

MUSWELLBROOK SOUTH

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

Wednesday 27 August 2025



Kindergarten 2026 'Open Classrooms'

PRINCIPAL'S message

Last week we celebrated Book
Week, one of the highlights of the
school year. Our Book Week Parade
was a fantastic success, with
students and staff dressing up in an
array of creative and colourful
costumes. A big thank you goes to
Mrs Martin for her organisation of
the parade and the running of our
annual Book Fair – it was a
wonderful way to celebrate the joy
of reading.

This week, our MSPS Choir will be performing at the Abermain Eisteddfod on Thursday. We are very proud of their hard work and wish them all the best for their performance.

Our Year 4 students departed this

Our Year 4 students departed this morning for their camp in Dubbo, an exciting opportunity full of new experiences and learning.

Thank you to Mrs Terzian for her excellent organisation, and to Mrs Brown, Miss Probst and Mrs Schmarr for attending and supporting our students on this adventure.

Looking ahead, next week will also be a big week for camps. Year 5 will be heading off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp on Wednesday, while Year 6 departs for Sydney on Tuesday. These camps provide rich opportunities for growth, independence and teamwork. Thank you to Mrs Petersen and Mrs Winning for their planning and organisation to make these experiences possible.

Glen Kite - Principal



Book Week creativity



Successful Year 6 cake stall





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SCIENCE SPACE SHOW

Wednesday 10 September 2025

The SMART Team from the University of Newcastle "SMART Program" is launching a new show about SPACE!

We are grateful that they will be visiting Muswellbrook South Public School on **Wednesday 10 September, in Week 8 of Term 3**. This is provided at no cost to the school through sponsorship from Yancoal. Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be attending their own session, and will experience interactive Science Space activities that may include:

- Plasma globe find out what stars are made of and see plasma switch on a light bulb!
- Thermal camera discover the unseen waves of energy emitted from our bodies!
- ▲ Outer Space Volcano watch an explosive chemical reaction (like Elephant's Toothpaste)

Visit - <u>SMART Program / Education / College of Engineering, Science and Environment / Colleges / The University of Newcastle, Australia – for more information</u>



- 3BLUE NEWS -

3BLUE love coming to school to learn and play with our classmates.

Each morning, we begin with desk drumming. Students use pool noodles to bang out a song to kickstart the day, wake us up and get ready to learn.

Our favourite part of the day are maths groups. We enjoy playing hands-on games and targeted numeracy activities. We enjoy having epic whole class Prodigy battles! These battles encourage students to practice their maths skills while enjoying a fun competition with their classmates.

I'm proud of how engaged and enthusiastic everyone has been. Keep up the great work!

Miss Beith - Classroom Teacher



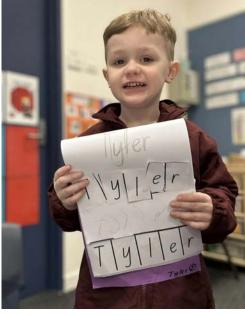
- SUPPORT ORANGE NEWS -

What an amazing time we have in Support Orange! Every day is full of new learning, adventures and discoveries. When we are not busy doing our "tricky work" we love to practice our independent living skills. If we are not in the classroom, you will find us in the kitchen cooking up a storm with S-Maroon. Hands on learning and giving 110% is how we get things done while having fun in Support Orange!

Mrs Thompson - Classroom Teacher













1BLUE have been learning how to write using Braile. They read the book "The Black Book of Colours" and then had a go at writing a colour and their name in Braile.

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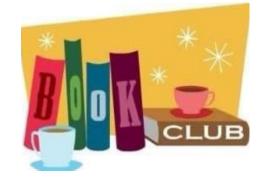
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BOOK CLUB DUE MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2025

Book club order forms have been sent home with students this week. CASH ORDERS:

Please return book club order forms with correct money and student's name and class clearly marked to School Library by Monday 8 September 2025. ONLINE ORDERS:

Orders are to be placed online via LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment Platform) by Monday 8 September 2025.



CHANGE OF DATE - PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Please note there has been a change to the Primary assembly scheduled for Thursday 18 September. It will now be held in Week 8 on Thursday 11 September.

Don't forget there is a Primary Assembly this Thursday 28 August 2025.

JOB VACANCY - TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICER (TSO)

Expressions of Interest are invited from individuals interested in a career opportunity in the position of temporary Technical Support Officer (TSO) at Muswellbrook South Public School.

Technology Support Officers work within the school providing support for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems to ensure smooth day to day operation. Technology Support Officers provide support to teachers and students with technology related issues.

