

2014 proved to be a successful year from an Administration perspective at Muswellbrook High School. Our Attendance Team worked tirelessly to maximise student participation in all aspects of their schooling through the refinement of a number of initiatives and implementation of some new strategies. This led to a positive approach from staff and students, resulting in a 2.2% increase in the whole school attendance return for the year.

I must acknowledge the generosity from the Newcastle Knights, Majestic Cinemas in Singleton and our School Executive in supporting the ongoing Attendance Rewards initiative. Donations of ticketing to NRL matches, discounted movies and iTunes vouchers were incentives that our students strived to achieve by enhancing their approach to schooling. We also observed a positive atmosphere at our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals with FREE reward BBQs for attending students of the year group with the least absences on the day.

In writing my report to the Newcastle Knights, together with a request for tickets in 2015, it was pleasing to acknowledge that in 2013, Muswellbrook High School had 13 students with a yearly attendance over 98%. This number increased to 32 in 2014, with 16 students above 99% and Curtis Milich of Year 7 and Liam Barnes of Year 8, achieving the incredible attendance of 100%. This data is based on ALL attendance for the schooling year and includes partials, late arrivals and truancy. These boys and their thirty peers with this impressive attendance contributed significantly to our whole school result.

Truancy has been addressed in the school's Attendance Plan and Policy, with slight adjustments from the Attendance Team in Semester Two. Every lesson has it's roll marked on Millennium and daily, this data is reviewed to identify any student who is present at school, but marked absent in a lesson. These students are issued a slip to report to E-Block to explain their absence and, on most occasions, a clerical error, minor variation or student issue accounts for the data. Where a student is identified as truanting, our three step behaviour adjustment program is initiated. The first truancy results in the student receiving a detention in E02 at lunch, a green Attendance Monitoring Card and an SMS to parent/carer. The second occasion follows the same procedure, however, a day in the Timeout Room for reflective and restorative justice is conducted. If a student truants for a third time, a two day suspension is issued, requiring a re-entry interview with a Deputy Principal for the student and parent/carer. Like the positive strategy outlined above, the results of this proactive truancy approach have seen a reduction in ongoing truancy for students.

Upon reflection on Term Four, I have observed a concerning trend with a number of students. Habitual late arrival is an area that will be addressed in 2015. I have been in contact with a number of Hunter area schools to consider strategies to modify the behaviour of parents and their children who arrive after 9am more often than arriving on time. Detentions, Attendance Monitoring Cards and referrals to the Home School Liaison Officer have occurred in some occasions, however, a program most suited to our school will be initiated. Perhaps the discussions should be made early in this term with your children about arranging a suitable wake up time in the morning, altering the school drop off (remembering that high school starts before primary school) or working out ways to improve the morning routine by having uniform, lunches or bathing completed the night before, can help make punctual attendance a priority and develop effective life habits.

As we look ahead to this year, Muswellbrook High School is embarking on an exciting stage by entering the Social Media world on Facebook. As a contributor to the “official” page, it has led to a reflective view on how we should be utilising this technology in both the classroom and community. If you have a Facebook profile, we recommend joining our community by “liking” our page. We encourage you to actively participate in our feed by “liking” photos or comments, but remind you of our Rules of Engagement when sharing your views. Everything we include on Facebook is promoting the great things that happen in and out of the classroom involving our students. If there are items that concern you, or questions you would like answered, the best forum is through phone contact to the school, so the most suitable person to respond can provide the most accurate answer. We do look forward to further interactions and sharing many experiences of our students in the future.

I hope you have had a fantastic Christmas, New Year and summer break and have rested and relaxed as much as possible, returning to school happy, healthy and hopeful of an even greater 2015. Make it a year to improve YOUR attendance.

Nick Mulvihill
Head Teacher Administration

Life Saving Program

In 2014 we built upon the foundations of the many years of Life Saving for students in Years 8-10. For three days in Term Four, Week Eight, Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre was inundated with an array of pupils enhancing their capacity to stay safe in the water, recognise dangers and act on situations where a person may need assistance.

