



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 7 Term 2

Horse Sports Day next week.

The time has finally arrived to hold our first Horse Sports Day next Friday 20th June. Our P&C (Teresa in particular) has put in a huge effort to get this event off the ground and will act as our biggest yearly fundraiser. Students from as far away as Quirindi, Newcastle and Scone have entered in the event this year. It will run all day Friday at the Cessnock Showground. Good luck to Jessica Butler who will be representing our school in this event.

Helpers needed

We are in desperate need of some canteen helpers for our Horse Sports Day. If you can help out (for any time what so ever) please let Kelly Carpenter or the school office know and you will be given a time. Many hands make light work!

NAIDOC Week Activities

As NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week falls in the holidays this year, we will be celebrating at school in the last week of term. This will involve two major events.

1) All students will be participating in an Excursion to the **Cessnock Performing Arts Centre** on Tuesday 24th June. This event will include traditional performances, stories, and animal displays. The school has subsidised half the cost of this excursion, with students only required to pay \$5.

2) We will also be holding a **NAIDOC Celebration at school** on Friday 27th June. This will involve a range of fun and educational activities including planting some native bush tucker/medicines in a new Aboriginal Education Area near the COLA, taste testing some bush tucker, Aboriginal Stories and Craft. The gardens have already started to take shape, with our Aboriginal Students building the garden beds yesterday in preparation. Parents are encouraged to attend this event from 1pm.



Dates for your Calendar

Term 2

Thursday 19th June
SRC Pyjama Day
(Gold coin donation)

Friday 20th June
Horse Sports
Netball Gala Day
Reports Out

Mon 23rd-Thurs 26th June
Student Conferences

Tuesday 24th June
NAIDOC Performance
@CPAC
\$5

Friday 27th June
NAIDOC Day Celebrations
12.45-3

Attachments

- Unexplained absences
- Outstanding accounts
- Overdue library books

Please return

Canberra Excursion
(Year 5 and 6)

\$50 (Deposit) by 27th June
\$300 (total) by Friday 5th Sep

Student Conference
Booking Sheets
By Wed 18th June

NAIDOC Performance
Permission note and \$5
By Friday 20th June

Book your student conferences now!

Students received a note yesterday explaining our student conference setup and booking sheet. These conferences offer a fantastic opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about the strengths and weaknesses in your child's learning, as well as set future learning goals. Please return these sheets by next Wednesday so that a timetable can be put together.



Debating team suffers close loss.

Our debating team travelled to Broke on Wednesday to compete in their second debate as part of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The girls got stuck with the very hard task of convincing the adjudicator that "Gambling is good for Australia". The girls will complete their remaining rounds next term against Bellbird and Cessnock West.

Soccer Round 2 v's Mulbring



Our next game in the State Knockout Soccer competition against Mulbring has been planned for the first day back next term (Tuesday 15th July). As it is a Mulbring Home Game, we will be playing at either Abermain, with game to start at 12.30pm. A permission note will be sent out in Week 9.

Netball GALA Day – Friday 20th June

Our school netball team will be participating in a school netball GALA day next Friday 20th June at the Cessnock Netball Courts. Good luck Girls!

Pyjama Day for Mitochondrial Foundation –Thursday 19th June

The SRC will be holding a pyjama day on Thursday to raise money for the Australian Mitochondrial Foundation. Students will be able to wear their pyjamas for the day (winter varieties please!), for the small price of a gold coin donation.

The most important skill to teach your child -Resilience

One common trait all successful adults have is resilience. The ability to bounce back from disappointment is something we have the opportunity to teach our children every day. As our kids constantly remind us, life isn't always fair. Is it a parent's role to constantly try to make life fair?

How do we balance the desire to shelter and protect our children with the need to teach them how to cope with life's disappointments? The School A to Z website asked top teachers all over NSW for their tips for parents on developing resilience so children can succeed in the face of unexpected challenges. These tips include:

- Resilience doesn't come naturally to all kids - we need to specifically teach those skills.
- Always saving your child from failure doesn't give them the opportunity to learn better skills.
- To interact effectively with their peers, our kids need to develop resilience.
- Commend your child's strengths, and be positive about their abilities to improve their other skills.
- Self-esteem comes from conquering challenges, not from constant praise that everything we do is brilliant!
- Kids notice how well parents handle stress and challenges and then copy those behaviours.
- Extracurricular activities help develop social skills.
- Life isn't always fair. Teach your child how to accept that and adapt to challenging circumstances.

This week's Principal's award

Congratulations to Nikita Szabo on receiving this week's Principal's Award. Nikita has been demonstrating outstanding responsibility towards her learning and the playground. Well done Nikita.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle's Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Jack Davis showing an interest and good knowledge when using technology
Riley Dederer his growing interest and enthusiasm for maths

Mrs Ford's Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Blake Bodycote always presenting beautiful bookwork
Trent Singleton composing a fantastic description on his dad in literacy

Miss Cornish's Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Ethan Lethbridge-Coyle engaging in science research activities
Luke Rolls a more mature approach to his learning


Ms Durie's Library Award

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:


Katelyn Shepherd outstanding work and exemplary behaviour in library time



Bronze Award

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 Szkopowski 16 th May Bethany Shepherd 23 rd May Katelyn Shepherd 23 rd May Jack Davis 23 rd May Kayley Thompson 23 rd 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 Jorja Shearer 22 nd May Tane Carpenter 30 th May Molly Russell 30 th May Paryss Morton 6 th June	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 Angelina Bodycote 22 nd May Addison Peel – 6 th June Taylah Hollingshed – 13 th June Cassandra Noon – 13 th June Luke Rolls – 13 th June

Silver Awards

Award	K/1	2/3/4	5/6
Silver  = 20 Millfield Dollars			Chantel Winship – 6 th June

P&C News

Horse Sports Canteen Helpers needed – We are desperately seeking some support in the canteen for our horse sports day on Friday 20th June. If you have any time to spare, please see the Office, Kelly Carpenter or Teresa Butler.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLEASE – CAN YOU HELP??

As winter is now upon us and the days and nights are getting colder our local pounds and rescue centres are desperate for old towels, sheets, doonas, mats, blankets, etc – anything that would be suitable for bedding.

If you can help – please drop off at 234 Millfield Road, Millfield

or

call Vicki on 4998 1493 or 0499 202 717

THANK YOU FOR CARING

GIRL GUIDES

The new MILLFIELD UNIT will commence on

Monday, 21st July, 4.30pm

St Luke's Church Hall

Our Program is for girls of all ages, but our groups are structured so that you can hang out with girls your own age, in a safe, nurturing and caring environment:

- **Make new friends**
- **Have fun**
- **Learn new skills**
- **Be the best that you can be**

Girl Guides is a non-denominational organisation, welcoming Girls from all cultures, faiths and traditions, and we are honoured that the community of St Luke's has offered us the use of their hall for our unit meetings.

Your first two (2) visits are FREE so come try us out...

**Unit Meetings are every Monday afternoon at
4.30-6.00pm, during school term, St Luke's Church Hall**

To find out more, Call Kylie on **0410 323 627**

Email: cessnockguides@bigpond.com

www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, Africa.

The concert will be held at MT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL HALL, on Tuesday July 1 at 6:30pm.

It is a FREE CONCERT!!!