For further information please email the school

<u>muswellbrs-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> and an Expression of Interest form will be forwarded. Applications close at 5pm Friday 5 September 2025.





Muswellbrook South Public School

ENROL NOW FOR 2026 KINDERGARTEN

Children turning 5 on or before 31 July 2026 are eligible to enrol.

Please contact the school office on 0265 431 896

to register your child's name and to pick up an enrolment form.





KINDERGARTEN 2026

Open Caggrooms

Morning (9.30am to 11.30am) or afternoon (12.30pm to 2pm) sessions being held on -

Tuesdays - 19 August, 26 August & 2 September Wednesdays - 20 August, 27 August & 3 September Thursdays - 21 August, 28 August & 4 September MAXIMUM OF 3 SESSIONS PER CHILD

Come in and join a class with this year's Kindergarten

REGISTER NOW



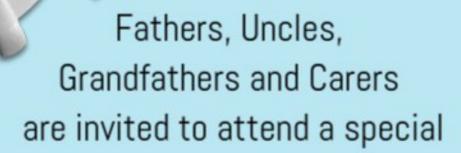
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MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

8.30AM to 9.15AM

MSPS CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING AT 9AM

We hope you can join us for a yummy breakfast and morning of fun activities.



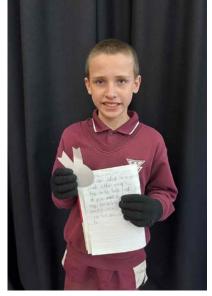


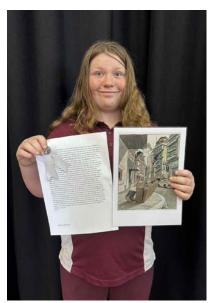
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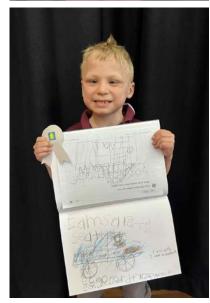
WORKERS OF THE WEEK















CONGRATULATIONS











Although it being a cold and wet winter, our gardens have managed to cope and are producing some healthy crops.

Celery, strawberries, spinach, and cauliflower are all thriving, while lettuce, snow peas, broccoli, bok choy, and Chinese cabbage are ready to be harvested.

The students are especially enjoying the snow peas, while the chickens prefer the bok choy and lettuce.

We are looking forward to the arrival of spring and have started planning what we want to grow and taste next. Bring on the sunshine and warmer weather!





Congratulations to the following Term 3 Week 6 Support PBL award winners:

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Bronze PBL Award: Flynn S, Slayde A, Mitchell M and Seth H.

Silver PBL Award: Caleb S, Alanii Jean T, Blake S, Levi D, Aiden B, Mitchell M, Lochlan H, Jayden M, Jack B and Gabrielle H.

Gold PBL Award: Tyler L.

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P&C NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

P&C Meeting Dates 2025

3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term)

18 February 18 March (AGM) 20 May

17 June 19 August 16 September

JOIN NOW!

21 October 18 November

P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday 16 September at 4pm in the school library. Parents, carers & teachers are welcome to attend.

It would be great to see more people join our P&C and help with different events throughout the year.

More information can be obtained through the school office.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Joining the P&C is a great way to be kept informed and to contribute to your child's Education.

Your contribution can be as small or as large as you can manage.

It is a great opportunity to help in school decision making and to help shape the future.

To become a member simply complete a membership form and pay 50cents membership fee, this will give you the opportunity to vote on decisions being made.

MSPS UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 12pm. Adults can purchase items from the uniform shop, orders can be sent in an envelope with cash, or orders can be placed online via Munch Monitor. Once your uniform shop order has been processed a staff member will contact you to organise a suitable time to collect or it can be sent home with your child.

The Uniform Shop/Canteen accepts cash and EFTPOS payments from parents over the phone.

Layby system is also available. No items can be taken without full payment.

CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen is open from 9am to 2.15pm. It is open every day for 1st break and 2nd break.

Lunch orders can be placed online via Munch Monitor or students can hand them in at the canteen window before 10am. Lunch orders must be handed to the canteen before 10am with child's name and class clearly marked on the lunch bag. No hot food lunch orders will be taken after this time for 1st break.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Our school canteen requires more volunteers. If we can't get more volunteers the canteen is at risk of closing some days. The kids love seeing Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles helping out in the canteen. Grab a friend and make a day of it.

