



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 3 Term 2

Come and join the fun at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Our students will join with our other small schoolies to participate in one of two carnivals to be held next Tuesday (20th May) at Turner Park.



Students in Year 3-6 will participate in a traditional carnival, competing in 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot put and Discus. There will also be a range of novelty activities and event coaching to keep everyone entertained between events.

Students in K-2 will participate in a more informal carnival that focuses on fun and participation, with activities including a range of fun races, as well as ball games activities.

We encourage all parents to be involved in these carnivals which are always one of the year's highlights. A canteen will be operating on the day to cater for everyone's food and beverage needs.

NAPLAN over for another year

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in our NAPLAN testing this week.

Students in years 3 and 5 completed formal exams in Writing, Reading, Spelling/Grammar, and Numeracy. We will receive results and feedback from these later in the year to allow us to plan for whole school and individual student needs.



Students in Years 2, 4 and 6 completed practice exams based on last year's NAPLAN, with results compiled in-school. This not only offered these students an extra practice of the formal testing environment, but will give us immediate feedback on any improvement of further needs when compared to last year's results.

Active After School Soccer a huge attraction

Our first week of Soccer got underway on Monday afternoon, with over 40 students participating. Due to the large number of students, we have decided to split the group into two, with Mr Anderson taking those



Dates for your Calendar

Term 2

Tuesday 20th May
Athletics Carnival

Thursday 22nd May
School Photos

Friday 23rd May
Discover Uni Day
Yr 6

Friday 20th June
Horse Sports
Netball Gala

Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books
- Outstanding Athletics Carnival permission note

Please Return

Athletic Carnival permission on Monday 19th May

School Photo Order
22nd May

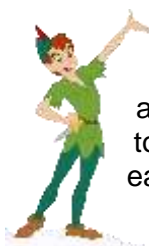
students who wish to play in the school soccer team for practices during this time.

School Photos next week

Our school photos will be held next Thursday 22nd May. It would be great to see everyone here and in their best school uniform, as this year we are having whole class photos taken. Photos will start at 9am to ensure uniforms and faces are nice and clean for each shot.

Please remember that each individual child's photo envelope must be returned on the day with correct money enclosed. If you are interested in having a sibling photo taken, please see Mrs Goudie before the day for one of these order forms.

School Musical hits the ground running



Preparations for our school musical **"Peter Pan"** are now well and truly underway, with student parts and responsibilities announced yesterday. Miss Cornish and Miss Pringle are now working closely with each student to ensure they are well and truly ready to shine when the time comes later next term. Keep your ear out for more exciting developments.



Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here on : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

School Horse Sports

Our school will host the Cessnock Horse Sports competition at the Cessnock Showground on the 20th June. Students who are capable horse riders from 8 years and up can contact Mr Anderson if they are interested in competing. Cost of Entry is \$20 per child, with entries closing **next Friday 23rd May**. See the attached flyer for more details.



Entertainment Books

The P&C have decided to offer Entertainment books for purchase through the school office. These books cost \$60 and contain a range of Food/Entertainment or discount vouchers that can be used in our local area. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

The benefits of team sports

The good news is that even if your child's team never scores goal, they're benefitting significantly from simply being active and involved in team sports.

The long list of benefits for your child includes the development of:

- cooperation and teamwork skills
- leadership skills
- respect for teammates, opponents and officials
- a sense of belonging and team membership
- social interaction skills
- resilience.

But what about the benefits for tired adults?

As children get older, the opportunities to chat and bond become rarer. Cheering from the sideline often leads to excited post-game conversations and a chance to reconnect with your child over a shared interest.

Read more about [the benefits of team sports](#) on the [School A to Z](#) website.

Social Media and Kids Privacy

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of two have a digital presence (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children aged between eight and 12 use Facebook, despite the minimum age for a user being 13
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on the photo-sharing website Instagram
- young people between the ages of 14 and 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

Even if you don't know a lot about social media yourself, you can help your child stay safe online simply by asking them about the social media accounts they are using, and regularly reminding them the importance of keeping their personal information private.

You can find a parent's guide to social media – including Kik Messenger, Instagram, Vine and Facebook - in the [School A to Z](#) technology glossary.

