



Muswellbrook High School

Newsletter 2

27th March 2015



Principal Report

Term 1 has flown and I invite you to make your way through this newsletter, to catch up on all the great opportunities for our students to engage and extend their learning beyond the classroom walls.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

I invite all students to join with the student leaders and march with us as a school group at the Denman and Muswellbrook ANZAC Day town services.

We will meet at the train station in Muswellbrook at 9.45 am on Saturday 25th April for the march. It will be a privilege to walk along side you.

I greatly enjoyed catching up with Cody Risby, a Yr. 10 student, ahead of his epic overseas adventure to Gallipoli. Cody has been chosen from an application process and sponsored by the local RSL clubs as well as fundraising to attend the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Cody is an impressive young man. On the 25th April, he will be standing on the beach at Gallipoli. He told me that he wishes to not only represent his school, his town and his country on this day, but he wishes to honour and stand in remembrance for all those men who sacrificed their lives and have no living relatives to keep their stories and memories alive. No doubt it will be a life changing, emotional experience and I look forward to him sharing his stories upon return.

Cody is looking forward to his first time overseas, the plane travel and all the experiences that come with travel. He will join with Singleton HS, Dungog HS and Maitland Christian School students. They will stop over in Dubai; spend some time in Venice before embarking on a cruise that will take them to the shores of Gallipoli. He anticipates that the formal black tie event that will take place on the final evening of their cruise will be another highlight. He is 'pretty stoked to go'.

On behalf of our school, I would like to wish Cody all the very best for safe travel and fond memories of this time overseas.



Parent / Teacher interviews

It is always a delight to see so many parents taking the opportunity to speak face to face with their child's teachers at the parent/teacher interviews. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to the school.

I appreciate the opportunity to get to know you a little better and always appreciate the feedback that you provide to make MHS the best possible place of learning. The feedback from the survey showed that the most relevant information for you includes; Academic strengths, Work ethic, Academic results, Concerns and areas to improve, Behaviour, Personal strengths / social strengths and Literacy / assessment schedules / Numeracy.

Leaders

'As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others' – Bill Gates.

Welcome to the 2015 Leadership Team and it is with great pride that the Junior SRC members were inducted at a recent whole school assembly. *Congratulations* to you all:

Year 7 2015:

Emily Mullane	Jason Madden
Kate Rowlands	Finlay McTaggart

Year 8 2015:

Emily Bishop	Boston Gageler
Jaide Cutrupi	Nathan Wilton

Year 9 2015:

Brydie Cullen	Joel Hartin
Katie Van Vliet	Marcus Morris

Year 10 2015:

Brydie Parker	Blake Shackleton
Georgina Rowlands	Bailey Graham

Thank you Yr. 12 students who are showing outstanding leadership through dedicated study habits, respectful connections with students and teachers, proudly in school uniform, punctual, hardworking and focused. Keep up the good study habits for your upcoming half yearly exams, commencing week 1 Term 2.

Ms Elizabeth Bate
Principal



Welcome to the new executive of our P and C

A strong positive partnership with our parents and citizens enhances the learning opportunities for our students. Our parents are strong advocates for ensuring our school is supported to deliver the very best of personalised and engaged learning. The P and C is a great way to learn about our school and what makes our school operate successfully. We welcome all new parents and carers to our meetings every second Thursday of the month in the library, starting at 7 pm.

Our newly elected President and Secretary, Mrs Angela Barry and Mrs Julie Dunbar, are keen and full of fresh ideas to build on the foundational work of outgoing President and Secretary, Mrs Jenni Bullivant and Mrs Sandra Langley. I would like to publically take this opportunity to thank Jenni and Sandra for their unwavering support of MHS. The opportunities that have been possible to our students because of their commitment and the strength of their presence will be long remembered at MHS.

What's Support Up To?

It's already been a very busy term for students and teachers in the Support faculty. Students have been accessing the community, cooking, swimming and are even attending the Muswellbrook Show.

For those on Facebook, you will have seen photographs of our students assisting the residents at Mt Providence Aged Care Hostel. These students were exemplary representatives of both our school and the younger generation and impressed the residents with their manners and positive attitude. We will be visiting the hostel on alternate fortnights, hoping to build a positive relationship with outside agencies.

Here are a few photographs showing our students in action!



The Bronze Class!

The Finished Product! Yum!



Relieving Deputy Principal

As Relieving Deputy Principal in Scott Copland's absence this term. It has been a pleasure to work with Years 7, 9 and 11.

Year 7 have made a smooth transition into their high school studies. They have told me they are enjoying the change in teachers and variation of subjects. They have recently been inducted into the SRC, immunised and completed cross country. Reading a timetable always offers some challenges, however, Year 7 in 2015 have embraced high school life and its differences from primary school. It is important for the flow of the school day that student's know what their daily timetable includes and what equipment will be required for lessons, such as yellow shirt or calculators. A copy of the timetable should be kept on the student, in their diary and at home. Congratulations, Year 7, keep up the great work.

