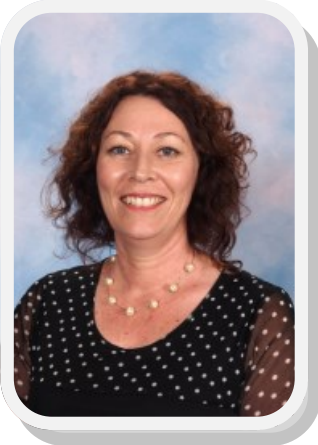




MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2

2 MARCH 2016



Principal Report

Muswellbrook Lions Youth of the Year 2016

I had the privilege of attending the LYOTY Quest 2016 on Tuesday evening 23.2.16 along with Mrs Kay Sokulsky (HT English) and Mrs Kerion Fellowes (English teacher).

The Lions Youth of the Year Quest is designed to foster, encourage and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities of our youth, at an age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education.

The LYOTY Quest provides our youth with the incentive to pay greater attention to the general qualities that are so vital in developing our youth into first class citizens. The qualities sought after, apart from academic attainments, are those of leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship.

Perry Franks and Riley Collins (Yr. 12) both represented our school and demonstrated the above mentioned qualities. I felt very proud to be a part of Muswellbrook HS when we had high calibre young men take on the public speaking challenge and compete at a high quality level.

Thank you to Mrs Sokulsky and Mrs Fellowes for giving their time and expertise in coaching Perry and Riley.

Thank you also to the Muswellbrook Lions Club for their commitment to the competition and to our local young people. The Lions Club also donate annually, epipens to our school, to ensure a safe school environment.

Amazing staff

With the increase in new enrolments this year, our staffing formula indicates that we are eligible for some additional staffing. According to school data and student numbers, the greatest need appear to be in Yr. 8. The timetabling team will create an additional class in Year 8, to commence Term 2. There will also be some movement of students between the Year 7 classes, based on testing done in the high school setting. This movement will commence in Term 2.

I am extremely proud to be a part of the leadership team of MHS. Often when interviewing new enrolments, it is explained to me that it is our students who are encouraging their peers from other schools to make the shift to our school, because 'our teachers are great and they really take the time to teach'! When students are making recommendations, I believe this is the highest compliment a school can receive. Great job school!

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - gotchas

Thank you to the Positive Behaviour for Learning Team for their unforgettable launch of PBL at MHS!

The launch took place last week at the whole school assembly - with a mock Sunrise interview. It was a fun way to explain the new positive approach to expected behaviours.

All students were explicitly taught the procedure and expectations for lining up before a lesson. In return, those students who are able to follow those expectations are rewarded by a 'gotcha' slip. The 'gotcha' slips are then placed into the PBL barrel, with the prospect of being drawn out for a \$50 weekly draw or the BOS end of Term prize for an iPad. There is no doubt; these are great incentives for students to follow agreed behaviours. The expectations for safe corridors and stairways are:

TRANSITION BETWEEN CLASSES (CORRIDORS)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider others.• Follow safe practices.• Walk quietly.• Be in the right place at the right time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move safely, effectively and punctually between classes.• Keep to the left in corridors, walkways and stairs.• Know timetables and scheduled rooms.• Line up quietly and in an orderly fashion.• Keep to yourself.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share space.• Be supportive.• Demonstrate patience.• Report problems.• Be part of solutions.

Staff roles

It is with great delight that I welcome Ms Jamie Strurtridge into a new leadership position as relieving Yr. 9 Year Advisor for Term 2 until the end of the year, whilst Mrs Martin takes her maternity leave.

Mr Luke Doust will be the 2017 - 2022 Year Advisor. He will be visiting our partner primary schools with Mr Jason Foy in the very near future.

Thank you to both Jamie and Luke for their willingness to step into these roles and I am sure they will enjoy the experience!

I would also like to welcome and introduce Ms Jin Jung as a part of the Science Faculty. Jin is highly qualified and has spent some time in the country at Trundle Central School before joining us.

Muswellbrook High P & C

AGM

Date: Thursday 10th March

Time: 7pm

Venue: School Library

All welcome to attend



Community Generosity

The 'icing on the cake' funding generally comes from our generous community.

