



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 3 Term 3

Celebrating Education Week

Students and staff have been celebrating Education Week this week, and have participated in a wide range of activities that showcase the opportunities available to students in our schools. This week students have been involved in a range of creative arts, sports, academic and extra-curricular activities.

It has also been a chance to recognise those who make a difference to our school, with two people gaining special mention this week at the annual CCGPS Education Week Awards.

Congratulations to:

May Orr (Non-teaching Staff Member) – For always going above and beyond to improve the welfare and academic success of students at Millfield PS.

Madeline Davis (Student)- For outstanding contributions to Millfield Public School through innovation, leadership, citizenship and academic achievement.



Learning how to write like the stars!

Gus Gordon Author Visit

Millfield Public School was lucky this week to receive a special visit from well-known Children's Author and Illustrator- Gus Gordon. Gus has written and illustrated numerous books including titles such as "Wendy", and "Herman and Rosie" as well as illustrating for numerous titles in the "Aussie Bites" range. Gus talked the students through writing and illustrating styles, including how he comes up with his ideas for new books. We were also lucky enough to get a sneak peak of his new book which is not due for sale until late August. Gus was also nice enough to sign some of our school copies of his books. Keep your eye out for some new Gus Gordon Titles in the Library soon!



Dates for your Calendar **Term 3**

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

Wed 6th August
Leaders Breakfast
7.15am-9am

Thurs 14th August
Camp Out with Kids
4pm

Wed 20th August
AECG Awards

Tues 26th August
Musical Dress Rehearsal

Thurs 28th August
Musical

Sun 31st August
Spring Fair

Thurs 4th September
K/1 Excursion
Reptile Park
\$26

8th-12th September
Intensive Swimming

Attachments

- Unexplained absences
- Outstanding accounts
- Overdue library books

Public Speaking Champions off to Zone!

Eight of our students will head to the Zone Public Speaking Finals next week at Nulkaba after standing out in our school finals in Week 2. The quality of speeches of all students this year was outstanding and continues to grow as the competition develops each year.

School Public Speaking Results

Early Stage 1 – Winner – Sari Carpenter, Runner-up – Stuart McCarry

Stage 1 – Winner – Molly Bedford, Runner Up- Katelyn Shepherd

Stage 2 – Winner – Blake Bodycote, Runner Up- Drew Dodgson

Stage 3 – Winner – Chantel Winship, Runner Up – Madeline Davis



Supporting a good cause – “Beanie Day”

Millfield PS held a Beanie Day on Thursday 31st July to raise awareness of Brain Cancer (Australia's most common cancer for young people). Students and staff wore beanies all day, and donated \$177.10 worth of funds to the Hunter Medical Research Institute's work towards researching this disease. A huge thank you to our friends at Laguna, Congewai and Wollombi Public Schools who helped us reach this great total through donations of their own.



Salut! Baroque wows students

We were also lucky this week to have a visit from Salut! Baroque as part of our Musica Viva program. Salut Baroque is a chamber orchestra, and shared a range of music including violins and harpsichords. It included lots of student and staff participation, with Miss Cornish also showing off her skills with the Harpsichord.



K/1/2 Oakvale Farm Visit

After a 7 week delay, Miss Pringle's class finally had their day at Oakvale Farm on Friday to consolidate learning from their "From the Farm to the Plate" unit from last term. The weather put on a great show as students saw a wide variety of birds and reptiles, as well as various native and farm animals. Students got to touch a snake, milk a cow, bottle feed a lamb and feed animals as they made their way around the Farm. Here are some photos of just some of the exciting things the kids (and parents) got



Looking after our environment – National Tree Day

Students participated National Tree Day last week by planting a variety of native trees and shrubs around the school. Particular attention was paid to the area around the demountables and Library. Thank you to Cessnock City Council and the Men's Shed for providing the seedlings for us to plant.



PETER PAN

Musical Update

Costumes Due! – Peter Pan costumes were due today. Please make sure all costumes are finalised on Monday 4th August. **Every student needs a costume** (dancers need two!)

Location and times set- The dates for the musical have been set so add these to your diary. It will be held in the Bellbird School Hall.

Full dress rehearsal – Tues 26th August-
(Students only).

Matinee Performance – 12.30pm - Thursday 28th August
(Pre-schools and Bellbird PS only)

The Main Event – 6pm - Thursday 28th August

Tickets on sale soon!



This week's Principal's award

Congratulations to Alex Lombardi who receives this week's Principal's award. Alex did a great job on the Oakvale excursion, ensuring everyone he was with was safe and happy at all times. He asked some great questions and even managed to keep Mr Dederer in line. Well done Alex!



CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle's Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Kayley Thompson improvement in organisation and being a wonderful helper!
Katelyn Shepherd Being a wonderful helper and friend to the pre-schoolers!



Miss Durie's Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Jessica Butler a high standard of writing! Keep improving. . .
Lily Brell beautiful acting as a mermaid



Miss Cornish's Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Addison Peel enthusiastically participating in dance rehearsals

Ethan Lethbridge-Coyle engaging in his own research on our Canberra excursion

Be Responsible





• Be the right place
• Be your actions
• Be organized

Ms Durie's Library Award

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

Keegan Shepherd making outstanding contributions in Musica Viva and Gus Gordon! Well done!

Special Awards

Award	K/1	2/3/4	5/6
Silver  = 40 Millfield Dollars	Samara Tiedeman 27 th June Molly Bedford 18 th July Hunter Copeland 18 th July Jack Davis 18 th July		Chantel Winship 6 th June William Cagney 18 th July
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 Thomas Effer 25 th July Dylan Winship 25 th July Jacob Riley 25 th July Lily Brell – 25 th July Bayley Morton – 1 st Aug Jacob Dederer – 1 st Aug	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 Jack Atkins 20 th June Keegan Shepherd 20 th June Nikita Szabo 27 th June Jordan Watts 27 th June

P&C News

Cookie Dough Fundraiser – All orders should have been received TODAY (1st August), but if you have forgotten, we will give you until 9am Monday morning to get them in.



Community News

23RD LAGUNA ART EXHIBITION

Laguna Public School's P&C Assoc. Fundraiser 2014



Join us for Opening Night

When: Friday 29 August 2014.
Exhibition open 7pm.
Where: Laguna Hall, Great North Road, Laguna.
Entry: \$15.00 includes access to the Chill Lounge, a commemorative glass, a complimentary glass of wine, a catalogue and entry to the exhibition. Due to NSW liquor laws, please note that no person under 18 will be admitted.
Dinner & Entry: \$42pp. Booking essential - now available online at www.LagunaArtShow.com.au sittings at 6pm and 7.30pm. Bookings close Monday 25 August.

General Exhibition *Work by local artists & children*

When: Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 August, 10- 1pm.
Entry: Gold coin donation. Children welcome. Cafe open. Raffle draw 3pm Sunday.
Artwork: 'Water Wise' by 2014 featured artist Albert Kraan.

SAT 9 AUG | 6PM - 9PM

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INTERACTIVE DJ PRIZES LOTS OF GAMES

SATURDAY 9TH AUG FROM 6PM - 9PM

Paxton Bowling Club
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