



TERM 4 WEEK 11

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Principals Brief

It is not just a duty but an absolute joy to be the principal of Muswellbrook High School. This place is not just a school; it's a community, a family, and a place where dreams take flight.

Why do I love being the principal of Muswellbrook High School? It's because this is a place where passion for education ignites like wildfire. It's in the eager faces of our students, the tireless dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our parents. This is not just a job; it's a calling, a calling to nurture young minds, foster dreams, and sculpt futures.

To me, education is more than textbooks and exams; it's the beacon that guides us through the journey of self-discovery. Education is the key that unlocks the door to endless possibilities, and Muswellbrook High School is the canvas where dreams are painted and futures are shaped. It's about instilling a love for learning, a hunger for knowledge that transcends the boundaries of the classroom.

Some students may remember when I first introduced myself as the new principal 2 ½ years ago. A dream I hold close to my heart. I dream of Muswellbrook High School being not just a school in the Upper Hunter, but the number one school, a shining example of excellence and innovation. A place where academic achievement, creativity, and character development converge to produce not just graduates but leaders and visionaries who will shape the future.

One thing I pride myself on is treating each and every student as if they were my own. I believe in the potential within every child, and it's my commitment to see that potential realised. Our students are not just names on a roll or faces in the hallway; they are the future, and their success is my ultimate reward.

To our phenomenal students, I want to express my deepest gratitude. Thank you for an amazing year filled with triumphs, challenges met, and lessons learned. Your passion, enthusiasm, and determination have made Muswellbrook High School a vibrant and thriving community. Thank you for working hard along side staff to change the culture of Muswellbrook High School. Keep reaching for the stars, because you are destined for greatness.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our dedicated and passionate staff. Your tireless efforts, creativity, and unwavering commitment to the success of our students are the driving force behind our achievements. Muswellbrook High School is not just a building; it's a testament to your hard work and dedication. You all drive me to be better each and every day.

I am filled with excitement and anticipation as I look forward to the collective accomplishments we will achieve in 2024. Together, as a united Muswellbrook family, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Thank you for an incredible year, and here's to the journey ahead. Muswellbrook High School – a place where dreams are not just dreamt but lived, always striving for excellence.

Kylie Fabri
Principal

SCHOOL RETURNS
THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2024
- YEARS 7,11&12

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY -
WHOLE SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL OFFICE WILL
CLOSE -
FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER @
3.30PM AND REOPENS ON
WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY
2024

OVERVIEW:

- SRC Report
- Lifesaving 2023
- Representative Sport
- Important Information



SRC Newsletter Report Week 10 Term 4 2023

Year 11 Prefects 2023 - WTAW

Project and Presentation

During week 4 of term 4 our Year 11 Prefects for 2023 delivered their wellbeing project they had planned as part of their activities supported by WTAW. They decided to run a Halloween themed spirit week. Throughout the week they staged the popular spooky lollipop hunt, had spooky jokes in morning notices, a spooky dress up day, guessing competition, sausage sizzle and bakesale to raise funds for WTAW. Audrey, Kurt, Lucy, Max and Patrick would like to thank the other Year 11s that assisted with the BBQ and the bakesale.



Sunday 3rd November, they reported back to WTAW in front of all the other local students that attended Adelaide. They explained the outcomes of their planned events were:

- Connected students within the school.
- Scavenger Hunt was great with lots of student input.
- Raised money for Where There's A Will (\$654)

SRC would like to thank WTAW and in particular, Lindy Hunt as she retires from her Student Leadership role at WTAW for all her effort over the past years to assist our students to take part in this valuable experience. Our incoming Year 11 Prefects for 2024 have now started their organisation for their trip to the National Student Leadership Summit in Adelaide next March with WTAW.



SRC Lifesaving BBQ:

We again held a BBQ for students during the lifesaving days for years 7-10 at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. We raised over \$560 that we will use next year to support students to attend leadership development days.