The program commenced in Week Two, with fifteen Year 10 students developing their skills as Junior Instructors each Wednesday as part of their weekly sport. Most of these students acquired a Bronze Star, Medallion or Cross in previous years and demonstrated the requirements to manage their own group of participants during the few days at the pool.

Mr Elliott took charge of the CPR this year and students were captivated by the Bondi Rescue situation where a surfer became unconscious and required resuscitation. Miss McGrath delivered an informative session on surf safety, together with inland waterways to ensure students became equipped with the knowledge to avoid dangerous situations, particularly leading into summer. However, it was Mr Holdsworth who had every group on Wednesday listening intently to the messages about sun safety and the dangers of skin cancer throughout a life time. Sharing personal stories and seeing real life examples from the Hunter Melanoma Foundation resonated closely with students and resulted in tubs of sun cream being on high demand and a significant increase of participation on all three days of the program.

While Life Saving is run in conjunction with the Year 7 Development Days and Year 11 Crossroads, the skills that can be developed are very important and can potentially save a student, their friend or family member from drowning. Participants do not need to be amazing swimmers as the program offers a dry rescue option in the classroom, where students do not enter the water. The learn to swim option, in conjunction with the Swim and Survive Levels 2 and 3 is very popular with students who are willing to enhance their ability in the water, while developing some life saving techniques. The Swim and Survive Levels 4-7 were an ideal starting point for many Year 8 students who can swim to a sound standard, while some more advanced life preservation and saving skills are attained.

This year we had 30 students complete their Bronze Star, Medallion or Cross awards. These are the highest level of life saving awards available to school students and require an exceptional capacity to swim over an extended time with recognised strokes as well as complete a rescue of one or two casualties who could be identified as weak, non or injured swimmers, unconscious or have a potential spinal injury. The efforts of these students must be celebrated and will be acknowledged early in Term One, 2015 on assembly.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre, Muswellbrook Girl Guides, the Muswellbrook Tennis Club and the Muswellbrook Amateur Swimming Club for their continued support of this program by the way of equipment and facilities over the three days. We do hope this experience for our students can increase and extend our ongoing relationship with these organisations. Royal Life Saving Society Australia's Hunter Manager, Tanya Brunkhorst was very impressed with how effective the program was, when she visited on Friday morning and she hopes that Muswellbrook High School can continue to be leaders in delivering life saving to such a broad array of students.



Nick Mulvihill
Life Saving Examiner & Coordinator

Medical Information

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Mrs Rachel Kable (nee Murphy)

Library News

The Library has signed up to a subscribed to World book Web. You can trial for free which shows how this will benefit our students. You can log into [Http://tryit.worldbookonline.com](http://tryit.worldbookonline.com) type in the username **anzschool** and the password **galaxy**.

Please see attached poster for the new subscription login and password

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

FIND IT on the WORLD BOOK WEB



GO TO: www.worldbookonline.com

LOG-IN ID: mhs2333

PASSWORD: mhs2333



2015 School Photos



SCHOOL PHOTOS Monday 23rd March, 2015.

In 2015, our school photos will occur on **Monday 23rd March, 2015**. School photographs will be taken of all students in the Neate Theatre. This day is to be followed by the “Catch up” photo day on Friday 27th March, 2015.

All students are required to present for photos respectably dressed in **full school uniform** and of acceptable appearance. Students who are not in school uniform will not be photographed. Muswellbrook High School’s uniform is as follows:

Junior Girls (Years 7-10)

Blue MHS polo shirt
Checked skirt or MHS navy shorts
White socks or navy stockings
Black shoes

Senior Girls (Years 11-12)

White MHS polo shirt
Checked skirt or MHS navy shorts
White socks or navy stockings
Black shoes

Junior Boys (Years 7-10)

Blue MHS polo shirt
MHS navy shorts
White socks
Black shoes

Senior Boys (Years 11-12)

White MHS polo shirt
MHS navy shorts
White socks
Black shoes

Note: Jewellery for all students is to be kept to a minimum e.g.; small stud/sleeper earrings and one plain chain only. Students wearing excessive jewellery will be requested to remove it on the day.

