



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 8, Term 1

Having Fun at Cross Country.

Our students took full advantage of a sunny morning this morning to take part in our annual school Cross Country. Students completed the 2 or 3km course by running, walking or both which promoted fun and fitness. Many students ran more than the required distance as an extra challenge. In conjunction we also ran our Fun Run fundraiser with all proceeds going towards our Kitchen Garden Program. Forms and money should be returned to the office by Monday. The sooner it comes in, the sooner we get the prizes back.



State Election 28th March (Next Saturday). – BBQ Helpers needed

As you may be aware, the State Election will be held next Saturday. Our school will again be a polling station on this day. The P&C will be running a BBQ on the Saturday morning from **9am-12pm** to raise some extra funds for our students. We will be selling Bacon and Egg Rolls, Sausage Sandwiches and Drinks so if you need a hearty breakfast while voting make sure you stop by. If anyone can help man the BBQ for some time on Saturday morning please return the slip below by next Wednesday. Any help will be welcomed.

BBQ Helpers needed (Return by Thursday 26th March)

I can help with the Election BBQ on Saturday 28th March.

Name: _____

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1 2015

Thursday 2nd April
Easter Fun Day
12-3pm

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday
Holidays Begin

Term 2 2015

Mon 20th April
Staff Return

Tue 21st April
Students Return

Thur 23rd April
Zone X-Country

Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books

Please Return

**Kitchen garden
donations**

**Election BBQ help by
Thursday 26th March**

Easter Fun Day- Thursday 2nd April

We will again be celebrating the end of term with an Easter Fun Day on Thursday 2nd April. The event will start at 12pm with a family lunch (The canteen will be running a sausage sizzle). Students and families will then head back into class for some Easter activities, followed by the Grande Hat Parade, Easter Games and the Easter Egg Hunt to finish the day.

Students share their thoughts on schooling.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 recently took part in the 'Tell them from me' survey. This survey is funded by the NSW DEC to help drive student voice in school planning. The questions centre on attitudes towards school, learning and teacher practice around academic and social areas. The school then receives a summary of results (anonymous) that can be used to identify areas of need, and help direct future planning.



A snapshot – What our students are thinking?

- 88% of students had a high sense of belonging (NSW Schools avg. 84%)
- 92% of students had friends at school they trust and who encourage them to make positive choices (NSW – 82%)
- 92% of students valued school outcomes (NSW 94%)
- 44% of students had positive homework behaviours
- 96% of students demonstrated positive behaviours (NSW-88%)
- 88% of students interested and motivated in their learning (NSW 76%)
- 100% of students try hard to succeed in their learning (NSW 91%)
- Students rated effective classroom learning time 8.7/10 (NSW 8.2)
- Students found classroom instruction relevant to their everyday lives 8.6/10 (NSW 7.6)
- Students feel they have someone at school who consistently provide encouragement and advice 6.8/10 (NSW 6.3)
- Positive Teacher –Student relationships – 8.9/10 (NSW 8.1)
- Staff hold high expectations for students to succeed – 8.9/10 (NSW 8.6)
- When I finish school, I expect to go to University – Strongly Agree (52%), Agree (12%), Not sure (20%), Disagree (8%), Strongly Disagree (8%).

Staff and parent versions will be available later in the school year. For more information or to see the full report, please contact Mr Anderson.

From the Kitchen Garden Corner



Our Kitchen Garden planning is still ongoing in the hope we can begin classes in Term 2. In the meantime why not start using the Kitchen Garden Philosophy when preparing your child's lunchboxes.

Wondering what your family can include in school lunchboxes that will put a smile on everyone's face? Together with helpful ideas from Kitchen Garden Schools, we are delighted to share our top five tips for **a healthy lunchbox with you!**

1. *Think about items your family can prepare ahead, like samosas and rice paper rolls, or are quick to prepare on the day, like veggie sticks and cheese chunks.*
2. *Use fresh, in-season ingredients, so they're sure to be tasty (and are budget-friendly too!)*
3. *Use what's growing in your garden and can be freshly harvested - cherry tomatoes and fresh fruit are always winners.*
4. *Make sure that whatever delicious ingredients are in the lunchbox, they don't go slimy, squishy or drippy before lunchtime.*

