



MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



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Week 8, Term 3

Learning an important life skill at Intensive Swimming

Students have spent the majority of their time at Kurri Kurri Aquatic centre developing their skills in the water as part of our annual intensive swimming program. Students were assessed on Monday, and then divided into groups which tailored instruction to their individual skill level. Lessons focussed on water confidence for non-swimmers to stroke development for the more able students. They also took part in water safety activities including learning how to help others in need. This program was heavily subsidised by the Sporting Schools Program, which meant the cost to parents was only \$10 for the week. A small price to pay for such important lessons.



Healthy Harold visits Thursday

Everyone's favourite Giraffe, Healthy Harold, will be visiting our school on Thursday to deliver a series of Life Skills lessons for all students. With lots of new programs on offer this year, and new technology in the van, our kids will have a great time learning how to be healthy and safe. Cost for this activity is covered by the school, with merchandise available to purchase (see attached price list).

Session details

Year 5&6 – It's your call. – This session focuses on improving student's decision making skills by looking at choices, consequences, responsibility and influences. It also covers peer influence, cyber safety and cyber ethics.

Year 3&4 – BCyberwise. – This session focuses on cybersafety, cyber ethics and building positive relationships with friends(both offline and on). It discusses how to communicate respectfully and how to handle bullying.

K-2 – Growing Good Friends – This session explores what contributes to positive health and wellbeing – such as physical activity, nutrition, understanding health messages, personal safety, and positive relationships. The module helps children understand that a healthy lifestyle is an important step towards making positive healthy choices now and into the future.

Dates for your Calendar

Term 3

Wed 14th Sept
Discovery Day
(Year 5 and 6)

Thu 15th Sept
Healthy Harold Visit

Wed 21st Sept
Bunnings Garden Day

Friday 23rd Sept
Bike Day

24th Sept-10th Oct
School Holidays

Term 4

Mon 10th October
Staff and Students
return

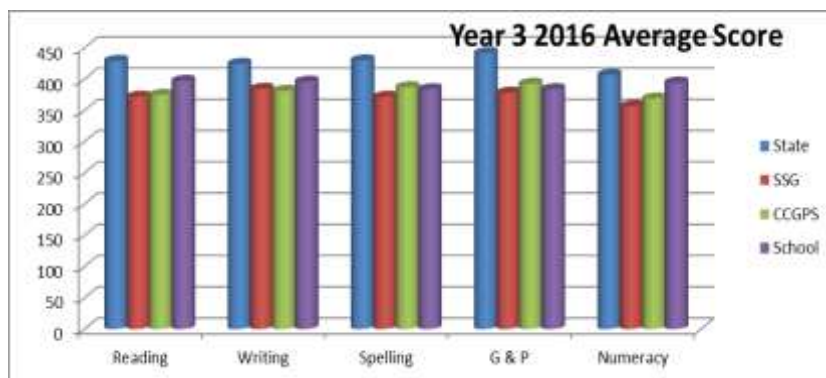
Tue 18th-Thu 20th Oct
Stage 3 Camp
Approx. \$320

NAPLAN results show continued growth

The results from this year's NAPLAN assessments held in May have arrived and will be sent home to parents of students in year 3 and 5 next week. The student NAPLAN reports show student results in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language conventions, and Numeracy placed in bands compared to students across the nation. They also show specific questions that each student answered correctly and incorrectly. The school gets a much larger set of information for each student and can break down exactly how students have answered specific questions, which can lead to specific focuses as a whole class, small group or individual student. The school also uses this data to determine trends over time, including school strengths and weaknesses. This information is used in conjunction with in school assessments to drive future planning and directions. If you would like to discuss your child's results in more detail, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher, or have a chat at your next PLP meeting.

