



Muswellbrook High School

Newsletter

Term 2 Issue 3

Keep up to date with the latest school news through our social media pages.



From the Principal:



As we conclude Term 2 there is, as is the tradition of our school, much to celebrate. In particular, the efforts of our student leadership team and their contribution to running and managing the Upper Hunter Youth Leadership Summit are commendable. Our school, and our community, was represented with distinction through their efforts, something made all the more possible through our school's deep and meaningful connection with local organisation *Where There's A Will*. I would like to express the school's gratitude for their role in working with us to develop our student leaders.

I was fortunate to work with our Careers Advisor, Mrs McDonald, in recent weeks and undertook Year 12 exit interviews. The interviews were ten minutes a piece and were scheduled for each student. The process allowed Year 12 students to help frame their legacy, with each student at the end of the interview asked to identify an area where our school 'would be even better if...'. The answers ranged from ways we can improve learning environments to supports we can put in place to support student wellbeing. Responses will be compiled and shared to support our journey of school improvement. Well done Year 12 on the interviews and the depth of your thinking.

Muswellbrook High School has been one of many schools in the Hunter region lucky enough to secure part of the government stimulus funding to upgrade roofs within schools. You may have noticed that scaffolding is around our B block, K Block and MPC buildings in preparation for the replacement of these roofs. This work should be completed by the beginning of term 3.

With the school holidays soon to be upon us, we still have much to do. In Week 10 we will celebrate our NAIDOC Week, complete with full school assembly and a program of activities to highlight the breadth and depth of our connection to Aboriginal culture at Muswellbrook High School. For Year 12 during the holidays, I encourage you to plan your time well to ensure your Trial HSC examinations are attempted with confidence in Week 1 of Term 3. And lastly, for all years, stay safe during the holidays and return well rested for an exciting and rewarding Term 3.

Regards

Neal Reed


What's On at MHS

Important Dates

- 22 June - Whole school assembly
- 23 June - Naidoc Cultural Day – All Stars league game
- 24 June - Naidoc Cultural Day
- 25 June – Last day of Term 2



Striving for excellence in a school that cares.



STUDY HUB @ MHS

ABOUT

A safe space where students can work on assessments, receive help from teachers, use available resources like computers, printing and ... snacks.


WHEN

TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVERY WEEK
@ The Hub 3:30PM - 5:00PM

WHAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH

- Exam Preparation
- Reading Skills
- Assessment Tasks
- Homework
- Study Skills
- Independent Study

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Muswellbrook High School

VOLLEYBALL CLUB

MPC - WEDNESDAYS 3.30PM - 5.30PM

Students can be picked up or have permission to walk home. Bring comfortable sports clothes, kneepads and lots of fluids.



Students return to school for Term 3

Monday 12th July – Week A

Muswellbrook High School Uniform Shop

Tuesday 7.30am – 11.30am

Thursday 12pm – 4pm

Megan – 0452 471 167

Daylightsportswear.com/muswellbrook



SkoolBag

Don't forget you can complete student absentees through our Skoolbag app, fill out sport permission slips, get up to date with all the latest excursion notes and upcoming events.

School Canteen

Our School Canteen is currently looking for volunteers.

If you have spare time to join our canteen team and help prepare/cook and serve food we would love to hear from you.

If any new parents received forms from the front office please send them in with your child to the canteen.



Is it time for a dental check-up?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides free dental care for all children under 18yrs of age

We accept the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

HNE Dental Clinic opening hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Call 1300 651 625 to book an appointment today

For more information about oral health and accessing our service, visit the HNE Kids Health webpage at www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth

The Greatest Show

Wow, what a busy few week it has been for CAPA students and staff!

