



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 10 Term 1

An Afternoon of Easter Fun

Parents, grandparents and friends of Millfield Public School are invited to come and join in the fun next Friday 11th April for an afternoon of Easter Fun. The day will start with a family lunch at 1pm, with families able to bring their own picnic lunch or order from the canteen (order form required). This will then be followed by a range of Easter Activities such as:

- Easter Hat Parade
- Choir Performance
- Easter Raffle
- Guessing Competition
- Egg and Spoon Races
- Easter Egg Hunt.

Students are required to make their hat at home, although class teachers can be contacted if assistance is required.



Investing in our kids Health

One of our school goals this year is to build on our improved school attendance from 2013, by improving the Hygiene habits of students and reduce the spread of illness. The school has recently purchased new soap dispensers for the student toilets as well as automatic hygiene gel dispensers for the office, library and each classroom. Students are encouraged to use these before eating, or after coughing or blowing their nose. Feel free to test them out next time you are in the office.



Annual School Report now available

The 2013 Annual School Report is now available on the school website for viewing by interested parents and community members. Just follow the links in the 'Our School' section. This report is mandatory for all schools and outlines results, program evaluations and future directions. Hard copies are also available by contacting the school office.

As part of this report, we are required to complete structures and practices each year. This year we selected *School Culture*.



Dates for your Calendar

Term 1, 2014

Sunday 6th April
Daylight Savings Ends

Thursday 10th April
Zone Cross Country
@ Cessnock Showground

Friday 11th April
Easter Celebrations
1pm

Holidays
11th-28th April

Term 2

Monday 28th April
School Development Day

Tuesday 29th April
Students return
CPAC performance
(Years 3-6)

Friday 9th May
Regional Cross Country

**Tuesday 12th May -
Thursday 15th May**
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

Tuesday 20th May
Athletics Carnival

Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books

Students were asked a series of questions in relation to school culture and attitudes towards learning. Results from this questioning found:

- 94% of students indicated that school was a place that they really liked to go each day.
- 96% of students indicated that they felt that their teacher was fair to them.
- 98% of students indicated that school was a place that made them feel happy.
- 99% of students indicated that their teacher takes an interest in helping them with their work.
- 91% of students get excited about the work they do in the classroom.
- 97% of students stated that other students were friendly.
- 100% of students indicated that they believed what they learn will be useful to them when they leave school.

Parents at the Week 7 assembly completed a survey on school culture with 17 responses (50% of families). Responses indicated that:

- 100% of respondents believed that the school knows about the families and community in which it serves.
- 87% of respondents believed that the school often praised and rewarded individuals who are successful.
- 92% believed that parents supported what was happening at school
- 100% of parents indicated that they were proud of their child's school.
- 92% believed that the school caters for the learning needs of all students.
- 100% of parents indicated that the school makes important changes to what it does when needed.

Daylight Saving Finishes this Weekend

Daylight saving ends in NSW on Sunday, 6 April 2014, when clocks go back one hour at 3:00 am. We are definitely looking forward to seeing some more daylight at wake-up time.

Zone Cross Country

Good luck to all our students participating in the Zone Cross Country next Thursday (10/4) at Cessnock Racecourse. Students need to be at the showground prior to the 9am course orientation. Please find Ms Durie on arrival and sit in the Millfield PS Area. Remember to bring lots of sunscreen, a water bottle and full sports uniform. We know you will do us proud!

Active After School Netball

There will be an additional week of Active After School Netball next week (8th April) for interested students. This has been one of most popular sports, with over 20 students each week learning a range of skills that can be utilised in a range of different sports.



Next week's Reading Focus



Visualising

Good readers put together everything they have learned to understand what they read.

Learners create a mental image from a text read/viewed/heard. Visualising brings the text to life, engages the imagination and uses all of the senses.

Visualising and imagining brings the text to life, engages the imagination and uses all of the senses

Example questions/statements

- What are the pictures I/you have in my/your head as I/you read/view/ listen to this text?
- Can I/you describe the picture or image you made while you read/ heard that part?
- How did the pictures in my/your head help me/you to understand the text?

This week in Fitness

Overarm throw



- 1 Eyes focused on target area throughout the throw.
- 2 Stands side on to target area.
- 3 Steps towards target area with opposite throwing arm.
- 4 Throwing arm follows through, down and across the body.

Principal's Award's

Congratulations to Sari who receives this week's Principal's Award. Sari has been demonstrating "Respect and Responsibility" by ensuring our playground is a clean and tidy place to play.

Yours in Education, Scott Anderson- Principal



CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle's Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Riley Dederer being a responsible learner and caring and helpful student
Katelyn Shepherd her happy approach to learning

Mrs Ford's Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Lily Brell improvement in reading and her conscientious efforts in class
Tane Carpenter achieving excellent spelling results in Term 1

Miss Cornish's Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Erin Jackson demonstrating a developing confidence in class
Luke Rolls working well in numeracy

Ms Durie's Library Award

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

William Cagney using feedback to make positive changes to his work
Trent Singleton completing all library tasks. Well done!



P&C NEWS

Canteen Lunch Order

- If tomato cause is needed on this order please write this on the order

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hockey NSW is back on the road with our 2014 **Stick 2 Hockey** U12 Development Clinics.

All sessions will be run by a current NSW State Coach and Regional Coaching Co-ordinator.

In 2013 more than 1,100 U12 players participated in the clinics and this year, we're visiting even more Associations and hoping to meet even more young players.

The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. We'll provide you a hockey stick if you're just starting out or for more experienced players, we'll make sure we put you through your paces and leave with the tools to take your game to the next level.

COST: \$53 per player (includes 4% transaction fee)

Every participant leaves with a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a **drink bottle** and **bag**.

HOW TO REGISTER: www.hockeynsw.com.au



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WHERE: Maitland Hockey Centre
WHO: Under 12 Players - Born 2002 - 2004
WHEN: 24th April **TIME:** 10am - 4pm
REGISTRATION CLOSES: 7th April
COST: \$53
REGISTER: Link can be found at 'maitlandhockey.org.au' or Hockey NSW
LINK: <http://www.hockeynsw.com.au/Development/Camps-and-Clinics/Development-Clinics>

VISIT THE WETLANDS IN THE HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland is offering fun activities for kids and families. Kids can learn bush skills, go on a bike safari, make bush perfume or join Tantrum Theatre drama workshops and participate in the creation and performance of 'Reptilia'. Booking is essential for school holiday activities - go to www.wetlands.org.au for dates, times and costs.

For families there are walking trails, a discovery playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. Bring a picnic or enjoy a fresh and delicious lunch at the Spoonbill Cafe.

Easter Saturday is great time to visit for a fun filled morning with craft, face painting, games, BBQ and a special treasure hunt.

Note: the Centre will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

All entry \$5, school holiday special - children 3-12 yrs only \$2.