SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ ASSEMBLY
This week our school captains: Taya (capt), Vadym (capt), Ashleigh (vice-capt) and Hunter (vice-capt) will conduct the first assembly of the year at 11.30am, this Thursday, 5 February.
Special guests Elizabeth Bate, Principal at Muswellbrook High; and MHS students Alex Armstrong and Josie Whitten will induct the captains and sports captains to their positions for 2015. Friendly Kids and class awards will also be presented.

MORNING TEA
A morning tea will be held in the school hall commencing at 11.00am for families of our new students and kindergarten students; and for the families of the school captains and sports captains. Please also come and meet our staff.

FRIENDLY KIDS
Hunter, Year 6 – for being a caring friend towards an injured student
Lauren, Year 2 – for being a lovely welcoming friend to new students

WONDERFUL WORKERS
5 – Codon, Jed, Lucy
1 – Diego, Kaitlyn, Matilda
2 – Lucas, Charli, Phoebe
3 – Ella, Jasmine, Ashton
4 – Ashleigh, Colbei, Sophie
6 – Phoebe, Amelia, Tenahya

BIKE RIDING POLICY
Included today is our new Bike Policy, which was compiled by Staff and School Council during 2014. The main bicycle safety issues are as follows;
- Bikes and Scooters are better ridden on footpaths NOT roads.
- Infants children (Kinder to Year 2) need to be accompanied by an adult.
- Our school will have a Bicycle Register and students need permission given by a parent.
- All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed.
- Permission may be withdrawn if such rules are broken.
- Skateboards are not permitted.
YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS
Our class is off to a flying start, with all class members taking on leadership roles within the school, and making fine efforts to settle in to new routines and expectations. House captains were selected last week in readiness for this week’s swimming carnival.

In Term 1, Year 6 will be completing many new and challenging learning programs. We have set some learning and personal goals that we hope to achieve by the end of the term, and have begun our Maths and Spelling programs. We will be learning about Australia’s system of government and Federation from the new K-6 History curriculum, and have already had some mature and thought provoking discussions about which type of government we would prefer to live under. We will be having fun with micro-organisms in Science, and discussing ways of being fit and healthy throughout our lives.

I am thrilled to be working with such a respectful and enthusiastic group of girls and boys, and can’t wait to achieve great things in 2015!  

Mrs Jones

VISITING PERFORMANCE - WEEK 5
“SHARING CULTURE” - Aboriginal dance, story, artefacts and language to share, will be presented at Denman Public School on Thursday, 26 February. The cost is $3 per student.  
ALL students will receive a note about this on Monday, 16 February. 
The permission note and payment will be due on Friday, 20 February.

VISITING PERFORMANCES FOR 2015

The following is a “snapshot” of the performances for this year.

1. **SHARING CULTURE**
   Gwenda Stanley will use dance, story, artefacts and language to share her unique and rich Aboriginal culture. 
   Term 1 - Date: Thursday, 26th February - **Cost: $3**

2. **RETURN OF THE BULLY**
   This is the second presentation in the BULLY TRILOGY. The cost will be heavily subsidised by the P. and C. Therefore, it is important for every student to attend. 
   Term 2 - Date: Friday, 5th June - **Cost: $2**

3. **LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU**
   This will focus on music and movement and how the two are integrally linked. It is designed to engage the students, both as an audience, and actively in the performance.  
   Term 4 - Date: Friday, 13th November - **Cost: $4**

M. Kyriakou

INVOICES FOR SCHOOL FEES

Tomorrow Wednesday, 4 February, each family will receive an invoice for your children’s text book fees and school tuition fees. More than $12,000 has been spent by the school to provide students with textbooks, exercise books, profile folders and homework books. 
This year, **book fees are set at $60 per student** and **school fees at $25 per student**. 
It would be greatly appreciated if payment of student fees could be paid as early as possible. Book fees need to be paid by **next Monday, 9 February** as we commence sending homework books home next week... So pay the book fee first if you cannot afford both at once! 
All fees listed on your invoice need to be paid by Monday, 23 February.

CLASS INFORMATION SHEETS

Tomorrow, all teachers will send home an information package about their class. 
Packages contain such matters as; curriculum content, class expectations, excursions, behaviour requirements, homework and general needs. We hope the information will assist you and your child understand the systems used in their class and in our school in general.

