

Muswellbrook High School



"Striving for excellence in a school that cares"

NEWSLETTER 1

17 February 2017







Principals Report

A warm welcome to all students and their families who are new to Muswellbrook High School. This includes a record year 7 enrolment of 180 students who have started high school this year! Early reports from Mr Luke Doust and Miss Samantha Turnbull, Year 7 Advisors, indicate that our Year 7 students have had a very positive start to high school.

I would also like to extend a welcome to the following new staff who join our teaching team this year:

Mrs Lesley Sheldon and Mr Matthew Lillyst into our English faculty, Mr Ethan Spann and Mr Paul Kennedy into our Mathematics faculty, Miss Katie Kelly into Support Faculty, Mr Kyle Bray into the PD/H/PE faculty, Mr Stephen Baird as our HT Administration and HSIE teacher, Mr Peter Melling and Mr Jeff Patrick into Science, Mr Geoff Passfield into TAS and Miss Nicole Hallams who is teaching a new initiative, 7Y. All have reported receiving a very warm and friendly welcome from both staff and students. I would also like to welcome back after her maternity leave, Mrs Laura Martin.

We also welcome Ms Elizabeth Howard, Project Manager and Ms Kylie Honor, Development Officer for the Girls Academy, a new initiative at MHS. The Girls Academy is an initiative of Role Models and Leaders Australia (RMLA), a not-for-profit charitable organisation founded in 2004 by Olympian and champion basketballer Ricky Grace. The Girls Academy develops and empowers Aboriginal girls through leadership training, mentoring, sport and extra-curricular programs. Their goal is to create an environment within schools where the girls receive the support and programs needed to help them realise their full potential. Elizabeth and Kylie will hold information sessions early this Term for our Aboriginal girls and their families and I look forward to the support they will offer the girls to achieve their goals.

Mr Scott Copland will be Deputy Principal responsible for Years 7, 9 and 11. Mr Brian Drewe will be Deputy Principal responsible for Years 8, 10 and 12. Mr Matthew Bellotti will be Acting Head Teacher Science, Ms Narelle Smith will be Relieving Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Alex Skailes will be Acting Head Teacher Support Semester 1 and Mrs Sonya McDonald will be Relieving Careers Advisor.

2016 HSC Results

2016 saw some strong results in the HSC. Congratulations to Perry Franks, who was our highest ATAR result, followed very closely by Beth Simpson.

Congratulations to each and every one of our Yr. 12 students: hard work, dedication and commitment articulated into wonderful HSC results.

Canteen

It has been wonderful to welcome more and more parents onto the Canteen roster. Under the creative genius of Jodi and Donna, our canteen menu has expanded and we are seeing a booming trade. This translates to ... we need your help! If you can spare some time, the P & C would be most appreciative. It is also a good way to get to know our students and what the school day is like for your child.

PESA: Positive Education Schools Australia

Georgia Gal, Blake Shackleton, Brydie Cullen, Marcus Morris and I will join a team from the Upper Hunter schools to travel to St Peters College in Adelaide, where we will be a part of the 6th National Student Leadership Summit. This student led initiative is designed to develop leadership skills and to provide strategies for making a change here at MHS. I am excited to join with *Where's There's a Will* foundation to ensure **resilience** is on the student leadership agenda. After our visit to Adelaide, we are looking to replicate an appreciative summit here at MHS.



Deputy Principals Report

Welcome to another great year at Muswellbrook High School and a special welcome to both our first time Year 7 parents and new students to the school. I will take this opportunity to request parents support for our uniform policy, established after consultation with staff, students and parents. The standards have been designed to assist students, parents and staff. Adherence to these standards will ensure that our students present a proud image to our community and beyond. It has been an outstanding start to the year with 99% of students now wearing black leather enclosed shoes.

A second concern is the fact students should only bring to school those items necessary for their education. Due to the distance many students travel, we understand that students may wish to bring mobile phones (for convenience and safety) and portable music players. If students choose to do this, it is at their own risk. The School does not accept responsibility for items brought to school. Phones and music players must also be turned off and put away when students enter the school grounds.

The swimming carnival was a wonderful success and great way to start the year. It's important for students to become involved in the number of opportunities the school offers through academic, sporting and performing arts programs.