Recognising Safe, Responsible and Respectful students

Class Awards – Miss Pringle

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Kellara Dooley being a wonderful friend by caring for others
Alyssa Singleton improvement in counting backwards

Class Awards – Miss Cornish

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Jessica Butler using initiative and working well independently
Makayla Cagney working well in our 3D shapes unit

Class Awards – Mrs Butler

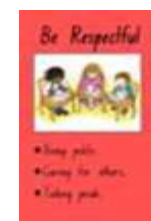
Congratulations to this week's award recipients

Dylan Dederer working very hard to improve his fluency when reading
Angus Shepherd showing an in depth knowledge of 3D shapes and their properties

Library Award – Miss Lightfoot

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

Jasmin Harris being a neat and hard working student



Principal's Award

Congratulations to Chloe who receives this week's Principal's award. Chloe has made a great start to Kindergarten this year. She is working hard in class, and is a kind friend to others in the playground. Great work Chloe!



COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOPS

with local artist Kes Harper

Where?

Wollombi Public School site

What?

Dioramas and Collage

When?

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

(Harmony Day)

Session 1

10am – 12 noon

(dioramas)

Session 2

1pm – 3pm

(collage)

bookings essential as places are limited

\$5 per child per session (pay on the day)

ages 6-12yrs

byo lunch/snack and a paint shirt

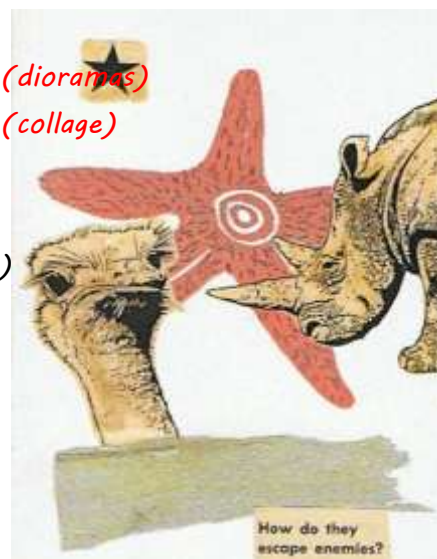
reserve your place ASAP

Tel 49988556 email kesharper@hotmail.com

(please specify am/pm workshop)

A community initiative supported by

WSCET Inc.(Wollombi School Community Education Trust Inc.)



MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE

April Holiday Programs 2015

PHONE enquiries / bookings : 131302

Program	Dates	Ages	Cost
Adventurer Camp	13 – 17th April 2015	7 – 12 years	\$336.00 / person

The program includes: all meals, accommodation and activities.

Activities could include any or all of the following: low & high ropes challenge course, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, flying fox and much more.

Easter holiday activities @ your library

Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.
Tickets on sale mid March.

Easter Craft – ages 5-12

Monday March 30 Kurri Kurri Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE
Tuesday March 31 Cessnock Library 4.00 – 5.00 FREE

Come along to this free Easter craft workshop - wear old clothes, as one of our planned activities, dyeing Easter Eggs, can get very messy!

Me and My Shadow Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday April 7 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Wednesday April 8 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Have fun with shadows – stories, songs and craft

Sock Puppet Making Workshop – ages 5-12

Wednesday April 8 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE

Every family has stray socks – rescue one from your rag bag and bring it to life in this workshop - bring a sock in and take home a puppet!

Baby Rhymetime – ages 0-2

Monday April 13 Cessnock Library 10.00-10.30 FREE

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

Monsters! Story time –ages 2-6

Tuesday April 14 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Wednesday April 15 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Monstrous stories, songs and craft!

Pizza, Wii and Games – ages 8+

Tuesday April 14 Kurri Kurri Library 5.00 – 6.30 \$5.00
Tuesday April 7 Cessnock Library 5.00 – 6.30 \$5.00

Pizza, wii and board games

Make a Monster! Junk Sculpture Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday April 9 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Thursday April 9 Kurri Kurri Library 1.00 – 2.00 FREE

It's alive! Use recycled materials and your imagination to create a wild monster!

Movie & Craft Afternoon - ages 5-12

Wednesday April 15 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE
Thursday April 16 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by a free craft activity.

Aboriginal Art & Astrology Workshop – ages 11+

Thursday April 16 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Friday April 17 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Free Youth Week workshop - learn about Aboriginal astrology, then participate in the creation of a group painting using the images and symbols you've learnt about.

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

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