Year 9. Electives, electives, electives. Year 9 have embraced their electives. It is fantastic to see them so keen and eager for their studies. This particular Year 9 will be the first year that will be eligible to reselect electives again at the end of the year. Meaning they could possibly do 6 electives over Year 9 and 10. They will also be ambassadors in showcasing MHS to our potential up and coming Year 6 students into MHS. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 9 Chess representatives Kai Suzuki, Nathaniel Sharp and Tyler Dever-Medhurst on a top 5 ranking in a recent Interschool Chess Tournament. Check-mate.

Year 11. Wow, what an amazing return from students to complete their Senior Studies this year. Student's are reminded that wearing the white senior shirt requires behaviours which are reflective of their new responsibilities as leaders of the school. Inappropriate behaviours such as smoking, truanting or disrespect will not be tolerated. Also, be mindful that teaching staff are here to help you. There are many services that are offered within the school to assist with assessments or general study skills. So please feel free to pop up to the learning centre or contact Miss Henderson (Year Advisor) Mrs Wass (Assistant Year Advisor) to be guided into a supportive area.

For any of our new parents and students I thought I would explain to you our disciplinary processes. Inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour may result in a monitoring card being issued. The follow is an explanation of what each card addresses.

Yellow cards – A student may receive a Yellow monitoring card from a Head Teacher due to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviours. Two zero's on this card will result in an upgrade to the Orange card.

Orange – Student has been upgraded to the Orange level from Yellow. Behaviours deemed serious enough for a card but not a suspension.

Red – Student is placed on a Red Card after a Return from Suspension meeting with the Deputy Principal. The student attends home group with the Deputies for the duration of a week.

If your child is issued with a card. The Head Teacher or Deputy will endeavour to make contact with parents/ careers to inform them. It is also important that you check and sign your child's card on a daily basis after the school day. This ensures parents and the school are all on the same page and potential problems are addressed early.

Drop off Zone – Please be mindful when you are dropping your child off to school the main entrance car park in Clendenning Street is not a drop off zone. Due to the large area our school covers numerous entry points for students to access both before and after school have been installed. Also note, that students are not permitted to walk within the designated bus stop areas at the front of the school, as it is dangerous. The intersection between Clendenning Street and King Street is as busy as Pitt Street and not a safe area, if this is an area you normally pick your child up, please discuss an alternate area of pick up to ensure the safety of your child. At the back of the school is preferable.

Thank you again for a wonderful experience in the Deputy chair and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable school year.

Miss Narelle Smith
Relieving Deputy Principal

Attendance Alert

What a pleasing start to 2015 with most students attending every lesson of every day. Our attendance at the Swimming Carnival was significantly higher than last year and resulted in over 100 Year 7 students rewarded with a free barbeque for having the most students in attendance by year group percentage. Last week, the Executive team ratified a modification to the attendance rewards scheme, which will utilise our Vivo points for regular attendance. Each week, if a student is present every lesson of every day, they will earn a Vivo point. Every term, if a student achieves 100% attendance, they will achieve 10 bonus Vivo points. 100% attendance each year will earn the student another 20 bonus Vivo points. This scheme will also occur on top of the partnership with the Newcastle Knights family passes, iTunes vouchers and hopefully further incentives being negotiated.

So ... where is improvement needed? Late arrival to school remains a concern for some students. Every day we commence our schooling with Home Group at 9:00am. There is a five minute grace period until a student is late. For senior students, the expectation remains to be at school by 9:00am if they have a lesson for period one, especially to gather the important information that is shared at their daily year group meeting. Where a senior student has no scheduled lesson for period one, they are expected to sign/scan in prior to their first scheduled lesson. This means prior to 10:05am for period two or 11:20am for period three. All students, parents and carers are reminded that on time, is prior to the designated start time. While we aren't an airport, we have high attendance expectations – a minute late for check in or boarding may miss your flight – it is this high expectation we do wish to instil into our students, hence the reason we send late arrival text messages.

Truancy, unfortunately, still needs addressing. Our Attendance Plan has been reviewed at the end of last year and the Attendance Team, including the Senior Executive, have recommended that students who are identified as truanting lessons will be cautioned formally with phone contact and an accompanying letter to parents/carers, while the student will be monitored over two weeks on an Attendance Card. A subsequent truancy will result in a suspension. There shouldn't be a need to truant any lesson. If there are issues in classes that students are encountering, they are reminded to speak to their teacher, Head Teacher of faculty or Year Advisor to ensure their learning is not disrupted.

