



# MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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**Week 1 Term 1**

## Welcome Back

A warm welcome back after what we hope has been a relaxing, yet fun filled holiday. All students have settled back into their school routine quickly, and it has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces around our classrooms today.

2014 will see a few changes at both school and state level as the effects of a new funding model, a new curriculum and several system changes. At a school level we see the end of our National Partnership Funding which concluded at the end of 2013. This program led to the introduction of some fantastic programs such as Quicksmart and MultiLit, improved technology such as wireless and the purchase of Ipad's. It also allowed us to run Literacy and Numeracy groups of a morning to reduce the numbers in our classes, allowing teachers the opportunity to develop their skills and strategies towards programming for each child's individual needs. As we move into 2014, the benefits of these programs will be long lasting, and has set our school up for continued success in the future.



## Classes 2014

Due to the conclusion of National Partnerships, Literacy and Numeracy groups will no longer run in the mornings. Students will instead remain in the same class all day. This provides many benefits including:

- A more flexible timetable for teachers, to allow class specific content to be addressed throughout the day.
- A stronger relationship between students and their class teachers which is pivotal to improved outcomes.
- Allowing teachers to use the individual programming skills developed during Literacy and Numeracy Groups for each of their classes throughout the day.
- Freeing Mr Anderson to act in a learning and support role in each classroom on a daily basis, as well as mentor class teachers during team teaching activities.

Students have been placed into the following classes for 2014

Class	Teacher	Location	Total students
K/1	Miss Pringle	First Demountable	13
2/3/4	Mrs Ford	Second Demountable	21
5/6	Miss Cornish	Main Building	17

## *Dates for your Calendar*

### Term 1, 2013

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
Small School's Swimming  
Carnival  
Ages 8-13

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## Attachments

School Banking Information

Positive Behaviour Policy

Parents' guide to the new  
NSW Syllabus

## **Library Changes – Thursday Borrowing for all!**

Due to our new timetable, Ms Durie will only be in on Thursdays and Fridays this year. Therefore Library Borrowing will take place for all students on Thursdays!

Miss Durie will also be taking a class each Friday (all day) for a trip into the wonderful world of books, with the hope of increasing enthusiasm towards reading and improve reading skills.



## **Updated Behaviour Policy**

Attached to this week's newsletter is our school's updated Positive Behaviour Policy. Please take the time to flick through it as it reflects the processes in place for both positive and negative behaviours at our school. If you have any questions please contact Mr Anderson.

## **New Australian Curriculum**

2014 has seen the introduction of a the first of our new Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. Teachers have been busy over the past 12 months readying themselves for the introduction of the new English Syllabus this term. Other Key Learning Areas will follow, with Maths in 2015 and History, Geography and Science and in 2016. Include with this newsletter is a parent's guide to what to expect as these new documents are put in place.

## **P&C NEWS**

**No Canteen for first few weeks** – Our school canteen will not be open for the first few weeks. Karen will be busy getting the new menu approved by the NSW Cancer Council and finalising her shifts at work to determine the most appropriate day. It will open as soon as possible with a great new menu. Keep your eye on future newsletters. If you or a family member wishes to help out in Canteen this year, please contact Karen Ringland or the school office.

## **Bruce Springsteen Concert – Free tickets**

Hope Estate have again offered our school a great chance to fundraise while seeing some great entertainment at the Bruce Springsteen Concert to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

We need 8 people to man the BBQ/food prep, with all helpers getting free entry to the concert and bbq. The shift will finish when Bruce takes the stage at about 7.30-8pm with helpers free to stick around for the main act.



Helpers will need to arrive at 2pm

Names will be taken on a first in – first served basis so contact the school office ASAP if interested.

## **School Banking is Back**

School Banking is back again in 2014, with students able to apply for a Dollarmite account through the Commonwealth Bank. Students bank at school by bringing in their bank books weekly and have the opportunity to earn some great prizes to reward their saving. An information pack has been provided. Sign up by visiting the Commonwealth Bank. See Kim Cagney for more information.