



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 5, Term 1

Linking with Newcastle University – Careers Through Reading Program

Our stage 3 class this week took part in the first of four sessions run by students from the University to promote reading as an important skill, as well as opening their eyes to possibly attending University in the future. This is the first of many programs run in conjunction with the University's Aim High Team that we will be participating in during 2016 which will also include Coding sessions and Careers through Science.

Careers through Reading

A report by Jacob and Tyler

On Wednesday the Careers through reading team from Newcastle University came to our school. Firstly Liam gave us an introduction about what we were going to do and introduced his team and what they were studying at University including Science, Law, Environmental Science, and Teaching just to name a few. Then we were put into groups and started our activities based on books. Each book was matched to career.



The books and activities included:

- *Platypus* where we learned about these great animals and got to wear masks.
- *Two left feet* which was about a person who could not dance because they had two left feet. But using ipads it made the book come alive ...
- *Australian kids through the years* where we learned how kids lives had changed through the years.
- *Grandma in blue and red hat* about museums
- *Double Helix Science magazine* had lots of interesting facts about science including a story about trying to bring back hairy mammals from extinction.

Head lice alert

Those dreaded lice have decided to pay a couple of students a visit this week. Please check your child's hair and remove any lice/eggs if found to eliminate any spread.

For treatment info visit –

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1

Fri 25th-Mon 28th Mar
Easter long weekend

Attachments

Unexplained absences
Accounts
Receipts

Returns

Student details update

Swimming Stars do well at Zone

Congratulations to our Zone swimming team which included Tane, Drew, Nelson and Jye, who participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival yesterday. The boys swam really well in their individual events as well as the Relay on what was a very hot day!

Heat Results

Tane – 2nd in Backstroke, 1st in Freestyle

Nelson – 5th in backstroke , 2nd in freestyle

Jye- 2nd in Freestyle

Drew – 4th in Freestyle

Boys Open Relay – 2nd



Show News

Paryss wins tickets to the show!

Congratulations to Paryss Morton who has won a family pass to the show after being awarded 2nd place in the Cessnock show colouring competition. We hope you enjoy your day!



Veggies ready to shine

Thankyou to all families who contributed vegetables for the school veggie competition at this weekend's show. They are boxed and ready to be dropped at the pavilion in the hope of defending our title as champion school.



Recognising our safe, respectful and responsible learners

Class Awards K

Masani Clark outstanding effort in reading
Jesse Hefren being a creative and imaginative learner



Class Awards S1

Hayley Butler participating in class discussions by contributing great answers
Abigail Bedford improving her learning by practising new strategies

Class Awards S2

Samara Tiedeman an excellent attitude toward all aspects of learning
Mason Holbert a significant improvement in reading. Keep up the great work



Class Awards S3

Tane Carpenter improvement in writing
Nelson King being a respectful and responsible student at Debating

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Ella who is this weeks Principal's award. Ella has been doing an outstanding job in the classroom this term, which is seeing some great improvements. Well done Ella!



P&C News

Canteen Roster (Term 1 2016)

Mon 29/2	Teresa Butler	Tiffany Wing	Help needed
Mon 7/3	Felicity Lucock	Tiffany Wing	Jenny Mackay
Mon 14/3	Teresa Butler	Tiffany Wing	Help needed
Mon 21/3	Felicity Lucock	Tiffany Wing	Help needed
Mon 28/3	Easter Monday – No Canteen		
Mon 4/4	Teresa Butler	Tiffany Wing	Help needed

More helpers are always welcome and make the time go even faster!



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- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

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Good for Kids good for life

START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST

We've all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it's true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereals such as Weetbix, Cheerios and Sultana Bran
- untoasted muesli topped with low fat yoghurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies



If you're short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.



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Cessnock Schools as Community

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Koe-nara



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Playworks @ Koe-nara, Mondays 10 to 12

Supported playgroup session with Free Play, Music & Story

Let's Play @ Koe-nara, Tuesdays 10 am to 11.30 am

Discover how to use the everyday as play materials

And a visit to School Library

Playworks @ East,

Thursdays 9am to 11am

Supported playgroup session with

Free Play, story & a few songs

**Term 1
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Babies at Koe-Nara, Thursdays

12.30pm to 2pm

Meet new friends, find out about local services and what to expect next in your baby's development

Young Parents Playgroup at Koe-Nara, Fridays 10am to 12pm

Supported playgroup for parents who are under 25 years of age, create a scrapbook for your child, meet new people & learn about other services. Morning tea is provided.

For more information contact Jane Hodgson on 49909354 or 0428 263 854 or

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Koe-nara, on the corner of Rawson & Quarryblong Sts, Abertare

