



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 1, Term 4

Informative sessions to support parents

Millfield Public School will be holding a series of parent information sessions this term to support parents in a range of topics related to improving their kids health, wellbeing and schoolwork. Some of these sessions will be held in conjunction with the CATS Parent program which we hold each year, inviting a range of experts to support new parents. Some of the sessions however are just as useful for established parents who might be looking for ways to support their children.

There will also be special sessions held for current parents on helping their child with the Literacy and Numeracy at home, as well as increasing their own knowledge of proven strategies used by our teachers in the classroom. We encourage all parents to attend these sessions when able.

What's on next week?

Thursday 2.30-3pm – Healthy Lunchbox presentation – Delivered by the Cancer Council, this is a great opportunity for all parents to get some fantastic ideas on providing healthy and easy lunch choices for your child, especially those fussy eaters! We hope to see you all there.



Learning Support Team meetings building links between school and home

Thank you to all parents who participated in phone evaluations of our Learning Support Team meetings held this year. These meetings were developed to help parents gain a better knowledge of where their students' individual needs are in both literacy and numeracy on a regular basis. Comments from parents about this process were overwhelmingly positive. Some of these responses are included below.

- 100% of parents described the feedback gained from meetings to be helpful.
- 99% of parents stated that the times for meetings offered were suitable.
- 100% of parents described the meetings as valuable.
- 100% of parents could state some of their child's goals and felt they could support them in reaching these goals at home.
- 100% of parents stated that they had received ideas from their teacher to help their child reach their goals.

Some of the comments included:

"I know where my child sits with learning and how I can help",

"I know where they are and where they need to be"

"I get to fix problems straight away"

"I love them because it is frequent feedback on what the children are doing, they're awesome!"

"They give us more opportunities to focus on goals at home"

"I know what he's working toward so it's not a guessing game"

"They offer an opportunity to be up to date on how they are progressing and how I can help"

Thanks to Ms Durie for carrying out these valuable evaluations.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 4

**Monday 12th and 19th
October**

Yr 6 Interrelate
Sessions @ Kearsley

Tues 3rd November
Musica Viva

Mon16th-Wed18th Nov
Stage 3 Camp
\$270 (Due 6th Nov)

Thu 3rd November
MVHS Orientation Day
(Year 6)

Presentation Day
Thursday 10th Dec
9.30am

Last Day of Term
Wednesday 16th Dec

Attachments

- Unexplained absences
- Outstanding fees
- Overdue library books

Stage 3 Robotics

Our 4/5/6 class will be undertaking an exciting new unit on Robotics as part of Science this term. We have secured some robotics kits from Macquarie University and will be supported through the program by the university. Students will be developing programming skills to move their robots using special computer software. We are looking forward to seeing this in action.

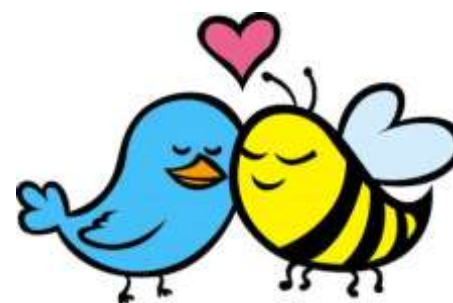


Year 6 Interrelate Sessions

Year 6 students will head to Kearsley on Monday to participate in the first of two sessions on becoming a teenager, dealing with the bodies changes and facing many of the issues that they will be faced with in the next few years. The school is funding this program so is free for participants.

Family sessions to start those tricky conversations

Are you stuck on how you might start conversations around your child growing up and hitting puberty. Interrelate are also running a family night at Ellalong Public School on Wednesday 21st October. There are two sessions available, with the cost \$25 for one session or \$30 for two. Contact Ellalong Public School to book your place by Friday 16th October. See the back of the newsletter for more information.



From the Kitchen Garden Corner



In the garden

Students will be overhauling the gardens over the next few weeks in preparation for Spring Plantings. Winter vegetables will be harvested and spring vegetables planted. Our tomatoes and snow peas are growing well and will be used in the kitchen over the next few weeks.

In the Kitchen

Students will head off to Italy in the kitchen this term, following in Miss Pringle's footsteps after her great adventure. Students will be cooking up a range of Italian delicacies this term to tantalise the tastebuds and increase their cooking skills in the process.



Parent involvement

Parents and grandparents are always welcome to come and help out in Kitchen and Garden lessons. Lessons happen each Wednesday from 1pm-3pm (Kitchen) and 2-3pm (Garden). Come and share your knowledge, learn something yourself or just spend some quality time with your kids.

Developing our Gymnastics skills.

Students have this week started weekly sessions in Gymnastics as part of the Sporting Schools program for this term. Students will participate in a 40 minute session each week focusing on basic gymnastic skills and building core strength.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Joseph Griffiths settling well into class routines and making lots of new friends

Cooper Hollingshed being a wonderful classroom helper and friend to others

Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Molly Russell using clever strategies to assist her reading buddies

Paige Holbert being a kind, helpful and capable reading buddy

Class Awards 4/5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Blake Bodycote using great expression when reading

Dylan Dederer improvement in reading

Library Awards

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

Jack Davis working well independently

SRC Student on the Month

Congratulations to this month's recipients:

Junior Jack Davis

Senior Trent Singleton



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
BRONZE  Have earned \$20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours	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	Riley Dederer 12/6 Jorja Shearer 19/6 Tommy Golledge 19/6 Molly Bedford 19/6 Jack Davis 26/6 Mason Holbert 26/6 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	Kyedon Harrison-Brown 15/5 Drew Dodgson 17/7 Erin Jackson 31/7 Jack Atkins 24/7 Rose Brell 7/8
SILVER  For earning \$40 Millfield Dollars through Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviours		Jasmin Harris 28/8 Kaleb Henry 8/10 Molly Russell 8/10 Jessica Butler 8/10 Makayla Cagney 8/10	William Cagney 28/8

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Matthew Hurley who gets this week's principal's award. Matthew has been a great role model in the playground this week for new students and is flying along in the classroom. Well done Matt.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for a casual cleaner – 1 to 4 hours, 2 to 3 times a week for our tourist cottages at Cedar Creek (5 minutes from Millfield, 15 minutes from Laguna).

Please phone Phillipa on (02) 4998 1576

When kids ask “the” questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Wednesday, 21st October 2015

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



Book your place by calling Ellalong Public School on 49981360 by Friday 16th October