IMPORTANT DATES

**Term 2**

**Week 7**
Friday June 13th
Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval

**Week 8**
Wednesday June 18th
Science Discovery Day at Muswellbrook
Years 5 & 6

Thursday June 19th
Eisteddfod at Muswellbrook
Wallabies

Friday June 20th
Rural Fire Service visit

**Week 9**
Friday June 27th
Science show visit (all students)
*Last day of term 2*

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School closure 5/6/14

Thank you for your cooperation yesterday during the unexpected school closure. Council had a scheduled water maintenance outage from 9:30-2:30 for the entire Broke area, however, we were not notified. As we had no water or flushing toilets the school had to close for the safety of the students. The council apologise and are putting measures in place to ensure it doesn’t happen again.

Once again, thank you for your support in ensuring your children’s safety.
Swimming Scheme

Congratulations Mr Walsh for organising such an exciting and wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in and come away with so much more water confidence and safety, skills which are so vitally important for everyone. Many parents/caregivers have commented on the skills improvement of the students and how well organised the week of swimming was for all those who participated, from parents to students, great job!

Thank you to all those parents and staff who helped. It was a fantastic success. Almost all students significantly improved and are now much safer around water. Also, thank you to our P&C, AGL and Active After School for making this program possible.

Mr Walsh

Athletics carnival

Friday 13th June at Alroy Oval, Singleton. This is a normal school day so all students are expected to attend. Please report to your class teacher upon arrival and listen carefully to the announcer so that you know when your events are called for. Students have been selected for various field events throughout the selection trials at school and all students are nominated in their age races. Parents/caregivers are required to stay and supervise their children on the day. We will set up the shelter so we can all sit together.

NCCD

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for students with a disability and those who require reasonable adjustments to the curriculum they receive at school. Attached is a letter with more information. You can choose for your child not to be included in the data collection but the attached form must be returned to the school before the end of this term.

Reports

Reports will be distributed on Friday 20th June. Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 25th June, please complete the interview request form and return to the school. Interviews will be granted on a first in basis. There will be no portfolios issued. Portfolio reporting was banned by Teachers Federation in November 2003 due to the onerous and time-consuming nature of their preparation. We conduct ongoing assessments of the student’s achievements and this data is used in writing student reports. Collecting further pieces of work is duplicating what we already do and students regularly bring home their class work, they also take home their completed books at the end of each school year. Parents/caregivers have opportunities on Grandparents Day and Open Day to view their child/ren’s class work.
Assemblies

We will have an assembly on Tuesday 24th June commencing at 2.00pm. We will again be featuring a drumming item.

Education Week is Term 3 Week 3. We will have our Open Day and Assembly on Thursday 31st July. More information, re times and the program for the day will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3.

NAIDOC Day

We will celebrate our NAIDOC Day at Milbrodale Public School on Tuesday 22nd July. Would all parents/caregivers please drop off and pick up their children to Milbrodale Public School on this day.

Tree Audit

The arborist has completed the tree audit of our playground. 3 trees have been deemed unsafe and will be removed. A further 22 require pruning or branch loping. There are also some trees marked for removal within 6 months and 4 others for observation. Temporary fencing and bunting will be erected over the coming days and it is anticipated that the work will be completed by the conclusion of the coming school holidays, if not sooner. Many trees in the playground have numbers spray painted on them which is for the tree surgeon to identify which trees the arborist has noted in the report. Should you have any questions about tree audit don’t hesitate to ask me.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Premiers Spelling Bee competition in Term 3.

Year 3 & 4: Sia & Zarlie
Year 5 & 6: Kayla & Rose

Book Club

Attached to today’s newsletter is Book Club. Please return all orders to the office by Thursday 12th June.
Weekly Award Winners

Principals Awards

Bilbies
Ella for being a polite and friendly member of the Bilbies class

Koalas
Josephine for working hard in all class activities

Wallabies
Andy for being a conscientious student in the Wallabies room

Student of the Week

Bilbies
Zac for a fantastic effort in the pool this week

Koalas
Aiden for great work in English

Wallabies
Samantha for great work in art

Merit Certificate

Bilbies
Hayley for always following the 6L’s of learning

Koalas
Clancy for an excellent effort at swimming

Wallabies
Emma-Leigh for demonstrating initiative in class work

Playground Ethics Award

Murray Ede
**Bilbies**

*This week in the Bilbies class we have been learning about multiplication and division. Year 1 have been working hard learning their 5 times tables and Kindergarten have started counting by twos. For our cogs unit, Growing and Changing, the students have been bringing in photos from their birth to now. We have had a lot of fun trying to sequence these photos in the correct order and discussing the changes that have occurred throughout their life.*

*Miss Cunningham*

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**Koalas**

*This week in the Koalas we have been looking at weight and mass. We have also been investigating our body systems such as digestive, circulatory and respiratory.*

*Mr Gilmour-Walsh*

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**Wallabies**

*Back to normal in our room this week! Students are continuing well with their English work and we have been working on our multiplication and division algorithms! We are beginning to wrap up our unit on The Australian Colonies, the students have done some research on a convict and the early settlement of Australia. Our research on the structure of plants has been interesting and we are hoping to grow some wheat in our cups! Time will tell! The students have also been working hard with Miss Cunningham practicing their items for the upcoming Eisteddfod to be held in Muswellbrook on Thursday 19th June.*

*Mrs Nott*
On Saturday June 28th Hunter Valley Gardens will transform into a Winter Wonderland as 'Snow Time in the Garden' kicks off. The event runs from June 28th to July 13th, 2014 with more than 12 fun activities on offer in the same venue, it is guaranteed fun for the whole family.

The two week event will give children and adults alike the chance to enjoy all things winter, without having to travel to the snow! The perfect school holiday fun! Whether you want to be part of the Husky Racing Demonstrations, go Toboganning or watch an amazing ice sculpture carved from scratch, there really is something for everyone.

**ACTIVITIES:**

- **REAL ICE SKATING RINK** - DAILY 10.00am - 9.00pm (last session 8.30pm)
- **HUSKY RACING DEMONSTRATIONS** - DAILY 10.00am, 11:30am, 2:00pm and 3:30pm
- **SNOW DOG OF THE DAY** - DAILY 10.00am - 2:00pm
- **SNOW BALL CHALLENGE** - DAILY 10.00am - 9:00pm
- **LIVE ICE SCULPTING** - 28th June, 29th June, 4th July, 5th July, 6th July, 11th July, 12th July, 13th July at 11:00am and 2:00pm
- **REAL ICE TOBOGGAN** - DAILY 10:00am - 9:00pm

For more details on Snow Time in the Garden, tickets and the full program please visit: [www.hvg.com.au](http://www.hvg.com.au)

Please note that the Chocolate Festival at Hunter Valley Gardens will run in conjunction with Snow Time on the weekend of the 5th and 6th July, 2014.