Thank you to:

- Bengalla mining for their donation of \$400 sponsorship towards our Term 2 and 3 breakfast club.
- Darley for their contribution of \$2000 towards educational equipment.
- The NSW Environmental Trust grant of \$3,500 as part of the Eco Schools Program will help Muswellbrook High School to implement local and practical environmental education initiatives. This funding will enable the FOCUS Centre to implement some wonderful learning activities in our outdoor environment, where we have vegetables, herb gardens and an orchard. We use the produce for cooking and also develop science, maths and literacy lessons around our hands-on tasks. Well done to Ms. Kathy Quinn, the Focus Centre teacher for her compelling submission.

This week's ...Getting to know our Teachers

Mr Doust

Best Holiday destination

Fraser Island, QLD - 4wding, swimming, wildlife and good company

First Job

Paper Boy

Dream Job

Professional Soccer Player

Favourite TV show

'Breaking Bad' or 'Friends' or 'The Simpsons'

Primary Schools

Wahroonga Public School and Mt Kuring-Gai Public School.

Favourite Sports Team

Aston Villa (EPL), Wanderers (A-League), Parramatta Eels (NRL), Warriors (NBA), Swannies (AFL) ...the list goes on!!.

Most recent movie seen

Star Wars Episode 7

Dream Travel Location

Anywhere in Europe/South America hosting a Soccer World Cup. The atmosphere would be amazing!!

The last item I cooked/ate

Does toast count? or burritos

Favourite Season

Spring as it is still fresh but warming up from the winter freeze and the sun becomes your friend again.



Ms Turnbull

Best holiday destination

The best place I have been on holidays is Cambodia. It's really inexpensive, there is some amazing history, and it's a beautiful tropical destination. I would love to go back one day.

First job

My first job was as a 'dish pig' - washing the dishes and emptying the dishwasher out the back of the restaurant. Not particularly fun, but I liked the money and the free food!

Your app recommendation

I couldn't live without my Pinterest app. It's great app for inspiration and ideas for everything under the sun!

Dream travel location and why

I would love to visit Antarctica. It's an incredibly beautiful landscape, and the isolation and harshness of the environment would be an unforgettable experience.

Favourite season

My favourite season has to be Autumn, mostly because that's when I have my birthday.

Best book you have read

I am a total Harry Potter nerd, and love all the books in the series!!

All time favourite movie

My all time favourite movie would have to be Willow. As a kid, it was the only movie my grandparents had (on VHS, taped from the TV), and I used to watch it every time I visited.

If you could have dinner with anyone, who would you select and why

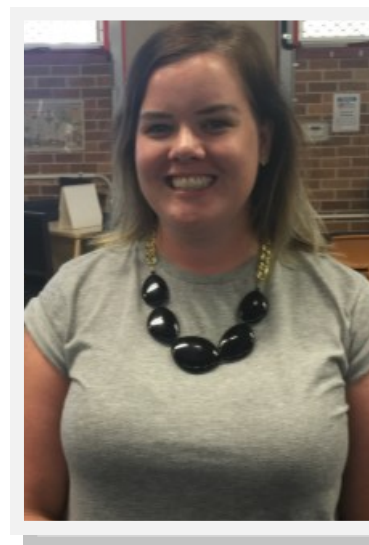
If I could have dinner with anyone, I'd choose Stan Lee. I love Marvel comics, and he seems like a really awesome guy.

Can you sew a button on your clothing

I can sew a button on my clothing, but it probably won't stay on!

Favourite sports team

My favourite team is the Wests Tigers.



