



# MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



**19th June, 2015**

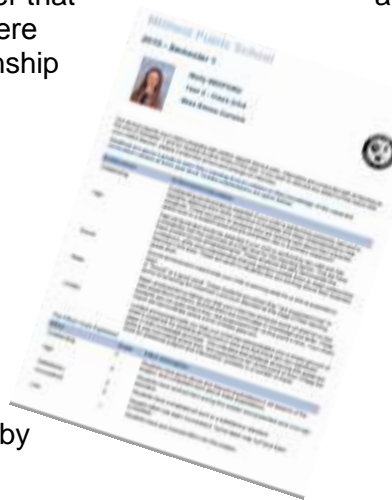
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**Week 9, Term 2**

## Reporting to Parents

All students will receive their Semester 1 reports early next week. These reports give a snapshot of your child's progress and achievement during the first half of 2015. It is important to remember that these reports form only part of the picture of your child's achievement at school and are formulated using the departments A-E scale which is often quite confusing. Please remember that student achieving "SOUND" results are achieving where they are expected to be at this point in time in relationship to curriculum outcomes. Please read the front of your child's report for full explanations of each grade.

Due to our new Learning Support Team format which allows meetings between parents and teachers at least once per term, we will not be holding Semester 1 interviews as in previous years. We are more than happy however to discuss your child's report through an extra meeting or phone call if you are concerned or have any questions about the report. Please speak to your child's teacher or Mr Anderson by calling the school office.



## Debating team shines in close loss

Our school debating team had an agonisingly close match in the second round of the Premier's Debating Challenge against Kurri Kurri Public School. The team consisting of Drew, Blake, Erin and Angelina argued persuasively against "Computer Games should be banned for Primary School Students" but came up short by just one point. This was an amazing effort considering Kurri Kurri PS is a much larger school with over 500 students enrolled. Well done kids! Their next match will be held in Week 1 next term.



## Packing for the snow!

All students will be heading off for a day of snow fun on Monday at Hunter Valley Gardens. The bus will leave at 9.30am and return before the end of school.

What to bring:

- Water proof boots or shoes ( e.g Gum/snow boots).
- A waterproof jacket or raincoat
- Gloves
- Lunch
- A spare pair of shoes and socks for the trip home.



## *Dates for your Calendar*

### Term 2 2015

**Mon 22nd June**  
NO Canteen

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Snow Time  
Excursion  
\$15

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Public Speaking  
finals 9.30am

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Golf excursion  
Years 2-6

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** last day of  
Term 2

### Term 3

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
Staff Return

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Students return

## Attachments

- Outstanding Accounts
- Overdue Library books
- Unexplained absences

## **Horse Sports Day a great Success.**

Thank you to all parents who helped contribute to a fantastic day at our annual horse sports event last Friday. We had many parents working tirelessly in the canteen, assisting with events or the general organisation of the day. We had over 150 competitors from 50 schools across the Central Coast and Hunter Valley competing and have received some very positive feedback. Thankyou also to our many sponsors who helped out with donations and sponsorship funds to help us run the event as a profitable fundraiser for our school.

*Thank you to the following people for your efforts:*

*Organising Committee – Teresa Butler, Tamara Dooley, Michelle Bedford,  
Canteen organisers- Melissa Singleton, Kelly Carpenter  
Canteen Helpers –Pete Wadeson, Josh Bedford, Robyn Singleton, Liam Hoffmanbeck  
Cleaning – Karen Ringland  
Marshalls and set up– Lindsey Doolan and Charles Cagney  
Event Helpers – Noela Blake*



### **Cessnock Advertiser Horse Sports Article**

*More than 150 competitors from 50 different schools took part in the second annual Cessnock School Horse Sports Day at Cessnock Showground on Friday. Students from primary and high schools from as far as Dungog, Scone and the Central Coast came to Cessnock to compete in the event that was facilitated by the Millfield Public School P&C.*

*Millfield principal Scott Anderson said the school noticed a lack of such an event in the local area. With only a couple of school horse events through the year, Mr. Anderson said it is a good chance for local kids to be able to participate. The event received good feedback from 2014, and saw an increase this year with Mr. Anderson saying he hopes it will continue.*

*Event coordinator Teresa Butler said the day went well and gave the kids a great platform to perform. "It's a good opportunity for them to showcase their skills," she said. Ms. Butler said the showground was a fabulous venue and very great to work with.*

*The students participated in riding classes, hack classes and sporting and utility classes throughout the day, with grand champions announced for each age group, as well as the winning primary and high school.*

Results and more photos can be found at <http://www.cessnockadvertiser.com.au/story/3150497/horse-sports-day-a-real-success-photos-video/?cs=460>

## **Public Speaking Finalists announced.**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in our school public speaking finals on Tuesday following some high quality speeches this week.

