



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 2, Term 2

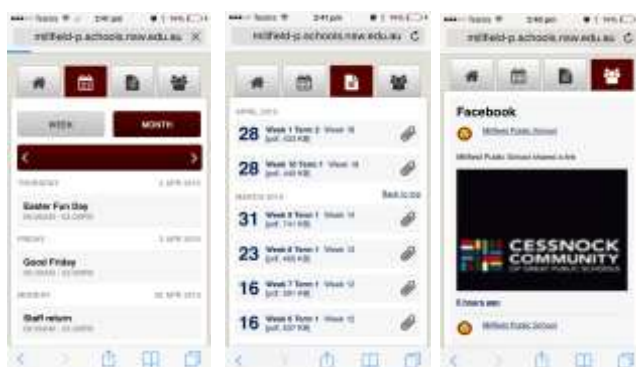
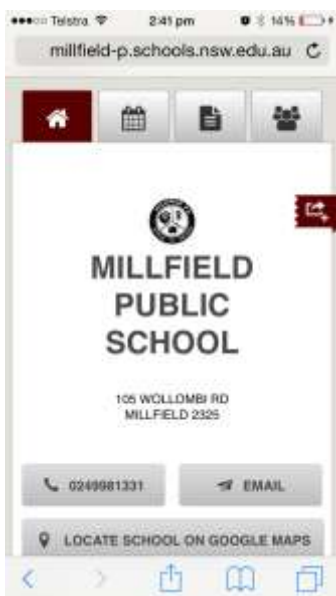
Keeping your contact details up to date.

Last week's weather events highlight the need to ensure the school has your most up to date details on file in case of an emergency. In these days, which are dominated by mobile phones, it is easy to change our numbers without remembering to update details to those who need it.

To ensure we have your most up to date details on file, could you please look over your child's contact records and alter any changes to phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical details or doctors. This will ensure we will be able to contact you or your delegated contacts should the need arise. If you change any further details in the future, please let us know by writing a note or calling the school office with updates.

School Website/App updates.

After trialing a series of Apps last year to improve communication, we are finding however that Facebook gives us the best chance to get information out quickly. To ensure that everyone is able to get these messages we have also added a function on our website that automatically re-posts any facebook messages to the website without having to be a facebook user. You can either visit the full site on your desktop or the mobile version on your phone by visiting www.millfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to keep up to date. It also includes dates of future events and copies of the newsletter.



Showing how much we love our Mums- Friday 8th May

Students will get a chance to show their mums just how special they are next Friday. An afternoon tea will be held for Mums from 2pm, followed by a special assembly at 2.20pm where the kids will get to share some "Mum themed" work. Students will also be able to purchase Mother's Day gifts from the P&C stall on this day, with gifts ranging from \$1-\$5.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 2 2015

Wed 6th May
P&C meeting

Thurs 7th May
K-2 Excursion to Tocal
\$30

Friday 8th May
Mother's Day stall
and Assembly

Tue 12th-Thurs 14th May
NAPLAN

Mon 18th May
Young Leaders
Conference

Tues 19th May
Athletics Carnival

Thurs 21st May
School Photos

Attachments

- Outstanding Accounts
- Overdue library books
- Unexplained absences
- Stewart House donation envelope

Please Return

- Contact detail amendments
- Stewart House donation envelopes by 15th May

Showing our respect through ANZAC Day commemorations

Last weekend saw the 100th anniversary of ANZAC day, and our students and staff showed their respect in a variety of ways throughout the weekend. A short school service was held on Friday, with local councilor Mr Alan Stapleford donated a lone pine to the school. This has been planted in the front garden adjacent to the honour rolls.

On ANZAC Day, many students and staff also participated in one of two community services. The Millfield Dawn service was held at school with over 100 people showing their respects in a service conducted by the salvation army. It was great to see so many students, brave the early morning start to attend this service. Twenty eight students also attended the Cessnock March and Service. This was a fantastic turnout considering the crazy week that proceeded the event.

Thank you to the following students and staff who attended one or both of these events and their parents for getting them there. Abi, Sara, Kellara, William, Lakota, Sari, Molly B, Paige, Bethany, Katelyn, Lily, Makayla, Mason, Jasmine, Molly R, Jorja, Jack A, Keegan, Angus, William, Cloe, Erin, Dylan D, Drew, Miss Cornish and Miss Pringle.