DOVES meeting: Lilly George

Department of Student Voice in Education and Schools (DOVES), is a council of 28 students representing the nine School Performance Directorates. Lilly took part in a virtual meet up facilitated by students on the Council for our area. The DOVES job is to voice the opinions of our students to educational boards and policy makers to initiate student-led change that has the potential to address the issues that matter most to young people. Report by Lilly on the meeting: "I'm Lilly George and I am a Year 9 SRC representative and I took part in a DOVES meeting at the end of last term. I got to meet students from nearby schools and discuss what was working and what wasn't working in our schools. We also discussed major issues and upcoming issues that occurred across all schools. I had a great time meeting these like-minded students and I am glad I had the opportunity to take part in this meeting.

SRC members for 2024:

We held a planning day for our incoming 2024 SRC members on Monday 27th November. Students from Years 7-11 on SRC next year got to meet each other and undertake leadership and team building activities. They also spent time planning what events that they would like to run. Stay tuned for some exciting events in 2024!! We also have one vacancy for a current Year 7 student who would like to step up in Year 8 to a SRC leadership position. Please come and see Mrs Farrell if you would like to know more about SRC membership. Year 7 2024 SRC nominations will be called early in term 1 once our new cohort begins their journey at MHS.

2024 membership of SRC are:

Year 12 Leadership Team 2024



Captain
Audrey Sinclair



Captain
Patrick Wear



Vice Captain
Lucy McCamley



Vice Captain
Max Brown



Prefect
Jade Constable



Prefect
Kurt Farrell

Year 11 Leadership Team 2024



Prefect
Bailey Schmarr



Prefect
Sidney Murray



Prefect
Lucas Farrell



Prefect
Isabella Corliss



Prefect
Sarah Wear



Prefect
Mia Den Hartog



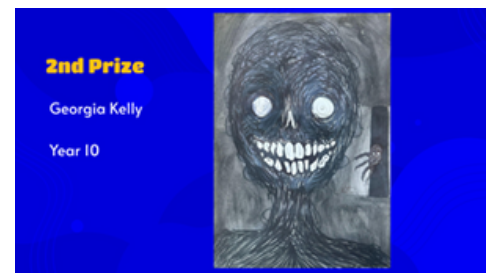
Christmas Spirit Week

Week 10 SRC decided to again run some fun events to finish off the year. We had a candy cane hunt before school Monday and Tuesday and we got permission for students to wear Christmas Shirts Wednesday, Christmas hats Thursday and Christmas socks Friday. SRC also ran a bakesale on Wednesday to raise funds for Australian Red Cross. During week 10 SRC ran a collection in the HUB for the PowerFM food and toy appeal. Thank you to all those who donated to this worthy local cause.

Term 4 ROSE Assembly- some highlights!

At the Term 4 ROSE assembly held on Wednesday November 22nd, there was a wonderful variety of student achievements recognised. We had new leaders being inducted to SRC and also sports house captains, CAPA ensemble recognitions for 2023, Reader/Writer acknowledgments, Teams of the Year, Art competition winners, Sporting Pathways, Premier's Sporting Challenge Medallists, CHS awards and the "Glow Up" STEM group told those present about the Innovation Challenge that they had successfully won.

We hope all parents and carers that attended the ROSE assembly enjoyed the event and look forward to even more joining us for the Term 1 ROSE assembly in 2024.



We thank you for your continued support of the SRC





SPORT REPORT - HARRY SCOWEN

What a year it's been for Year 11's Harry Scowen!

Harry was highly decorated at our end of year Presentation Assembly, to recognise his incredible achievements within the sport of cricket. Unfortunately, Harry was unable to be present for the assembly as we were competing in the U19s National Cricket Challenge, so he was awarded at the final school assembly for the year.

Firstly, Harry trialled against the best school cricketers across the entire Hunter Region and was selected in the Hunter CHS boys cricket team. The next award he received recognised his selection further from this team, at NSW Representative Level, an amazing progression.