PHOTO PACKS

The School photos will be taken by “MSP Photos” and the style of photographs will involve individual photos being taken of each student. These individual photos are then compiled into a “booklet” for all years. The photo packages available include:

- **Premium Pack= \$45**
- **Classic Pack = \$ 42**
- **Value Pack= \$41**
- **Essential Pack = \$40**
- **Basic Pack = \$38**
- **Group Only = \$ 28**
- **Portrait Only = \$22 (online only)**
- **Gift pack = \$15 (online only- with a pack purchase)**
- **Family Photos = \$27-\$17 (various packs available)**

Photo envelopes, containing all details plus payment information, will be received by all students in Home Groups in the next couple of weeks. Spare envelopes and Family Photo envelopes can be obtained from the MHS Front Office (A Block).

Students must return photo envelopes, plus full payment (correct money or credit card details, on the day of photographs or order online at www.msp.com.au PLEASE NOTE: No payments are accepted by the School.

For more information about MSP Photography, you can go onto their website at www.msp.com.au or please contact the school at your convenience.

K. Flood/Green (Photo Coordinator-TAS DEPT)

100% Money Back Guarantee
(conditions apply)

PRE-PAY ENVELOPE

Premium Pack

New!

Group Photograph
as determined by your school
see overleaf

+ 2 x 10" x 8"

+ 1 x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait

+ 1 x 5" x 7"

+ 4 x 5" x 3.5"

+ 4 x 1.7" x 1.2"

+ Portrait Download
Print quality

HIGH RESOLUTION

Best Value for money

Classic Pack

Great wallet size

Group Photograph
as determined by your school
see overleaf

+ 1 x 10" x 8"

+ 1 x 5" x 7"

+ 2 x 5" x 3.5"

+ 3 x 3.5" x 2.5"

+ 4 x 1.7" x 1.2"

+ Portrait Download
Print quality

HIGH RESOLUTION

Value Pack

popular choice

Group Photograph
as determined by your school
see overleaf

+ 3 x 5" x 7"

+ 2 x 5" x 3.5"

+ 3 x 3.5" x 2.5"

+ 4 x 1.7" x 1.2"

+ Portrait Download
(Not print quality)

HIGH RESOLUTION

Essential Pack

Group Photograph
as determined by your school
see overleaf

+ 4 x 5" x 7"

+ 4 x 1.7" x 1.2"

+ Portrait Download
(Not print quality)

HIGH RESOLUTION

Basic Pack

Group Photograph
as determined by your school
see overleaf

+ 1 x 5" x 7"

+ 2 x 5" x 3.5"

+ 3 x 3.5" x 2.5"

+ 4 x 1.7" x 1.2"

+ Portrait Download
(Not print quality)

HIGH RESOLUTION

* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

Gift Pack*

All 12 items

+ 3 x Photo Bookmarks
8" x 2"

+ 3 x 2" x 1.4"

+ 1 x Door Hanger
10" x 4"

+ 1 x Photo Calendar
5" x 7"

+ 4 x Photo Gift Tags
3.4" x 2.5"

Group Only

Group Photograph
as determined by your school
see overleaf

More products and options available - Order Online!

Uniform Shop



Thank you to our student leaders **Alex, Tom, Elizabeth & Josie** and Mum **Cindy Warburton** for volunteering in the uniform shop leading up to the start of the new school year. Your assistance was much appreciated!

With Autumn approaching new students should grab their winter clothing before the weather cools to avoid unexpected out of stocks.