If you are interested and available to help out in the canteen please call in or phone Gina.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C is holding a Father's Day Stall in Week 7. Due to Year 6 going on excursion, Year 6 students will have the chance to purchase items from the stall on Monday 1 September. The remainder of the school (Kindergarten to Year 5) will visit the stall on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

Gifts will range from \$1 to \$8. Gift cards and gift bags \$1 each.

We are sure there will be something special for each child to purchase.

Any left over gifts will be available to purchase from the school canteen during first break on Wednesday 3 September and Thursday 4 September until sold out. Thank you for supporting our P&C.



SAVE TIME with our ONLINE CANTEEN!

Muswellbrook South Public School accepts online orders using Munch Monitor Setting up an online account is easy!

Register



- 1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
- 2. Click **REGISTER**
- 3. Enter
 - School ID: mbsouthps
 - Password: munch2337
- 4. Enter your email address
- Enter the **password** you want. Make sure you can remember your password
- 6. Review and tick on the **Privacy Policy**
- 7. Click Register
- 8. Click on the Activation Link in the email we sent
- 9. Follow the steps to create your Parent Profile
- 10. Add Students to your account
- 11. Click on Account Top-up to transfer money into your account
- 12. You are now ready to order online!



Quick Information

Using MunchMonitor Parent Portal Online Ordering

- You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- Top-up your account online using Debit/VISA/MasterCard
- List allergies to alert canteen staff
- You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
- You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
- It only cost \$ 4.65 (incl-GST) per school term for the family account
- No sign up fee
- No transaction fee

Call us at **1300 796 190** or email us at **help@munchmonitor.com** if you require further assistance.



In week 10, SRC are fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House.

Please wear your favourite football jersey or team colours and bring a gold coin donation.





The canteen is kindly offering a special lunch order for the day.

Please place your order to the canteen by 12 September 2025. The cost of the lunch order is \$12



TEAM TOMATO



TEAM BBQ



HOT DOG JUICE POPPER CHIPS RED FROGS

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
LIVE AT FIRST BREAK
THE MSPS CANTEEN

LUNCH ORDER FORM

Students Name: _____ Class:

Footy Special \$12

Hot dog

Circle choice of sauce

Packet of chips

BBQ Tomato

Juice Popper

Red Frogs

I have enclosed \$.

Order forms due Friday 12 September Week 8







A reminder that enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2026 and any new 2025/26 enrolments can be completed online. To apply online visit - https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=3876



Muswellbrook South Public School

Building Solid Foundations for Life"

Muswellbrook South Public School is accepting online enrolments . . .

To apply online your child must be

- · a NSW resident
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and
- living in the local enrolment area of Muswellbrook South Public



STUDENT-CENTRIC





USER-FRIENDLY

Form is intuitive, clear and progressed can be saved and resumed later



EASY ACCESS

Available through the school's website. Parents instantly know their in-area



SAFE & FLEXIBLE

The form is secure, and can be completed on multiple devices anywhere and anytime.

A link to begin an online enrolment application is available via the "Enrolment" section on our school website -

https://muswellbrs-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html





Building Solid Foundations for Life"

- Parents or carers completing the application must provide the child's main residential address and a contact email to begin the online enrolment process.
- A one-time security code will be sent to this email to authenticate the parent against their email, then the online enrolment form can be completed and the parent can use this email address to resume at a later time.
- · The dynamic form will only show the mandatory fields in relation to the specific student, which means parents will only be required to complete the fields of the application relevant to circumstances of their child.
- . The form can take as little as 10 minutes to complete, and is sent directly to our school administration staff.
- Parents have the opportunity to attach required documents Birth Certificate/Passport, Immunisation Statement, Proof of Address etc.
- · Parents will be emailed a PDF copy of the enrolment application immediately following the submission for their own records.
- · School administration staff may contact parents directly if any is required around the application.
- . The application to enrol will be finalised once the parent / carer has met with the school and provided all the relevant identity and medical documentation for the student.
- Should parents/carers need help at any stage in the application process, the NSW Education Online Enrolment Technical Support team provide dedicated telephone support - Phone 1300 679 338

 - Monday to Friday
 - 7:30am to 6:00pm



Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

day per fortnight

| W | W | T | F |
| Weeks |



day per week







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Muswellbrook South Public School uses School Bytes for our finance system and for emailing notes etc. You can access School Bytes either via the Parent Portal website or via the School Bytes app (NEW).



School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

Once your portal is activated you can use it to give consent for events and process online payments.

To make an online payment -

- **1. Log into the parent portal** https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login or via School Bytes App.
- 2. Select the statement of account icon.
- 3. Select the charges to pay.

By default, all the students linked to your account will be displayed, select a student's name to view the charges linked with that student.