Partial leave will only be granted for legitimate reasons. Doctor/dentist/orthodontist/counsellor visits may occasionally need to be scheduled during school hours. Funerals may require partial leave. Students are to bring a signed, dated note, with their name, year and reason, to E-Block prior to 9:00am. The Head Teacher Administration will verify the partial if required and the student will receive a leave slip to show to their teacher when it is time to depart. This slip must be retained by the student to show to authorities external to school, if requested, to show the school is aware of where the student is located. Leave for birthdays, driving tests, work or job interviews are NOT legitimate reasons, nor is walking home from sport as the location is closer to home. Partial leave will not be granted in these instances.

Jump on board in supporting attendance and continue to see Muswellbrook High School students thrive on the extra knowledge they gain by being at school, on time, every day and participating in every lesson.

Nick Mulvihill
Head Teacher Administration

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE END OF TERM 1—3rd April 2015

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR START OF TERM 2— 21st April 2015

Lions Youth Of the Year

Lions Youth of the Year is an annual event which is conducted by Lions Clubs throughout the World. The quest, now in its 50th year, involves public speaking and an interview. Former entrants include: Kevin Rudd and Peter Beattie, a past premier of Queensland. Winners from the local Clubs and Regions have the opportunity to attend a Youth Leadership Camp which provides mentoring and networking opportunities for these young people.

Muswellbrook High School is fortunate in that both the Muswellbrook Lioness Club and the Muswellbrook Lions Club conduct this quest each year and this provides an opportunity for 8 participants from our school; Stephen Davis, Perry Franks, Elizabeth Symington, Bayley Carter, Thomas Hogan, Alexander Armstrong, Josie Whitten and Lara Cutrupi



In December Stephen Davis, Perry Frank, Elizabeth Symington and Bayley Carter participated in the Muswellbrook Lioness Club's Youth of the Year. Stephen Davis won the Public Speaking section and Elizabeth Symington was named Youth of the Year for the Lioness Club.

In February Thomas Hogan, Alexander Armstrong, Josie Whitten and Lara Cutrupi participated in the Muswellbrook Lions Club Youth of the Year. Lara Cutrupi was awarded the Public Speaking award and Alexander Armstrong was chosen as Youth of the Year for the Muswellbrook Lions Club.

On Sunday 8 March, both Elizabeth and Alexander competed at the Regional completion for Youth of the Year against finalists from other High School in the Region. Elizabeth and Alexander were supported by their families and represented Muswellbrook High School admirably.

Congratulations to all the participants in Lions Youth of the Year.

Certificates:	Stephen Davis	Public Speaking Lioness Club
	Elizabeth Symington	Lioness Club Winner Youth of the Year
		Regional Finalist Youth of the Year
	Lara Cutrupi	Public Speaking Lions Club
	Alexander Armstrong	Lions Club Winner Youth of the Year
		Regional Finalist

Debating

As part of the inaugural Coal Festival, Muswellbrook High School participated in an inter-school debate competition on Friday 27 March. We fielded both a Senior and Junior debating team against St Joseph's from Aberdeen. Both teams demonstrated great teamwork and ability to think under pressure. Congratulations to members of both teams.

Junior Team: Meg Rankin, Jaide Cutrupi, Kate Rowlands and Finlay McTaggart

Senior Team: Rhylie Pereira, Liam Barnes, Stephen Davis and Owen McLeod

Bailey Cavanagh – Time Keeper

Lara Cutrupi - Chairperson

Ms Kerion Fellowes
English Teacher



Muswellbrook High School—Open Day 2015



TAS Report—Agriculture

Our Agriculture students and Herdsman Team were flat out preparing cattle last week for the Upper Hunter Show. Additionally Mr Taylor and Mr Elliott prepared our students to parade and judge the cattle on display. We achieved some top results over the weekend!



Cross Country

Here is a small selection of what unfolded at the new Cross Country course for Muswellbrook High School. 3km for students 14 years and under, while those 15 and over attempted 6km in hot and windy conditions. Congratulations to all participants, particularly those who placed in their age group, those who were in the top 100 receiving a Vivo, juniors completing the course in 30 minutes and seniors in 60 minutes for House Points and Mr Doust for his coordination of the event.





a rewarding experience

Improving performance, motivation and engagement in schools

Muswellbrook High School has updated the Merit system to Vivo. Vivo is a web-based rewards system proven to improve student engagement and help achieve school values. Vivo will give students complete online visibility of the expectations the school want to drive, using technology they enjoy and will allow student to cash in their merit points for prizes that they choose.

- Vivo inspires students by delivering a mix of intrinsic and extrinsic motivators, including:

- Peer and cohort recognition and league tables
- Immediate recognition, feedback and praise
- Customisable rewards catalogue

Students have all been given personal logins and Staff have already awarded many Vivo points for academic achievement, citizenship, positive classroom behaviour and participation in extra curricular activities.

How many Vivos does your child have?

