

# TERM 2 WEEK 5

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## Deputy Principals Brief

### Report from Mark O'Brien

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we enter the middle of the academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to address some important matters regarding examinations, reports, upcoming events, and the school uniform, especially in light of the cooler weather.

Firstly, I want to commend all our students in Years 7 to 10 for their hard work and dedication as they approach their mid-year examinations. These exams are a crucial milestone in your academic journey, and they provide an opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills you have acquired throughout the semester. Remember to stay focused, manage your time effectively, and seek support from your teachers if you require any assistance. I wish you all the very best of luck!

For our students in all year levels, the half-yearly reports will be released shortly after the examinations. These reports will provide a comprehensive overview of your academic progress, including grades, comments from teachers, and areas for improvement. I urge both students and parents to carefully review these reports together and engage in meaningful conversations about setting goals for the remainder of the year. If you have any concerns or queries regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to reach out to your respective teachers or the school administration.

To our Year 12 students, I want to acknowledge the incredible effort and commitment you have shown throughout your final year of schooling. With just one term to go, it is vital that you remain focused and determined to achieve your personal best. Trial examinations in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2 will provide an invaluable opportunity to refine your exam techniques and identify areas that require further attention. Make use of the feedback provided by your teachers and remember to take care of your physical and mental well-being during this demanding time. Your hard work will undoubtedly pay off as you approach the culmination of your high school journey.

Looking ahead to the upcoming events, I would like to draw your attention to the ROSE Assembly in Week 8. The Recognition of Student Excellence (ROSE) Assembly is an occasion where we celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of our students across various areas, including academic, sporting, cultural, and community service. It is an opportunity to recognize and honour the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our exceptional students. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend this event and share in the celebration.

Furthermore, Week 10 will mark NAIDOC Week, a significant occasion where we pay tribute to the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our school will be organizing a range of activities throughout the week, including guest speakers, cultural workshops, and art exhibitions. It is essential for all students to actively participate in these events, as they provide a valuable opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture.

Finally, as we transition into the cooler weather, I would like to remind all students of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform, including the new school hoodie. The school uniform not only fosters a sense of pride and belonging but also ensures a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. Please ensure that you are wearing the designated uniform items, including the new school hoodie, as specified in our uniform policy. Should you have any concerns or difficulties in obtaining the required uniform items, please reach out to the school administration for assistance.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire school community for your continued support and cooperation. Let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, and work together to create a positive and enriching educational experience for all our students.

Wishing you all the best for the upcoming examinations and events.

Sincerely,

Mark O'Brien Deputy Principal



**Back to school vouchers are now accepted**

We are now set up and ready to accept back to school vouchers.

Vouchers can be used to pay school fees and student excursions.

Simply present to the front office with your vouchers to scan or print your voucher and send it in with your student.

**Vouchers expire 30th June 2023**

**Back to School Vouchers**

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## OVERVIEW:

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- Polly Farmer
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## SRC Report

### Trivia Night

SRC Trivia Night is coming up in week 9 this term. Tables will be available to book and pay for from Monday 5th June. Options are \$50 for a round table that can seat up to 10 people or \$30 for rectangle tables that can seat up to 6. Start thinking about your team name now!

CAN YOU  
HELP?

If you know of any businesses that may like to donate prizes towards our raffle, trivia prizes, refreshments to sell on the night or decorations for the hall please contact Mrs Farrell at the school at [michelle.goodworth@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michelle.goodworth@det.nsw.edu.au) or 65431033. All funds raised will go to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

### Enviro week

SRC held this in Week 9 of term 1. As well as raising awareness for students of their impacts on the environment, we also managed to raise \$470.22. SRC divided this evenly to two charities each got \$235.10- Aussie Ark and also the Corroboree Frog Appeal at Taronga Zoo.



### Upper Hunter Student Leadership Summit- June 22nd

MHS Year 11 Prefects along with other leaders from Upper Hunter High Schools will be presenting this summit to students in senior years from their schools at St Joseph's High School. MHS will be able to take 30 students to this event. Currently, places are only open to Year 11 but if we still have vacancies, it will also be open to Year 10. Any interested students need to see Mrs Farrell to get a permission note emailed home. The Cost is only \$5 for the bus as travel cost is being subsidised by SRC from the money raised at the Lifesaving BBQ at the end of 2022. The summit itself has no cost other than travel thanks to WTAW. Good luck Year 11 prefects in your final preparations for your presentations for the summit. Your fellow students cannot wait to hear how they too can build their leadership and communications skills and learn more about the appreciative inquiry process.

**Thank you for your continued support  
Muswellbrook High School SRC**

# MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

School Edition

*Presents*

WE WILL  
ROCK  
YOU



In Week 2 of Term 2 students and staff from MHS performed the “We Will Rock You” musical to our community. Our students performed hit songs from Queen over 4 shows and dress rehearsals to our local feeder schools providing all who came to watch with a “rockin” experience.