On Wednesday 9th June Drama students from Year 8 to 12 competed at the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. This has been an ongoing tradition at Muswellbrook High School, with Drama students competing for almost twenty years. This year students competed in Duologue in Costume, Junior and Senior Monologue and the Group Drama section. Well done to E.May, S.Murray, P.Raisbeck, T.Hunt, M.Walton and P.Wolfgang for their first places. Other students also received recognition with a second, third and two Highly Commended. All students should be proud of their commitment, bravery and willingness to represent our school on the stage.

On Thursday 10th June we welcomed family and friends back to school for the first time since COVID, with our farewell concert "The Greatest Show". The evening saw a showcase of talent from Year 8 ProBL Rock Band and Drama students, Stage 5 Music and Drama classes and featured several performances from HSC Music students. Our musical ensembles also entertained the audience, the Guitar Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble and Junior and Senior Stage Band. It was a wonderful evening and CAPA are grateful to all families, friends and staff who braved the cold weather to support us.

In week nine all students hit the road to take "The Greatest Show" on tour over three days to Muswellbrook Public School, Muswellbrook South Public School and Denman Public School. Martindale and Sandy Hollow Public Schools also joined us on Thursday while we were at Denman. Stage 5 Entertainment and Production students worked hard with Mr Case and Mr Wilton to transport and set up all sound and musical equipment at each school. Each primary school provided us with eager audiences, a great energy could be felt during each show as young children danced, laughed and cheered during the many items.

Over the four performances we have entertained over 1000 people in our community and CAPA staff are very proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students. We look forward to providing more great opportunities for our CAPA students in Semester Two.

Mrs Dana Hogan

Relieving CAPA Head Teacher



SRC Report

Upper Hunter Student Leadership Summit

On Thursday 10th June Mrs Farrell and Mrs Westbury took our Year 11 leaders and 27 other Year 11 and 10 students to the Upper Hunter Student Leadership Summit.

Our Year 11 leaders did a fantastic job delivering the summit to around 100 students from local high schools with the other students that they attended the National Summit within March. Although it was a very cold day, all students enjoyed their day and learnt a lot about leadership and considered challenges they would like to work on in 2021 and be inspired and motivated for the future.

Thanks, must go to Where there's a Will for organising the day. In particular, the students and Mrs Farrell would like to thank Lindy Hunt, WTAW's student leadership coordinator, who did a fantastic job assisting the students to prepare for the day.



SRC Trivia Night

Thursday 29th July Tables are now available for purchase to the Trivia Night to be held Week 3 next term. Tables are \$40 each for a table of 8 people (\$5 per head). Table bookings are available via the school's front office. We will have a sausage sizzle, popcorn, chocolates and drinks available to purchase on the night

Funds raised from the raffle that will be drawn on the night will go towards the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and proceeds from the trivia night will go to the Helicopter Service and the SRC for projects within the school. If you are able to assist with prizes/gift vouchers for the raffle or trivia competition, please contact Mrs Farrell at the school. Food and drinks will be on offer before and during the night. We hope to see lots of students, teachers and the community out enjoying what should be a good night.

RAFFLE FOR WESTPAC RESCUE
HELICOPTER

SRC TRIVIA NIGHT

FUNDS GO TOWARDS WESTPAC RESCUE
HELICOPTER AND FUTURE SRC PROJECTS
WITHIN MHS

**THURSDAY 29TH OF
JULY WEEK 3 TERM
3**

MPC DOORS OPEN AT 6
STARTS AT 6:30

Thank you for your support of the SRC and student voice within the school-
Mrs Farrell and the SRC.

Hunter Wise Stem Girls Program

Newcastle University Visit

For the past seven weeks a select group of Year 8 students have been participating in the Hunter Wise STEM Program run through the University of Newcastle. Each week they have been collaborating with a mentor from the University and developing a project that will help solve a local issue with STEM based solutions. On Wednesday the 19th of May the students got the opportunity to visit the University of Newcastle and experience a range of engineering programs. The students showed great resilience finding the sodium concentration in a bottle of Gatorade and comparing it to the value on the label, an experiment that is related to the concepts and skills covered in HSC Chemistry.

