



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 5, Term 1

Aiming High with the University of Newcastle – Careers in Reading Program

Students in Years 4-6 will be participating in a free program offered by the University of Newcastle for the next 5 Wednesday mornings.

Careers through Reading seeks to provide a connection between University students and primary school students around the theme of tertiary education and professional careers. Over a five week period, University students read books about careers related to the degrees they are studying to Year 5 students. On the final session, each student receives a copy of HOPE, a children's book written by a member of the AIM High team. Careers through Science Program will also be run in Term 2.



Intensive Spelling Challenge Underway

Students were given their levelled lists on Monday to mark the start of our 5 week Intensive Spelling Program. Make sure you practice these as much as possible to ensure you not only get the most out of the program, but stay in the running for the best and most improved medals by the end of the program.

2015 School Contributions

Thank you to all parents who have already paid their school fees for 2014. These contributions help to ensure our students receive the best possible education, and help cover some of the cost of student resources in our classrooms. Our fee structure has stayed the same this year, and is broken up into two parts.

Voluntary Family Contribution - \$20/ Family

We try to keep this as low as possible for families. The state average for primary schools in NSW is \$45/Student.

Resource Fee - \$10/ student - Many schools ask students to pay for a range of expensive texts books that are used in the classroom. Our school does not use textbooks as we feel they do not cater to each individual learner. Instead teachers create resources to be used in the classroom which can be tailored to each child's ability and learning style. This fee helps us cover the large cost of providing these resources for our students.

These are definitely small prices to pay for top quality education.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1 2015

Mon 9th March

Debating Workshop
(School debating team)

Yr 6 High School info
night (MVHS)

Fri 13th March

Cross Country
Fun Run

Attachments

- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books

Please Return

Kitchen garden
donations

**Fun Run Sponsorship
Forms and Money**
By Friday 20th March

From the Kitchen Garden Corner



Training underway

Miss Cornish and Miss Pringle have been in Sydney the last two days participating in training on how to implement the Kitchen Garden Program successfully in our school. Once returning planning for the program will hit full steam with students starting classes in Term 2.

Kitchen Garden items needed

There is still time to donate any kitchen or garden equipment to support this program. It is a great time to clean out your kitchen cupboards or garden shed and put spare items to good use. Thank you to the following families who have donated kitchen or garden equipment for our new Kitchen Garden Program. It will certainly be put to good use!

The Dooleys The McCarry's (Thanks also to Chris for mowing the bottom paddock!)

Numeracy at home feedback

After a couple of weeks of the program, it is important that we get feedback on our new Numeracy at Home program to ensure students are getting the highest possible effects. Please ensure you either phone the school, talk to your classroom teacher or fill out the slip placed in each pack to help adapt the program if needed.

Head lice Reminder

With the humid weather, it is always prime time for these annoying little creatures. It is important to regularly check your child's hair for eggs of live critters, regardless of how clean your child's hair is (they like clean hair the best!). Remember to treat and remove all eggs from hair if they are found.

Tips for tackling kids head lice

Those nasty critters are on the crawl again. It is important that all parents regularly check their child's hair and treat regularly to stop the spread.

- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb every time you wash your kids hair.
- Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
- The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.
- Ensure you also treat pillows, hats and bed linen.
- Tie all long hair up and using hair spray or gel in hair often works as a deterrent.

For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/default.aspx>

Defending the title of Veggie Champs.

This weekend's Cessnock show brings to the end our reign as 2014 vegetable champions. We have been busy cultivating this year's tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchinis in hope of being the first back to back winners of this event.

Check out this year's produce at the produce pavilion this weekend.

You can also check out the Advertisers article on our title defence by clicking on this link -<http://www.cessnockadvertiser.com.au/story/2906045/junior-green-thumbs-get-ready-for-the-show/?cs=459>



Recognising Safe, Responsible and Respectful students

Class Awards – Miss Pringle

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Stuart McCarry an excellent improvement in rhyming words and syllables
Kayley Thompson beautiful behaviour at all times in the classroom

Class Awards – Miss Cornish

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Molly Bedford reading with fluency and expression
Tommy Golledge using doubles, friends of ten and split strategy to solve maths problems

Class Awards – Mrs Butler

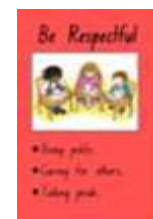
Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Erin Jackson her consistently mature attitude towards school and class activities
Brodie Singleton his creativity when Journal writing

Library Award – Miss Lightfoot

Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

William Russell being an attentive listener and organised student



Principal's Award

Congratulations to Paige Holbert, who is this week's Principal's Award Winner. Paige is always a respectful, responsible and safe member of our school. Thank you for making a difference Paige !



COMMUNITY NEWS

**BELLBIRD**
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2014 REGISTRATIONS
ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

1 Complete online registration at www.myfootballclub.com.au
2 All players must attend one of our registration days to complete registration paperwork, payment of fees and ordering of merchandise

REGISTRATION DAYS
When - Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February
Where - Bellbird Workers Club
Time - 9am to 1pm

New Players require
birth certificate or
passport - copy only
Players from 4 years of age
(must be turning 5 before
31st December 2014)

**5-7 years \$80 • 8-11 years \$95
12-18 years \$110 • Seniors \$200**

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR CASH/CHEQUE ON DAY
NEW PLAYERS RECEIVE FREE SHORTS AND SOCKS
ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE A CLUB POLO SHIRT

Further details are on our website:
www.bellbirdjuniorfootballclub.com

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ON 0412-971-479**



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10AM SUNDAY 15 MARCH
to 3PM at Speers Point Park



FREE Family Event
FUN FOR ALL AGES

- * BBQ
- * Prizes
- * Raffles
- * Exhibitors
- * Competitions
- * Market Stalls
- * Kids Entertainment
- * Dogs Welcome (On Leads)

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Want to re-enter the workforce but need to brush up on your skills first?

Come and talk with the helpful staff at
CESSNOCK TAFE, FOUNDATION SKILLS AND PATHWAYS
OUR COURSES for Semester 1, 2015:

- SEE Program (Literacy and Numeracy) – Skills for Education and Employment 10442/10443 – Free Course
This course is for Centrelink referred clients to upgrade literacy, numeracy & employment skills.
- Career Education & Employment for Women-Certificate II (CEEW) 10089 NAT
This course helps women reenter the workforce or education after a long absence. Work placement included in the course.
- Blake's Refresher for Education and Work (BREW) 10089 NAT
This course helps men reenter the workforce or education after a long absence. Work placement included in the course.
- Tertiary Preparation-Certificate IV (TPC) 29603
This is a Year 12 equivalent course, a pathway to uni &/or employment.
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
This course is for people from non-English speaking backgrounds to improve English language skills for work or further study.
- Skills for Work and Training (SWAT) 10089NAT- Certificate II
This course is equivalent to a YR 10 level of skills and knowledge.

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Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

YES WE BULK BILL!!

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive **\$1000** basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare **132 011**
For appointments call us today!



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