



# MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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**Week 9, Term 4**

## Time to share student successes - Presentation Day 11<sup>th</sup> December

Our most important day of the year is only 6 days away. Parents, extended family members and the wider community are welcome to come and join in our end of year presentation day next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December (9.15am). This day is a chance to celebrate the many school and student successes achieved throughout 2014. Students have been busily preparing a number of musical items to entertain the crowd in-between award presentations.

**Please be seated by 9.15am** so we can start and finish on time. It is envisioned that the ceremony will be finished by 11am. We would then invite parents and family members to stay for lunch with their children from 11am-Midday, with snacks and drinks available from the canteen.

## Staffing changes for 2015

As the year draws to a close and we look forward towards 2015, we will be farewelling some of our much-loved staff members.

**Mrs Janine Ford** has picked up a temporary position at East Maitland Public School in 2015. This was a very tough decision for her to make as she loves Millfield PS, but the opportunity of work much closer to home and her family has to understandably come first at this time. Janine has shown amazing commitment, a huge range of skills, and has improved the outcomes of all our students since her arrival in 2011. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best in the future.

**May Orr** will also be leaving at the end of the year, and will be transferring to Mount View HS to assist Taylah in her transition to high school. May has been invaluable over the past 4 years, and has always gone above and beyond to help staff and students.



**David Asquith** (GA) will also be finishing up at the end of the year. Dave has been working with us for the last 3 years and has received numerous comments about how great the school looks from students, staff, parents and visiting community members. Dave will be replaced by **Mr Wayne Blake** who has gained a transfer from Wollombi Public School after its closure. Wayne is currently the GA at Bellbird, Kitchener, Congewai and Wollombi Schools.

## *Dates for your Calendar*

### Term 4, 2014

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Presentation Day  
9.30am

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Year 6 Farewell  
5.30pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Party Day

### Term 1 2015

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
Teachers return

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Students Y1-6 return

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>-Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Kindergarten  
assessment interviews

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Kindergarten starts

## Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books

## Please Return

**Raffle Tickets now  
overdue**

**Mrs Melissa Butler** and **Miss Heidi Lightfoot** will also be returning in 2015 after two years maternity leave. We look forward to their return, and hearing all the stories about their rapidly growing children.

**Instructional leader-** A new position will be created and funded by the NSW Department of Education for the next two years. This instructional leader is an expert in early literacy and numeracy and works alongside our K-2 teachers in moving our students along the Literacy and Numeracy Continuum. This position is still to be filled.

**Teachers and students will not be allocated classes for 2015 until Term 1 Staff Development Day next year to ensure that we have confirmed the return of all staff and students.**

### **Building the teachers of tomorrow.**

Millfield Public School was awash with teachers on Friday, as our Year 5 and 6 students jumped into the role of teachers for a fun and educational session on dinosaurs. 5/6 have been studying dinosaurs as part of their Science unit this term and decided to share all their new found knowledge with younger students in some learning rotations. They planned and delivered a range of sessions which our younger students thoroughly enjoyed. There are certainly a few quality teachers of the future out there.



### **Attendance Competition Update – Week 9**

Year 5 continues to hold a lead with just one week to go. Year 2, Year 1 and Year 4 all made gains, but time is running out. We look forward to announcing the winner on Presentation day on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Place	Year	Term 4 Attendance
1 <sup>st</sup>	5	97.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	K	96.0%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1	95.0%
4 <sup>th</sup>	6	93.7%
5 <sup>th</sup>	3	93.0%
6 <sup>th</sup>	4	91.0%
7 <sup>th</sup>	2	90.0%

### **Last P&C meeting for 2014**

Our last P&C meeting for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Library. We will be wrapping up the years events, and looking towards plans for 2015. All welcome!

# END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES GUIDE

The end of the year is a busy time so it is important to book in the following dates and activities into the calendar to ensure you and your children do not miss out.

## Presentation Day (11<sup>th</sup> December)

Our annual Presentation Day will be held in the COLA on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of December starting at 9.30am. This occasion is our most important of the year, and includes the giving of major awards, class performances and the announcement of our 2015 Leaders. It will conclude with a visit from Santa, and a family lunch.

**Secret Santa** – As part of our Presentation Day each year, we run a Secret Santa for students. Each student will be given a name of a student to buy a present for ( value of approx. \$5), to be handed out by Santa on the Day.

## Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Year 5 and 6 and their parents are welcome to attend. Cost is \$10 for students( Year 6 free) and \$15 for parents. More info will be sent next week.

## School Party Day – (16<sup>th</sup> December)

Each year, the school holds a party day to reward the students for a fantastic year of hard work. Like previous years, we will be attending Maitland Cinema for a Movie, then heading to Maitland Park to have lunch and play. Cost for this will be only \$10 thanks to the P&C covering the cost of the bus. This price will include a movie ticket, snacks and drink at the movie, and bus travel.

## Principal's Award

Congratulations to Makayla Cagney, who receives this week's Principal's Award. Makayla hasn't shown any signs of slowing down in the classroom, improving out of sight with her word program over the past week. A great way to finish the year Makayla!



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### **Class Awards K/1/2**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Hunter Copeland** being a helpful and reliable class member  
**Molly Bedford** outstanding behaviour at all times

### **Class Awards 2/3/4**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Madeline Davis** consistently using initiative to solve problems  
**Payton Webb** working well in numeracy groups

### **Class Awards 5/6**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Blake Bodycote** being a conscientious student at all times  
**Jacob Dederer** improvement in writing

### **Library Award**




Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

**Samara Tiedeman** always being a happy and reliable library user





## SPECIAL AWARDS

Award	K/1	2/3/4	5/6
<b>GOLD</b>  For earning \$60 Millfield Dollars through Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviours	Samara Tiedeman 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct Jack Davis 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct Molly Bedford 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct Sari Carpenter 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct Hunter Copeland 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct Bethany Shepherd 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Katelyn Shepherd 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Riley Dederer 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Kaleb Henry 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Stuart McGarry 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Molly Russell 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Cloe Hindmarsh 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Chantel Winship 4 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>SILVER</b>  For earning \$60 Millfield Dollars through Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviours	Hunter Copeland 18th July Riley Dederer 15th Aug Kaleb Henry 15th Aug Stuart McGarry 15th Aug Alyssa Singleton 15th Aug Ella Szkopkowski 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Sari Carpenter 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Alex Lombardi 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Katelyn Shepherd 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Bethany Shepherd 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Chain Golledge 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct Kayley Thompson 21 Oct	Blake Bodycote 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug Molly Russell 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug Jorja Shearer 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Cloe Hindmarsh 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug Drew Dodgson 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Jessica Butler 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Thomas Effer 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept Rose Brell 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept Dylan Winship 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept Trent Singleton 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept Makayla Cagney 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept Tane Carpenter 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct Paryss Morton 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Angus Shepherd 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov Payton Webb 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	William Cagney 18th July Erin Jackson 8th Aug Ethan Lethbridge-Coyle 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug Madeline Davis 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct
<b>BRONZE</b>  For earning \$20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours		Paryss Morton 6th June Jacob Riley 25th July Lily Brell – 25th July Bayley Morton 1st Aug Jacob Dederer 1st Aug Angus Shepherd 15th Aug Matthew Hurley 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Kane Villa 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Tommy Golledge 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Tony Golledge 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept Kyedon Harrison-Brown 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Brodie Singleton 11th April Payton Webb 9th May Angelina Bodycote 22nd May Addison Peel 6th June Taylah Hollingshed 13th June Cassandra Noon 13th June Luke Rolls 13th June Jack Atkins 20th June Keegan Shepherd 20th June Nikita Szabo 27th June Jordan Watts 27th June Liam Hoffmannbeck 10 <sup>th</sup> oct

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

<b>Bush Skills Adventure</b> Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills. Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466		
<b>Wriggly Wetlanders</b> Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities. Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466		
<b>Bring the Family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre - a fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!</b> Opened every day (Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2014, 1st January 2015) <b>Access</b> Car/mini-bus parking available onsite. Public Transport /Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station. Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd. <b>Cost</b> \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry <b>Activities</b> Watch the Maggie Goose Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm Try diggerdigging from the jetty Follow the trail and become a "Wetlands Explorer" - go into the weekly draw for a prize. Playtime at Discovery Playground Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre 12 noon - Tank Talk (30-45 minutes) - opportunity for children to learn about reptile behaviour and care and actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. <b>Facilities</b> Toilets available in Visitor Centre Undercover picnic tables and shelter Cafe - meals, chips, icecreams, drinks Shop - gift shop		