



# MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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**Week 9 Term 1**

## Encouraging a love of Science

Students this week were treated to some free Science shows courtesy of the University of Newcastle's Aim High Program. These fun shows aim to increase students love of science and share some possible pathways for students in this field. K-2 students participated in a show that immersed them in jobs involving science, with 3-6 watching a show on lasers that encouraged scientific imagination.



## Student Reviews

**"It was a Science Spectacular!" Jack A (Year 5)**

**"The part I liked the best was when we had to go and pretend to be all the scientists that claimed to invent lasers in a play" Erin J (Year 5)**

**"I LOVED THAT ONE OF THE LASERS REACTED TO NOISE" Keegan S (Year 5)**

**"It was great! I liked cooking, looking at Crystals, making a car track and pretending we worked at the vet"**

**Makayla C (Year 2)**

**It made me want to be an Engineer so I can design and repair vehicles and build roads. Jacob R (Year 2)**

## *Dates for your Calendar*

### Term 1, 2014

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
Zone Cross Country  
@ Cessnock Showground

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Celebrations

**Holidays**  
11<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 2

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
School Development Day

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
Students return  
CPAC performance  
(Years 3-6)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Regional Cross Country

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May -  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
Naplan for Years 3 & 5

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Athletics Carnival

### Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books
- Music Stars pamphlet

## **School Cross Country**

Students braved the damp ground on Wednesday morning, completing laps of our school for our cross country event. All students put in a great effort, and were spurred on by our rowdy parent spectators. This event also served as selection trials for the Zone Cross Country to be held at Cessnock Showground on the 10th of April. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate at Zone.

### **8/9 years Boys**

Tane Carpenter  
Trent Singleton  
Dylan Winship  
Jacob Dederer

### **8/9 years Girls**

Jessica Butler

### **10 years Boys**

Drew Dodgson

### **11 years Boys**

Ethan Lethbridge  
Addison Peel  
Jordan Watts  
Luke Rolls  
Jack Atkins  
Brodie Singleton

### **11 years Girls**

Cassandra Noon

### **12 years Girls**

Nikita Szabo  
Madeline Davis



## **Kindergarten Speech Program makes a huge difference**

**A Kindergarten Speech program funded by the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools has been having fantastic results for our kindergarten students.** All Hours Speech Pathology have been contracted to run the program in our all Cessnock Public Schools in 2013/14. All kindergarten students participated in initial screening which was followed by five weeks of 1 to 1 speech improvement sessions. Parents and teachers were also invited to sit in on these sessions to learn some of the techniques for sound articulation. It has seen huge benefits for our students so far, and the effects have been noticeable when back in the classroom. Teachers and parents will now continue the program, with follow up sessions planned for Term 3. It is hoped that corporate sponsorship can be obtained to fund this program in 2015 and beyond, with this year's screening showing 75% of students in the moderate to severe range.  
(Right) Stuart McCarry and Isabelle from All Hours Speech



## **Looking for some Father and Son time?**

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together building a healthier relationship. Find out more: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars)


## **Motivating lazy children**

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.

Find out more: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/motivating-lazy-children](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/motivating-lazy-children)



## 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 PBL



## In the Library

<b>Safe Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are in the right place</li> <li>Put their bags against the wall on the verandah</li> <li>Always tuck chairs in</li> <li>Keep hands and feet to themselves</li> <li>Eat away from books and computers</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form one line when borrowing</li> <li>Bring all the things they need for lessons</li> <li>Care for their books</li> <li>Put books back in the right place</li> <li>Are ready to listen</li> </ul>
<b>Respectful Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use manners</li> <li>Put their hands up to speak</li> <li>Are quiet in the library</li> <li>Take pride in their books</li> <li>Act appropriately</li> <li>Speak politely</li> </ul>

### Principal's Award's

Congratulations to Trent and Jessica who share this week's Principal's Award. Trent and Jessica have been showing our value of responsibility with their home reading and have already completed 25 nights of home reading this year. No wonder they are both showing some wonderful improvement!

Yours in Education, Scott Anderson- Principal



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Miss Pringle's Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Stuart McCarry** fantastic work with numbers!  
**Hunter Copeland** enthusiasm and motivation towards homework!