“We met the civil engineer who designed the bridge near Simpson park that has the mural on it. My favourite experiment was an experiment that made sand feel like liquid using pressure underneath. The day was amazing, and I can’t wait to go again.” - Jocelyn Dunbar, Year 8 MHS Student.

“When we got there, the first thing we did was a chemistry experiment where we measured the sodium in Gatorade. We then put the samples we made into an instrument [Atomic Absorption Spectrometer] and the fire turned pink and orange. We learnt about smashing rocks and they studied how they break. I would like to go back there.” Kayla Rankmore, Year 8 MHS Student.



Faculty is Focus LOTE

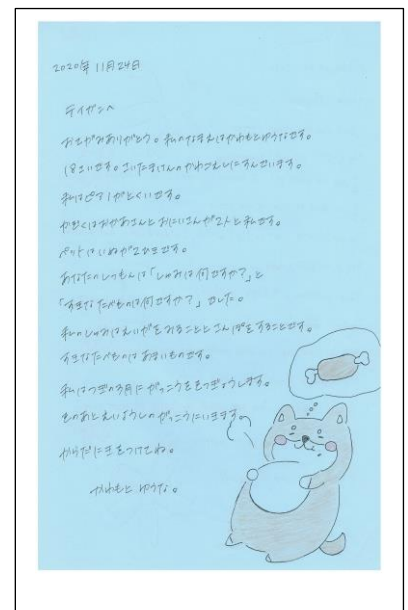
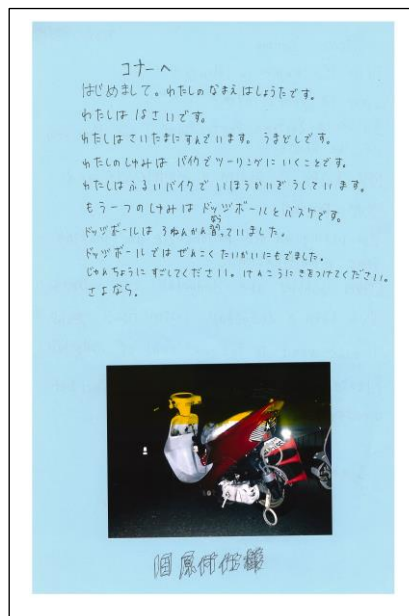
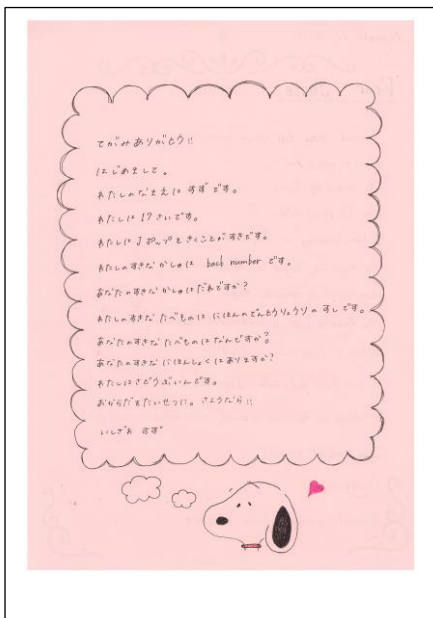
Term 1 – Year 7 Speaking Task

Year 7 have commenced their study of Japanese strongly and confidently as showcased in Assessment Task 1, a speaking task. Students had to form a pair and write an original script in Japanese of two characters introducing themselves. In the role play, students had to communicate personal information, such as age, animal zodiac and hobbies, about themselves. For a more sophisticated and realistic role play (and more marks!), students were encouraged to include questions to each other. Overall, Year 7 rose to the challenge and did their best whilst having some fun in the process. Congratulations Year 7 for your enthusiasm and a job well done!