Rachel Kable

Head Teacher Welfare

STUDENT VIEWS

Welcome back, Victoria

Total awarded: ▼1,060

Current balance: ▼718

Last awarded: 5 weeks ago

[Transaction history »](#)

You are only V940 away from Gold Club membership.

School's rewards tariff

Activity	Value
Caught doing the right thing	V5
Effective Participant	V10
Effort in Lesson	V5
Excellent Homework	V15
Excellent Progress Over the Term	V250
Excellent work	V10
Extra Curricular	V15
Full Uniform	V5

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Games

Play now »

Top 10

Pos	Name	Total
1	user 1	2,400
2	user 2	1,512
3	user 3	1,402
4	user 4	1,223
5	Victoria Atkins (7)	1,060
6	user 6	433
7	user 7	408
8	user 8	398
9	user 9	373
10	user 10	356

View more about this

Earn extra Vivos

- Homework Club By Mr Ochoyerty on 09-Oct-13
- Film Club By Miss Brooks on 23-Sep-13
- Choir By Mr Hatchard on 05-Aug-13
- Reading Club By Mr Hatchard on 05-Aug-13
- Help Pump Up School Footballs By Mr Hatchard on 05-Aug-13

[View details](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

The Class of 2014



Jordi Adam Smith
New Uni
Primary Teach and
Early Childhood



Melinda Allen
Food Industry
Muswellbrook



James Bagley
Deferred
Newcastle Uni
Elec Engineering
Computer Sci



Maddison Bartholomew



Emily Bartush
Office Admin
Newcastle and Travel



Lauren Beatty
Business Admin
Trainee
AGL Macquarie



Emma Blain
Deferred Uni
Gap year travel and work
in UK



Lori Boston
Deferred Bachelor of
Fine Arts Newcastle
Working in Denman
Restaurant



Nikki Bray
Retail Big W



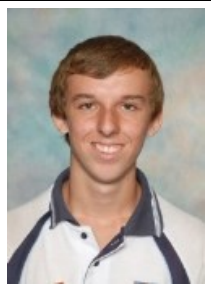
Stephanie Bullivant
Working Hunterbelle
Cheese
Deferred Uni
Business



Kyle Burgess
Diploma of Sound
Production



Larissa Cantor



James Carey
Retail assistant in auto
parts
Online personal training
and fitness course



Reece Carey
Working Retail Discount
Store



Luke Woodward
Retail work locally



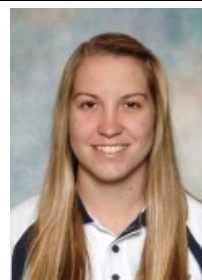
Jake Cronin
Music Degree
Newcastle University



Rachel Dalessandro
B Psych Honours
Newcastle Uni



Joshua Daniel
Working Food Industry



Megan Doran
Office Administration
Trainee



Ethan Dorrian Gardner
Trainee pest
management



Georgia Douglas
PDHPE Teaching
degree at Newcastle
Uni



Michael Duggan
Mechanical Apprentice



Gillian Dutt
Retail Assistant



Nathan Elliot
Bar work in Denman



Samantha Elphick
Equine Industry
applicant



Ashleigh Farrell
Cert 3 Ag
TOCAL College



India Finney
Working in the Northern
Territory bar work and
hoping to go to uni next
year.



Sophie Fitzgerald
Deferred Theatre Media
degree at CSU Bathurst
and currently on gap
year in the USA



Jessica Gale-Paag
Retail
Big W



Josie Gill
Working-Denman Take
away



Danielle Goodwin
Mechanical
Apprenticeship
BHP Billiton



Makayla Gorrell
Endeavour Group



Connor Graham
Deferred Newcastle Uni
B Arts, working in retail.



Kayla Hemmings
Working
Kitchen work



Talisa Henderson
Deferred University of
Wollongong
Working this year



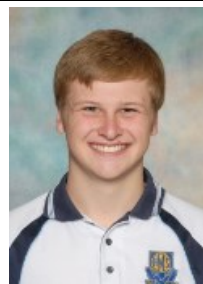
Taylah Hennessy
Retail assistant
Denman



Rosemary Howard
Fast food industry
Management
Traineeship



Caitlin Hunter
Retail Applications
Current



Joshua Ingold
B Primary Teaching
Newcastle University



Damon Jones
B Maths B Science
Double Degree
Newcastle Uni



Brooke Jordan
Receptionist
Motel



Rhys Jordan working
locally to save for
working year in the UK



Maddison Jory
Working night shifts in
hospitality industry Uni
in Melbourne next year