For our new Footballers, we have "MHS" rugby shorts and socks. (Royal Blue/Gold)

Our [online shop](#) is up and running. Orders will be kept at the shop for a week and then passed onto the office if not collected. Payment methods include PayPal and Credit Card. (Please let me know if you have any problems with your transaction.)

Further information regarding the uniform can be found on the school's [website](#).

Vanessa

Hours Tuesday 7.30 – 11.30am Thursday 12-4pm	Cash or EFT-POS	Mobile Phone: 0439 118 033 (only turned on during opening hours)
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12 - 15 April 2015

**SHORT FILM COMPETITION
WILL BE ON AGAIN FOR 2015**

THEME: UP

**BLUE HEELER
FILM
FESTIVAL**



Come on up!



Bus Route Changes—Osborn's Transport

**OSBORN'S
TRANSPORT**

Reg Osborn Pty Ltd | ABN 59 000 100 319
53-55 Milland Street | PO Box 727 | MUSWELLBROOK NSW 2333
T 02 6543 1271 | F 02 3512 1581 | E osborns@telgopond.net.au



6 February 2015

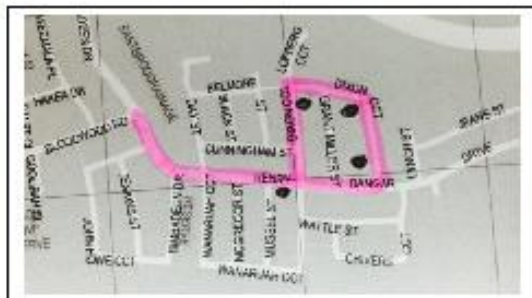
Dear Parents

BUS ROUTE CHANGE TO 122 AM & 111 PM AROUND EASTLINKS ESTATE

Currently your child is catching the 122 bus in the morning and the 111 bus in the afternoon from Muswellbrook High School to the Corner of Henry Dangar Drive and Wanaruah Circuit.

As of Monday 16 February 2015 we will be changing our bus routes. Your children will remain on the same bus 122 in the morning and 111 in the afternoon however instead of going around Wanaruah Circuit the bus will now be going Up Henry Dangar Drive, Left into Dixon Circuit and following this back to Henry Dangar Drive to turn right and return back towards the school.

At this stage we will be keeping the pick up and drop off times the same. Stops will be at the following places (as per picture):



The Corner of Henry Dangar Drive and Dixon Circuit, Where Dixon Circuit bends to the left,
The Corner of Dixon Circuit and Lofberg Circuit and
The Corner of Henry Dangar Drive and Wanaruah Circuit

Times and pick up and drop off points may be altered later accordingly but you will be notified of this if this needs to happen.

Should you require further information on this matter please feel free to contact the office.

Yours faithfully

Melinda Halloran
Accounts Manager

Introducing our all new

PLATINUM ALL-STARS!



Our brand new Platinum All-Stars Class is for ages 5-18 who have never been given the ability or chance to dance. And require "special" attention.

Classes will consist of gross motor activities to promote co-ordination and musicality. They will also learn dance steps and combinations that will be later on used in a dance for our end of year concert!

All children will be treated equally and we aim to cater for any special needs they may have.

Classes are \$10 and will be on a casual basis, so you only pay when you are able to attend!

Classes will be held every Friday from 4-4:30pm at our purpose built studio Unit 3,27-31 Market Street Muswellbrook. Easy ramp access and carpark facilities available.

Contact us today on 0434674157 for more information or to book a spot!



DENMAN SANDY HOLLOW JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

NRL 2013 GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR PLAYERS FROM 5 YEARS TO 16 YEARS FOR 2015

Registration is \$50 and Includes; free SHORTS, SOCKS and CLUB POLO SHIRT and NEW PLAYERS will receive a DEVILS FOOTBALL.

REGISTRATIONS are to be done online, online payment is Optional.