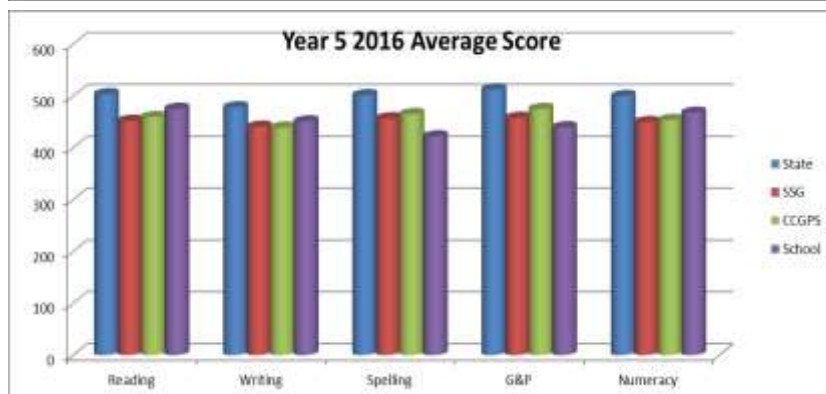
Overall our school continues to see substantial growth in Reading, Writing and Numeracy and is performing extremely well when compared to **local schools (CCGPS)** and statistically **similar groups (SSG)** in areas of achievement. NOTE: Due to our small cohorts each year, we tend to look more closely at 3 and 5 year averages to ensure more accurate assumptions to be made.

NAPLAN Points of interest –Millfield Public School –2016

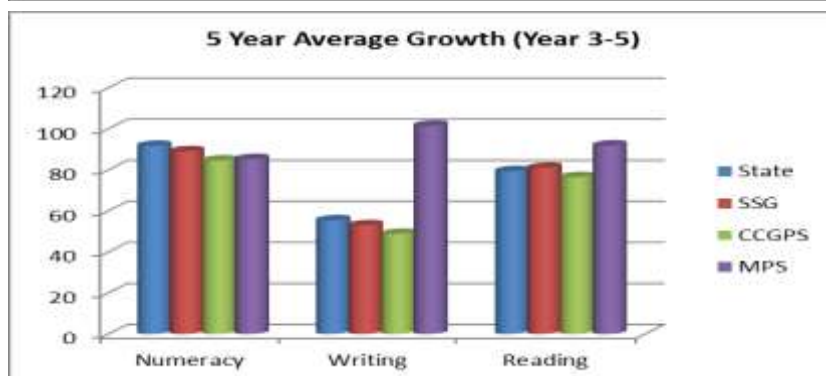


2016 Average Scores

Year 3 – Student average score in all areas was below state average, but above comparative schools in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.



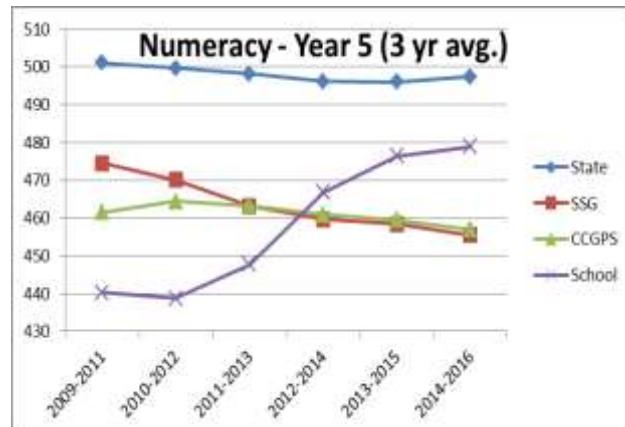
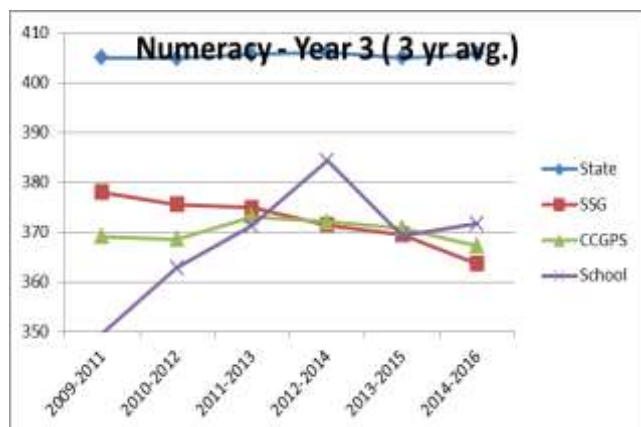
Year 5 – Student average score in all areas was below state average, but above comparative schools in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.



