

Organisation for 2017

Term 1 will start on:
Friday 27th January for staff
Monday 30th for years 1 – 6
Tuesday 31st for Kindergarten

Classes

As we have had no change to our staffing allocation, we will once again run the same class structure as this year. The only change will be that year 3 will be with Mrs Parker. Some year 3 students will join Mrs Darlington for the literacy session only. The parents of these students have already been consulted.

Swimming Lessons

We will start our year out with swimming lessons at the Caravan Park. Permission notes will be sent home on the first day back. There will be no cost for these lessons. All lessons will be conducted by Dimity Parker, with classroom teachers travelling to and from the pool with their class and providing supervision at the pool. The dates for swimming are: Wednesday 1st February, Friday 3rd February, Monday 6th February, Tuesday 7th February and Wednesday 8th February.

Swimming Carnival

Due to an unexpected change to pool bookings, our swimming carnival will be held in Scone on Thursday 2nd February. All children who turn 8 by the end of 2017 will be expected to attend. There will be 50m races, 25m races for those who can swim and novelty events for those who cannot. Information will be sent out on the first day back at school. We will organise car-pooling once notes are back.

Uniforms

Just a quick reminder for when new uniforms are being purchased during the holidays – students are required to wear black shoes and navy socks.

Christina Darlington Principal

Additions and Attachments

- Statement of account for 2017 textbooks.
- Port Stephens Surf School flyer.

Invoices

Invoices for 2017 have been attached to this newsletter. If you require any financial assistance with meeting the costs of school for your children, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours. All matters will remain confidential.



Muswellbrook Eagles Travelling sides 2017

REGISTRATION will be open through Northern NSW football from 1st February and will close for travelling sides on 28th February.

TRIALS will be held on 2nd and 7th of March at Victoria Park.

We hope to field every age-group from 8 -18yo and will be looking for coaches and managers to support this.

In 2016 the Muswellbrook Football club travelling sides were again successful, with the 14's winning their premiership, 12's and 18's reaching the finals and the 10 year old age group now undefeated for the last 3 years.

Save the date and register to play Australia's fastest growing sport next year.

Enquiries: Jo Holt 0409 225 911 (Texting preferred ahead of voice messages)

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14th December 2016

Beach Awareness Program

What a way to end the term! Everyone had a fantastic time at One Mile Beach last Friday. The day started with wetsuits being fitted, sun screen slathered on, before surfboards were collected and carried down to the beach. Students participated in some beach safety activities before being taught the basics of surfing. Then it was time to hit the water. We had a great little spot. The students could go out about 25 metres with the water being only waist deep. With the help of instructors, teachers and parents, many of the students were able to ride the waves. Some students were even able to stand on their boards as the waves brought them in. We returned home at the end of the day with many tired children (and adults).

Thank you to Port Stephens Surf School and their instructors. They did a wonderful job giving the children the freedom to have a go while guiding them through the basics. Thank you to Renee Roper, Amanda McLean, Katie McLean and Andrew Johnson for coming along and assisting with supervision. Thank you also to the accompanying staff.

A huge thank you goes to the P&C who made the excursion possible by fully funding the lessons and



the bus. I know I speak on behalf of all students when I say it was a valuable learning experience, leading up to the Christmas holidays.

Students are very keen to have another go next year!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Swim School 12th to 16th Dec

P&C meeting Thurs 15th Dec
2pm - All Welcome

Last day of Term 4 Fri 16th Dec

Claim the Date

- Students return for T1 2017 on Monday 30th Jan.
- Kindergartens begin Tuesday 31st Jan