Please continue to be involved in your child's education by asking many questions about the topics they are studying in all classes and also be prepared for the Parent Teacher evenings on 14th and 21st March where you will have the opportunity to meet our fantastic teachers to discuss all aspects of learning in their classrooms

Good luck and welcome back!

CAREERS

Students have not wasted anytime in commencing their education and planning for not only their school year, but their pathways to lifelong learning.

As a school we are busy with many activities and Careers is no exception, with the following activities planned for just this term.

Uni Roadshow - 3 March (for all Year 11 and Year 12 students)

White Card Course - (2 groups) - 8 March 2017 and 22 March; will be offered to our ACE and Senior Students together with Year 10 students (if numbers permit) at a very reduced rate of \$45. Forms will be available from your Home Room teacher.

Year 10 Work Experience (in weeks 6 and 7 of 6/3 & 13/3) VET audit – this is a compliance requirement for all Vocational Education and Training teachers', which ensures that we maintain the highest level of compliance and delivery to our students.

MHS has also been approached to be involved in many other programs such as Filmpond where our students and staff can film or take photos and load them up on our department website, a creative workshop which is a partnership with University of Newcastle, and the upcoming University New England Open Day. Further information will be forwarded closer to the dates of these events.

If any student wishes to discuss career or training options or even just to look at what career choices they may like to venture down, they are to come to the Careers office, (the old LOTE staffroom) and I would be very happy to assist them.

Year 12 Senior Prep Room

We have begun the final year of studies for our Year 12 students. The Senior Prep Room is occasionally buzzing but mostly a quiet place with serious work happening. It is a place for finalising assessment tasks, homework, planning, covering some welfare issues or discovering more about themselves, making study notes or seeking assistance from teachers.

I am fortunate to be timetabled into the Prep Room for most of the lessons and am tracking the learning and needs of our students. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to engage with these great students on an almost daily basis and to assist them with their studies and futures.

All senior students have been issued with a Senior School Diary which contains not only a place to 'diarise' their activities, but information about MHS and the HSC requirements, tips, activities and supportive information to assist our students to be the best they can, to be responsible, to increase their wellbeing and their resilience. Speak to your students about their diaries and look at some of the activities contained within. Check to see that the assessment tasks are written in, this may give families the chance to be part of the Year 12 students successful path to the HSC.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Senior Prep Room.

Fiona Bailey





We have taken possession of a great new fridge curtesy of Year 12 2016. Oviously they decided it was needed in the Prep room. We now have cold water and ice on those never ending hot days. Thank you Year 12, 2016.

FIRST® Robotics: Carbon Crusaders 6061

Our student robotic team comprising students from Muswellbrook High and Scone Grammar, together with community mentors, have spent three weeks during the school holidays, designing and building our FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC) robot. The FRC Steamworks game, was released worldwide on January 7. Since then we travelled to Sydney in the PCYC minivan, picked up our kit of parts and met with other FRC teams to discuss game strategies at Abbotsleigh, Hornsby. The girls in our team have done an amazing job stepping outside their comfort zone to learn timber and metal fabrication tools and equipment to construct our robot drive system, prototype the frame and gear subsystem. The boys have worked hard to learn Java programming, pneumatics and wiring up the electrical system.

I would personally like to thank our community mentors, Chris Nicholls, Phil Thring, James Wiseman for stepping up to the challenge of working with our team to learn CAD, programming, pneumatics and metal fabrication. Peter Byrnes built the majority of the field elements, helping us with prototyping the robot frame and ball shooter. All of these wonderful men have given up their spare time after their day jobs, donated labour and materials to work with students during week days and weekends. We are incredibly fortunate to have a generous wider community that are willing to help the team.

Competing in the FRC is expensive and the majority of parts, have to be sourced from America, to meet competition regulation. We are the only FRC team in the Newcastle to Upper Hunter area, with our closest competitors located in Dunedoo, Sydney and Camden Haven. Thank you to Bengella for being our major sponsor again this year, by providing much needed funds to enter the competition and sustain our team's competitive edge to enable us to buy parts. Munro Engineering, Muswellbrook Steel, Hunter Pro Signs, Hunter Fire Protection Services, Harvey Norman Muswellbook Computing and Gunnedah Hotel have provided funds, labour, equipment or materials to support our team. We aim to do you proud at the FIRST® Robotic Competition, Southern Cross Regional Event, 13th to 15th March in Sydney.