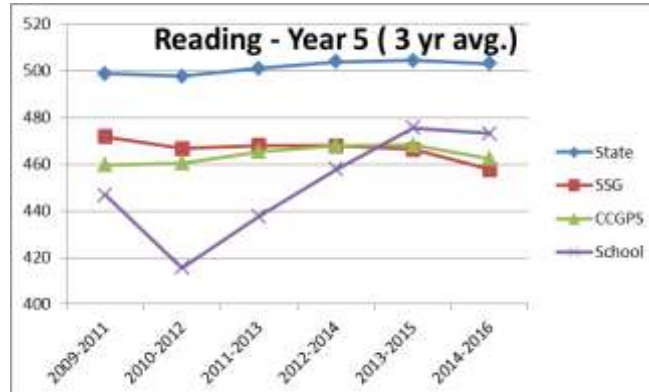
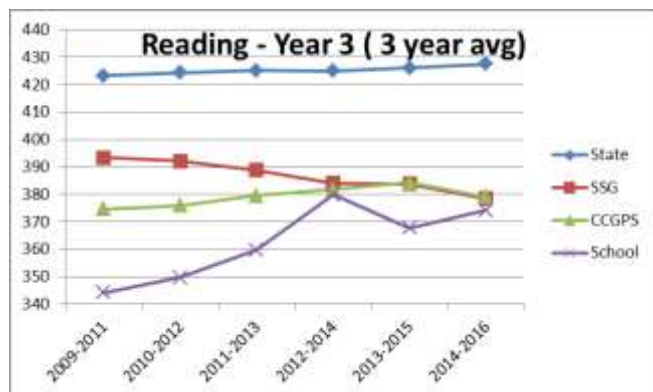
Growth Year 3– Year 5

Average student growth (last 5 years) from year 3 to year 5 has been well above state, CCGPS and SSG schools in Reading and Writing. Numeracy growth has not been as strong but has been offset by stronger overall achievement in this area.

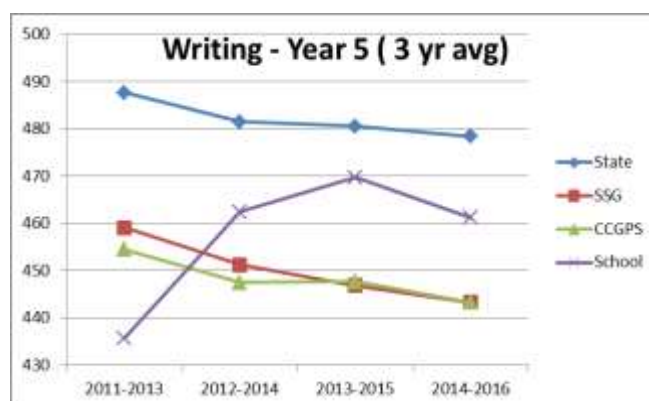
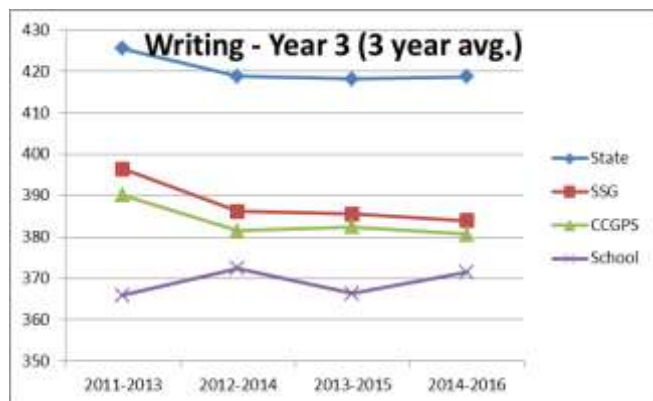
Numeracy achievement has been on the increase since 2009 in both Year 3 and 5. It is still below state average but above local and similar schools



Reading achievement has been on the increase since 2009 in both Year 3 and 5. It is still below state and similar schools in Year 3, but above similar schools by year 5.



Writing achievement has been on the increase since 2009 in both Year 3 and 5. It is still below state and similar schools in Year 3, but above similar schools by year 5.



Possible Future areas for development

Aim. To improve Spelling and Punctuation/Grammar results over time as they continue to be below state, and similar schools. This will be a continued focus going forward in 2017 and beyond.

Aim. -To improve Numeracy Growth in the older years to be above state average.

Maths/Science Fun Day – Year 6

On Tuesday Year 6 attended a maths and science fun Day where they participated in a range of interactive, hands on activities. They enjoyed designing, making and experimenting, and of course socialising with some fellow future Mount View students and starting to form friendships for next year.