Jackson Keegan
Commenced military
training at Kapooka



Isabel Ladmore
Working retail auto
parts and study
business at TAFE



John Langley
Radiography at
Newcastle University



Jasmine Leffler
Retail work
Woolworths



Malcolm Leffler
Mechanical
Apprenticeship
Applicant



Jonathon Logan
ANU Canberra
B Engineering Honours



Tamara-Mae Marskell
Working
Fast food Industry



Brandon Matthews
Getting fit for the
defence entry



Lourissa McLaurin
Business Management
and Tourism Diploma at
Passmore's



Liam McLean
Bridging course
Newcastle University



Shelby Medhurst
Apprentice
Plant Mechanic
Glencore Mining



Montana Mepham
Traineeship Hospitality



Jayden Mills
B Arts
Newcastle University



Elisha Mutasa
Electrical Engineering
Newcastle University



Pamela Mutezo
Part time work and
Community Service
Course next year



Sarah Payton
Online animal care
course
Working in the fast food
industry



Laura Pickersgill
B Ed Secondary Maths
NSWDET scholarship
UNE



Brodie Price
Apprentice
BHP Billiton



Hayley Riley
Working Retail
Part time Coles



Jayden Rivers



Brendan Roach
Retail at Big W
Cert 4 Business at TAFE



Sasha Roberts
Relocated with family
to Brisbane
May apply for music
courses



Kaitlin Roberts- Batty
Deferred Agriculture
and Business degree
at UNE, working in
retail.



Perpeture Saopa
B Nursing at UNE



Chris Spelde
Undercover work for
discount retailer



Shaniika Stair
Hospitality work
Hopefully Uni next year



Shiona Suzuki
Speech Therapy
Newcastle University



Ryan Symington
Working part time on
family farm



Mikayla Thompson
Big W and Business
study at TAFE



Stuart Thomson
Bachelor of Business
Newcastle University



Cooper Tym
B International Studies
University of Wollongong



Nic Vitali
Brick laying
assistant



Amba Ward
Working Hotel Industry



Ross Webber
Army Reserves
and KFC



Luke Wilson
Retail Work at Coles

In Other Careers News

Trade and Careers Day- featured over 30 presenters from universities, TAFE and Industry, here on Tuesday March 17 with compulsory sessions for Yr 10, 11 and 12 as well as 9/1.

Uni Crawl will run once again on April 1 visiting the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney with lunch at one of the Colleges and The University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus.

Year 10 Work experience has been divided in to four groups, group 1 March 23-27, Group 2 June 15-19, Group 3 September 7 to 11 and group 4 November 30 to December. The list of students in each group is on display outside room C20. Students need to complete at least two lessons relating to work experience procedures and safety please before applying for work experience.

Careers website, Muswellbrook High School is registered with a careers information service called 'jobjump' with university, training and employment information. To assist with career education, our school is providing use of the careers website www.jobjump.com.au



This website provides information on:

- Careers-descriptions, short videos, news and upcoming events
- Calendar-upcoming career events, information days, open days
- Find My Career-information about careers and several suggested career quizzes HSC subjects and ATARs
- University-including open days, scholarships, accommodation and exchange
- Apprenticeships
- Earnings
- Jobs-vacancies, resumes builders
- Work Experience
- GAP years
- Where is-directory of over 140 links

There is a 3 minute introductory video on the job jump website.

Students or parents can register to receive ongoing updates on their career interest for up to one year after leaving school by email.

The school password to enter this website is **cattledogs**.

Mr Tony Borg
Careers Advisor

2015 Boys Cricket Wrap

Following a strong trial period for boys cricket at Muswellbrook High School in week two, confidence was at a new high leading into the new season. Jarrod Watts was named captain of the Open team, with a difficult decision reached to introduce Campbell Schmierer and Lachlan Ballard as deserving co-captains of the Under 14s team. We welcomed back Reinhard Lategan and Joel Barner into the Open team, after a year off as well as a host of new players into the Under 14s, highlighting the depth and potential for a few years ahead.

We hosted Singleton High School at Victoria Park in week five, but unfortunately lost the toss that needed to be won! Understandably, we were sent in to bat in overcast conditions on a very green deck, suiting the team bowling first. Josh Cooper made an impression in his Opens debut and grinded a solid 25 before an errant shot broke his frustrating partnership with Aiden Worth who swung hard for his 12. This was the depth of our resistance courtesy of some consistent bowling from our opposition and a total of 72 was achieved in our innings.

Runs on the board tend to be an advantage at school cricket level and while Blake Kellett bowled an impressive five overs without conceding a run, it was too little, too late when Jack Clare and Joel Hartin picked up a couple of cheap wickets. While the chase lasted beyond the drinks break, the pitch turned into a batsman's delight as the day warmed up and the turf dried out. Even some creative field placements by captain Watts couldn't stem the flow of runs and the target was achieved for the loss of two wickets.

Kellett, Lategan and Barner now say farewell to school cricket and must be acknowledged for their efforts over the past four and a half years in both the Under 14s and Opens teams. A highlight would definitely be seeing Joel, as a Year 7 student, fighting for some runs with his brother in the regional final against Whitebridge in 2011. Thanks boys.