Term 1 – Pen Pal Program

At the end of Term 1 we kicked off our annual pen pal program with our Japanese sister school, Sayama-Seiryo High School. Each year Muswellbrook High School participates in this special initiative, which allows students from both schools to not only make a new friend and learn about someone from another country but it also provides the students with an authentic opportunity to further develop their language skills. All students in Year 7 and our Japanese elective classes from Year 9 to Year 12 have now written their first letter to their Japanese pen pal. We can confirm that our sister school has now received those letters and has assigned each letter to one of their students. The Japanese students are busily writing their letters as you read this article so we can look forward to receiving our first letters early Term 3.



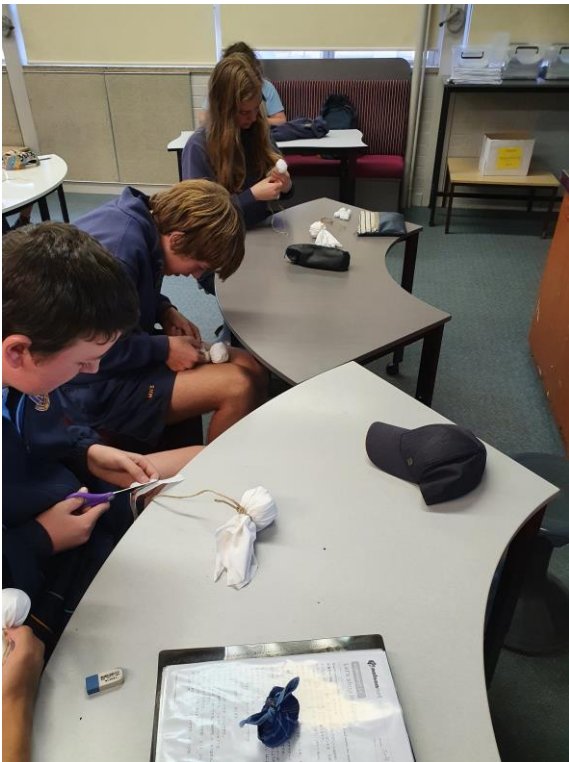
Term 2 - Teru Teru Bōzu (てるてるぼうず)

Year 10 Japanese recently completed a unit of work about weather. So, it seemed perfect timing to learn about a particular Japanese custom called, *teru teru bōzu*.

Teru teru bōzu is a traditional handmade doll, in the form of a ghost, that is made out of white tissue paper or material that Japanese farmers began hanging outside of their window by a string. The name, *Teru teru bōzu*, can be divided into two words; '*teru*' means 'to shine' or 'to be sunny' and '*bōzu*' means 'Buddhist monk'. It is a good luck charm, which is supposed to have magical powers to bring good weather and to stop a rainy day. The tradition dates back to the time when emperors and shoguns ruled Japan and a belief existed that a high Buddhist priest could control the rain.

Ms Sharon Woon

LOTE



CANCER AWARENESS DAY

On Friday the 28th May, Year 10 ran a **Cancer Awareness Day** at school. The aim of the day was to raise money and also awareness towards cancer, a disease that unfortunately affects so many of us.

The day was a great success with year 10 engaging in a formal year group assembly followed by a lunchtime BBQ, music – the Nutbush was a hit as always, and a cake stall.

A combined fundraising effort saw us smash our fundraising goal and achieve a final donation of **\$1808.09** towards the **World's Greatest Shave – Leukemia Foundation**.

A massive shout out to the Cancer Awareness Team, those that coloured their hair, Cade Snewin, Erin Ryan and Taylor Gallaher who were brave enough to shave their heads and everyone who donated some money, in whatever form that may have been, to contribute towards the fundraising total.

The lolly guessing competition was won by a very lucky Braith Reynolds!



Digital Photography Students pushing the limits with their creative imagery.

Students of Mrs Smeeth's Digital Photography class are exploring their creative side, when it comes to capturing images around the school.