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Hunter who receives this week's Principal's award. Hunter has been demonstrating outstanding behaviour this term, and has been a great role model for all students. Well done Hunter.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle's Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Jack Davis using fluency and expression when reading
Sari Carpenter improvement in blending sounds together to make words

Mrs Ford's Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Makayla Cagney improved confidence in maths and literacy
Brian Wattle continued improvement in reading skills

Miss Cornish's Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Taylah Hollingshed improvement in spelling
Addison Peel improvement in spelling

Ms Durie's Library Award

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:


Madeline Davis an outstanding effort in her first debate preparation



STUDENT OF THE MONTH – May 2014

Junior: Sari Carpenter
Senior: Chantel Winship

Bronze Awards

Award	K/1/2	2/3/4	5/6
BRONZE  Have earned 20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours	Samara Tiedeman 2 nd May Molly Bedford 2 nd May Hunter Copeland 2 nd May Riley Dederer 2 nd May Stuart McCarry 16 th May Alyssa Singleton 16 th May Sari Carpenter 16 th May Kaleb Henry 16 th May Alex Lombardi 16 th May Ella Szkopkowski 16 th May	Makayla Cagney 9 th May Drew Dodgson 9 th May Blake Bodycote 9 th May Trent Singleton 9 th May Cloe Hindmarsh 9 th May Jessica Butler 16 th May Rose Brell 16 th May	Chantel Winship 28 th March William Cagney 4 th April Brodie Singleton 11 th April Madeline Davis 11 th April Erin Jackson 2 nd May Payton Webb 9 th May Ethan Lethbridge-Coyle 9 th May

P&C News

P&C meeting 13th May – Items Discussed

Reusable Lunchbags –The P&C will soon be looking to make reusable lunch bags available for purchase for parents. These come fully insulated to keep food cold/warm and come in a range of cool colours. Keep your eye out for an order form soon.

Horse Sports – Organisation going well. Will need helpers for Canteen on the day (20th June). Please see Teresa or Kelly if you can help out.

Mother's Day – Raffle raised \$341.30, Stall raised \$137.55 – Thanks to all who sold tickets and helped with the stall.

Suggestion – Parents Social Tennis Day

Canteen- Re-costing on some items to round to even amount and ensure they are not costing canteen money. Changes will be sent out when price change happens.

Entertainment booklet – Decided to run as fundraiser - \$12 of every sale goes to school.

Spring Fair- Will it be viable if insurance costs rise/ COCCI withdraw? - Scott to attend Spring Fair Meeting to discuss.

P&C Balance as of 13.05.14 - \$12461

COMMUNITY NEWS

PAXTON FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Saturday 17th May 2014
10am-2pm

- Meet your local fire fighters
- Learn about fire safety
- Check out a fire truck
- Fire safety demonstration
- Information bag for the family
- Learn about Fire and Rescue NSW

Junior Creative WRITING

Are you a writer? Come along and share your thoughts with other young writers and learn new ways to bring your ideas to life!

Who: Children and Young adults aged 10-16 yrs

Where: Cessnock & Kurri Public Libraries **When:** Monthly

How?: Contact the library Sandy Ryan: PH: 49934384 sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



The simplest way

...to add fruit at breakfast time

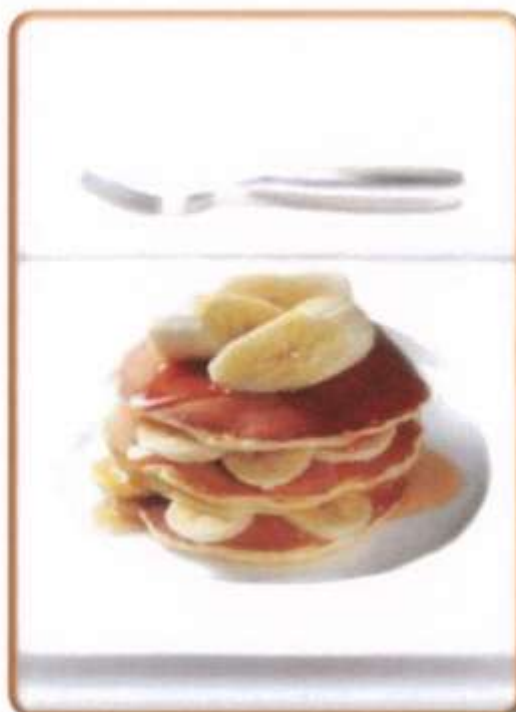
This easy + delicious recipe will give your kids' a great start to their day!

Ingredients

2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2 1/2 cups low-fat milk
3 ripe bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method

In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine and milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, then stir into wet mixture until smooth. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.



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CESSNOCK SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS DAY



Friday – 20th June

Cessnock Showground

Entry Fee: \$20 per rider * (See conditions of entry)

Age Groups : 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs&over

Riding Events:

Riding Classes
Hacking Classes

Sporting Events:

Flag
Bend
Barrel
Ball Race

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 23rd May 2014

Facilities:

Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am
Camping Available on Thursday night \$ 20 per family
No stabling

Event Organiser:	Teresa Butler – Ph. 0437966958
School Representative :	Scott Anderson Principal - Millfield Public School Ph. 02 49981331 Email: Scott.r.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au
<i>Cheques made payable to:</i>	<i>Millfield Public School P&C</i> <i>and sent to:</i> <i>Millfield Public School</i> <i>105 Wollombi Rd Millfield 2325.</i>

All entries must be made through their child's school and submitted as school team.

All forms available on the Millfield PS website from Monday 21st April.

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