FIRST® Robotics: Carbon Crusaders 6061—cont'd

Finally, a big thank you to our parents that have supported their children to come to the workshops during the holidays, on Australia Day and on weekends. As one parent said – "It's a once and a lifetime opportunity to be involved in FIRST® Robotics programs." On behalf of the team, we greatly appreciate parent and wider community contributions, thank you!

If you would like to know more about our team and would like to sponsor us or get involved, please contact us through Muswellbrook High School. Information about the stages of our robot build with the Steamworks 2017 challenge, is regularly posted to our Facebook site https://www.facebook.com/

<u>CarbonCrusaders6061/</u> **Mrs Katrina Byrnes** Robotics Coach/Mentor



Gemma and Georgia building the prototype robot frame



All team learning Pneumatics with Phil



Billy and Alex working on the electrical system.



Bianca and Gemma Developing graphics for the tournament.





Our first gear prototype with pneumatics works. It opens and closes!



Nathaniel programming our x-box controller using JAVA.

Muswellbrook Girls Academy

Elizabeth Howard, Program Manager & Kylie Honor, Development Officer are excited to be starting with the Muswellbrook Girls Academy. We will be operating from 8am till 4pm out of J01 for Term 1.

The Girls Academy is a Western Australia initiative addressing the inequality of investment in educational support programs for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander girls. The Girls Academy Program works within the school system, aimed at reducing the barriers that prevent Aboriginal girls from completing their education and reaching their full potential. Our mission put simply is to "**Develop a Girl ~ Change a Community**".

The Girls Academy equips Aboriginal girls with the tools required to engage in their education, achieve their goals and change their communities. Program activities are designed with the emphasis on the 'Big 4' objectives to:

Increase school attendance Advance academic and personal achievement Improve year 12 graduation rates, and Facilitate post-school transition planning

Muswellbrook Girls Academy is a high school-based program that uses sport, mentoring and extra-curricular activities to increase engagement, participation and achievement at school.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 16th of February

Girls Academy Introduction & Information Sessions

Muswellbrook Girls Academy will be hosting two information sessions Session 1 – 1pm at The Learning Centre, with a light lunch provided Session 2 – 4.30pm at The Hub (Library), with a BBQ dinner provided

Thursday 2nd of March

Induction – Commitment Sign-Up Event

Muswellbrook Girls Academy will be hosting an evening for interested Aboriginal girls to sign their contracts and share this moment with their families from 4.30pm at The Hub (Library)





Wednesday 8th of March - International Women's Day

Muswellbrook Girls Academy will be hosting a special luncheon 1pm at The Hub (Library)





Welcome to our new teachers this year

Answers to some fun questions - getting to know you- Mr Jeffery Patrick

Best holiday destination

Dog Sledding in Alaska, Great White Shark Cage Diving at Port Lincoln, Vancouver (Canada)

Dream job

Teaching at Muswellbrook High School J

Best takeaway in Muswellbrook

KFC

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Go to sporting events (Rugby League), travel, keep snakes and have a salt water Marine tank (corals and fish). Chill with the family.

Dream travel location and why

Newcastle....it's the place I love, grew up there, and the beaches are great too. And Newcastle is the home of the Knights!!

Favourite all time movie

B-grade 70's/80's Horror movies

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

My family/kids, because they are the most important people to me.

Favourite sports team

The Newcastle Knights....I bleed 'Red & Blue'!

Where did you go to Primary School?

Dudley Public School

Where did you attend High School?

Whitebridge High School



Welcome to our new teachers this year

Answers to some fun questions - getting to know you... Miss Nicole Hallams:

Best holiday destination

The best holiday destination I have been to is Cinque Terre in Italy. It is picture perfect and the water is amazing to swim in. I would return in a heartbeat!

First job

My first job was in a shopping centre at a donut shop called 'Dreamy Donuts'. I loved when I was given the shifts to make the donuts, it was a lot of fun. One downside – I am completely sick of donuts now.

Are you a mountain, sea or river type of person?

