



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 9 Term 3

Learning Life Skills at Intensive Swimming

Students have spent much of this week at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre as part of our annual 'Intensive Swimming' program. This program is an important part of our yearly timetable, as it offers the teaching of such important skills at a much reduced cost for parents when compared to private lessons. Our buses have been paid for through our Active After School Sports Program, which has greatly reduced the cost. Students are grouped according to their current skill levels, and taught a range of skills from water safety to stroke correction by qualified swim instructors.

It has been amazing to see the improvement over the past week, and we encourage all parents to follow this up with further visits out of school time to consolidate these skills.



NAPLAN again shows fantastic growth.

NAPLAN results for 2014 have returned and individual results have been distributed to parents. 2014 has again seen outstanding growth for our students, especially in reading and writing. These results will now be used by staff to work with class and individual weaknesses, as well as setting whole school targets and priorities for future years.

A summary of 2014 School NAPLAN Achievements

Outstanding Growth - Students have again shown outstanding growth from Years 3-5 and Years 5-7, with school average growth sitting well above both state and CCGPS (Cessnock Area) levels.

Year 3-5	School Average Growth	State Average Growth	CCGPS	% of students achieving above average growth.
Reading	109.7	78.4	82.5	88%
Spelling	94.9	79.4	82.8	100%
Writing	121.1	49.7	41.8	100%
Grammar & Punc.	87.6	78.2	77.6	50%
Numeracy	113.6	88.7	82.8	63%

Year 5-7	School Average Growth	State Average Growth	% of students achieving above average growth.
Reading	99.9	49.1	79%
Spelling	62.9	45.3	57%
Writing	48.2	26.8	43%
Grammar & Punc.	37.5	45.8	57%
Numeracy	53.9	52.1	43%

Achieving Above National Minimum Standards- All students (100%) of students in Year 3 and 5 achieved above the National Minimum Standard in all aspects of testing compared to state levels of between 90-95%.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 3

16th – 18th September
Canberra Excursion 5/6

Wed 17th September
Kitchener Musical
No Cost to students

Term 4

Students return
Tuesday 7th October

Attachments

- Unexplained absences
- Outstanding accounts

Please Return

Kitchener Musical Notes

Canberra awaits

Our year 5/6 students will head to Canberra next week as part of this year's Small School's Stage 3 Excursion. Our kids will join with others from Paxton, Mulbring and Congewai for the 3 day camp from Tuesday to Thursday.

Students will participate in a range of activities centered around their 'Government' unit such as visiting Parliament House and the Electoral Education Centre where they will participate in role plays and demonstrations about government.

Students will also visit popular attractions such as the Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian Dinosaur Museum and the Australian Institute of Sport.

Students and parents are reminded that the bus will leave Millfield Public School at 6.30am, and that the packing list should be consulted to ensure nothing misses the suitcase.



Kitchener Musical

Students will be treated to a visit to the Kitchener School Musical 'Oliver' next Wednesday 17th September. This will be **cost free** as the school will be making a donation on the students behalf. We do however need parents to transport students to and from the performance at Kitchener School.

If you cannot transport your child, please ensure you send their booster seat to school on the day (if 7 years or under).

No Newsletter Week 10

Due to the Canberra Excursion, there will be no newsletter next week.

Have a happy and safe holiday

From everyone at Millfield Public School, we wish you a happy, safe and restful holiday.
Students will return on Tuesday 7th October following the long weekend.

P&C News

Cookie Dough – It is hoped that the Cookie Dough order will arrive on the 17th of September (Week 10). This will be just in time for some holiday baking.

Holiday Raffle - Tickets \$2.00 each. Available from the school office. Drawn Friday 12th December 2014. **1st Prize valued at \$962 and includes:**

- Two nights at a Rydges Hotel & Resort in Sydney for 2 adults & 2 children including daily full breakfast. Can be used over the school holidays
- One day entry to Taronga Zoo for 2 adults and 2 children
- \$100 Caltex Cash Card

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pop-up Playgroup



WHERE: Millfield Public School

WHEN: September 17 2014

Time: 9—10.30

This is a playgroup for all families who would like to come along, enjoy & learn more with their children

Call or text Jane to confirm your spot
At Koe-nara 0428 263 854

October Holiday Activities @ your library

Places limited, pre-booking essential

Shorts at the Library – Film Making Workshop - ages 12+

Monday September 22 &	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Thursday October 2	Cessnock Library	10.00-12.00	FREE
Wednesday September 24 &	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Thursday October 2	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Learn the basics of short film making in the first session, then make your very own short film in the library in the second session

Manga Workshop – ages – 9+

Thursday September 25	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$7.00
Thursday September 25	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 2.00	\$7.00

Learn the art of drawing manga characters with Matt Lin, Sydney manga artist.

Insektus – All ages

Friday September 26	Cessnock Library	10.30 – 11.30	\$5.00
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Do you like bugs? Would you like to know more about them? Get up close and personal with a few of them in this fascinating workshop presented by Stephen Fellenberg, otherwise known as the Bug Man.

Plant a Seed – ages 5+

Monday September 29	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Wednesday October 1	Kurri Kurri Library	1.00 – 2.00	\$3.00

Spring has sprung – it's time to get out in the garden! Decorate your own pot, plant some seeds in it, take it home and watch your seeds grow.....

Pizza and Wii – ages 9+

Tuesday September 23	Cessnock Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00
Tuesday September 30	Kurri Kurri Library	5.00 – 6.30	\$5.00

Wii, board games, lego and pizza – what more could you want?

Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2

Monday September 22	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE
Monday September 29	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.30	FREE

Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Bugs Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 23	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday September 24	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 - 11.00	FREE

Stories, songs and craft of a buggy nature!

Gardens Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 30	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday October 1	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Stories, songs and craft celebrating the joy of growing things!

A Bugs Life - Film & Craft – ages 5+

Friday October 3	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 12.00	FREE
Friday October 3	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Come along and enjoy a movie at the library, followed by craft

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

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