



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 9, Term 2

An exciting week to finish Term 2.

With only one week left before capping off the first half of 2016, there is still plenty to fit in before we head off on our winter holidays. Check out next weeks activities below.

Monday – SNOW TIME PBL Reward excursion. Students who have consistently demonstrated our school values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility this term have been invited to take part in a special reward excursion to Hunter Valley Gardens on Monday. Students will participate in a range of wintery activities which include snow play, ice skating and much more.

Tuesday – Kindergarten CPAC excursion – Students in Kindergarten will head to the performing arts centre on Tuesday for “Moons a Balloon”. Miss Pringle and her kids can’t wait!

Wednesday – Last P&C meeting for Term 2. All parents are invited to next week’s P&C meeting at 3pm in the library. We will be debriefing on the recent horse sports, as well as planning our next big fundraiser “Millfield Spring Fair” on 20th August. If you are unable to make it but wish to contribute ideas or comments, please see the office or one of the P&C.

Thursday – Debating v Kearsley. Our star debating team will go head to head against Kearsley starting at 10am. Parents are welcome to come and join the audience to see what it is all about. Good luck team!

Thursday – Responsible pet workshop. Students in K-2 will receive a visit from the Council and their furry friend on Thursday to discuss responsible pet ownership. Students will be taught how to deal with animals to ensure they remain in safe situations.

Friday – NAIDOC Week Special Assembly and activities. 9-11am

NAIDOC week is a very special time in our calendar each year when we celebrate Aboriginal Culture and the positive impacts it has on our school and its students. The assembly will start at 9.15am with a special dance presentation by Standford-Merthyr’s student Aboriginal dance group. The assembly will then be followed by a series of rotations where students and parents will join in a range of activities. We hope to see you there!



Dates for your Calendar

Term 2

Mon 27th June
Snow time PBL Reward
Excursion \$10

Tues 28th June
Kinder CPAC Excursion
\$10

PATCH Information
Session 2.30-3pm

Thursday 30th June
Debate v Kearsley
10am in the Library

Fri 1st July
NAIDOC Activity Day
Last day of Term

Term 3

Monday 18th July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19th July
Students Return

Wednesday 20th July
Public Speaking Finals
9.15am

Attachments

**Unexplained
absences**

**Overdue library
books**

Accounts

Receipts

Some very excited kids as new playground arrives

The eagerly awaited new addition to our playground is finally here. On Monday a brand new playground was installed, with kids getting their first testing as of yesterday. This was jointly funded by the P&C and school to provide a fun and engaging set of equipment which encouraged physical activity and social interaction. Thank you to all parents who have helped the fundraising efforts over the past few years to get this great equipment for our school. Thanks also to Kris McCarry who helped spread 10 cubic metres of mulch to enable our kids to get on it as soon as possible.



Semester 2 Staffing Changes

With a change of semester brings a change of staffing, with our two permanent teachers (Mrs Butler and Miss Lightfoot) returning from Maternity leave at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Butler will be returning full time on the Stage 3 class, with Miss Lightfoot returning on Thursdays and Fridays on special programs.

This unfortunately means that Miss Wynands will be finishing up at the end of term. Miss Wynands has done a fantastic job on our Stage 3 class for the last 12 months, as well as overseeing programs such as Debating, Fitness and Choir. She will be missed by students and staff, and we wish her well in her future teaching. Hopefully we are able to steal her back for some casual days throughout the remainder of the year if she is not snapped up by another school.



Thank you Miss Wynands!