In week eight, our Under 14s set out to make amends in Singleton and faced a double header, starting with Mount View High School in a Twenty/20 over match going on to face Singleton High School who received a first round forfeit against Scone. Schmierer opened the bowling after co-captain Ballard won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat. The master stroke resulted in two wickets falling in the opening over and our intent on display early. In what turned out to be a team effort, using seven different bowlers, five took wickets, with Luke Smith taking three, for only three runs conceded. Shaun Wilkins showed his accuracy with a direct hit run out and Ballard finished off proceedings with a double to restrict Mount View to 42 runs after 12.3 overs.

In response, Ballard opened the batting and scored an unbeaten 17 runs and was supported by wicket keeper, Jack Mann who scored 12. Loose bowling, resulting in 11 sundries aided the run chase, which was completed in a brief 7 overs. A first round win to build confidence and hopefully intimidate the onlooking opponents.

Co-captain Schmierer went into the toss hoping to bat first on a wicket that was drying out from the morning and wanted to cash in on the form of Ballard and Mann. Singleton had similar intentions and were successful in calling the fall of the coin and opened their batting well. A beautiful cherry by Will Lewis in the second over warmed up the Muswellbrook team, but it was an incredible run out coordinated by Wilkins and completed with an unlikely tap onto the stumps by Mann, then a first ball duck delivered by Schmierer, 3 for 13 off three was the ultimate start. The next ten overs were in favour of the opposition and it wasn't until Owen Barry was brought into the attack with his cheeky leg-spinners, that the bleeding of runs was halted. His three wicket haul contributed to the restriction of Singleton to all out for 86 runs.



Runs on the board ... that saying was discussed again with our boys and while the small total seemed achievable, the pitch was inconsistent and throughout the day a number of balls got unsuspecting wickets. Opening bats Wilkins and Barry started soundly, however, the run chase was slow. In an attempt to pick up the pace some quick wickets fell and it was left to Ballard and Boston Gageler to steady the ship. Unfortunately, drinks after ten overs broke their concentration and little resistance was shown from our bottom order. Although Jack Waters and Shaun Close both remained not out, the Singleton bowling was strong enough to contain the Muswellbrook boys to 9/49.

Although the results weren't in favour of the school on top of the hill, the potential for the future couple of years is exciting. The majority of the Under 14s will make their Opens debut next year and with some refinement of their skills, should play a significant role in, hopefully, returning the team to the regional final.

A special thank you must be given to the ongoing support of the parents and carers bringing the boys to trials, training and matches. It is always a pleasure catching up, but mostly, giving your boys a great opportunity to participate in cricket, while representing this great school.

Mr Nick Mulvihill
Cricket Coach

St Joseph's Denman Primary School Horse Sports Day

Mrs Strachan travelled to Denman with Emily Medhurst, Georgina Rowlands and Kate Rowlands to on the 16th March to represent Muswellbrook High School in our first School Horse Sports for 2015. The team had a good day with mixed results.

Emily and her horse Monty competed in the 14yr's age group and came 2nd in a strong Hack class and went on to have a fun and competitive afternoon in the sporting events.

Kate and her horse Billie Smith had a solid day in the 13yr's age group with Kate running 2nd in her Girl Rider, 5th in her Hack, 2nd in Time trial, 4th Show jumping, and placed in all her sporting events.

Georgina and Jack Sparrow started the day well in the 16yr's age group with a 3rd in her Hack class before competing in a Time Trial that resulted in a fall with Georgina breaking her arm. This finished Georgina's day and will keep her off her horse for the next 6 weeks.



School Uniform Shop



Now is the time to start thinking about what your student may need.

The Uniform Shop has woollen and fleecy jumpers, jackets, track-pants, navy slacks (for the girls) and plain navy scarves.

Any combination can be worn.

Tip: Expect queues at the shop the first week of Term Two!

More information can be found [on the school website.](#)

P & C Committee Report

The P and C Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 12th March. The office Bearers for 2015 are : President- Angela Barry, 1st Vice President- Kay Curran, 2nd Vice president- Fiona Hartin, Secretary- Julie Dunbar, Treasurer – Dianne Watts, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer—Zeta Rowlands. Pam King is our Budget Committee Representative.

Special mention goes to Sandra Langley who was elected a Patron of the school. Sandra has been a member of the P and C for many years and continued on in her role as secretary after her children had left Muswellbrook High School. We thank her for her dedication and interest in Muswellbrook High School and I know she will be greatly missed by the members of the P and C. We also thank and farewell Jenni Bullivant our outgoing President.

The P & C have been proactive in 2014 improving the school environment, a working bee was held to clean up the school grounds and gardens and refresh the handball squares, additional seating was sourced and the fan was purchased for the hall. I am sure that anyone who has been to an event in the hall in 2014 appreciates how much difference the fan has made.