Teachers are available to parents when needed before and after school or during release times: 
   - **Tuesday**;  Mr Clare & Mrs Saunders, 12 noon to 3pm 
   - **Wednesday**;  Miss Kyriakou, 9 to 11am; Mrs Jones & Ms Borg, 12 noon to 3pm 
   - **Thursday**;  Miss Hassett & Mrs Fuiono, 12 noon to 3pm
KIDS CORNER - Matilda, Year 1 - A Wonderful Holiday Recount

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 4.2 - Sue Coombes, Lyn Barry
Friday 6.2 - NO CANTENE (Swimming Carnival) * Remember, no lunches this Friday!
Next Week
Monday 9.2 - Felisha Nebauer, Julie McCauley
Wednesday 11.2 - Kate Cummings, Kristy Watson
Friday 13.2 - Milisa Borg, Julie McCauley

CANTEEN NEWS – Slushies available at Lunchtime
Please find a new canteen “Price List” included in today’s newsletter.
Also Included today, is an updated canteen roster - thank you to the many parents who help!

FREE RANGE EGGS
Beautiful free range eggs are available from the school at $5.00 per dozen. With every dozen sold $1 will be donated to the school.
You can get them from the office or by contacting me on 0418 644 766.

P & C NEWS
The P&C would like to welcome all new children and parents to our school. The P&C tries to improve the school for our kids and raise funds so that improvements can be implemented. Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held next Monday afternoon, 9 February in the school staff room commencing at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome. New faces and new ideas are needed. The AGM will be held in March.

UNIFORM SHOP
Remember, the uniform shop will open each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.

STEPC DANCE STUDIO
At PCYC - Carl St, Muswellbrook
Email - steps247@tpg.com.au
Starts - Sat, 7th Feb - Registration $25
Tiny Tots Class - only $6
We offer - Modern, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Funk, Eisteddfod and Performance classes.
The instructor is Lee Boyden: 0422634416

PARENT HELP IN THE CLASSROOM
Parents and grandparents are most welcome in classrooms at our school. Please fill out the return slip below to your child’s teacher, if you can help. Please return as soon as possible.

I can help with; Class ……………………… Day ………………….. Time …………..
Class ……………………… Day ………………….. Time …………..

Name ……………………………………………..… Signed …………………………………..
SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS
Last week the students elected their new 2015 Sports House captains and vice-captains.
Teegan, Jake (C) - Ashtyn, Kaide (VC) - Rosemount
Tallulah, Jayden (C) - Lucy, William (VC) - Arrowfield
Tenahya, Nicholas Coo (C) - Chelsea, Joshua (VC) - Callatoota
Tayla, Brodie (C) - Jorja, Liam (VC) - Richmond Grove

Congratulations and all the best for the swimming carnival this Friday!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This Friday, 6 February, we will hold our swimming carnival at the Denman Pool commencing at 9.30am. Years 2 to 6 will leave the school to walk to the pool at 9.00am.
Entry for the students will be $3.50, (season ticket holders excluded).

Note: Only PSSA aged students attend the carnival. Some Year 2 students go and some don’t.

All children are reminded that they must bring their recess, lunch, lots of drinks (water on a hot day), sunscreen, and hats. NO lunches will be provided by the pool canteen, only chips, ice cream, and drinks. At recess and lunch, the children will be allowed to go to the canteen.

Any parents who could help set up in the morning at 7.00am would be greatly appreciated.

In case of inclement weather, please come to school prepared for a swimming carnival and we will make the call at 9am. Good luck to all.

Ms Borg

CALENDAR
Wednesday 4.2 - Invoices to parents for school fees
- Class Information sheets distributed to all students

Thursday 5.2 - Morning Tea, 11am & Captains Induction Assembly, 11.30am

Friday 6.2 - Swimming Carnival, 9.30am (Years 2 to 6)
- K & Yr 1 students remain at school (some Yr 2 students)

Next Week
Monday 9.2 - All book fees due
- P&C Meeting, 5.30pm

Tuesday 10.2 - SRC meeting, 1pm

Thursday 12.2 - Year 5 Assembly, 11.15am

Friday 13.2 - Swimming team to pool for zone practice / Class sport

ST BERNARD’S CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015
St Bernard’s Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2015 in early March. The program involves instruction and reception of the Sacraments - First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. We are now inviting all baptised catholic children who are in year three or any older children who have not already participated, to join us. Please contact Mrs Angie Carroll on 6547 1274 by 14th February 2015 if you would like your child to participate.

Focus Week

PLAYGROUND RULES

Rules
All children to be involved in sensible playground activities
All children will sit while eating recess and lunch
No running on the concrete or verandahs
No children are allowed in rooms without a teacher
Children will obey the teacher immediately
No bullying, name calling, teasing or swearing
No fighting, throwing or stealing
No hat, no play

Children who break these rules will be dealt with by the teacher on playground duty.

Consequences
* Warning * Name written on playground sheet * Time out detention * Sent to Principal * Detention

Children who repeatedly break the rules will be given an orange note.

Serious breaches can be dealt with by instant suspension.

Behave well and you will be rewarded with happiness, friends and reward days