I love climbing/hiking mountains with beautiful views. Mt Tomaree is one of my favourite lookouts.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to cook in my spare time, I put music on and cook both sweet and savoury delicious treats.

Dream travel location and why

I would love to go to the Maldives. The water looks amazing, it would be so relaxing and I love the look of the fancy hotel rooms over the water.

Favourite season

My favourite season is Spring. The flowers are blooming, it's not too hot or cold and my birthday falls in this season. I love it!

Do you prefer pens or pencils?

I prefer pencils, I make mistakes and I can erase it easier.

Favourite all time movie

'Front of the Class' – A beautiful movie about a boy with Turrets Syndrome who grows up to be a primary school teacher.

Can you sew a button on your own clothing?

I don't know the 'correct' way to do it but I can sew a button on, it is just different each time I do it.

Where did you attend High School?

I went to Whitebridge High School in Newcastle.



Welcome to our new teachers this year

Answers to some fun questions – getting to know you... **Miss Josie Mullington: Best holiday destination** - Singapore

Are you a mountain, sea or river type of person? Mountain

Favourite TV show - The Great Australian Bake Off

Favourite season - Summer

Best book you have read - The Plague by Albert Camus

Do you prefer pens or pencils? - Pens (black only!)

Favourite all time movie - The Holiday

Can you sew a button on your own clothing? Yes

Favourite sports team - Newcastle Jets

Where did you attend High School? - Whitebridge High School (in Newcastle)

only!)

PCYC NEWS

Muswellbrook PCYC is holding its next Safer Driver Course on Tuesday the 28th February. This course is for learner drivers who have 50 hours in their log book. For more information please call the PCYC on 65411434 or call in to pick up your pack.



Ben Collett & Brydie Cullen

For helping out at the Uniform Shop

during the holidays.

Hunter New England Population Health

Direct Contact Details

Phone: (02) 49246477

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose

varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and

human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

*Parent Information Kits** will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

read all the information provided

complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive

return the completed consent form to their child's school

ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

*The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at <u>www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation</u>.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

<u>DisabilityDisabilDisability Provisions for Higher</u> <u>School Certificate Examinations 2017</u>

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 - <u>http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/disability-provisions/</u> 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 2017 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

Talking points for ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY helps with costs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. You may be able to get ABSTUDY if you are:

an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

enrolled in an approved course or apprenticeship, and

not getting any other government help to study or do an apprenticeship or traineeship.

ABSTUDY payments

- Parents or guardians of students younger than 16 and living at home may be able to get ABSTUDY Schooling Allowance.
- **Full-time students who are 16 or older and living at home** may be able to get ABSTUDY Living Allowance. The amount you get may depend on your parents' annual income.
- **Full-time tertiary or preparatory course students and other secondary students** may be able to get ABSTUDY Living Allowance. The amount you get may depend on personal, parental or partner income.
- **Full-time Australian Apprenticeship, traineeship or trainee apprenticeship students** may be able to get ABSTUDY Living Allowance. The amount you get may depend on personal, parental or partner income.

Applying for ABSTUDY

To claim, call the ABSTUDY line on **Freecali™ 1800 132 317**. You can submit supporting documents online at **humanservices.gov.au/submitdocumentsonline**

If you can't claim over the phone, you can get a claim form at humanservices.gov.au/abstudy

How long it takes to assess your claim depends on how complex your situation is.

Get in early and submit your claim up to 13 weeks before you start your course or apprenticeship.



Apply now for Rotary Youth Exchange!

To have the opportunity to study abroad is a life-changing experience. The **Rotary Youth Exchange Program** provides this opportunity.

If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 an opportunity for a Rotary Youth Exchange in 2018 is possible. Secondary school placements are available in many countries of the world.

An Information Session will be held at Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton on Wednesday 1st March 2017 starting at 6:30pm.

Further information is available from: The Chairman Denise Parkes 464 Fords Road Limeburners Creek. NSW 2324 mob: 0417 263 303 <u>www.youthexchange.net.au</u>



General Information



Fight For Life Australia

Dates:	6th - 12th February 2017
Location:	See <u>www.MasterPaul.com.au</u>
	for your nearest local centre
Donate:	www.fightforlifeaustralia.com.au

What is Fight For Life?