The P and C meets the second Thursday of each month, not including school holidays, in the hall. Meetings begin at 7pm. The next meeting will be Thursday 14th of June.

Please feel welcome to come along and learn more about our school.



Link Up

Bringing you choice to make life a bit easier

Link Up is a day where you can find out about services for those in your local community who are Aboriginal and aged over 50, have a disability or who are caring for someone with a disability.

Link Up is a great way to connect with services in your community, and to get practical advice about how these services can make living at home easier and more enjoyable. These services are flexible so that you can choose the assistance you need, in the way that will suit you best.

Some of the services you can find out about include:

- hearing tests
- home help for cleaning, maintenance and personal help
- social stuff
- transport
- home modifications
- help to get around
- shopping
- help for carers
- nutrition
- podiatry
- meals
- interest groups
- how to get involved with activities in the community
- aids to help you see
- counselling.



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Link Up

In our commitment to working together and with respect for Aboriginal culture, a number of ceremonial and cultural activities will be held at each Link Up event including a local elder performing Welcome to Country and performances by local Aboriginal youth dance troops at some locations.

Where will Link Up be held?

Mindaribba

Friday 6 March, 10–2 pm
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal
Land Council
1A Chelmsford Drive
Metford NSW 2323
(near The Good Guys)

Awabakal

Monday 9 March, 10–2 pm
Ethnic Communities Council
2A Platt Street
Waratah NSW 2298
(opposite Waratah station)

Biraban

Thursday 12 March, 10–2 pm
Bolton Point Community Hall
68A Middle Point Road
Bolton Point NSW 2283
(next to Biraban LALC)

Worimi

Thursday 19 March, 10–2 pm
Murrook Culture Centre
2163 Nelson Bay Road
Williamstown NSW 2318
(Worimi LALC)

Black Creek

Tuesday 24 March, 10–2 pm
Cessnock City Scout Hall
284 Maitland Road
Cessnock NSW 2325
(cnr Henderson Ave)

Karuah

Thursday 26 March, 10–2 pm
Karuah Local Aboriginal
Land Council Hall
Muston Road Karuah
NSW 2324
(opp LALC 16 Mustons Ave)

Wanaruah

Tuesday 31 March, 10–2 pm
Singleton Youth Venue
Corner Pitt and Bathurst
Street
Singleton NSW 2330

Wanaruah (Muswellbrook)

Thursday 2 April, 10–2 pm
Red Door Kitchen
Uniting Church Hall
122 Bridge Street
Muswellbrook NSW 2333
(next to Muswellbrook
Holden)

**So come along, have a wander and a yarn,
ask questions, and enjoy some lunch!**

For more information contact Sue Shilcock on 0429 075 430 or
email sue.shilcock@wesleymission.org.au

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MUSWELLBROOK 28-29 MARCH

20 February Purple Day
Get creative; raise more funds to reach your team goal

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Register.
Participate.
Donate.
1300 65 65 65

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Muswellbrook Relay for Life @ Weeraman Oval

Share walking the track while enjoying music, food, entertainment, games, camping and



WHATS ON THE DAY!



BOX CAR DERBY

MAKE AN AWESOME CAR OUT OF A BOX, JAZZ IT UP WITH SOME BLING AND RACE IT ON THE DAY

MISS RELAY

IT'S TIME FOR THE BOYS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THEIR FEMININE SIDE AND RAISE MONEY FOR A GREAT CAUSE.



FOOD

HOT 'N' TASTY SPUDS, BBQ, SNOW CONES, MINI DUTCH PANCAKES, THAI, FRESH COFFEE AND MORE!



ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL SINGERS, SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, OBSTACLE COURSE, DANCERS, KIDS ACTIVITIES, CHEERLEADING, SINGERS, VISIT FROM DOUGAL BEAR, MIDNIGHT MADNESS... PLUS LOTS, LOTS MORE!



Baerami Bush Dance, Sat 18 April

Baerami Hall, Bylong Valley Way via Sandy Hollow, Upper Hunter.
Join our family bush dance with traditional music played acoustically by Hunter musicians. Dances explained. BYO dinner and supper to share. Dancing starts 7.30pm. Camp at the hall if needed. Guided bushwalk on Sunday morning.
Cost \$15 adult (prepaid at <http://www.trybooking.com/HDBM>) or \$20 at door. Children under 15 free.

Contact Martin & Jan Ph 6571 1208
info@calli.com.au www.calli.com.au
or find Baerami Bush Dance on Facebook



Sunday 29th March 2015
Olympic Park Muswellbrook
11am - 2 pm

Family, friends, players and members are invited to come along to our free family fun day and 2015 season launch at our home ground Olympic Park.

All junior players & their families are invited to come along for a free sausage sizzle lunch and drink.

For the kids there will be jumping castle, face painting and our Rams ball toss.

It's a great chance to meet some of your coaches, team mates and managers.