Photo by Max Brown

Sometimes we must think outside the box when it comes to taking a photograph. The subject matter may not be exciting but it is up to us, the photographers, to make it exciting and capture the audience's attention.



Photo by Porsha Jimmieson

Through the analysis of Photography Design Elements, practice in using the Digital SRL Camera in manual mode, exploring new vantage points and camera angles, year 9 and 10 students have created some interesting and thought-provoking photographs.

Not only have the Digital Photography students been using the school environment as a source of inspiration, they have also been exploring new ways to capture the portrait.



Photo by Claudia Murray

With simple props, such as fairy lights and using close-up framing, the portrait is transformed into something else. Awe inspiring and fascinating.



Photo by Maddi O'Leary

New worlds are being created using stimulating natural lighting and composition such as these images below.



Photos by Tarryn Shelton

I wish to commend these students for their motivation and persistence in learning new skills and taking on board new approaches to photography.

Ashlee Smeeth
Digital Photography Teacher
CAPA Faculty

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child walk home directly from sport?

It is our policy here at Muswellbrook High School that all students return to school for role marking prior to being released for the day at 3.20pm.

If my child needs to leave school during the day?

If you need to collect your child during school hours – You must send a note showing the date, reason and time to the E Block office before roll call to get a partial absence pass.

If my child becomes sick during the day?

If your child becomes sick during the day, they need to advise their teacher and they will be sent to our sick bay – from there we will contact all emergency contacts to have someone come and collect them.

My Son/Daughter will be absent from school for an extended period of time. Can I please have work sent home?

If a medical certificate can be provided, then your child's Year Advisor will coordinate relevant work and/or instructions from his/her teachers. We find that a digital platform is the most efficient mode of communication.

Do I have to pay my school fees all together?

It is preferred that school fees are paid in full but can be paid over the year by the term.

School Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8.30am – 3.30pm

After hours – muswellbro-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.



MUSWELLBROOK HIGH CANTEEN MENU

WINTER CANTEEN MENU 2021			
BREAKFAST		SALADS	
Bacon n Cheese Bun	\$2.00	Salad Bowls/ Wraps – no meat	\$6.00
Cheese Toasty	\$1.50	Salad Bowls/ Wraps + Meat	\$6.50
Ham & Cheese Toasty	\$2.00	Add Baked Vegies	\$1.00
Bacon & Egg Rolls	\$3.50	Chicken Tender Sliders	\$3.00
HOT FOOD		Caesar Salad Wrap or Bowl	\$5.50
Potato Wedges (gravy .50c extra)	\$3.00	Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$5.50
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$1.50	Taco Wraps	\$5.50
Chicken Strips (5)	\$2.00	Fish/Chips & Salad	\$6.50
Lean Pies	\$3.50	Meat & Salad Rolls	\$6.50
Lean Sausage Rolls Small 120gr	\$2.00	Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	\$3.50
Chicken Burger	\$5.00	Ham Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$3.50
Nachos	\$4.50	DRINKS	
Pizza on Turkish bread- Cheese	\$3.00	Water 600ml	\$2.00
Pizza Ham & Pineapple	\$3.50	Orchy Juices 250ml (3 flavours)	\$2.00
Pizza- BBQ Ham & Chicken	\$3.50	Dairy Farmers Small Milks 300ml	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50	Dairy Farmers 500ml Flavoured Milk	\$3.50
Pasta Bake (Bolognaise)	\$4.00	Glee Cans 250ml (3 Flavours)	\$2.00
Cheese Toasties	\$1.50	Just Juice Poppers 200ml	\$1.50
Ham & Cheese Toasties	\$2.00	Waterford's Mineral Water	\$2.50
Chicken & Gravy Rolls	\$3.50		
		Extras	
Fruit/Yoghurt/ Muesli	\$2.50	Sour light Cream	.50c
Custard / Fruit Cups	\$2.50	Sauces	.50c
Fruit Cups	\$1.00	Gravy	.50c
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00		
Cheese & Crackers	\$1.50	ICEBLOCKS	
Grainwaves	\$1.00	Paddle Pops (2 flavours)	\$1.50
Muffins- light	\$1.50	Juices (3 flavours)	\$1.00
Chobani Yoghurts (3 flavours)	\$2.50	Frozen Pineapple Rings	.50c