Harry was also selected as the recipient of the 2023 MHS Sporting Highest Achiever Award. This award is presented to a student who has successfully gained selection and represented at the highest level in their particular internal school pathway sport during the current school year. The recipient must also demonstrate leadership, dedication and sport, sportsmanship and respect. Over the past year, Harry has excelled in school cricket. He scored numerous halves and centuries in the school team, contributing to the success of the team. As previously mentioned he was selected to represent at region and state level, being recognised for his performance in the NSWCHSSA Opens Cricket Championship where he was selected out of over 120 players in the CHS 1st team, for his batting and wicket keeping ability. At his competition, he also received numerous awards, including the Hunter Team MVP, Steve Rixon Trophy for the best batsman of the championship (he was averaging 60 runs – previous recipients of this award include Australian cricket royalty Adam Gilchrist, Steven Smith and Phillip Hughes!). Harry also received the Alan Davidson Trophy for the best player of the championship, awarded based on a points system.

Furthermore, in Week 9 Harry was also being recognised at regional level, being awarded a Region Sporting Blue Award, nominated and selected by the Hunter School Sport Association. This is a prestigious award that is not easily achieved and recognises students across the Hunter who excel in their chosen sport. This year, Harry was one of 28 students across every school in the Hunter Region, to achieve the Blue Award. He is clearly a highly deserving recipient of the 2023 MHS Sporting Highest Achiever Award.

Finally, Harry was also the recipient of the MHS 1953 Shield Team Extraordinary Achievement Award. This award recognises a senior student who has overcome adversity, of any kind, to achieve throughout their senior years. Attempting senior studies is a rigorous and challenging pursuit for any young person, let alone when combined with a dream of achieving at the highest level in your sport of choice. Harry is a student who epitomises all that it means to work diligently and tirelessly, making sacrifices to achieve his ambitions. A talented sportsman representing our school in not only cricket, but also touch and soccer, he has consistently shown resilience and dedication to both his education and his sport. He is driven and focussed and manages to juggle study, assessment tasks and working, with regular travel for training sessions and competition. He has accomplished all of these achievements listed in this notice, whilst maintaining his own academic success. His success is a true testament to the importance of setting yourself a goal and believing in your ability to work hard and achieve it.





LIFE SAVING 2024

Last year 281 people lost their lives to drowning in Australia. We are still not back to pre COVID numbers. Our annual 3 day lifesaving program aims to ensure that our students are not part of these tragic statistics in the future.

We are one of the longest running and largest programs in the Hunter Region, with over 200 students receiving Junior Lifesaving Awards, including many students (and staff) receiving the coveted Bronze Medallion Award.

This year we had 8 Year 10 students undergo the Instructor program during sport time across term 4, culminating in looking after a group during the lifesaving program.

Apart from the swimming part of the program, which for some students was a first, our program includes sessions on River/Beach safety, Sun safety and Resuscitation.

Whilst it's 3 relaxing days with your mates at the pool the big picture is one of improving student safety around the water for the summer months ahead.



2nd Muswellbrook Scouts

Contact:- Tom Matthews
tom.matthews@nsw.scouts.com.au

Joey Scouts (6 & 7 year olds) and
Cub Scouts (8-10 year olds) ~
Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30pm

Scouts (11-14 year olds) and
Venturer Scouts (15 – 17 year olds) ~
Thursdays 6:45 – 8:30pm at Scone

Muswellbrook Girl Guides

Contact: Therese Bristow
muswellbrookDM@girlguides-
nswactnt.org.au



Jnr Guides (6 – 10* year olds) ~
Thursdays 5:00 – 6:30pm

Guides (11-14 year olds) ~
Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm



MUSWELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

13TH FEBRUARY Swimming Carnival

5TH MARCH Photo Day

8TH MARCH Catch Up Photo Day

20TH MARCH ROSE Assembly



Office Hours:
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JANUARY 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

Open hours for the Uniform Shop in January 2024.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE https://daylightsportswear.com/muswellbrook/ | | | | | CLOSED |
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Online ordering available through the below link.