Early Stage 1 – Abby, Chloe, Kellara, Hayley

Stage 1 – Molly, Samara, Katelyn, Bethany

Stage 2 – Molly R, Jasmin, Tane, Thomas

Stage 3 – Blake, Drew, Angelina, Jack A.



The finals will be held in the Library from 9.30-10.30 with parents encouraged to come and listen to this year's cream of the crop. Two students in each stage will be selected to participate in the Zone Finals to be held next term.

# From the Kitchen Garden Corner



**First Kitchen Garden Harvest:** Students were very excited to harvest and use our delicious herbs and salad leaves from our wicking boxes for the first time this week!

**Radishes-** This week the Radishes explored an Asian inspired dish, Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls. Students practised peeling carrots and taking turns cutting up carrots, cucumbers, sprouts and a beautiful, fresh collection of herbs and greens straight from our garden. The Radishes enjoyed tasting the delicious fresh rolls and dipping them into range of different Asian sauces.

**Carrots –** This week the Carrots got to work at designing our own garden plans using grid paper. They also looked at creating a garden based on a theme. The Carrots came up with some great ideas including: the Italian Garden with tomatoes, onions and basil and the Hearty Soup Garden with carrots, onions, ginger, celery and potatoes.

**Broccoli-** The Broccoli tantalised their taste buds and other senses by sniffing, touching and looking at our garden herbs and salad leaves to try and identify them.



## **Stage 3 Camp**

The date and cost for this year's stage 3 camp ( Years 5 and 6) are now set. Stage 3 students will be heading to Forster to complete a Gold Excursion and Forster Adventureland Camp. We will be joined by students from Congewai, Mulbring and Paxton Public Schools. We are able to start taking weekly payments from Week 1 next term.

Date : 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November ( Week 7, Term 4). Cost: \$270

## **Stage 2 Camp**

Stage 2 Camp is waiting on final confirmations but will be a one day excursion to Sydney involving some must see sights, a Rocks Convict tour and the Sydney Aquarium.

Date : Mid Term 3 Cost \$ Approx \$60,

## **Numeracy games returned**

Could all students please return their "Numeracy at Home" games before the holidays so we can do a stocktake before next term.

## **Want some extra home readers for the holidays?**

Just because we are heading on holidays doesn't mean we can't keep our reading practice up. Please let us know if you wish to borrow a bunch of home readers for the holidays to help build up those nights of practice or show off to relatives!

## **Golf Excursion next Friday**

Students from year's 2-6 will be heading off to Stonebridge Golf Course next Friday to finalise the golf program they have been participating in this term. Students will leave at 12pm for a quick hit at the course before returning in time for assembly. This event is free of charge for students and funded through the Sporting Schools Program.

## Principal's Award

Congratulations to Blake Bodycote who is this week's Principal's award. Blake has been demonstrating some great skills in dealing with adversity, showcased by overcoming a shaky start during debating this week to deliver a great performance in our narrow loss. Well done Blake.



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### **Class Awards K/1/2**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Mason Ducombe-King** presenting a wonderful speech to the class

**Kayley Thompson** presenting a wonderful speech about "Nan & Pop" using expression

### **Class Awards 2/3/4**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Bethany Shepherd** always having a positive attitude towards learning

**Alexander Lombardi** improvement in number outcomes


### **Class Awards 4/5/6**

Congratulations to this week's award recipients:

**Blake Bodycote** showing courage and resilience in a tricky situation

**Tane Carpenter** enthusiasm for learning during maths groups



Award	K/1/2	2/3/4	5/6
<b>BRONZE</b>  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	Jessica Butler 12/6 Makayla Cagney 12/6 Riley Dederer 12/6	Kyedon Harrison-Brown 15/5 William Cagney 15/5 Molly Bedford 19/6 Tommy Golledge 19/6 Jorja Shearer 19/6 Molly Russell 19/6 Jasmin Harris 19/6

## P&C News

### NO CANTEEN MONDAY

Due to Snow Day, there will be no canteen on Monday. It will resume after the holidays.

### Spring Fair Meeting – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June @3pm

We will be holding a Spring Fair meeting on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June in the Library at 3pm to get the ball moving on this year's spring fair. We encourage anyone that wishes to help with the organisation of this great event to come along and share your ideas.

### Entertainment books.

The P&C is 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 20