Ms Bate

Principal

Deputy Principal Report

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Monday 29 February**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Upcoming Events

2nd March	Open Day & Open Night for 2017 year 7
8th March	Year Assemblies
10th March	Selective High School Test
10th March	P & C Meeting—7pm in school library
11th March	Junior judging & Beef show
15th March	Parent /Teacher Interviews 3.45pm-6pm
16th-19th March	First Robotics Competition 2016—Sydney Olympic Park
16th March	Cross Country
17th March	Royal Easter Show Excursion
21st March	School Photos

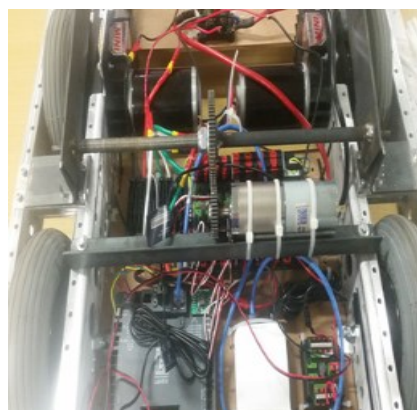
Carbon Crusaders 6061 First Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 2016

On 11th and 12th February our Year 10 Information Software Class spent two days with Mentors from Robots in the Outback to help the class design, build and program a base model robot for the FIRST Robotic Competition (FRC) being held in March 2016. Students learnt how to construct the chassis, attach electronics and construct a drive system for a working robot. At the end of the two days students had learnt a great deal about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). They applied their STEM knowledge to successfully build a fully operational robot gaining hands on experience with mechanics, electronics and Java programming.



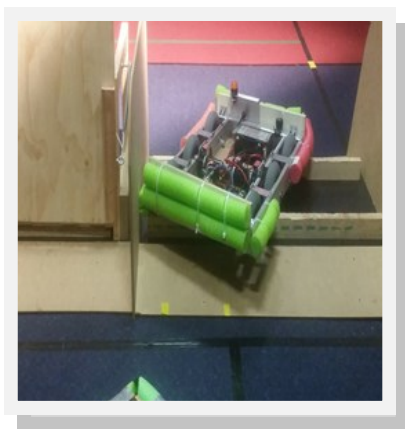
Since then our students have spent time in their lunch breaks, after school and on weekends practicing driving and rebuilding their robot with improvements. We have been fortunate to work with Mr Matthew Pozzebon, an Engineer from Bengalla who has generously provided his own time to meet with the students and help design additional pieces to our robot for the competition. Bengalla has provided much appreciated sponsorship and metal gears for the robot that has significantly helped us with this project. We could not have achieved a competitive robot without Matthew's help and the loan of machinery, materials and equipment from our MHS TAS Faculty! Our robot journey has not been without its glitches.

We discovered our moded arm design that we changed from our initial design with Mr Pozzebon's and motor mount was an epic fail last Saturday with the arm being too heavy and the motor falling completely off!



FRC Students & Mr Pozzebon (Bengalla), our failed motor attachment and broken robot arm

This disaster left us feeling deflated. However, on Sunday 21st of February Nathaniel Sharp, James Straney and Richard Schultz our driving team travelled to Barker College to undertake a practice scrimmage with five more experienced FRC teams and one other rookie team from Abbotsleigh. Although we had no working arm attachments or mounted motor, the trip was invaluable for us. We learnt more about how other teams have done extensive rebuilds through the building season of the competition due to many fails and how they have designed and built jaw dropping robots with all kinds of material, motors and pneumatics. Additionally we had the invaluable time to practice going over the medieval outer-parts in the practice field that Barker College had built and shared with the teams attending on the day. A big thank you to Barker College for hosting this event and the endless supply of cable ties that kept our bumpers in place during the scrimmages. Our bot is now affectionately known as cable ties (CT). Baker College demonstrated the essence of FIRST robotics, cooperation in helping us with our robot. The day was awesome and the event really helped our drivers experience field conditions and practice defence and offense. Most importantly they built confidence for the upcoming tournament!



MHS Robot in the moat



Barker's practice field



MHS driving team

On Monday 22nd February we returned back to school tired but determined to get more work done fabricating our arms, attachments and supports. We went back to the initial design with Mr Pozzebon and we received a lot of invaluable help from Mr Dave Hicks from Hickys Engineering. Dave has helped us mount our motor for the arm attachments securely. Thank you to Dave for his generous time, experience and skill with fabrication. Tuesday was the final day for work on our bot. There was last minute programming for changing autonomous mode, application of sponsor stickers and the final bag and tag of the bot in accordance with competition rules before midnight. Thank you to Comprint for printing our sponsor stickers in such a rush for the bag and tag. We are all looking forward to the tournament in March at Sydney Olympic Park 16-19 March 2016.



