

What's on Term 3, 2012

Upper Hunter Community Services Inc.

Below are dates that we are holding Parent groups across the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter areas.

All programs are free of charge and childcare is available

Bookings essential.

Date/Time	Event	Other information
Friday 17 th August 9am- 3pm	1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching	Muswellbrook Venue: Baptist Church
Thursday 30 th August 9am to 3pm	1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching	Scone Venue: Scone Youth Centre
Wednesday 12 th September 9am- 3pm	1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching	Wingen Venue: Community Hall
Thursday 20 th September 9am- 3pm	Engaging Adolescents To be confirmed	Muswellbrook Venue: Muswellbrook High School

Piano and Guitar Lessons Update

After two terms of lessons and practising hard, everyone is sounding pretty impressive as they play their guitars and the piano. To celebrate this achievement we will be hosting a concert for parents, siblings and friends in Term 4.

Parents please let me know if you have any preferences for days or times for this event.

Any interested parents who would like to see what their child is learning are welcome to come and sit in on a lesson. No need to make an appointment - just come along.

No matter how well a guitarist can play, if their instrument is out of tune, it won't sound right. This term I am teaching students to tune their own guitars using a digital tuner. I will be putting in an order in the next week, so please let me know if you would like to purchase one of these. Cost is \$29.95 plus P&P.

Thank you all for your support.

Rachel Dearnley

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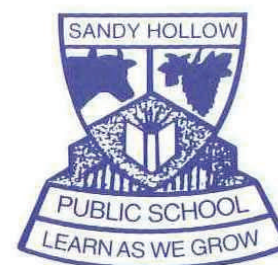
From the P&C

K/1/2 Excursion Fundraiser – Unfortunately due to a lack of response from parents we are unable to run a stall at the Muswellbrook Races on Sunday 5th August, to raise funds to assist with the cost of the K/1/2 excursion. Thank you to those few that offered to bake and help on the day.

Denman Swimming Club AGM – The Denman Swimming Club will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 21st August at 7pm at the Denman R.S.L Club. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Additions and Attachments

- ♦ Baerami Bush Poets Night flyer
- ♦ Term calendar
- ♦ Some receipts
- ♦ Zone canteen price list.



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Great Aussie Bush Camp

Everyone had a fantastic time last week at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Students had the opportunity to experience a wide variety of outdoor activities, including pioneering, the dual flying fox, bushcraft, staple climb, sand dunes, archery and high ropes. Many of these activities were quite confronting for many of the students, however, they were all encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and have a go. Every student attempted all activities on offer. Thank you to Mrs Parker for assisting during the excursion, her attendance was most appreciated. The students now all want to go back and try some of the other activities on offer.

Education Week

The formal ceremony for the Merriwa Learning Community will be held at Merriwa Central School on Thursday 2nd August in the Great Hall (Secondary Campus) starting at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our school will be celebrating Education week on Thursday 9th August. All parents are welcome to come along and join us for lunch. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle. During lunch, there will be a display of photos from the Excursion. We will conclude the day with an assembly where we will listen to the finalists for the public speaking competition.

Interviews

Mrs Darlington and Mrs Parker will be conducting parent-teacher interviews during week 4 and Ms Bullock and Ms Higgins will be conducting their interviews during week 5. Please return the booking slip sent home with your child to book a time.

Zone Athletics

Good luck to all students heading off to the Zone Athletics Carnival this Friday. I'm sure they will proudly represent their school.

Early Learning Conference

Ms Bullock and Ms Higgins will be attending the Early Learning Conference being held in Muswellbrook during week 4. They will be learning about current teaching trends in a variety of KLAS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Zone Athletics **Fri 3rd Aug**

Family Race Day **Sun 5th Aug**
Muswellbrook Race Club

Our Education Week Assembly
Thurs 9th Aug

Canteen Monday 6th August
Katie Thompson

Monday 13th August -
Wendy Stair + Christine Scott
Next Toybox - Mon 13th August

Claim the Date
SRC Mini Fete **Sat 8th Sept**

Learning and Support Teacher (LAST)

Welcome to Courtney Martin, who is working two mornings a week as the LAST. She is currently working with a small group of students covering areas such as sight words, phonics and number sense. This extra one on one support will assist those students who haven't quite mastered the basics. Mrs Martin and I will both be attending formal training in Muswellbrook in week 5.

