



# MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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**Week 3, Term 1**

## Exciting new learning opportunities taking shape

As part of our school plan to improve the Literacy and Numeracy results of all students, we will be introducing two proven programs during 2015. These programs are part of the Best Start initiative that are intended to ensure that all students are on track in their literacy and numeracy learning by the beginning of Year 3. We will also be participating in the Kitchen Garden Program this year to increase student and community engagement.

**TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy)** – TEN focuses on providing students with solid numeracy skills which will help them learn in all areas of mathematics. It was originally developed to target students who were experiencing difficulty in Mathematics by providing explicit teaching of these skills, and regular student monitoring. TEN will be implemented from K-2, with aspects carrying over to benefit all students. As part of this process teachers will be undergoing professional development in this area on a regular basis, the first of which was undertaken yesterday and run by Mrs Vogt.



Teachers from Millfield, Kitchener and Congewai testing out their new skills.

**L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy)** – is research-based Kindergarten classroom intervention, targeting text reading and writing. The program was designed to complement the daily Literacy program for students who do not bring a rich Literacy background to their first year of school. Students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three to four selected students, who then rotate to independent individual or group tasks.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** – This will involve regular kitchen and garden classes, enabling skills-based learning that extends across the entire school curriculum. Teachers are provided with comprehensive training and resources to deliver the Kitchen Garden Program. As participants in the Kitchen Garden Program, children spend structured time in a productive veggie garden and home-style kitchen as part of their everyday school experience. There they learn skills that will last them a lifetime, and discover just how much fun it is to grow and cook their own seasonal vegetables and fruits.

## *Dates for your Calendar*

### Term 1 2015

**Wed 18/2**  
Zone Swimming

**Mon 9/3**  
Yr 6 High School info  
night ( MVHS)

### Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books

### Please Return

## Sun and swimming at the small school's carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the small schools swimming carnival on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see everyone having a go and often surprising themselves with great results or personal achievements. Students were beautifully behaved all day and should be commended for their sportsmanship and encouragement of others.

We had many students receive some great results, placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their events. Congratulations to Erin Jackson who has qualified for the Zone Carnival after a fantastic result in the 11yrs 50m Breaststroke with a time of 59.66 seconds. This carnival will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Good Luck.



## Miss Pringle's class say thanks

Miss Pringle's class would like to thank David White for donating a homemade bookshelf to the Kindergarten Classroom. They are looking forward to filling it up with all their favourite stories.



## Class Awards

### **Class Awards – Miss Pringle**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Sari Carpenter** being an organised and helpful class member

**Sara Lethbridge-Coyle** wonderful work with recognising numbers and addition

### **Class Awards – Miss Cornish**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Alexander Lombardi** being enthusiastic in all his learning

**Jorja Shearer** enthusiasm and determination at our swimming carnival

### **Class Awards – Mrs Butler**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

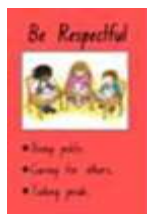
**Angelina Bodycote** a fantastic effort in Exposition Writing

**Cloe Hindmarsh** her responsible approach to all school activities

### **Library Award – Miss Lightfoot**

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

**Bayley Morton** beautiful book work and fantastic effort



## Principal's Award

Congratulations to Thomas Effer, who is this week's Principal's Award Winner. Thomas had a great day at the Swimming carnival challenging himself throughout the day. He also impressed by volunteering to join the Junior girls relay team when they didn't have enough to compete. I'm sure you slept well Thomas!



## P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who everyone who attended our first meeting of 2015 to share their ideas, getting our year off to a great start. A summary of the minutes are included below. Specific reports can be obtained from the school office if required.

### Treasurers report

Closing Balance \$10,145.45 as at 10/2/15

### Canteen report

Canteen started Monday.

Visited by health inspector-Passed - lights to be cleaned (cleaner to do so), digital thermometer probe to be bought

Requests for vegetarian options

### Uniform report

Order has been put in for hard to get sizes and should be available by Monday 16th

There is a great supply in uniform pool of those hard to get sizes for \$2 each

Wide brimmed school hats to be ordered this week

### Principal report

Thank you for all support last year, monetarily or physically.

Welcome new staff members Mel full time , Heidi p/time and Cathy K-2 numeracy and literacy .

Training for staff upcoming. Making a difference with kids in Literacy and Numeracy. Emily and Emma kitchen garden programs

Changes to the way schools are funded and plan resources –see Scott for more detail

### General business

AGM 10/3/15 all welcome

Suggestion - Grandparents day tea towels printed by our kids (see Michelle Bedford)

Horse sports day to be held earlier in the year, after the great success of last year.

