**Easter Celebrations**

What a fantastic turnout for our Easter Fun Day last Thursday. Students participated in egg and spoon races, an Easter egg hunt, hot cross buns, a hat parade, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The monster Easter Raffle organised by the P&C was drawn with seven winners announced and the SRC guessing competition was won by Kane Villa, who took home a jar of 412 eggs! A huge thank you to all families who turned out to make this a fantastic afternoon for both the young and young at heart.

**Zone Cross Country Success**

Congratulations to all our runners who participated in the Zone Cross Country at Bellbird last Wednesday. The hot temperatures during the races were less than kind to the runners, however all finished the 2km or 3km course. Special mention to Dayanidhi Torrisi who placed first in the 12/13yrs age group, and will now move onto the Regional Carnival. This was an amazing result considering it includes all students from Cessnock and Kurri Kurri schools. Daniel Russell also placed in the top 10 (8th) and is...
second reserve in case any other runners pull out before the day. Many other runners placed in the top 20 in their age group, showing just how fit our students are. Behaviour on the day was fantastic, with all students showing off Millfield P.S. well. A huge thank you to Chris Carpenter, who helped man a supervision post while Ms Durie was organising runners.

**Woolworths and Coles Promotions**

In the last week we have received all the resources from the Woolworths (Earn and Learn) and Coles (Sports in School's) Promotions from last year. The Woolworths vouchers went towards providing a Math Kit for each classroom, and included measuring equipment, dice, whiteboards, and posters. The Coles resources included a range of balls, bibs, a huge King ball, nets and stepping stones. Thank you to all people who contributed the mass of tokens for our school. Keep your eye out for these promotions that are starting at local stores again soon. Vouchers can either be sent to school or placed in the Millfield P.S. boxes at each store.

![Image of students holding their awards](image1.png)

Millfield P.S. now a “Solar School”

Some of you may have noticed a new addition on the roof of the 5/6 room recently. Solar panels have been installed as part of our successful grant application in the “Solar Schools Program”. These panels will feed back into the energy grid to hopefully reduce the cost of monthly electricity bills. Software monitoring also takes place, and will soon be utilised by students to monitor the schools daily energy habits.

![Image of solar panels on the roof](image2.png)

**Debating Workshop**

Four students will travel to Kurri Kurri Public School on Tuesday to take part in a debating workshop in preparation for our first school debate on 3rd of May. Students will spend the day learning about how to structure arguments, plan rebuttal and improve presentation skills.

**Paint the Town REaD initiative.**

Our Year 1 and 2 students will next week take part in the launch of a new promotion by the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS). As part of the CCGPS, Millfield will send students to deliver red boxes of books to local businesses in Cessnock for customers children to use when visiting the shop. The aim of this program is to increase young children’s exposure and enthusiasm towards reading before they come to school in the hope it will continue once at school. A launch will be held in TAFE park after the march, and will include musical performances and book readings.
**Artist Visit – “A Taste of Art”**

Next Thursday will see a visit by renowned New Zealand Artist Ross Whitlock who will be conducting a series of workshops on the techniques of painting Landscapes. After school subsidies, students will only need to pay $2 to take part in this valuable learning experience. Please consult the attached note for more information.

**Bike-a-thon Photos**

Here are just a few of the photos from last week's Bike-a-thon. Make sure you check out the website for more!

**Daylight Saving**

Daylight saving finishes this weekend, so don't forget to turn back your clock an hour.

**PBL Focus of the week**

*In the toilets*

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**This week's Principal's Award**

Congratulations to Jacob Dederer who gets this week's Principal's award. Jacob has been working extremely hard to improve his reading this term and is seeing some great results. Well done Jacob!

Yours in Education, Scott Anderson - Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle’s Class Awards K/1
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Riley Dederer for always sharing with friends and being a happy student
Samara Tiedeman for beautifully presented bookwork

Mrs Ford’s Class Awards 2/3/4
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Jacob Dederer for improved results in spelling
Bayley Morton for trying his best in all aspects of his learning

Ms Cornish’s Class Awards 5/6
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Clay Hollingshed for using initiative after completing set tasks
Chantel Winship for fantastic contributions in all class discussions

Mrs Durie’s Class Awards
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Katelyn Shepherd for always presenting her work to a very high standard
Zozy Glanville a concentrated effort in all KLA’s. Well done
Ethan Lethbridge-Coyle an excellent science experiment and showing initiative and enthusiasm

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!!!!
Tuesday’s 16th & 23rd April 2013
CESSNOCK BASKETBALL STADIUM
10am – 3pm
$20 per child
($10 for Boxing/$10 for Basketball)
School Age Children
5yrs - 17 yrs
Fully Supervised
10.30am - 11.30 Boxing (with qualified instructor)
11.30 - 3pm 3 on 3 fun
(Lunch 12.45 - 1.30)
Canteen will be open with lots of fresh food and drinks
Bookings Essential
Contact:
Sonia 0417 063 073

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