For further inquiries please contact our Publicity Officer
Michelle Williams on 0416 408 823.



Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc - Youth Centre APRIL CALENDAR 2015

Open Wednesday-Fri 3pm -6pm

School Holidays Tuesday- Fri 11am-3pm

Free bus run provided every
afternoon

Located at
The Showground,
Maitland Street
PO Box 628
Muswellbrook NSW
2333
Phone: (02) 65434841
Fax: (02) 65425443
Email: yaw@uhys.org.au

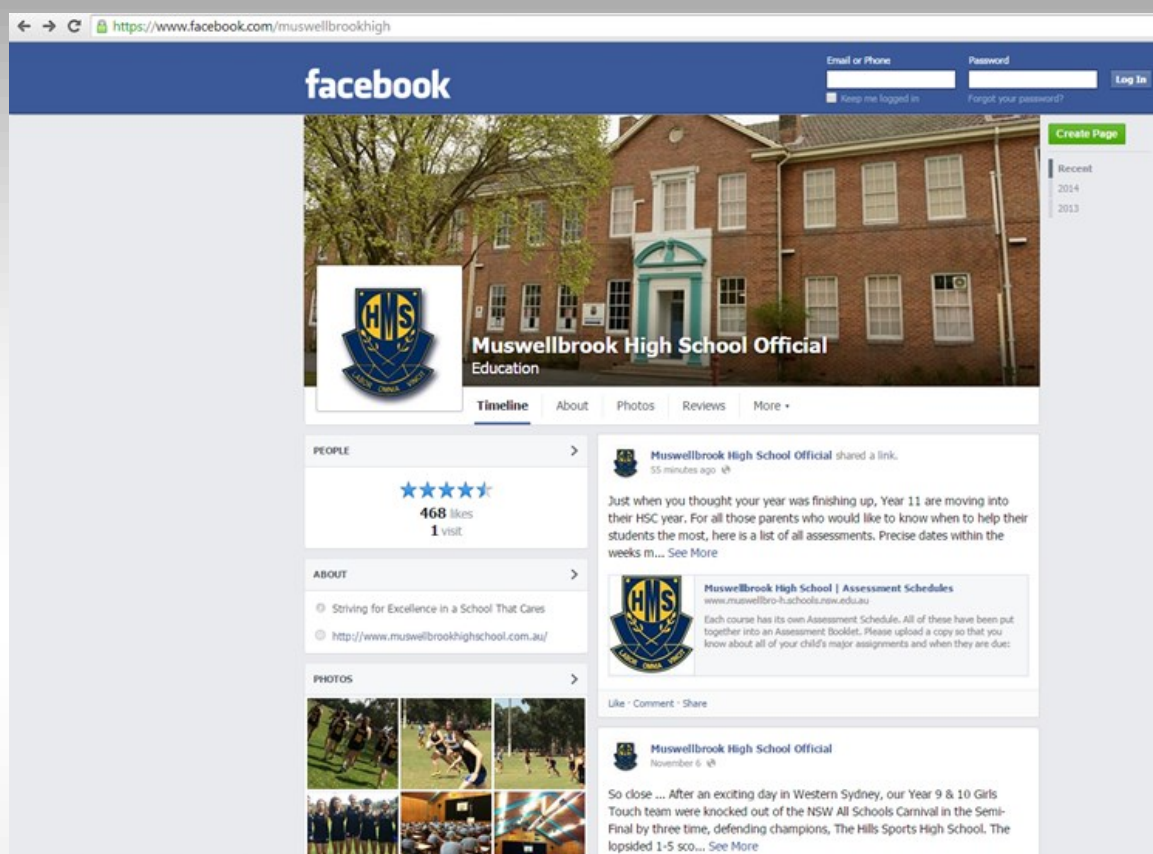


HAPPY EASTER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Craft Afternoon Creating something that will hold all our Easter Eggs .	2 Group Activity Easter Egg Hunt	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS EASTER/ PUBLIC HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER
Hope the Easter Bunny Finds You	EASTER PUBLIC/ HOLIDAY	7 Y.C OPEN 11.00am- 3.00pm	8 EXCURSION Tree Top Climbing 	9 Y.C OPEN 11.00am- 3.00pm	10 Y.C OPEN YOUTH WEEK	
12	13	14 Y.C OPEN 11.00am- 3.00pm	15  MOVIES DAY	16 Y.C OPEN 11.00am- 3.00pm	17 Youth Week Excursion to Lake Liddell 10am-3pm	18 Skate Board Event Display at Singleton
19	20	21 Homework Help	22 Craft Afternoon Drawing /Painting	23 Group Activity Anzac Reflection	24 Group Activity Time	25 Anzac Day LEST WE
26	27	28 Homework Help	29 Physical Exercise Lawn Activity	30 Food Court Questions around healthy eating		FORGET



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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.