The final body build for CT our robot without the sponsor stickers before the final bag and tag Tuesday night. CT now looks fearless and a bit like the bat mobile, ready to rumble!

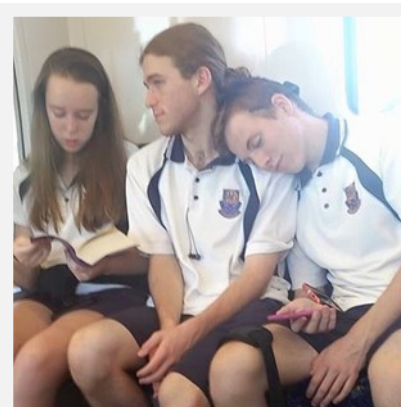


'Reprise' 2016

On Friday the 19th of February, our Year 11 and 12 Music classes started the day off by getting up at 5:00 in the morning. We hopped onto the train in Muswellbrook, disembarked at Hamilton and then caught a bus to the Newcastle Conservatorium, where we attended for the annual 'Reprise' concert. 'Reprise' is a showcase of some of the best performances from the previous years HSC students from our region.

We had a couple of hours to spare before the concert, so we spent some time in Cafés and filled ourselves with tasty beverages before exploring the rest of Darby Street and the Newcastle Foreshore for a while.

Upon arriving at the Conservatorium, we spotted our ex-teacher, Mr Kelly. The show started with a vocal jazz piece, and continued to impress us with various interesting styles, techniques and arrangements.



Afterwards, we were given a tour of the 90° Recording Studio at Musos Corner, and ended the day cracking some drum beats at the Drum Shop.

All in all, the day was a great experience in terms of allowing us to see and hear performances that help us shape our own HSC performance programs. Thank you to Mrs Martin and Mr Foy for organising the excursion.

Mr Foy
Head Teacher CAPA



Disability Provisions for Higher School Certificate Examinations 2016

Practical Support for Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Information for Students and Parents.

Disability Provisions for HSC Examinations.

Disability Provisions (previously called Special Provisions) are available to students who require support in the Higher School Certificate Examinations because of one or more of the following:

- Learning difficulties
- Medical problems
- Hearing difficulties
- Vision problems

If the student's need is related to a physical condition, visual impairment, hearing loss, reading difficulty or trouble expressing ideas in writing, then the student should consider applying for Disability Provisions.

BOSTES (Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW) has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate Examinations. This practical support, known as *Disability Provisions*, can assist students to read examination questions, and to write their answers. Provisions can include rest breaks and extra time, a reader and or writer, separate supervision, enlarged print, appropriate furniture. The use of any provision is not written on the student's results.

Students may need provisions for:

- A permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
- A temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
- An intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do. To apply for provisions, the school submits an online application to BOSTES. This application indicates the provisions the student is requesting with current supportive evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments.

The school can collect much of the evidence, but parents' input is welcome and often essential. Parents may help by talking with the school, describing their student's needs, and providing the school with current medical or related reports.

Visit - <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/disability-provisions/> for further information.

Applications for provisions must be submitted, by the school, to BOSTES by the last day of Term 1.

Late applications may be accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, mental health disorders, until the time of the examinations.

The school will provide the student with a copy of the BOSTES decision letter as soon as it is made available.

If you think your child may require support in completing the 2016 Higher School Certificate, please discuss the matter with your child and contact the school as soon as possible, on 6543 1033.

Enquires can be made to

Ms Cheryl Ham or Mrs Sharon Young - Learning Support Teachers Muswellbrook HS

Polly Farmer Foundation

For those that don't know me, I am April and I am the Program Coordinator for the Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre. The Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre is a program that targets aspiring Aboriginal students and allows them to access after school tuition and pathways to University and further study once they leave Muswellbrook High School.

In 2016, we have 43 students accessing the program with an average of 20 students attending the centre each afternoon. These students work extremely hard down at the centre and I look forward to seeing them grow throughout the year.

If you would like your son or daughter to be involved in the Muswellbrook Enrichment Centre please do not hesitate to contact me via my email.