**WEEKLY SPECIALS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE BOARD**

2022 Mt Arthur Coal Apprenticeships

BHP



Come and be part of our success! At BHP we support our people to grow, learn, develop their skills and reach their potential. Our strategy is to focus on creating a safe work environment where our employees feel strongly connected to our values and objectives, and where the capability of our people is key to our success.

At BHP, we recognise that we are strengthened by diversity. We are seeking applications from a diverse group spanning school leavers, through to mature age people, reflecting the communities in which we operate.

Apprenticeships offered may include:

- ✓ Electricians
- ✓ Heavy Diesel Fitters
- ✓ Auto Electricians
- ✓ Mechanical Fitters
- ✓ Electrical Instrumentation Tradesperson
- ✓ CHPP Mechanical Fitter

On completion of our 4-year apprenticeship, apprentices earn a trade qualification that is recognised globally.

The recruitment process



A career with BHP. Why not you?

The Apprentice Program will be open for application from 9 June 2021. Applications close 12PM AEST, 30 June 2021

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water, and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

LOGAN'S CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY!



- ★ 50 SHOW CARS
- ★ LASER TAG
- ★ PONY RIDES
- ★ JUMPING CASTLE
- ★ HAIRSPRAY & FACE PAINTING
- ★ HOT FOOD & COFFEE VAN
- ★ POPCORN & ICEY STANDS
- ★ GAMES FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS
- ★ HUGE RAFFLES & LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
- ★ THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE SO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN ON ALL THE FUN!

10AM UNTIL 2PM ON 25TH JULY 2021
AT MUSWELLBROOK SHOWGROUND
GOLD COIN ENTRY

#JUSTICEFORLOGAN

Event attractions subject to change.

PRISM LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Training

This one-day training will explore the core principles of LGBTQIA+ Inclusion.

This training will cover:

- Unpacking the LGBTQIA+ acronym, with a focus on sex characteristics, gender and sexuality identity
- Realities for LGBTQIA+ populations - discrimination, microaggressions, statistics
- Inclusive practice for individuals and organisations - language, allyship and inclusivity audits

This content will be contextualised to focus on inclusive language and service provision in the community setting, and will allow space and time for questions, discussion, and for the group to establish next steps.

twenty10



UPPER HUNTER
COMMUNITY SERVICES Inc.

Twenty10 Inc GLCS NSW is an LGBTQIA+ organisation, working primarily with young people aged 12-25. They offer specialised services for youth across housing, mental health, counselling and social support, and are a Specialist Homelessness Service, offering transitional accommodation for LGBTQIA+ young people. Twenty10 is the NSW State Partner for QLife - Australia's only free, national and all ages LGBTQIA+ phone and web support service. Twenty10 also works in community suicide prevention, delivers LGBTQIA+ inclusion training, performs advocacy, and offers consulting for organisations and service providers across most sectors.

9am-5pm
26th of August 2021

Muswellbrook RSL Club
113 Bridge St Muswellbrook

Are you new to the Muswellbrook area and unsure of the local services available in town?

Upper Hunter Youth Services would like to invite you and your family to a **FREE** morning tea to take advantage of a fantastic opportunity to meet with a wide range of service representatives within our local area and make new friends.

When: Wednesday 30th June
Time: 10am - 11:30am
Where: Upper Hunter Youth Services, 95 Maitland St Muswellbrook
Parking will be on Maitland Street, access through side showground gate
RSVP: Tuesday 29th June 12pm - 65 434 841

For further information please call 65 434 841