



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 1 Term 3

Welcome back after what we are sure was a much needed break after a hectic Term 2. We have hit the ground running already this term, with a range of activities to look forward to including excursions, performances, sporting events and our school musical.

NAIDOC celebration a great success.

Our school held a special NAIDOC celebration on the last day of Term 2. This involved indigenous games, stories, bush tucker tasting and planting a variety of bush tucker plants. This was then followed by a special assembly which involved a flag raising ceremony to open our new Aboriginal Education Area. Check out the website for more photos.



Dates for your Calendar **Term 3**

Mon 21st July
School Public Speaking
Final

Tues 22nd July
P&C Meeting

Wed 23rd July
PSSA Basketball (Maitland)

Fri 25th July
Oakvale Farm Visit

Wed 30th July
Musica Viva

Fri 1st August
Zone Athletics

Mon 4th & Tues 5th August
Zone Public Speaking –
Nulkaba

Wed 6th August
Leaders Breakfast
7.15am-9am
&
Education Week Awards
Cessnock High School
4-6pm

Wed 27th August
Musical Dress Rehearsal

Thurs 28th August
Musical

Sun 31st August
Spring Fair

Attachments

- Unexplained absences
- Outstanding accounts
- Overdue library books
- Cookie Dough Order Form
- Gus Gordon Order Form

Developing Public Speaking Skills

Students have been thrust back into the action this week, with all students completing speeches in front of their classmates as part of our Public Speaking Program. The program is in its second year, and it is evident it is doing wonders to the skills and confidence of our students in this area. The quality of our speakers has seen a marked improvement from last year, with many of the students learning from last year's experiences.



A selection of students from each stage will now participate in our school finals on Monday. **It will be held in the library starting at 9.15am**, and all parents are encouraged to attend to see what is involved in the best speeches. The winner and runner-up in each stage will then progress to the Zone Finals at Nulkaba Public School in Week 3.

Oakvale Farm visit finally here.

The wait is almost over! After bad weather postponed the excursion to Oakvale Farm last term, Miss Pringles class will be off to the farm next Friday 25th July. Please ensure you have returned your child's new note to cover this change of date. The bus will leave at **8.45am on the dot** so please ensure you are here by then.

New Apps to improve communication

Communication between school and home environments has always been a challenge (From the dreaded bottom of the school bag, to "filed" under desks). We are constantly trying to improve how we communicate with parents to ensure this is as reliable as possible. To combat this, we have secured trials of two School Apps that can be downloaded on Itunes (Iphone) or Google (Android) smartphones.

These include:

Skoolbag and Arinum

They both allow easy access to school details, websites, notes and the school calendar, and offer the ability for us to "push" reminders and notifications to parents when needed. An example of this might be if the sports carnival was cancelled due to bad weather.



Both have their advantages and disadvantages so it would be great if we could have as many parents as possible trial these over the next few weeks so we can make a decision on which one if any we purchase after the free trial ends.

Find them by searching for "**Millfield**" in the Apple or Google Play store.

Tissues needed

With the runny noses still lingering, we would love some more donations of tissues if you could spare a box. Please give these to Mrs Goudie in the front office .

Gus Gordon Author visit 31st July

We have been lucky to secure a visit by well known kids author/illustrator Gus Gordon in Week 3. This is a Free event courtesy of Cessnock City Library. Further information and order form for his books (if you want a signed copy) are attached to this newsletter.

Soccer team put up a brave fight

Unfortunately our school soccer team was knocked out of the Small Schools knockout in the second round match against Mulbring on Tuesday. It was a close game for the majority of the match, with Mulbring scoring a few late goals to finish 5-0 winners. Congratulations to our team who tried extremely hard against a strong Mulbring side. We were also congratulated by the Mulbring students and staff for demonstrating great sportsmanship during and after the match.

Basketball

The sporting life continues next Wednesday, with our school Basketball team heading to a GALA day at Maitland as part of the PSSA knockout competition. It will be a great experience for our students, many of whom have not played a competitive game of basketball before. Good luck and have fun!