Go to: <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?>

[alD=105&pKey=28e4452289d3e19c4fbbfcf2a803047c&cID=12527&formID=41072](https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?alD=105&pKey=28e4452289d3e19c4fbbfcf2a803047c&cID=12527&formID=41072)

New Registrations are to be done online but will require; COPY of BIRTH CERTIFICATE to the Club
Players transferring from another club are required to fill out a registration form

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT;

SECRETARY: PETER BARRY; 0428625713 peterandangelabarry@bigpond.com

REGISTRAR: DANIELLE SAW; 0488 054 398 daniellesaw@rocketmail.com

Or visit our website www.denmanshjrl.leaguenet.com.au

Training

Under 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s & 16s are training Tuesdays and Thursdays 5.00pm to 6.00pm from Tuesday 10th February at Denman Oval.

Muswellbrook District Junior Rugby League Football Club -

Season Kicks off soon

1st Child \$85 - 2nd Child \$75 - 3rd Child \$65 - 4th and subsequent children are free.

This price includes Sports insurance coverage for 2015, Rams club shorts and socks for re-registration, and club shirt, shorts & socks for each new registration....

**Our Club Registrar is Bronwyn Pettit and her details are either
email : bbo55y@hotmail.com ; or via text/call on 0428 580 355.**

All players MUST register online – if you have any queries or issues our Club Registrar will be at Olympic Park on the following days:

**Thursday 5th February from 4.30-5.30pm - Tuesday 10th February from 4.30-5.30pm -
Tuesday 17th February from 6.00-6.30pm - Thursday 26th February from 4.30-5.30pm.**

The direct link to our website is: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=7-2372-21638-0-0 We also have an amazing Facebook page to keep up to date with details as well.



Dance Classes

Upper Hunter Physie is a combination of Dance, Ballet and Aerobics. Its affordable Dance and Exercise for girls 3 years and up!! Classes commence the week of 16th of February to find out more information contact Mel 0402052733 or Channy upperhunterphysie@hotmail.com

**Kind Regards
Channy McPhee**

SCHOOL ZONE PENALTIES

Road Rules 2008

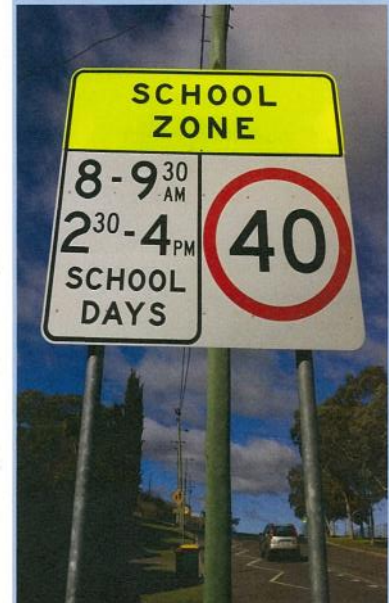
Offence	Amount	Demerit Points
Disobey "No Stopping" sign	\$311.00	2
Disobey "No Parking" sign	\$173.00	2
Stop on/near childrens crossing	\$415.00	2
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing	\$415.00	2
Stop on/near marked foot crossing	\$415.00	2
Stop in bus zone	\$311.00	2
Double Parking	\$311.00	2
Stop on path/strip in built-up area	\$173.00	2
Stop on/across driveway/other access to/ from land	\$173.00	2



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ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

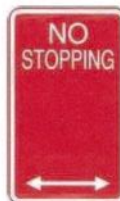


Why do we need restricted parking?

- Restricted parking in school zones is there for the safety of our children.
- It is designed to help all road users maintain safe lines of vision.
- It is designed to allow for a turnover of vehicles within a limited area.
- Illegal parking creates a dangerous environment for children as it can severely reduce their view of approaching vehicles.

Know your Parking Signs

NO STOPPING



What does it mean?
You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
To keep line of sight clear for drivers AND children, so both have more time to avoid crashes.