### Mrs Ford's Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Lily Brell** her fantastic ideas presented in persuasive writing lessons  
**Bayley Morton** improvement in writing

### Miss Cornish's Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Nikita Szabo** always working well independently  
**Jordan Watts** trying his best and encouraging others at the school's Cross Country

### Ms Durie's Library Award

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

**Jessie Earl** an outstanding effort in persuasive writing  
**Keegan Shepherd** showing an outstanding knowledge of lights and lasers



# The simplest way

## to bust hunger after school

Try these great vegie filled recipes that will top up their tank until dinner time.

### Speedy Pizza

A wholegrain English muffin with tomato, corn, capsicum and reduced fat grilled cheese.



### Fast Toasty Fingers

A slice of wholegrain toast cut into soldiers served with 'reduced salt' or 'no added salt' baked beans.

### Vegie Kebabs

Kebab skewers with reduced fat cheese, cherry tomatoes & cucumber slices.

### Macho Nachos

Corn tortillas and sprinkle with quartered cherry tomatoes, kidney beans and reduced fat cheese. Bake in oven for 15 minutes and serve with mashed avocado.

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

At our Millfield Venue the children are building friendships and learning cooperation.



When children have positive experiences they develop an understanding of themselves as significant and respected, and feel a sense of belonging.

Relationships are the foundations for the construction of identity – 'who I am', 'how I belong' and 'what is my influence?'



If you are interested in sending your child to preschool to begin their learning journey, please contact Hunter Mobile Preschool on 49346725 or visit our website for more information [Huntermobilepreschool.com.au](http://Huntermobilepreschool.com.au)



Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

**Come and Try Guides!**  
at YOUR local Cessnock District  
Girl Guide Unit

*fun, friends,  
adventure*

For girls aged 7-18 years

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

**For information on the location and available meetings in your area**

Please contact Cessnock District Leader, Kylie, at [cessnockguides@bigpond.com](mailto:cessnockguides@bigpond.com)

OR email Region Membership Advisor at [helenEG2@live.com.au](mailto:helenEG2@live.com.au)

Visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au) to find out more about Guides

**HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..**



**Easter holiday activities @ your library**  
**Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.**  
**Tickets on sale late March.**

**Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2**

Monday April 14                      Cessnock Library                      10.00 – 10.30      FREE

**Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and a story – come and join the fun!**

**Easter Storytime – ages 2-8**

Tuesday April 15                      Cessnock Library                      10.00 – 11.00      FREE

**Bounce up to this special Easter storytime – stories, songs and craft**

**Autumn Storytime – ages 2-8**

Tuesday April 22                      Cessnock Library                      10.00 – 11.00      FREE

**Autumn stories, songs and craft**

**Easter Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8**

Wednesday April 16                      Kurri Kurri Library                      10.00 – 11.00      FREE

**Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by Easter stories and craft**

**Autumn Rhymetime/Storytime – ages 0-8**

Wednesday April 23                      Kurri Kurri Library                      10.00 – 11.00      FREE

**Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by stories and craft**

**Easter Craft – ages 5-12**

Tuesday April 15                      Cessnock Library                      2.00 – 3.00      FREE

Wednesday April 16                      Kurri Kurri Library                      1.00 – 2.00      FREE

**Come along to this free Easter craft workshop - create a special Easter bunny basket, and learn how to transform a face cloth into an easter gift.**

**Movie & Craft Afternoon – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory – ages 5-12**

Tuesday April 22                      Kurri Kurri Library                      2.00 – 4.00      FREE

Wednesday April 23                      Cessnock Library                      2.00 – 4.00      FREE

**Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then create your own arrowroot biscuit masterpieces!**

**Kitchen Scientist Afternoon – ages 8+**

Monday April 14                      Cessnock Library                      3.00 – 4.00      FREE

Wednesday April 16                      Kurri Kurri Library                      4.00 – 5.00      FREE

**Warning – science experiments can be very messy! Wear old clothes to this hands-on kitchen science workshop, and take home your own bag of goo!**

**Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+**

Tuesday April 15                      Kurri Kurri Library                      5.00 – 6.30      \$5.00

Tuesday April 22                      Cessnock Library                      5.00 – 6.30      \$5.00

**Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.**

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