We are beyond proud of our students. We have watched them grow in confidence and ability over the past 6 months, to produce a high-quality show. We hope this experience has allowed them to make memories and friendships that will last them a lifetime. It has been a privilege and an absolute pleasure to mentor and work with our students daily. They have all been amazing ambassadors of our school that we are so proud of. Thank you to the staff members, parents, family and friends who gave up their time to assist in making this show such a success for our students.







**Mrs Laura Martin**  
**Head Teacher CAPA**



# POLLY FARMER

Follow the Dream Polly Farmer students had a great opportunity to visit Callaghan College in Newcastle to see the students run micro businesses.

4 years down the track, the students at Callaghan College Jesmond are managing and running a coffee cart that is now permanently on the school grounds. Based on the success of selling their products to the school community, the students were able to pitch a business plan to the principal focusing on setting up a coffee shop at school. Not only are the students learning all about hospitality and managing food and service. Students are actively involved in cash flow analysis, marketing, IT skills, team building, collaboration, food handling, customer service and a myriad of other hands-on skills.

Our Students were taught by students at Callaghan how their business works.

We began our tour with a meeting at the coffee cart with the head teacher and she explained how the business works, job roles, food ordering, coffee making, ordering systems and coffee delivery during the day. We then went back to the learning centre where students could sample some of the food products. This was a great experience for our students as they learnt different skills needed to be applied for a micro business.



# STEM AND MINING CAMP

Three Muswellbrook High School students, Mia, Phoebe and Chrissy had an amazing experience during the school holidays flying to Perth to attend the Curtin University STEM Mining and Lands camp. The students spent an amazing week learning about study and career opportunities in the resources industry including visiting Anglo Gold Ashanti mine sites. Many thanks to the sponsors and partners of Muswellbrook Polly Farmer Foundation for funding the trip..





# RYAG WAS A SHEAR DELIGHT FOR TEENS

It was an intense, but all-too-brief introduction to a single sector of agriculture. But, for 14-year-old Zoe Pritchard and Talia Barnes, a recent Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) camp focused on the sheep industry was like stepping into an Alladin's Cave of career opportunities.

Housed in dormitory-style accommodation at Walcha Showground over four days, the two Year 9 Muswellbrook High School students joined 32 others from across Northern NSW who visited studs, farms and industry-leading wool and meat facilities to get hands-on experience from experts across almost every aspect of the sector – from wool classing, artificial insemination, ram quality, pasture growing, butchering, shearing, genetic pairing, and much more. The girls can now even tell you the tricks of accurately counting mobs of sheep.

But, the Rotary-run program is as much about learning leadership and teamwork skills, as well as a chance to meet peers who share the same passion for working on the land.

“The camp was great value,” Zoe said.

“I have been interested in a career in agriculture and it helped me see just how many jobs there are, not just with sheep but right across the industry.

“I enjoyed the wool classing and loved learning the skills involved in moving the sheep about. I could see myself working in the sheep industry.”

Muswellbrook High Agriculture teacher Erin Carter said the RYAG program gave students the chance to explore land-based careers across multiple agriculture sectors in more depth than was possible at school.

“I can show my kids the basics on our school farm, but it's not a working farm,” said Carter, who has 70 students studying agriculture in Years 8-12.

“And, besides the sheep industry, they also get a feel for other land-based careers. The girls haven't stopped talking about it since they got back!”

Having Muswellbrook Rotary cover the \$250 cost for each means students who may not otherwise be able to go could have the same experience, she added.

Talia said RYAG gave her a closer look at jobs she had already been considering as possible careers.

“The RYAG week goes into much more detail than you can get at school,” she said. “That's great for young adults who have a particular focus on agriculture.”

Rotary Club president, Rod Scholes invited Zoe and Talia to address club members on their RYAG experience and pledged the club would again sponsor local students next year.

As published in Hunter River Times





# MATHEMATICS

## Half Yearly Exams

This week, Year 7-10 students will do formal Half Yearly Examinations in English, Maths and Science in the MPC. We do this, in part, to ensure students have the skills to cope with formal exams like the HSC in the future.