Spring Fair Term 3 still on a Sunday.

Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls.

Possible our own holiday and raffle it off rather than the one we held late last year.

Pavers with family name for kitchen garden area.

Entertainment books again but maybe earlier in the year to get in early before people buy from elsewhere.

Proposed purchases/Funding goals - New play equipment, and shade sail look into funding opportunity from council programs

### Responsibilities for next meeting

Information on pavers and tea towel re above

Vegetarian options for canteen.

Meeting opened 2.40pm

Meeting closed 3.07pm

Attendees: Carly and Adrian Henry, Tamara Dooley, Melissa Singleton, Kelly Carpenter, Kim Cagney, Karen Ringwood, Teresa Butler, Maria Josephson, Michelle Jackson & Scott Anderson

Apologies: Michelle Bedford.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Accommodation Services and Café operations, Kurri TAFE

Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon

6 March to 12 June 2015

- Prepare and serve espresso coffee
- Hygienic practices for food safety
- Cleaning premises and equipment
- Prepare rooms for guests

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Fridays - 10 am to 1 pm

13 March to 12 June 2015

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### Intro to Green Keeping, Kurri TAFE

Wednesdays - 9 am to 12 noon

4 March to 17 June 2015

- Prepare turf surfaces for play
- Maintenance of equipment and machinery

### Intro to Floristry, Kurri TAFE

Fridays - 930 am to 130 pm

27 Feb to 12 June 2015

- Display and merchandising floristry stock

### Basic Computing, Kurri TAFE

Fridays - 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

6 March to 19 June 2015

- Basic computing using Windows 8.1 including word processing, introduction spreadsheets
- Introduction to the internet

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*Hunter TAFE Outreach Coordinator*

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Thinking of playing league?  
 Why not come and join the Cessnock Goanna's.  
 If your child is turning 5 or above this year and wants to play league  
 It's time to register online now.  
 Go to the CMRL webpage (CMRL.net.au) and click on the "register now" button.  
 New players in under 6's \$60  
 Returning under 6 players and all age groups to under 16's \$100  
 Under 17's \$130  
 All fees include club fees – so no weekly payments  
 All players will receive their playing jersey at the end of the season and  
 All new players only will receive a club shirt, shorts and socks.  
 For any enquiries or help with registrations call Tam Avery on 0402 697 417  
 Cheers and thanks in advance  
 Tam Avery  
 CMRL Registrar  
 0402 697 417

**Succeeding with Your Teens** is for parents who are walking into the teenage phase of parenting or who are already raising teenagers. This program has a particular emphasis on developing and maintaining the parent/teen relationship.  
 Succeeding with Your Teens

**For parents of teenagers  
 13–17 years**

**Topics covered include:**

- Brain, body and identity development of the adolescent
- Impulsiveness and self regulation
- Understanding yourself as a parent
- How to develop and maintain relationships with teens
- Strategies for dealing with emotions and behaviour

**Venue: Cessnock High School**

**Date: 17th, 24th Feb & 3rd March 2015**

**Time: 10am – 12.30pm**

Another great workshop from The Family Action Centre  
**Free**

**To express your interest, please contact:**

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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

[www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/fac/about-us](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/fac/about-us)

**Maitland Campus**  
**CEEW Course**  
**(Career Education & Employment for Women)**  
**Skills for Work & Training - Certificate II**  
 Course code: 10089NAT

This is a 12 week course designed to build confidence, investigate and make informed decisions about career options and help you gain the skills to either re-enter the work force or return to study.

**Build confidence and skills in a friendly group**

**MONDAY to WEDNESDAY (in school hours)**

Includes: Careers / Job seeking skills, Introductory Computing, English & Maths for the Workplace, Environmental Science, Humanities and Work Experience

Information & Enrolment session  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February – 1:00pm  
 Maitland Campus  
 Block C, Level 1, Room 23

To secure your place  
 Contact Course Coordinator - Donna Clark  
 Ph: 49302926 or Email: [donna.clark@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:donna.clark@tafensw.edu.au)

**Course starts 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2014**

**Junior Creative Writing** will be kicking off again this month at both libraries – this free activity takes place between 4 and 5 pm on the last Tuesday of the month at Kurri Kurri Library and the last Wednesday of the month at Cessnock Library. If you're aged between 10 and 16, and have an interest in writing, come along to our monthly meetings and explore new ways of unlocking your imagination and releasing the storyteller within!

Contact Karen at Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638, email [Karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au), or Sandy at Cessnock Library on 49934384, email [Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandra.ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au) for more information or to register.