Get those speeches ready – Public Speaking starts next week

Students in all grades have been busily preparing their speeches to deliver to their classmates next week as part of our annual public speaking program. This program aims to develop the speaking skills of our students and it has been amazing to see the progress since its beginning in 2014. The top four students will then progress to a special School Public Speaking Final on Wednesday 20th July (Week 1 Term 3). Good luck to all kids. We can't wait to hear them. **Please have all speeches ready to go by Tuesday 27th June. For more information speak to your child's teacher.**



Debating team on winning streak after big win over Bellbird

Our debating team has again performed well, beating Bellbird PS in the next round of the interschool debating competition. The boys did an amazing job, successfully arguing against "*Students in Year 5 and above should be able to play violent video games*". They are developing their skills quickly and improving each week so are hot favourites against Kearsley next Thursday. Make sure you come and check it out starting at 10am in the Library.

Semester 1 student reports out next week

Reports for Semester 1 will be sent home next Wednesday. These reports outline students achievement against syllabus outcomes in all key learning areas. These reports are just one of the ways that we report student progress to parents, with our LST meetings each term giving updated progress regularly throughout the year. Please remember that under the current reporting format, a "Sound result" shows that students are achieving at grade level. If you have any questions about the reports, please contact your class teacher.

Tissues needed

Our classes have all been hit with runny noses this term and have gone through a total of 104 boxes of tissues. To ensure we can continue to put school funds towards the education of students, we are asking if any kind parents would be willing to donate a box or two to their child's classroom to see us through the winter months. Could you please send these into the school office if able.



Parents as Teachers/ Classroom Helpers

Would you like to improve your ability to be able to assist your child at home with reading, writing, spelling and maths? Are you interested in learning how to help your child at home and / or be a great classroom helper?

PaTCH may be exactly what you are looking for!

An information session will be held on **Tuesday 28th June, at 2:30pm.**

I am also happy to run an evening session, from 5:30-6:00pm, if this is preferred for any working parents but this must be booked beforehand. **Please let the office know if you would like to attend the evening session.**

Many thanks, Cathy Vogt (Instructional Leader)



Recognising our safe, respectful and responsible learners

Class Awards K

Makayla Crowley being a kind friend in social groups
Nicholas Sparkes outstanding work when using counting on strategies

Class Awards S1

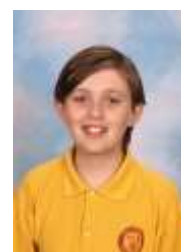
Chloe Hague listening more carefully and making good choices
Bob Hadden settling in well to Millfield Public School

Class Awards S2

Katelyn Shepherd trying her best to improve her maths skills
Kaleb Henry a concentrated effort this week during writing groups



Class Awards S3

Samantha Snedden having great sportsmanship during P.E. lessons!
Tane Carpenter using fluency and expression while reading!



Principals Award - Congratulations to Blake who receives this weeks principal's award. Blake has represented our school in a range of activities this term with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Well done Blake!

PBL Special Awards

Award	K	1/2/3	4/5/6
BRONZE  Have earned 20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours	Leah Probst 29/4 Grace Eddy 29/4 Cooper Wing 29/4 Moana James 29/4 Mercedes Morton 29/4 Joseph King-Griffiths 29/4 Nicholas Sparkes 29/4 Makayla Crowley 6/5 Harrison Brown 6/5 Harmony Connell 6/5 Kirtida Udas 6/5 Masani Clark 6/5 Sophie-Lee Kennedy 6/5 Lily-Rose Walker 6/5 Jesse Hefren 6/5	Abigail Bedford 29/4 Sari Carpenter 29/4 Stuart McCarry 29/4 Molly Bedford 29/4 Joshua Lucock 29/4 Hayley Butler 6/5 Kellara Dooley 6/5 Hunter Copeland 6/5 Jack Davis 6/5 Paige Holbert 6/5 Kayley Thompson 6/5 Jye King 13/5 Samara Tiedeman 13/5 Kaleb Henry 13/5 Riley Dederer 13/5 Christopher Wright 13/5 William Russell 13/5 Cooper Hollingshed 13/5 Chloe Josephson 13/5 Jade Probst 20/5 Mason Duncombe-King 20/5 Bethany Shepherd 20/5 Katelyn Shepherd 20/5 Preston Burgess 3/6 Porsha Burgess 3/6 Ella Szkopkowski 3/6 Chloe Hague 17/6 Cooper Orr 17/6	Lily Brell 18/5 Makayla Cagney 18/5 Nelson King 18/5 Jessica Butler 3/6 Bayley Morton 3/6 Cloe Hindmarsh 3/6 Blake Bodycote 3/6 Tane Carpenter 3/6 Angus Shepherd 10/6 Dylan Dederer 10/6 Drew Dodgson 10/6 Jacob Dederer 10/6 Rose Brell 10/6 Molly Russell 10/6 Kane Villa 10/6
SILVER  For earning \$40 Millfield Dollars through Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviours	Cooper Wing 17/6 Grace Eddy 17/6 Nicholas Sparkes 24/6 Masani Clark 24/6 Harrison Brown 24/6 Sophie Kennedy 24/6		