If the charge is related to an activity consent must be given before making payment.

- 4. Confirm or edit the balance to be paid for each charge (if required).
- 5. Optionally select 'add other item' to add a sundry item (e.g. Year 6 graduation souvenir) that is not linked to the statement of account. When adding a new sundry item, select the relevant student.
- 6. Select pay now (optionally select pay with saved credit card details if previously saved).
- 7. Review payment details.
- **9. Select pay.** You will be redirected to a secure Service NSW payment page to enter your credit/debit card details to finalise payment.
- **10. Payment successful.** Click anywhere outside the receipt prompt to return to the parent portal. A receipt will be automatically emailed to you.

Cash payments can still be made at school. Please note receipts for these cash payments will be emailed to the email address held on file at school. Please contact the school if you need to update your email address.

SCHOOL BYTES

If you are a parent/carer using an Outlook email address (i.e. @outlook.com, @hotmail.com, @live.com.au) and you're not receiving emails from your child's school sent through School Bytes or if the emails are going to the junk folder you can follow the steps below to add School Bytes to your Outlook safe senders list.

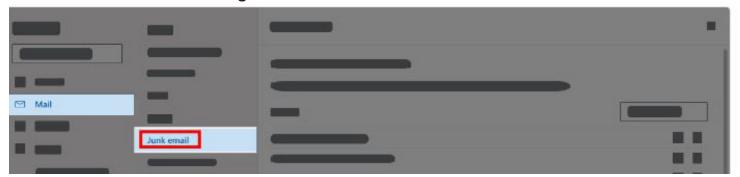
1. From your Outlook home page, select the 'Settings' cog in the top right corner of the menu bar.



2. Select the 'View all Outlook settings' link at the bottom of the panel.



3. Select the 'Junk email' heading.



4. Select the blue '+ Add' button from the 'Safe senders and domains' heading. A text input box will show.



5. Type in the email address — noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education



- 6. Once the email address has been typed in, press 'Enter' on your keyboard.
- 7. Select the blue 'Save' button.



Any future emails sent by your child's school through School Bytes will now go directly to your 'Inbox' folder.

. COMMUNITY NEWS





Smart school snacks

Helping kids stay energised and focused at school starts with nutritious snacks!

When packing your child's lunchbox, aim for snacks from the five food groups - add wholegrains, fruit, vegetables, dairy and lean proteins.

Try these smart snack ideas:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetable sticks with hummus
- Wholegrain crackers with cheese
- Yoghurt tubs or pouches
- Boiled eggs
- Mini tuna or salad wraps











Hunter New England Local Health District

@HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au

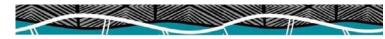
Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

CONNECTING FAMILIES

TALKING POINT

What do you worry about the most?

MSPS ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU A TOPIC EACH WEEK TO DISCUSS AT YOUR DINNER TABLE, KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED







Afternoon Program

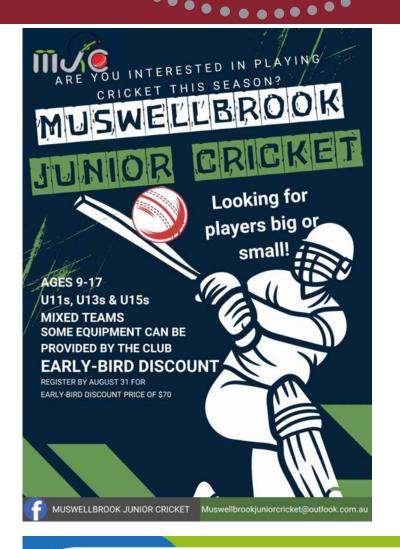
Learn Culture: language, Art & Crafts, Traditional Dance and Games

Afternoon Tea Provided School Holiday Cultural Excursion Included

Admin@Waagangalga.com
Call or Text 0411 534 405



COMMUNITY NEWS







Make friends with vegetables and fruits this season

Buying vegetables and fruit in season helps to keep costs low. Some lunchbox friendly options available in winter are:

- Mandarins and they are easy to grab and go
- Carrot and celery sticks
- Leftover roast vegetables such as sweet potato and salad leaves to make vegetable salad for lunches



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Forever Loved Family Support Day

Sunday 7th September 2025

Victoria Park Muswellbrook 10am to 2pm Kyda Rock are playing on the day.

Join us for a free community day filled with fun, connection and support.

Bring the whole family – free rides for the kids, free sausage sizzle and a space to connect with support services and others who have experienced the same loss.

If you've lost a friend or loved one to suicide, we invite you to bring a photo and shoe to honour their memory as part of this special day.