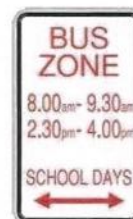
NO PARKING



What does it mean?
You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within three (3) metres of your car at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

BUS ZONE



What does it mean?
You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide safe place for buses to set down and pick up passengers.

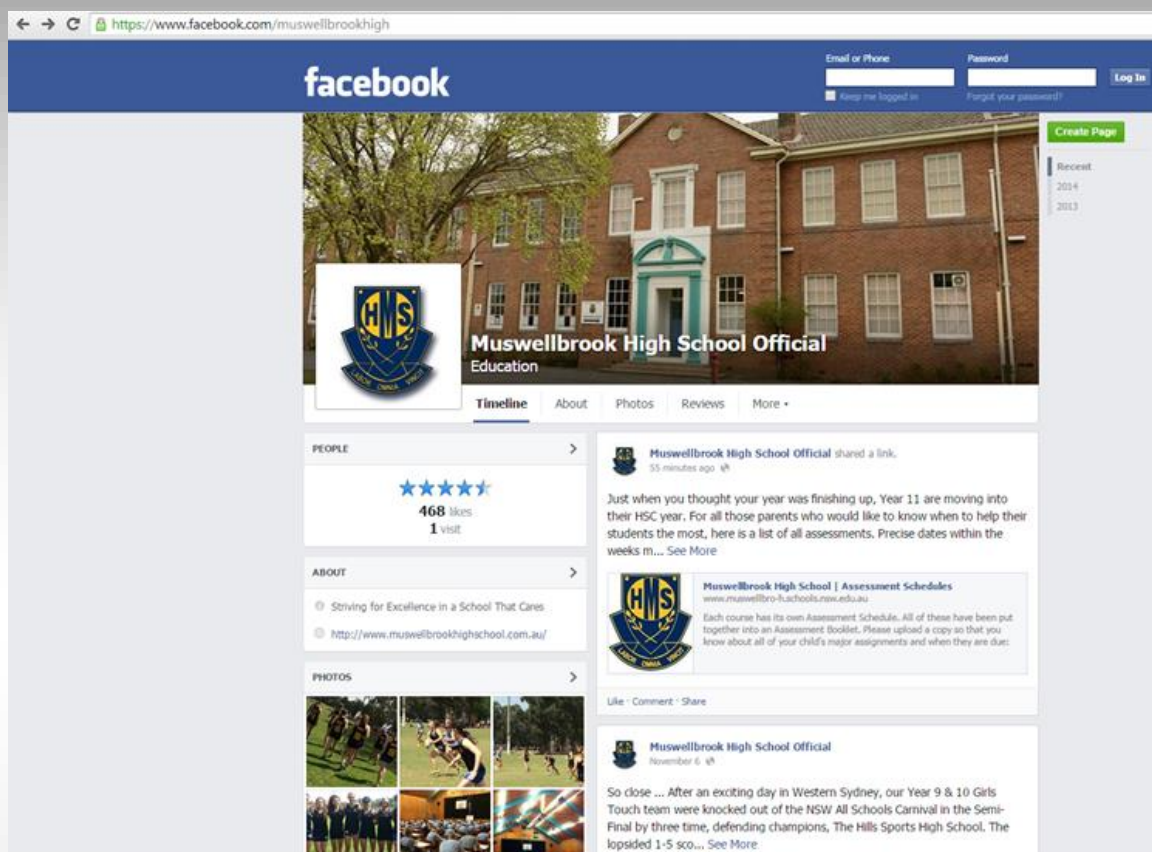
Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of "their" safety zone.



NO PARKING ON NATURE STRIPS OR FOOTPATHS.



www.facebook.com/muswellbrookhigh



Muswellbrook High School—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Facebook— [facebook.com/muswellbrookhigh](https://www.facebook.com/muswellbrookhigh) (Our Official Facebook Page)

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 – www.muswellbro-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. 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.