P&C News

Canteen Helpers needed for Term 3 – Canteen will not operate next term without some extra helpers each week. The canteen staff have been doing an amazing job but cannot continue to do it on their own each week. If you can help out any Monday's (even for part of the day), could you please leave your name at the office before the end of Week 1, Term 3.

P&C meeting – Our last P&C meeting for Term 2 will be held in week 10 on Wednesday 29th June starting at 3pm in the Library. We will be debriefing the recent horse sports and get stuck into our major fundraiser – "The Spring Fair" – All Welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to cook a delicious curry.

Lamb & Vegie Curry

Serves: 4



Top tip: Reduce the amount of meat and increase the vegetables – you'll save money and make the meal healthier. Applies to stir fries, curries, pizzas and mince dishes too.

Ingredients: 1 tsp olive oil; 2 tbsp curry paste; 1 medium brown onion, chopped; 2 cloves garlic, chopped; 300g diced lamb; 3 large carrot, cut into chunks; 250g button mushrooms; 400g tinned tomatoes, diced; 100g red lentils; 500ml reduced salt chicken stock; ½ cup fresh coriander.

Method: Heat oil in heavy-based pot and cook onion, garlic and curry paste until fragrant. Add lamb and brown over a high heat. Add tomatoes, stock, carrots, mushrooms and lentils and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook for about 1 hour with the lid on, stirring regularly until lamb is tender. Mix through coriander reserving a small amount for garnish. Serve with brown rice.

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Good for Kids good for life

RECIPE: BEANY MELTS

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Spring onion, chopped	2
Capsicum, diced	1
Reduced salt baked beans	130g can
Sweet corn kernels	1/3 cup
English muffins (whole wheat)	2
Reduced fat cheddar cheese, grated	4 tbsp
Black pepper to season	

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced).
2. Mix spring onion, capsicum, baked beans and corn kernels in a bowl.
3. Split the muffins in half, and spoon the baked bean mixture evenly on top of the four muffin halves. Sprinkle each muffin with 1 tablespoon grated cheese and a little pepper.
4. Arrange on a baking tray. Bake until they are completely heated through and the cheese is a light golden brown – about 15 minutes, then serve. When cool can be packed for lunch box.



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Local Health District

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COME OUT AND PLAY!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORT
CAMPS at

Cessnock Toyota
Stadium



When: 9am-3pm Tuesday, July 5 & Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Where: Cessnock Toyota Stadium, 101 Mount View Rd, Cessnock.

Cost: \$35 for one day or \$60 for both days (extra siblings \$30 for one day or \$50 for both days).

Includes: Lunch and morning tea.

Play: Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball and other fun games with Rusty Hinder and Razz Muir.

* Cessnock Toyota Stadium offers one of the most affordable school holiday programs in Cessnock.

* Come and play different sports and games in a safe, secure environment. All coaches have WWCC certification and our program is designed to help children stay active during the school holidays.

* To register and pay, call 4991 1656 or see Brett at the stadium office.



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Cathy Vogt Instructional Leader