Almost everyone on the planet has had someone they know or love affected by cancer.

Fight For Life was established so that Martial Arts practitioners can Kick Cancer Together. Now you can be a part of the largest cancer fundraiser run by one martial arts club.

All money raised will go direct to the Cancer Council to help find a cure or vaccine for cancer.

www.fightforlifeaustralia.com.au

For one week your local United Taekwondo centres around Australia are running a Fight For Life event.

For every adult or child that tries out in a club, the club owner will donate \$10 towards Cancer Council.

To find out more about this fundraising event go to www.FightForLifeAustralia.com.au



FACS High School Scholarships

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 this year?



You may be eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help with your school or TAFE studies in 2017.

Find out more and visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/education to apply online today.

Applications close 7pm, Friday 24 February 2017.





DENMAN SANDY HOLLOW JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AND GIRLS LEAGUE TAG FOR 2017

We are looking to field teams from U6s to U17s in Junior Rugby League and U12s, U14s & U16s Girls League Tag.

Junior rugby league is played on Saturdays and Girls League Tag will be played on Friday evenings.

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

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

Registration for <u>GIRLS League Tag</u> is open to Girls from 10 to 16 Years ONLY.

REGISTRATIONS are to be done online, online payment is Optional. Go to: <u>https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?</u>

alD=105&pKey=aff92a596e3cefb9e0ffe9fdeb428241&clD=12527&formID=53641

<u>New Registrations</u> and <u>Players transferring</u> from another club are to be done online but will require;

A COPY of BIRTH CERTIFICATE to the Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION or ASSISTANCE CONTACT;

REGISTRAR: LILLIAN HAGAN; 0417 777 553 lillian_hagan@bigpond.com

SECRETARY: PETER BARRY; 0428625713 peterandangelabarry@bigpond.com

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

Or find us on face book https://www.facebook.com/denmandevilsjuniorleague/

MUSWELLBROOK CATS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Weeraman Field, Muswellbrook 2017 Online Registrations Now Open

Visit www.muswellbrookcatsafc.com.au

NAB Auskick \$75 5 Years to 10 Years Includes 2017 Auskick Pack Juniors \$100 U13s, U15s & U17s Youth Girls \$100 U16s

A \$10 discount will be given for every extra family member The first 10 girls registered will receive a \$20 refund

> **** NO WEEKLY FEES **** For further information please contact Tracy Davis at <u>tdavis69@bigpond.com</u> or on 0427400303







2017 SEASON MUSWELLBROOK DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Welcome to the Muswellbrook Junior Rams where the emphasis is on fun, family, football and fairness.

With teams in Under 6's through to Under 16's in both rugby league, & now for the FIRST TIME from Under 10 upwards, Girls League Tag. The season kicks off on Saturday the 1st of April - our girls play on a Friday night. As soon as our teams are registered & assembled, coaches will begin training at Olympic Park which is usually on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Rego costs just \$85 per child with rolling discounts for multiple children and includes all insurances,new Rams will receive a club polo shirt, playing shorts & socks and returning Rams will be kitted up with new playing shorts and socks. Rams are also able to purchase + donate clean second hand boots for a gold coin donation.

Any questions or issues you may have can be sent as a message to our Facebook page for a prompt reply or as a text message to Michelle Quinn our new Club Registar on : 0439 451 595.

http://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi? aID=105&pKey=2a346de955259ebcbd36b992c3493a90&cl D=12525&formID=53641

GROUP 21 LAKE LIDDELL CLINIC

Includes Training Shirt, Hat, Water Bottle and Lunch

Liddell Power Station Social Club Area

Minis (6,7,8,9) - 9am-12pm Mods (10,11,12) - 12pm-3pm

\$25





Register before Tuesday, 21st February www.greaternortherntigers.leaguenet.com.au

For more information contact: Scott Bone - 0412 792 307

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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.

Upcoming Events 2017

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20 Feb 2017	Yr 12 Work Placement
23 Feb 2017	Yr 7 Immunisations
28 Feb 2017	Regional Swimming
3rd March 2017	Uni Roadshow
13-15 March 2017	Robotics Comp
17 March 2017	National Day against Bullying & Violence
20 March 2017	School Photo's
28 March 2017	Catch up day for school photo's that were missed on 20th