<https://daylightsportswear.com/muswellbrook/>

You will be notified by the Uniform Shop when your order is ready for collection.

| Return to Normal Trading Hours from Tuesday 6th February 2024 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| CLOSED | CLOSED | 7:30AM - 11:30AM | CLOSED | 12PM - 4PM | CLOSED | CLOSED |

Year 7 Mainstream Book Packs

Book packs have arrived and are now available for parents/carers to purchase from the front office for \$65 (cash only)

Office Hours:
Mon - Fri
8.45 am till 3.30 pm

If you have any further queries please contact us on 0265431033.

COS BTS Student Pack Drawstring Bag Navy
1 USB memory stick 16GB
1 Scissors
1 Ruler wooden 30cm
1 Pen Red
1 Pen Blue
1 Pen Black
1 HB Pencil
2 Guitar picks 0.73mm
1 Glue stick
3 Display folder A4
1 Coloured textas 12pack
1 Coloured pencils 12pack
1 96 page Music Book (Theory & Staves) A4
1 48 page exercise book A4
1 6 192 page exercise book A4
1 128 page Exercise book A4
1 120 page Visual Arts Diary Quill A3
1 120 page Quill Visual Art Diary A5
1 Clear Button document wallet A4



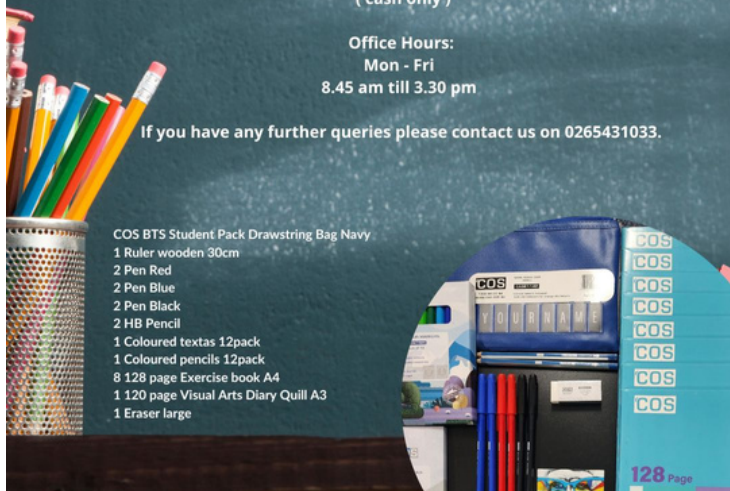
Support & Inclusion Book Packs

Book packs have arrived and are now available for parents/carers to purchase from the front office for \$30 (cash only)

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COS BTS Student Pack Drawstring Bag Navy
1 Ruler wooden 30cm
2 Pen Red
2 Pen Blue
2 Pen Black
2 HB Pencil
1 Coloured textas 12pack
1 Coloured pencils 12pack
8 128 page Exercise book A4
1 120 page Visual Arts Diary Quill A3
1 Eraser large





Term 4 2023

Friday 15th December - Last day for all students

Monday 18th December - Staff Professional Learning (**no students**)

Tuesday 19th December - Staff Professional Learning (**no students**)

Term 1 2024

School will commence on Week B

Tuesday 30th January - Staff Development Day (**no students**)

Wednesday 31st January - Staff Development Day (**no students**)

Thursday 1st February - Year 7, 11 & 12 return to school

Friday 2nd February - All students return to school

Admin Office

Our admin office will close this **Friday 15th December at 3:30pm** and will reopen on **Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 08:45am.**

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop will be open during the January school holiday, please see attached flyer for all details.

Year 7 Book Packs

Book packs will be available for purchase from the front office until this Friday 15th December 2023 - Please see attached flyers for more information

We would like to wish all our families a safe and wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2024