We want to come together as a community to honour those we've lost to suicide as a powerful act of love, remembrance, and healing. This is a space where grief can be shared, stories can be told and lives can be acknowledged - not for how they ended but for how they mattered.

Honouring those we've lost while giving hope to those still here.

Let's come together to support each other, raise awareness and remember those we've lost- by honouring those we lost, we can prevent future loss.



For enquiries contact De-anne Douglas 0476 233 700



MEN AND THEIR MATES BREAKFAST

Guest Speakers Talk2mebro

Men often struggle in silence when it comes to mental health. This breakfast is about breaking that silence-creating a space where blokes come together, share a meal and start conversations that can literally save lives. We are giving men the opportunity to hear from those who have walked the hard road, broken through the stigma and found strength in speaking up. Hear from Talk2mebro and their real-life stories and messages that hit home – reminding us that it's okay not to be okay, and help is always within reach.

This event is about mateship, support and showing up for each other - because talking can save lives.

Date: Thursday 11th September 2025

Location: Railway Hotel Muswellbrook

Cost: \$35.00 per head

For booking and enquiries contact De-anne Douglas 0476 233 700











Join Jared's family, friends and colleagues to recognise the 9 lives that are lost to suicide every single day in Australia. Tragically, every year over 65,000 Australians attempt to take their own life and over 3,000 Australians die by suicide.

Time: 10.00am

Location: Aberdeen Sport and Recreation Centre

What: Any distance walk up to 9km – easy graded and marked walking path

Cost: No cost, however a donation of \$9.00 to recognise the 9 lives lost every day would be warmly welcomed. 100% of these funds will be donated to Lifeline.

Extras: A sausage sizzle and cool drinks will be available after you have completed your walk. Please wear something bright and blue!!!!

Come and join us at the Commercial Hotel at 5pm to raise a glass in memory of Jared and purchase raffle tickets to raise money for lifeline.

For further information, please contact Kate on 0408080436 or email Jared9for9@gmail.com













A right to remember





\$130 per head – tables of 10 includes 3 Course meal and entertainment from

A dinner to highlight the often-hidden links between brain health, mental health suicide prevention. A dinner to bring the community together to raise awareness,

light on emerging research into how concussion, trauma and chronic brain conditions can impact mental wellbeing-sometimes with devastating









Aboriginal Community Development Fund





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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug Wk 6	25	26	27	Z8 Kinder 2026 Targeted Transition YEAR 4 CAMP CHOIR - Abermain Kinder 2026 "Open Classrooms" ES1 Sport Primary assembly 2.30pm	29 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program YEAR 4 CAMP Stage 3 Girls Wellbeing Program Rock & Water
Sept Wk 7	1 Father's Day Stall (Yr 6 only)	2 Father's Day Stall (K-5) YEAR 6 CAMP Kinder 2026 "Open Classrooms"	3 Year 5 ATSI Group YEAR 5 CAMP YEAR 6 CAMP Indigenous Literacy Day Kinder 2026 "Open Classrooms" Infants assembly 2.30pm	4 Kinder 2026 Targeted Transition YEAR 5 CAMP YEAR 6 CAMP Kinder 2026 "Open Classrooms"	5 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program YEAR 5 CAMP Stage 3 Girls Wellbeing Program Rock & Water Hunter Athletics
Sept Wk 8	8 I&S Assembly 1pm Father's Day Breakfast 8.30am - 9.15am	9	10 Year 5 ATSI Group Space Science Show K-Yr 4	11 KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION Zone Public Speaking (Denman) ES1 Sport Primary assembly 2.30pm	12 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program Stage 3 Girls Wellbeing Program Rock & Water
Sept Wk 9	15	16	17 Year 5 ATSI Group Infants assembly 2.30pm	18 Kinder 2026 Targeted Transition Primary assembly 2.30pm moved to 11/9/25	19 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program Stage 3 Girls Wellbeing Program Rock & Water
Sept Wk 10	22 Year 5 Leadership Day	23 SRC Fundraiser - Footy Jersey Out of Uniform Day	24 Year 3 Camp Year 5 ATSI Group	Year 3 Camp Kinder 2026 Targeted Transition Whole school assembly 1pm Bryan Kirkland Rugby League Gala Day - 10's & 12's	26 SISA Year 4 ATSI Program Rock & Water

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not in school! 365 days in a calendar year 0 days absence 19 days absence 29 days absence 180 171 161 100% 90% 95% 85% 80% 75% Best Chances of success. "Well Done!" "I'm worried" "I'm seriously concerned"