



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 10, Term 3

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for all your efforts in what has been a very busy term 3. The term was highlighted by the Spring Fair which was a huge success thanks to many of our hardworking parents and earned over \$3500 for our school.

Our CATS program has again been successful and received some very positive feedback from our 13 new kindergarten students and their families, with this program to continue next term.

Keep your eye out for some great parent education activities next term, run to support parents when helping their kids with Literacy and Numeracy. These will be held from 2-3pm each Thursday with some prizes on offer for attending.

Students and staff return on Tuesday 6th October.

School Security during the holidays

Unfortunately our school has suffered some minor damage over the last few weekends due to what appears to be groups congregating under the COLA for skateboarding. This has included damage to the basketball rings, and tables. School Holidays are often a prime time for vandalism and theft in schools. If you notice or hear of any suspicious behaviour as you drive past, please call Cessnock Police or the School Security Unit. Please encourage your children not to enter the school during the holidays, as there is no-one here to maintain a safe environment. It also may put them at the forefront of blame if any unwanted visitors do cause issues.

**Please report any suspicious behaviour to the:
School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021 or
Cessnock Police - 49910199**

Dates for your Calendar

Term 4

Tuesday 6th Oct
Students and staff
return

**Monday 12th and 19th
October**
Yr 6 Interrelate
Sessions @ Kearsley

Showing off your colours in Year 6 Fundraiser

To celebrate the end of term 3 and the arrival of footy finals, Year 6 will be holding a footy colours day tomorrow (Friday 18th September). Students are encouraged to wear their footy jerseys or favourite team's colours and bring a gold coin donation to help year 6 raise money towards their end of year gift to the school.



Health Alert – One of our students has come down with Chicken Pox this week.

The symptoms of chickenpox include:

- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- intensely itchy skin rash – appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as 'dew drop on a rose petal' (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days)

In most cases, Chicken Pox requires little treatment, although risk groups such as newborn babies and pregnant women should seek medical assistance as more serious symptoms can present.

Big Effort from Super Spellers

Congratulations to Erin and Blake who participated in the Hunter finals of the Premiers Spelling Bee Competition at Singleton last week. Both competitors made it through to the second round before being stumped by some difficult words. Well done.



Got some spare time in the holidays? Why not spend 5 minutes evaluating our school.

All parents are invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015.

Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18096&j_password=Mil2555

From the Kitchen Garden Corner



In the garden

Radishes and Broccoli wrapped up a brilliant term in the garden this week! Students loved harvesting a truck load of cauliflower, broccoli, two varieties of spinach and Italian parsley! The whole school enjoyed raw cauli for fruit break. Students were amazed to see our spring vegies kicking off and they practised their spruking skills when selling to our friendly customers. I have been blown away by the increased interest in gardening over the past 2 terms! After a quick survey, we discovered that 6 families have started a vegie garden at home since our program began and 5 are continuing their already existing gardens. ***** (Will give you latest numbers tomorrow)

Waterers needed: We are looking for a dedicated watering person for the holidays. Let us know if you can help out!

Baby Peas: We finished off Fruit and Vegie month this week by sorting fruit, vegetables and foods containing these into green, amber and red foods. We won't be tricked by clever supermarket labeling such as 'fruit drink' or 'potato chips' and know they aren't for everyday but sometimes!



CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Abigail Bedford demonstrating excellent skills in Number
Kellara Dooley being a respectful class member and a kind friend

Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Jessica Butler overcoming her fears at swim school
Matthew Hurley outstanding improvement in working mathematically



Class Awards 4/5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Angelina Bodycote increased confidence in sport activities
Erin Jackson fantastic power writing sentences



Congratulations to the following students who have reached Bronze and Silver Level for Demonstrating Positive Behaviours.

Award	K/1/2	2/3/4	5/6
<p>BRONZE</p>  <p>Have earned \$20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours</p>	<p>Sara Lethbridge-Coyle 22/5 Abi Bedford 22/5 Alyssa Singleton 22/5 Sari Carpenter 22/5 Stuart McCarry 22/5 Lakota Kasteel 29/5 Chain Golledge 29/5 Kayley Thompson 29/5 Hayley Butler 12/6 Chloe Josephson 12/6 Mason Duncombe-King 12/6 Kellara Dooley - 26/6 William Russell - 26/6 Ella Szkopkowski - 26/6 Cooper Hollingshed - 26/6 Jade Probst - 26/6</p>	<p>Jessica Butler 12/6 Makayla Cagney 12/6 Riley Dederer 12/6 Molly Russell 19/6 Jorja Shearer 19/6 Tommy Golledge 19/6 Molly Bedford 19/6 Jack Davis 26/6 Mason Holbert 26/6 Kaleb Henry 17/7 Paige Holbert 17/7 Bethany Shepherd 17/7 Hunter Copeland 24/7 Katelyn Shepherd 24/7 Mathew Hurley 31/7 Paryss Morton 31/7 Samara Tiedeman 7/8 Lily Brell 7/8 Dylan Winship 7/8 Alex Lombardi 7/8 Lalayka Kasteel 28/8</p>	<p>Kyedon Harrison-Brown 15/5 Drew Dodgson 17/7 Erin Jackson 31/7 Jack Atkins 24/7 Rose Brell 7/8</p>
<p>SILVER</p>  <p>For earning \$40 Millfield Dollars through Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviours</p>		<p>Jasmin Harris 28/8</p>	<p>William Cagney 28/8</p>

Principals Award

Congratulations to Molly Russell who is this week's Principal's Award Recipient. Molly has been demonstrating some great leadership skills this term, showing initiative in the classroom and



The simplest way

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Over the course of your child's school life, you will pack around 2,500 school lunches!

Follow our six-step method to make school lunches easy, healthy and eaten every day!



1. Always include a serve of fruit (cut up if your child is young)
2. Always include a serve of vegies (don't forget legumes like baked beans count, too!)
3. Always include a drink of water
4. Always include a serve of wholegrains (bread, rice or pasta leftovers)
5. Always include a serve of reduced-fat dairy (cheese, yoghurt)
6. Always include a protein (egg, chicken, tuna).

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