April Bott
Program Coordinator
april.bott@det.nsw.edu.au



SRC Fundraiser

Love was in the air at Muswellbrook High School with students supporting Valentines Day.

Muswellbrook High SRC students have been busy the week before organising flower and chocolate orders.

Thank You to Muswellbrook Florist and Gifts for making this a special event for MHS students.



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Muswellbrook High School *Open Night 2016*

Wednesday 2nd March
Muswellbrook High School Multi-Purpose Centre & Hub

We welcome all current Year 5 & 6 students and parents to join us for:
From 5:15pm - Tours of school facilities with student, parent and staff representatives.
6:00pm - Information forum in the Multi-Purpose Centre.
6:30pm - Stalls showcasing programs offered at MHS with finger food catered by our Hospitality students in the Hub (former library).



Following our two year commitment as a trial school for the Reach Foundation Muswellbrook High School will be maintaining the relationship with this organization in 2016.

The Reach Foundation (Reach) is a youth Not-for-profit organisation established by AFL Brownlow Medalist and 2010 Melbourne of the Year Jim Stynes OAM and film director Paul Currie in 1994. Reach was created from a desire to inspire every young person to believe in themselves and get the most out of life.

Programs are run by the young Reach "Crew" in over 500 metropolitan and regional schools and communities across Australia with the workshops aiming to encourage young people to believe that they can achieve.

So far our Year 9 and Year 10 students have enjoyed one workshop and we have more booked for later in the year. Our students are also invited to attend upcoming Reach camps and we also have several Senior students who are now undertaking training to become Reach crew.

For more information please contact Mrs Kable on 65431033.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 21st March, 2016.

This year, our school photos will occur on **Monday 21st March, 2016**. 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 Tuesday 29th March, 2016.

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= \$46
Classic Pack = \$ 44
Value Pack= \$42
Essential Pack = \$41
Basic Pack = \$39
Group Only = \$ 29
Portrait Only = \$22 (online only)
Gift pack = \$15 (online only- with a pack purchase)
Family Photos = \$29-\$20 (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.Green (Photo Coordinator-TAS DEPT)



DENMAN SANDY HOLLOW JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AND U14 GIRLS LEAGUE TAG FOR 2016



We are looking to field teams from U6s to U16s in Junior Rugby League and U14s Girls League Tag.

Registration is \$50 and Includes; free SHORTS, SOCKS and CLUB POLO SHIRT.

Registration for Junior Rugby League is open to BOYS from 5 to 16 Years and GIRLS from 5 to 12 Years.

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

Go to: [https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?
aID=105&pKey=aff92a596e3cefb9e0ffe9fdeb428241&cID=12527&formID=53641](https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?aID=105&pKey=aff92a596e3cefb9e0ffe9fdeb428241&cID=12527&formID=53641)

Registration for U14 GIRLS League Tag is open to Girls 12, 13 and 14 Years ONLY.

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

Go to: <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=55378>

FOR MORE INFORMATION or ASSISTANCE CONTACT;

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

SECRETARY: PETER BARRY; 0428625713 peterandangelabarry@bigpond.com

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

Training

Under 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s & 16s training is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Denman Oval.

Registrations for the 2016 Scone Football (Soccer) Club season are now open.

As per previous years we will have 2 competitions:- Town Competition is played in Scone on Saturday mornings. The other competition is an Interdistrict Competition in the Newcastle/Lake Macquarie Comp also played on Saturdays, each team will have 7 home and 7 away games.

Registration is online, please use the following link <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/index.php?id=3>

**** A few new things this year**** -

There is a subsidy available to help with the cost of registration from UHSC if you hold a current healthcare card. Please take your card to the council to apply for the subsidy.

Town Competition registrations include a shirt for your child to keep. Please look out for size selection in the additional questions. You will also have the option to purchase club shorts and socks (not compulsory for town competitors).

Inter District players - due to lack of supply we have had to change the club shorts please make sure you make your purchase and select sizes where prompted

Any further inquires please contact the club committee members at sconefc@hunternvalleyfootball.net.au , or contact Registrar Lesley on 0413 958 478. The new committee is keen to implement some new ideas to help make a successful season!

