Welcome back in 2013!

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and families, and hope everyone is relaxed and ready for another year at Millfield PS. It has been wonderful to see everyone back safe and sound, and we have enjoyed hearing all the fantastic holiday stories. I would like to extend a special welcome to the Butler, Carpenter, Parkinson, Bedford/White, Henry/Hawkins and Tiedemann families who are new or returning to our school and know you and your child will enjoy your time at Millfield PS.

2013 is already shaping up as a busy year full of academic, social and extra-curricular activities to keep students, parents and teachers busy. We will enter into our second year of our 3 year plan this year focusing on the following outcomes:

1. Improved Literacy for all students
2. Improved Numeracy for all students
3. Increased student and community engagement

Individual targets and strategies to meet these outcomes can be found on the school plan 2012-14, found on the school website.

Staff Changes

2013 brings some new faces to our team this year. We welcome Ms Sheridan Durie who will be filling the Library/PD/H/PE and Learning support role for 2013. Ms Durie brings with her a wealth of experience, joining us from Bellbird PS where she has taught for the last 8 years in a range of positions. She has already commented on how wonderful our school and students are and is really looking forward to her time at Millfield PS.

Miss Cornish will again be joining us on the Year 5/6 class this year, however she is currently on leave for personal reasons until Week 3. Mrs Carrie Sewell is following Miss Cornish’s program until her return to ensure teaching consistency.

Class Organisation

By now students will have filled you in on their classes and teachers for 2013. We have structured our classes this year to ensure that students in the same grade are not split across classes as was the case with Year 4 last year. Literacy and Numeracy groups are also structured around the learning stages to ensure consistency and better target teaching and learning activities to individual needs of students.

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Week 1, Term 1

Dates for your Calendar

TERM 1 2013
- Monday 4th January: Kindergarten start
- Tuesday 5th February: Swimming Carnival
- Friday 22nd Feb: Zone swimming carnival
- Mon 25th Feb: Cessnock Performing Arts Sticks & Stones Y3-6
- Thurs 7th March: Cessnock Performing Arts Centre Ship of Fools K-Y2
- Friday 22nd March: Bike-a-thon +Ride to School Day K-Y6
- Friday 29th March: Good Friday
- Monday 1st April: Easter Monday

Attachments
- Nil

Please Return
- Swimming Note & $2.50
  By Mon 4/2
- Book Club
  By 18/2
Small School’s Swimming Carnival on this Tuesday (4th Feb)

Our small school’s carnival will be held at Cessnock Pool this coming Tuesday for all students turning 8 years this year and above. The Carnival is aimed at all levels and abilities to include all students so all students in this age group are expected to attend. $2.50 will need to be paid to the office by Monday 3rd. (Students do not pay at the gate). Students will meet at school and then be transported by Private vehicle at 9am. Thank you to all parents who have offered to take extra students. Parents and other family members are more than welcome to join us on the day, although will need to pay the $2 visitor entry fee on arrival. Students must sit with the Millfield school group in the grandstand at all times (parents are welcome to join us).

First Assembly next Friday

Our first assembly for the year will be held next Friday (8th February). This is a chance for us to show off what we have been up to in the classrooms to start the year, give information about upcoming events, as well as present our first awards for 2013. The Assembly starts at 2.40pm under the COLA with parents encouraged to attend.

Arriving and Departing School

Just some quick reminders to ensure all our students arrive and depart school as safe as possible.

1. Please park your car and drop/collect your child at the school gate or classroom.
2. Follow all road and parking rules to ensure no dangerous situations arise.
3. Remind your students on how act around the road.
4. Ensure students walking or riding to school by themselves are responsible enough to do so and know the road rules.
5. Make sure all riders are wearing their helmets on bikes, skateboards and scooters. (Remember no helmet – no riding home)

Remember the school car park is a great place away from the traffic to drop your kids if you prefer.

New Yr 7 students

Wishing the best of luck to last year’s Year 6 students who have this week started high school. From all reports they have made a fantastic start to the year and are looking forward to the rest of 2013. Don’t forget we love visits to keep us updated on your experiences!

2013 School Fees

Parents are now welcome to start paying their 2013 Resource and Voluntary School Contributions and at the office. Resource fees for 2013 are $10 per child which goes towards paying for student resources and booklets. Voluntary School Contributions are set at only $20/family and go towards the everyday costs of providing educational tasks to our students. Although this fee is voluntary, we do rely on this contribution to provide all the little extras that are not included in our funding.

Money collection reminder

Please remember that any notes and money should be dropped at the office in an envelope or bag with the student’s name and amount. The office is a very busy place it often cannot be collected/receipted when the student arrives with the money.
**Book Club**

All students have received their first book club for the year. Book Club provides a wide range of books and other educational items for your child at discount prices. The school also receives free books when orders are submitted. Please return money and orders by the 18th of February.

**Meeting your child’s teacher**

The start of the new year often means students have new teachers. Parents often want to talk to their child’s new teacher to give important information about their child. The teachers are always more than happy to discuss your child with you, and encourage this at the start of the year as it helps them get to know you and your child. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s teachers through the office or for just a quick chat, try to catch them at the gate each afternoon.

**Position Vacant  - Canteen Co-ordinator**

We are still looking for someone (or possibly a group) who would be interested in taking on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator/s in 2013. It is a very rewarding job that involves 1 day a week of your time. Without this position filled it will unfortunately mean no canteen to start the 2013 year. Please see Lisa Nicholson, Karen Ringland or the school office for more information.

Yours in Education,
Scott Anderson – Principal

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SAM’S PERFORMING DIVAS**

Offering dance classes to rural communities especially those in Wollombi, Laguna, Quorrobolong, Millfield, Paxton, Pelton, Ellalong and Bellbird

Open Monday 25th February

Where – Ellalong Hall (Olney st)

Tiny Tots Jazz and Ballet (age 3–6) – 4.15pm
Boys Hip Hop (age 3–7) – 4.45pm
Intermediate Tap and Jazz (age 7–10) – 5.15pm
Senior Tap (age 11–14) – 6.00pm
Senior Jazz (age 11–14) – 6.30pm
Advanced Jazz (age 15–17) – 7.00pm

Zumba – All ages (children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult) – 7.30pm

• Price – $7 a class
• Zumba – 4th March $10 a class
• All classes first week FREE
• All enrolment forms to be filled out week 1
• Yearly enrolment fee $10 due back week 3
• Tea and Coffee provided for parents

Contact Sam on 0422 156 128 or visit facebook page sam’s performing divas or Email samsperformingdivas@hotmail.com

Spots filling fast, please enrol by 7th Feb 2013.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
NETBALL
DEVELOPMENT CLINIC
~ Registrations NOW OPEN ~

FOR CHILDREN TURNING 9 -12 YEARS IN 2013

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

ALSO OFFERING AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL PROGRAM IN 2013
~ Registrations open December 18 ~
For children turning 9-12 in 2013
(only 10 positions available per age group)

For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
www.pivotnetball.com.au

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Bellbird Junior Football Club

Do you want to play Soccer?

Registration: 16th & 17th February, 10am-3pm Bellbird Workers Club
All players must register online, details on website
Players from 4 years of age (must be turning 5 in 2013)
New players need copy of Birth Certificate
New players receive free shorts and socks/Family discounts available
www.bellbirdjuniorfootballclub.com

For further information contact:
Kirsty: 0409844790 or Bellinda: 0412971479