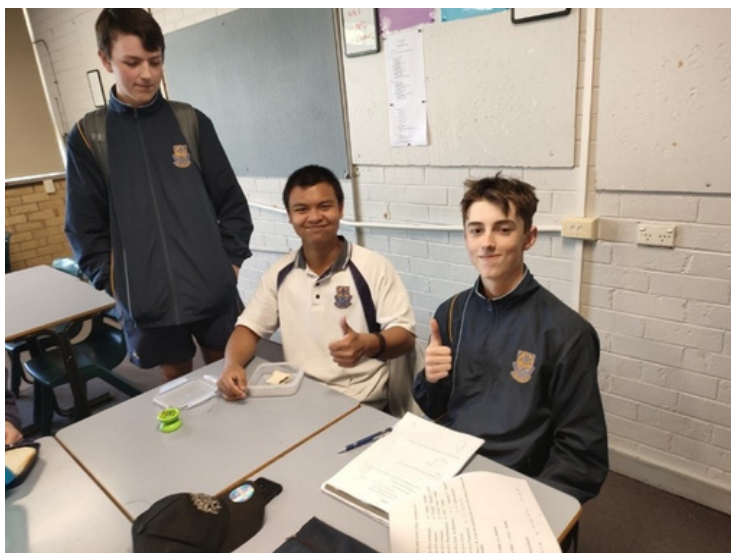


## Study Options

There are a number of ways students can get help/catch up on their schoolwork.

- Mondays: 3:10pm - 5pm, in the Snr Prep part of the HUB/Library.
- Wednesdays: 8am - 9am, in C24. EMMS (Early Morning Maths Study)
- Tuesday/Thursday lunch times for the weeks leading up to the Half Yearly Exams, run by Year 11/12 Students. SAMS (Student Assisted Maths Study)


Come and go as you please, welcome to get help with any subject.



Mr Morris  
Head Teacher Mathematics  
Labor Omni Vincit ~  
Work Conquers all



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## ROSE ASSEMBLY

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT EXCELLENCE  
WILL BE HELD

WEDNESDAY 1TH JUNE  
TIME: 10.10 AM  
MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL MPC

PARENTS/CARERS OF STUDENTS  
RECEIVING AWARDS WILL BE EMAILED AN  
INVITATION A WEEK PRIOR.

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**MON-FRI 08.45 AM TILL 3.30 PM**  
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## Introducing JADE ...

Jade is a year 11 student at Muswellbrook High School and completing a **SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIP** as part of her HSC.

Working at Muswellbrook Preschool 1 day per week and completing a Cert III in Early Childhood Education & Care as one of her subjects, Jade is gaining real, hands-on experience and an understanding of the work requirements in the childcare sector. "There is a lot to do, it's a big workload, and you really do need to stay on top of things, but when you love what you do, it's easy to manage".  
**"I would 100% recommend the SBAT pathway to other students."**



*"I am extremely happy that I chose to complete a **SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP** as part of my HSC. My co-workers are super supportive, the kids are great and I really love what I'm doing"*

**JADE C**  
**School-based Trainee**  
 Muswellbrook  
 Preschool

**YEAR  
10  
STUDENTS**

**Are you interested in making an SBAT part of your HSC plan?**

Talk to your Career Advisor, Mrs McDonald or SBAT Engagement Officer, Tracy Forbes on 0460 030 617 today OR SCAN the QR CODE

**Educational Pathways Program**

**Go.Forward**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>



## HOW TO COLLECT BREAD TAGS

There are two options :

- collect at your home, work, school etc. and drop your tags off at one of our collection points – see below, or
- also **host a collection point** where the public can drop off the tags they have collected – see [Aussie Bread Tags Host a Collection Point](#).

### Collecting

1. Decide where you are going to collect. Apart from collecting your family's tags, consider your school, workplace, sports club or church. Think of asking places where lots of bread and rolls are used such as your local café, child care centre, nursing home, hospital or school canteen.
2. Get a container such as a 1kg honey tub, 1kg yoghurt container or a jam jar.
3. You can make a moneybox type slot in the top. Put a few bread tags inside to give people the idea.
4. Attach a sign to your container and possibly one on the wall above it – see below, or use [Aussie Bread Tags Bottle Labels](#).
5. Publicise our program in your organisation by email, Facebook or word of mouth. Join the [Aussie Bread Tags Collection Info](#) group on our Facebook page to become part of the community.
6. When it suits you, drop your accumulated bread tags off at one of our collection points. Check the [map](#) (also on our website [ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au](#)) to see if there is one near you, or otherwise contact us to make alternative arrangements. You can also post tags to us at P.O. Box 1164, Kensington Gardens, SA 5068.
7. If you have any questions, visit our website [ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au](#) and read our [FAQ](#), or contact us on [aussiebreadtags@gmail.com](mailto:aussiebreadtags@gmail.com) or on FB [@aussiebreadtags](#).

Suitable to stick on a container (write your name and contact number as the local contact):



### BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please put your bread tags in here – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.

For more information, visit [@aussiebreadtags](#) or [ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au](#)

Your local contact is 



You could also stick this on the lid of the container:



### BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please put your bread tags in here – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.

To the right are some pictures of different containers. If benchtop space is an issue, hang it on the wall. For busy cafés a jam jar takes less space than a honey container. Whatever works in the space!  
 On the next page is a sign you could stick on the wall above your container to attract attention to it.





## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS





**Please save your bread tags and put them in the container below – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.**



Re-made in Robe!

**We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.**





For more info:

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