Dates for the season:

Gala Day 2nd April 2016 10am

Interdistrict Competition first round 23rd April 2016

Town Competition kicks off 30th April 2016 (no Town comp games 7th May due to Horse Festival Parade)

MUSWELLBROOK DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB



2016 SEASON RAMS Registration Details

All registration takes place ONLINE.

JUNIOR PLAYERS UNDER 6'S to Under 16's

\$85 For 1st Child: \$75 For 2nd: \$65 For 3rd Child & The 4th Child Plays For Free.

**For further inquiries please contact our registrar Registrar: Kim Beverstock - kim@challserv.org.au
0417 704 530**

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2016 SEASON RAMS Registration Details

All registration takes place ONLINE

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG (For girls turning 12 & older)

Games will be played on a Friday night. All teams travel to the one club each week for competition rounds.

We are offering registration for only \$40. This will cover insurances, playing shorts & socks.

please call Bronwyn our Club Secretary
on 0428 580 355 or email her at mdjrlc@bigpond.com

If you are keen to assist or have any questions at all.

The following link will take you to our registration form for

New and returning players.

<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=105&pKey=2a346de955259ebcbd36b992c3493a90&cID=12525&formID=53641>



Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc - Youth Centre

MARCH CALENDAR 2016

Open Wed-Fri 3pm –6pm Age: 10-18 yrs Free Bus run provided
School Holidays Wed – Fri 11am-3pm Focus of the month: Anti - Bullying

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



Speak out against bullying and violence.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2 SELF ESTEEM What is Resilience?	3 LIFE SKILLS (for over 16 yrs) How to apply for a Medicare Card.	4 GROUP ACTIVITY Choice of inside or outside group participation.	
YOUTH CENTRE CLOSED DUE TO MUSWELLBROOK SHOW						
			16 COMMUNITY AWARENESS Cultural Division Week	17 GROUP ACTIVITY St Patrick's Day	18 COMMUNITY AWARENESS National day against bullying and violence.	
			23 LIFE SKILLS Sharing cooking tips.	24 CREATIVE ARTS Painting with Locomo. (Anti- Bullying theme)	25 GOOD FRIDAY Easter	
HAPPY EASTER 			29 CREATIVE ARTS Painting with Locomo Continued (Anti- Bullying theme)	30 GROUP ACTIVITY Lawn Activity.	31 SELF ESTEEM Tools to help with problems Solving.	



**2016 SEASON LAUNCH
& TWILIGHT BBQ**

SUNDAY MARCH 6TH

OLYMPIC PARK
WILKINSON AVENUE MUSWELLBROOK

JUMPING CASTLE + OUTDOOR LASER
TAG + BALL TOSS +
FREE BBQ DINNER

PLAYERS - FAMILY - FRIENDS
SPONSORS - SUPPORTERS ALL WELCOME.

4 - 6 PM



Where: Aberdeen Sports and Recreation Club

When: Juniors - Monday and Wednesday
4.00 - 5.00pm

Seniors - Monday and Wednesday
5.00 - 6.30pm

Contact: Frans Christensen 0400 318 398



School bus safety

How parents can help

School bus safety



Did you know?

Every day, more than a million NSW school children travel to and from school in safety - many of them by bus. The school bus is an extremely safe form of transport for school students.

Traffic congestion outside the school can increase when many families resort to driving short distances to and from school.

Parents and carers

- Hold your child's hand and walk together to the bus stop or bus interchange in the morning.
- Wait as far from the passing traffic as possible at the bus stop.
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to take your place.
- Meet your child AT the bus stop or bus interchange after school. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road.
- Talk with your child about what to do:
 - if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual
 - if they catch the wrong bus
 - if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.
- Until they are at least 10 years old, children have not developed the maturity required to cross the road safely without holding an adult's hand.

40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children. The speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be observed when the rear 'wig-wag' lights on the bus are flashing. Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close.

Q: When is your child at most risk travelling by bus?

A: In the minutes after getting off the bus.

Parents and carers, meet your child AT the bus stop after school and:

- Wait on the footpath until the bus has been driven away.
- Together choose the safest place to cross the road and:
 - STOP! one step back from the kerb.
 - LOOK! for traffic to your right, left and right.
 - LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
 - THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
- Explain each action in turn as you cross safely.



FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your support by informing parents about the opportunities for teenagers to live and learn in another culture with World Education Program (WEP) Australia. For an electronic version of the news after article please contact: Anne Taylor — aneta@wep.org.au



PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION SESSION DATES

STUDENT EXCHANGE

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND EARLY BIRD SPECIALS AVAILABLE FOR 2017

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2016/17 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study in a country of their choice and experience life with a carefully selected host family.

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Austin, China, Semester

"Exchange programs are important to fostering understanding around the world. We are proud of Sophie for taking part in this!"

Parents of Sophie, Belgium, Short term

FIND OUT MORE!

Attend one of WEP's online or group information sessions. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.



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muswellbrook shire council

MEDIA RELEASE

Council announces new multi-pass pool scheme for students

Muswellbrook Shire Council will launch a pilot program to increase access to pool facilities for school-aged children in the Muswellbrook Shire.

The new program will see the introduction of a '30 for \$30' entry multi-passes for school-aged children living in the Muswellbrook Shire, commencing with the beginning of the 2016 school term.

The '30 for \$30' entry passes will be obtainable from the Muswellbrook and Denman Aquatic Centres from the end of January this year for two weeks, and able to be used until the end of December 2016.

The pilot program was one of a number of recommendations made to Council by the Shire Aquatic Centre Review Committee – which consisted of councillors, staff officers and members of the community.

Council's General Manager, Mr Steve McDonald, said in relation to the program:

"Council was impressed with the work of the Committee and its recommendation to trial a number of new initiatives to increase aquatic centre attendances. Ultimately the success of the program will be determined by the number of school age children whose parents take up the opportunity of purchasing the 30 for \$30 passes. If the majority of school-age children purchase a pass, it will not only increase participation at the aquatic centres but also lower the entry fee for all. At the moment the pool is heavily subsidised by ratepayers rather than by pool entrants. If we can increase the number of people visiting the pool, it keeps prices down for all. Council hopes the response from the pilot program will be very positive."

Date: 27 January 2016

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POPSTARS

THE 90's MUSICAL

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HIT ME BABY ONE MORE TIME

U CAN'T You Get What You Give

TOUCH **LARGER THAN LIFE**

THIS WHO LET THE DOGS OUT I'M

WANNABE TOO SEXY

My Heart (EVERYBODY)

Will Go On BACKSTREET'S

ACHY BREAKY HEART BACK ALRIGHT

END OF THE ROAD **STOP**

STEP BY STEP

LET'S GET LOUD **HERO**

MOVING ON UP

IT'S ALRIGHT

BYE

BYE

BYE

CAN'T FIGHT THE MOONLIGHT

WATERFALLS MMM

HERO ALL STAR **BOP**

ALWAYS Believe

YOU OUGHTTA KNOW

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Muswellbrook High School Multi-purpose Centre

Thursday 5th May – 7:00pm

Friday 6th May – 7:00pm

Saturday 7th May 7:00pm

Sunday 8th May 1:00pm

Tickets \$13.00 – Reserve seating. Group bookings and discounts available.

Available online: www.trybooking.com/KNME and at

Muswellbrook High School office during school hours. Enquiries: 6543 1033

School Bell Times 2016

Normal Day		Whole School Assembly Day	
9.06-9.10	Home Group	9.06-9.20	Home Group
9.10-9.20	Home Group Reading	9.20-9.50	Whole School Assembly
9.20-10.10	Period 1	9.50-10.35	Period 1
10.10-11.00	Period 2	10.35-11.20	Period 2
11.00-11.30	Recess	11.20-11.50	Recess
11.30-12.20	Period 3	11.50-12.35	Period 3
12.20-1.10	Period 4	12.35-1.20	Period 4
1.10-1.40	Lunch	1.20-1.50	Lunch
1.40-2.30	Period 5	1.50-2.35	Period 5
2.30-3.20	Period 6	2.35-3.20	Period 6



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Muswellbrook High School—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Facebook— facebook.com/mbkhigh (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.