Zumbatomic®

Zumbatomic® lessons will begin in week 5. All students will have the opportunity to participate in the lessons. Six weeks of lessons will cost \$14 per student. This activity will be part of our sport program for the 2nd half of the term.

Library Stock take

The library stock take will continue this week. It is not too late to bring in any library books that your child may still have at home. Raffle tickets are still being handed out for each book returned.

ICAS Computer Skills Competition

Congratulations to Emmett Scott who received a Credit in the computer skills competition. Congratulations to Hugh Higgins, Amelia Harris, Jackson Stair, Olivia McLean, Amy Thompson, Abby Cooper, Kristy Walker and Angus Higgins who received participation certificates.

Christina Darlington
Relieving Principal

Weekly Awards - Week 1

- ♦ Taylor Byfield - improved recall of times table facts.
- ♦ Amelia Harris - application in reading.
- ♦ Connor Hodder - trying hard in mathematical investigations.
- ♦ Jake Pike - improvement in all areas.
- ♦ Isabella Wallace - fantastic effort in reading.
- ♦ Natasha Marsh - excellent work with number patterns.
- ♦ Rhyme Anderson - doing a fantastic job at unjumbling tricky words.

Workers of the Week - Week 1

K/1/2 - Harmony Blackhurst, Nicholas Terrell and Andrew Harris.

3/4/5/6 - Max Lundie, Emmett Scott, Angus Higgins and Jacob Marsh.

Student of the Week - Week 1



Hugh Higgins - Using outstanding independent problem solving skills in numeracy.

Weekly Awards - Week 10 - Term 2

- ♦ Max Lundie - 100% attendance, Principal's Award and homework award.
- ♦ Mathew Wright-Riley - improved handwriting.
- ♦ Jackson Stair - outstanding achievement in mathematics and homework award.
- ♦ Abby Cooper - Fantastic achievement in spelling and homework award.
- ♦ Amy Thompson - being a responsible member of the class and homework award.
- ♦ Nicholas Terrell - being a helpful member of K/1/2.

Workers of the Week - Week 10 - Term 2

K/1/2 - Gypsie Russell and Cambell Hinze.

3/4/5/6 - Jacob Marsh and Corey Parkinson.

Homework Awards for Term 2

K/1/2 - William Stair, Sam Thompson, Dustynn Turner, Andrew Harris, Cambell Hinze and Darcy Wallace.

3/4/5/6 - Apryl Cotter, Taylor Byfield, Amelia Harris, Luke Sheen, Tylana Cox, Olivia McLean, Shanay Turner, Kristy Walker, Isabella Wallace and Jackson Whalan.

Student of the Week - Week 10 - Term 2



Jessica Neale - For consistent effort and improvement in reading.

4-5-6 Class News

Term three is already quite busy.

In writing, we are currently looking at descriptive writing, specifically biographies. We are focusing on complex sentences, noun groups, pronoun referencing and adjectival phrases.

In Accelerated Literacy, we continue to study Conspiracy 365 – January. We are focussing on descriptive language, quoted speech and complex sentences.

In HSIE, we have started a unit on the Olympics. We have looked at the history of the games, including both ancient and modern Olympics. We are currently looking at the host country and keeping track of Olympic feats and the medal tally. We are also using the Olympics as the theme for our artworks this term.

In PDHPE we will complete work from Healthy Harold and then move onto the You Can Do It – Program Achieve. We will be specifically focussing on organisation.

All students are reminded that they need to come to school organised and ready to start the day. Everyone needs a lead pencil, red pen, blue pen, ruler, scissors, glue stick, coloured pencils and textas. It is very disruptive when lessons have to be held up while students borrow equipment from each other.

Christina Darlington - class teacher



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