Stage 3 Discovery Day

Our year 5 and 6 students will head to Cessnock High School next Wednesday to take part in Discovery Day. The Science and Engineering Discovery Day is a day-long competition organised by the University of Newcastle and Rotary, and is designed to provide year 6 (or year 5) primary school students with a positive experience of science and engineering. Students are broken up into teams with several challenges to complete throughout the day. Points are awarded for each task, with a winner declared at the end of the day. The school is covering the cost of this excursion so there is no cost to students. Parents are more than welcome to attend as spectators on the day. Good luck team!

Soccer team suffers tough loss

Unfortunately our school soccer team was knocked out of the PSSA small schools competition a game before heading to the state finals after a loss to a very strong Somersby PS team 5-1. With a couple of Central Coast Mariners Juniors in the team, it was always going to be a tough battle, but despite the scoreline was a very close match. Well done to all players on a great competition. Reaching this round was a great achievement!

Drew off to State Athletics

A huge congratulations to Drew Dodgson who has qualified for the State Athletics Carnival after some great results at last week's regional carnival. Drew has qualified in both the Discus and Shotput events. This is an outstanding result and we wish him luck on the 19th and 20th of October when he heads off to Homebush to compete against the best the state has to offer.



P&C News

Term 4 Canteen Helpers needed

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who helped out in our canteen this term. With Term 4 just around the corner, we now need to fill the roster for the remainder of the year.

We will need at least 8 parents or grandparents to put their hand up for a spot once a month (two times on roster). As with this term, we will not be running canteen until the roster is filled. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

Please add your name to the roster if available and send back to the school office by the end of term.

| <u>Canteen Roster Term 4</u> | | |
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| Week/Date | Helpers needed | |
| Week 1 – 10 th October | No Canteen | |
| Week 2 – 17 th October | | |
| Week 3 – 24 th October | | |
| Week 4 – 31 st October | | |
| Week 5 – 7 th November | | |
| Week 6 – 14 th November | | |
| Week 7 – 21 st November | | |
| Week 8 – 28 th November | | |
| Week 9 – 5 th November | | |

Council Elections this Saturday

Don't forget that Council Elections will be held this Saturday 10th September. Our school will again be a polling booth which will be open from 9am-5pm in the Library.



HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.



| Product Description | Price Incl. GST | Quantity | Product Description | Price Incl. GST | Quantity |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Tattoo | \$0.50 | | Harold Hand Ball | \$3.00 | |
| Harold Post-it-note | \$1.50 | | Harold Stationery Set | \$3.00 | |
| Harold Activity Bag | Not Available | | Small Harold Soft Toy | \$8.00 | |
| Harold Keyring | \$3.00 | | Large Harold Soft Toy | \$15.00 | |
| Total Owing | | | Total Owing | | |

Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.



☐ I would like to donate _____ to Life Education NSW. Gifts of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ (optional): _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email (optional): _____ Child's Class: _____

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au



The simplest way

...to get kids in the kitchen.



Image: expophoto.com.au

Involving children in preparing meals is a great way to get them eating more fruit and veg. Kids are more likely to eat something they've helped create!

To inspire budding chefs, let your children help you shop for fruit and veg and then add the produce to meals. You can even plant some herbs or veg at home for go-to ingredients.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



HOLIDAY BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

WITH AMERICAN IMPORT JONNY MILLER



Jonny Miller comes from Washington DC, USA. He comes to Australia with a huge line of experience playing NCAA Div I basketball at Eastern Illinois University. He has played professionally in the Dominican Republic before arriving in Australia to play in the South East Australia Basketball League. Jonny currently plays for the Brisbane Spartans coached by 6x NBL Champion & 2x Olympian CJ Bruton. Jonny wants to share his knowledge and experience of the game with the youth of Australia and will be at Cessnock Toyota Stadium for coaching clinics on September 29-30.

Jonny Miller is offering two days of coaching clinics (12 years & under, 13 years & over) to give players an in-depth look into how the game is played. Are you ready to take your game to the next level?

Thursday & Friday September 29 & 30
9am to 3pm

at Cessnock Toyota Stadium
101 Mt View Rd, Cessnock

Thursday, Sep 29: 12 years and under

Friday, Sep 30: 13 years and over

COST: \$50 (includes lunch & morning tea)

Family discount: (extra siblings \$45 each)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

These clinics will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers register.



FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT
Brett on 0412-644001 (mobile) or
02-4991-1056 (stadium) or email
brett@hunterbasketball.com.au

FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016. IF THERE ARE
INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS, YOU WILL
RECEIVE A FULL REFUND.
❖ **PAYMENT IS BY CASH ONLY.**