



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 1, Term 3

Public Speaking continues to hit new heights.

Parents and students were informed, entertained and inspired by our latest crop of Public Speaking Finalists on Wednesday. With topics ranging from Vampires to Teenagers 4 students from each stage faced off to determine the Champion and Runner up for each age group. The standard of speeches continues to improve each year as students learn from each other, with this years speeches the best yet. As part of this program, all students K-6 deliver a speech in class to develop this important life skill, with their skills developing as they progress each year. Thank you to all parents who supported their child in preparing for this program.

Age Group	Champion	Runner Up
Kindergarten	Harmony	Nicholas
Stage 1	Sari	Porsha
Stage 2	Chloe F	Molly B
Stage 3	Blake	Nelson

These students will now progress to the Zone Finals at Nulkaba Public School on the 15th and 16th of August (Week 5).

Numeracy at Home is back

Our Numeracy at Home Program is back again in 2016, with some exciting changes based on parent and teacher feedback from 2015. Students will be taught a numeracy game each week which they will play in class throughout the week. They will then bring this game home to teach/play with parents/siblings to re-inforce these concepts with their homework the next week. Games can be adapted for each age group so siblings can all play together in the same game. A pack of resources will be sent home with the first game to use with all Numeracy at Home games.



Dates for your Calendar

Term 3

Thu 28th Aug
Debating @ Nulkaba

Education Week **1st-5th August**

Wed 3rd Aug
Basketball @ Maitland
Cessnock Leaders
Breakfast @ CPAC
Education Week
Awards @ CHS

Thur 4th Aug
Soccer v Iona
@Maitland

Friday 5th Aug
Bike Day

Friday 12th Aug
Zone Athletics

**Saturday 20th
August**
Spring Fair

Mon 22nd-Tue 23rd
Stage 2 Excursion
\$165

5th-9th Sept
Intensive Swimming

Attachments

**Unexplained
absences**

**Overdue library
books**

Accounts

Receipts

CATS program underway for new Kinders

Our first Come And Try School (CATS) session for 2016 was held on Wednesday for next year's Kindergarten students. They will be involved in a range of activities each week to build their confidence and relationships before making the jump to big school next year. The program runs each Wednesday from 2-3pm in the Kindergarten Room. During Term 4, a range of parent sessions will also be run to ensure parents are supported through this important time. If you know of any future kindergarten students who have not touched base with school, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.



Being on time for school

Last term we had many students arriving late for school each day. Students are legally required to be at school prior to 9am each day and this is monitored closely by the department Home School Liaison Officer. In some cases they will refer students and their parents to the Department of Community Service, which could ultimately lead to charges against parents being laid.

Did you realise that even 5 or 10 mins can have a huge impact on your child, both socially and academically? Studies have shown that kids who are regularly late often develop anxiety around schooling, and fall behind academically. Just 10mins a day can add up to a total of 33 days of Maths or Literacy a year missed which will obviously have major impacts on their progress.

Arriving late also has major impacts on the whole class, as lessons either have to stop or be re-organised to cater for each late student.

Tips for getting your child to school on time.

- Aim to get to school by 8.45 am. This way if you get held up in traffic by 5mins you will still make it on time.
- Restrict any TV until they are ready to walk out the door.
- Pack your child's bag or lunch the night before.
- Have a morning timetable for your child to follow.
- Have a designated wake up time to set routine.
- If you are having trouble, please seek support from the school.



Students arriving after 9am need to get a late note from the office before heading to class. **A reason from a parent** is also needed to ensure it doesn't go in as an unexplained absence.

Keeping those Ears and Noses clear through the winter months

On Wednesday we had a visit from Hearing Teacher Mr Hamilton who talked to us about Otitis Media and ear health. He talked about how your nose is connected to your ears, and how important it is to regularly blow your nose. He taught us how to do it properly to ensure we keep our nose and ears clean. He started with a game of Simon Says and then we learnt about what happens when we don't blow our nose.



We each did a practice with a tissue using the following technique.

- 1..Fold the tissue in half
- 2.One hand is the blocker which blocks one nostril.
- 3.Use the other hand as the catcher
- 4.Blow hard (but not too hard) on one side
- 5.Then fold the tissue again and repeat on the other side

If anyone would like to donate a box of tissues to help get us through the winter months please leave these at the office.

Undefeated debaters head to Nulkaba

Our undefeated Debating Team will meet their hardest challenge yet when they head to Nulkaba for their 4th round match against Nulkaba's A team. On current form the two teams will be evenly matched. Good luck boys!

Bike Day -5th August

To celebrate Education Week, we will be holding our annual bike day on Friday 5th August. Students (and parents) will be able to bring their bike to school to participate in safety checks, skill activities and traffic lessons. More info will follow soon.



Principal's Award

Congratulations to Cooper Hollingshed who receives this weeks Principal's Award. Cooper has been working very hard in class and is always a great helper. Well done Cooper.



Recognising our safe, respectful and responsible learners

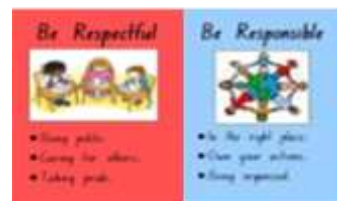
Class Awards K

Moana James always being on task during literacy games
Leah Probst diligent work during social groups



Class Awards S1

Mason Duncombe-King a great effort in public speaking
Chloe Josephson using her goals to improve her learning





Class Awards S2

Winter Barnes a happy and settled start to Semester Two
Samara Tiedman always displaying respectful and kind behaviour

Class Awards S3

Molly Russell displaying a positive and focused attitude in class
Angus Shepherd displaying great thinking and reasoning skills

PBL Special Awards

Award	K	1/2/3	4/5/6
BRONZE  Have earned 20 Millfield Dollars for Positive Behaviours	Joseph King-Griffiths 29/4 Makayla Crowley 6/5 Harmony Connell 6/5 Kirtida Udas 6/5 Jesse Hefren 6/5	Sari Carpenter 29/4 Joshua Lucock 29/4 Kellara Dooley 6/5 Hunter Copeland 6/5 Paige Holbert 6/5 Kayley Thompson 6/5 Jye King 13/5 Samara Tiedeman 13/5 Kaleb Henry 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 Mercedes Morton 22/7 Moana James 22/7 Lilly-Rose Walker 22/7 Leah Probst 22/7	Stuart McCarry 22/7 Abigail Bedford 22/7 Hayley Butler 22/7 Molly Bedford 22/7 Riley Dederer 22/7 Jack Davis 22/7	

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Canteen closed until further notice

At this stage Canteen will not operate this term. The canteen staff have been doing an amazing job but cannot continue to do it on their own each week.. The canteen will re-open once we have a enough parents to fill all days of the term ahead. Ideally we would love enough names so that everyone will only need to do canteen twice per term which will keep everyone fresh and limit impact on their personal responsibilities.

If you can help out any Monday (even for part of the day), could you please leave your name at the office or return the below timetable with available dates.

Election BBQ thanks.

Thank you to Jason Lucock , Tamara Dooley, Terri Vogt and Kelly and Brenden Barnes for helping out on the day with the BBQ raising over \$400 for our kids. Great Effort on the first day of holidays!

Spring Fair Donations Needed

The Spring Fair is only 4 weeks away. As part of this event we hold a monster raffle and Auction. If you know of any businesses that might be interested in donating to our event, could you please collect items and drop them to the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