K-2 Excursion to Tocal next week.

Our K-2 students are looking forward to next week when they will head off to Tocal to take part in a fun excursion focused on farm life in the past and food production. This aligns with work being done in class this term. Students will need to ensure they are at school prior to 8.25am for an 8.30am departure. Students will return at approximately 3pm. The weather forecast at this stage is for a sunny day, but pack a raincoat if it looks like we might get any rain closer to the event.



FridaySchool Photos 21st May

Our school photo day will be held on Thursday 21st May. A range of packages will be available with an order form sent home closer to the date. These packages start at \$23 for a group only photo package. A family package Sibling photo packages will be available from the office. All students will have their photo taken on this day for school records, however there is no commitment to buy.

Zone Cross Country

A report by Drew and Jacob

On Thursday the 30th April, 17 students went to Cessnock Racecourse for the Zone Cross Country. There were lots of students from all the schools in Cessnock and Kurri areas. They started with the 8/9 year age group, the 10's, 11's and finally the 12's. We had to wait a long time before heading to the marshalling area for the race. The 8-10 year races did one lap of the track (2000m), with the 11-12's doing 3000m. It was such a long way. When we were finished we were exhausted, but lucky there was a canteen run by Bellbird PS to get our energy back up. Everyone tried their hardest. We came 10th and 23rd. Jessica Butler did the best and is off to Regional next week after finishing 6th in her race.



Jessica is off to Regional next week

From the Kitchen Garden Corner



Our first Kitchen and Garden lessons got underway this week. Check out the reports below to see what they got up to.

On the 29th of April students in years 3-6 started a program named Kitchen Garden. Students were placed into 3 groups (Radishes, Carrots and Broccoli) which will rotate each week.

The Radishes were cooking this week and we made playdough to practice our knife skills with and a poster to go up in the Kitchen when complete. We also watched a video of safety in the kitchen and are working towards getting our knife licence in coming weeks. We had lots of fun! (by Angelina and Brodie)

The Broccoli and Carrot groups started with the gardening rotation. We started by reading instructions on how to make wicking boxes to help grow our seedlings. We got a foam box with a pipe to filter the water at the bottom and a bottle to put the water in. Then we filled the box up with 5cm of mulch and put netting over it. Then we filled it up with soil mix and planted a variety of herbs ready to use in the kitchen soon. (by Jack A)



Principal's Award

Congratulations to Jack Atkins who is this week's Principal's award. Jack represented our school with respect and dignity at all three ANZAC services last week, including flag duties at the school service, helping at the Dawn service and laying the wreath at the Cessnock Service. Well done Jack.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Alyssa Singleton for demonstrating safety in the classroom at all times
Cooper Hollingshed great work when counting backwards

Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Kaleb Henry improvement in editing writing
Katelyn Shepherd improvement in editing writing

Class Awards 5/6

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

Thomas Effer taking care with the presentation of his work
Bayley Morton enthusiastic participation in all class activities

Library Award

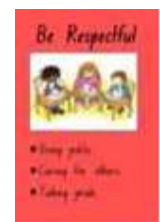
Congratulations to this week's award recipient:

Erin Jackson outstanding leadership skills

SRC Student of the Month

Congratulations to this month's recipients:

Junior **Cooper Hollingshed**
Senior **Jasmin Harris**



P&C News

P&C meeting this Wednesday

We will be holding this month's P&C meeting next Wednesday 6th May in the Library starting at 3pm. We will be continuing our planning for horse sports and Spring Fair, as well as beginning to look at some options for new playground equipment. Look forward to seeing you there.

Entertainment books.

The P&C will be selling entertainment books this year. Books are \$60 and contain a wide range of food, accommodation, entertainment and local attraction vouchers. There are plenty of ways to use it in our area and money can be made back with as little as 1 or 2 uses. Vouchers are valid until 30th June 2016. Digital editions for use with your smartphone are also available. Contact the office for orders or more information.

Pre-orders before the 29th April will receive an extra \$200 worth of vouchers.