This week's Principal's award

Congratulations to Jacob Dederer who receives this week's Principal's award. Jacob was individually commended by the opposing coach for his sportsmanship and fair play during our soccer game against Mulbring on Wednesday. Great way to spread the news about the best school in the world Jacob.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle's Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Ella Szkopowski being a wonderful helper and friend to the pre-schoolers
Alex Lombardi improvement in sight word recognition with May



Mrs Ford's Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Kyedon Harrison-Brown writing and presenting an excellent speech to 2/3/4
Molly Russell a huge improvement in confidence when presenting her speech





Miss Cornish's Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Taylah Hollingshed always contributing great ideas to class discussion
Keegan Shepherd continuing to improve in maths groups

Special Awards

Award	K/1	2/3/4	5/6
silver  = 40 Millfield Dollars	Samara Tiedeman 27th June Molly Bedford 18th July Hunter Copeland 18th July Jack Davis 18th July		Chantel Winship 6th June William Cagney 18th July
BRONZE  Have earned 20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours	Samara Tiedeman 2nd May Molly Bedford 2nd May Hunter Copeland 2nd May Riley Dederer 2nd May Stuart McCarry 16th May Alyssa Singleton 16th May Sari Carpenter 16th May Kaleb Henry 16th May Alex Lombardi 16th May Ella Szkopowski 16th May Bethany Shepherd 23rd Katelyn Shepherd 23rd May Jack Davis 23rd May Kayley Thompson 23rd May	Makayla Cagney 9th May Drew Dodgson 9th May Blake Bodycote 9th May Trent Singleton 9th May Cloe Hindmarsh 9th May Jessica Butler 16th May Rose Brell 16th May Jorja Shearer 22nd May Tane Carpenter 30th May Molly Russell 30th May Paryss Morton 6th June	Chantel Winship 28th March William Cagney 4th April Brodie Singleton 11th April Madeline Davis 11th April Erin Jackson 2nd May Payton Webb 9th May Ethan Lethbridge-Coyle 9th May Angelina Bodycote 22nd May Addison Peel 6th June Taylah Hollingshed 13th June Cassandra Noon 13th June Luke Rolls 13th June Jack Atkins 20th June Keegan Shepherd 20th June Nikita Szabo 27th June Jordan Watts 27th June

P&C News

Meeting next Tuesday (22nd July) – Our next meeting will be held this coming Tuesday in the Library starting at 3pm. It will include further planning for the Spring Fair which is rapidly approaching, plus a range of other topics. We would love to see you there.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser – We will be running the Cookie Dough Fundraiser again this year. Cookie Dough order forms have been sent with the newsletter today. Please return these with money **by the 1st August**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRL GUIDES

The new MILLFIELD UNIT will commence on Monday 21st July at 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 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 or Email: cessnockguides@bigpond.com www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Millfield Pre-School News

Our Millfield Preschool enjoyed a visit to The big school in the last week of term 2 to assist children and families with making school connections



During our day, the children were able to share story telling, visit the school canteen and become familiar with the school grounds.



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



Gus Gordon author\illustrator

Gus Gordon is a popular Author and Illustrator who will be visiting our school on Thursday 31st July. Students will have the opportunity to pre-order his books and have them signed on the day. Please complete the order form below if interested and return to by 21st July.



Books for sale and signing

Book Title	Cover	Number required	Total
Herman and Rosie (hardcover) \$25.00 author/illustrator Set in New York, this gorgeous picture book by Gus Gordon is a story about friendship, life in the big city, and following your dreams.			
I am Cow, Hear me Moo! (hardcover) \$25.00 Illustrator Best-selling author, Jill Esbaum, and fantastic illustrator (author), Gus Gordon, team up for this funny and oddly reassuring rhyming romp about the brilliantly brave . . . Nadine the Cow.			
Kung Phew (Aussie Bites series) Illustrator \$12.50 As the Baked Bean Bandit, Marty is the undefeated World farting Champion. Now he has a new challenge – to beat stinky super- villain General Pu in a battle for kung phew supremacy!			
My Life and Other Stuff I made Up Illustrator \$15.00 Tom Weekly reminded me very much of my 12- year-old self. It wasn't too difficult a task to channel the random thoughts of that younger, fantastically naïve, enthusiastic, imaginative boy as it is pretty much how I am today. <i>Gus Gordon</i>			
		Total Books	Total Payment

School Name.....

Name:..... Class.....

Pre ordering will ensure you get the book of your choice, and must be received by Monday 21st July.
 Limited titles will be available on the day of the event (cash only please)
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