CATS Program has students (and parents) ready for school

This week parents heard from Isabelle Ireland from All Areas Speech Pathology on the importance of good speech and how parents can help to correct any errors in their child’s speech. There is a great handout outlining the expected speech progress at different ages for any parent who might like a copy.

Next week will be the last of our CATS sessions for the year. Our CATS students and parents are now hopefully experts on school life and are eagerly awaiting the start of the new school year. At this stage we have 15 new kindergarten students starting in 2016 which is our biggest intake ever.

To celebrate the progress made by our students to be, we will be celebrating with a party for our CATS kids and parents.

Week 6 CATS Sessions

2-2.40pm
Miss Pringle will be talking to parents about the routines of her Kindergarten classroom and what the students will be learning in 2016.

2.40-3pm
It’s party time to celebrate the end of this great program for 2015.

Outstanding accounts

Our school financial rollover happens at the end of November. Please ensure any outstanding amounts are paid ASAP so we can include it in this year’s accounts. Invoices for outstanding money are attached each week to the newsletter.
Parent Dining Experience

Get ready to experience the dining experience of the year. Starting next week, parents will be invited to come and dine at our Kitchen Garden Restaurant as the kids cook some of the great recipes they have learnt this year. Dining will take place from 2pm, so make sure you book your place (weeks will be allotted to each family so kids can cook for their parents. Tickets to this dining event will be $5 which the kids will use to budget for their next cooking adventure.

In the garden

Due to the wet weather this week, students stayed out of the garden and instead worked on coming up with ideas on how to reduce waste across the school. Students came up with a range of plans to encourage reducing packaging, reusing items, recycling plans. They learnt that it only takes one person to make a difference! Keep an eye out for some of their great ideas across the school.

Building Financial Literacy

Students from K-6 participating in Financial Literacy Sessions on Monday to teach them all about being responsible users of Money.

The K-2 session taught students about money as a concept, what it is, what it’s worth, and how to keep it safe. By challenging them to ‘Spend to Their Needs’ and ‘Wait for Their Wants’, students were able to distinguish between their needs and wants and prioritise spending accordingly.

The 3-4 session focused on inspiring students to become ‘cashletes’ that exercise their money muscles by making savvy spending decisions. By encouraging students to understand the factors that influence their spending, through a practical comparative shopping exercise, this workshop equipped students with the skills and knowledge they need to maximise saving and spend smarter, now and in the future.

The 5-6 Session gave students a practical framework for realistic, financial goal setting, by encouraging them to ‘See It, Earn It, Save It’. Students learned about opportunities to earn money now, and are excited about making their savings goals a reality. By encouraging creativity and smart saving, students became empowered to start looking after their money immediately as well as for the future.
Celebrating our Grandparents at Grandparents Day

Thank you to all our grandparents for supporting this year’s grandparents day. The kids really enjoyed performing for their grandparents and spending some time sharing afternoon tea.

Congratulations to the following Grandparents who received this year’s Grandparents Awards for outstanding contributions towards improving student outcomes at Millfield Public School in 2015.

- Jim Hamilton
- Pam Dodgson
- Rosemary Robson
- Pete Wadeson
- Ron Carpenter
- Joy and Rhys Dederer

Parent Numeracy Session Winner Announced

Congratulations to Kim Cagney who beat our 15 other parents for the attendance prize at last week’s Parent Numeracy Session run by Mrs Vogt. Kim won a $50 gift card from Big W, but more importantly gained some great skills and knowledge around how to help her kids with maths. Keep an eye out for more parent help sessions in the near future.

P&C Help needed

We are getting awfully close to reaching our Goal of $10000 to purchase some new playground equipment for our school. If anyone could help out with one of the following initiatives please let us know.

**Bunnings Cake Stall (Saturday 14th November) -** We are in need of helpers to man stall for an hour at Bunning’s next Saturday as part of our cake stall fundraiser. The stall will be run from 10am-1pm so if you can spare an hour during this time please come along. If you can help please contact the office.

**Motorbike Christmas Raffle – Sellers needed!** We are still short of breaking even in Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on Presentation day 10th December. We are in desperate need of parents to take a raffle book home to sell to workmates, friends or family. Alternatively if you know of a business that might be able to sell some tickets on our behalf, please let us know. Ticket books can be collected at the Office.

**Canteen Supervisor needed 2016**

Due to a change in work commitments, Melissa Singleton will no longer be able to take on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator next year. We are looking for someone who might be able to take on this position in 2016 and now is a great time to come and learn the ropes. You are not required to attend every canteen, but instead oversee purchasing and organisation. Please contact the office if interested.
Pastance takes us off to Celtic Lands

Students were treated to a range of Celtic instruments on Tuesday in our final Musica Viva for 2015. Students learnt about the Celtic style, and some very interesting instruments.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Awards K/1/2
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Chris Wright showing motivation and initiative in all tasks
Jade Probst being a helpful and happy learner

Class Awards 2/3/4
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Cooper Orr settling in well to Millfield Public School
Ebony Linton settling in well to Millfield Public School

Class Awards 4/5/6
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Erin Jackson being an active on task learner
Jacob Dederer improvement in writing

Library Awards
Congratulations to this week’s award recipient:
Mason Holbert always doing his best in library lessons

Student of the Month
Congratulations to this month’s award recipients:
Junior Kellara Dooley
Senior Molly Russell

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Bronze and Silver Level for Demonstrating Positive Behaviours.

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Dear Residents / Motorist

Cessnock City Council has contracted Stabilised Pavements of Australia to carry out road rehabilitation in Wollombi Rd Millfield. The works will commence on Monday 9th November 2015, and should be completed by Friday 13th November weather permitting. The work will start at 7.00am and be completed by 5.00pm.

After the completion of our works Council will seal the road. This may not occur until several days later.

Because of the nature of the works, vehicle movement in the street will be restricted when work commences. Please allow extra time when leaving in the morning as there will be delays. Vehicle entry should be restored by 5.00pm the same evening.

In order for the works to be carried out as smoothly and with less inconvenience for yourself, we would ask your co-operation for the following:

1. Please do not allow children or pets to play in the street as heavy equipment shall be present.
2. Obey all traffic controllers on site for your own safety.
3. Pedestrian access will be on the footpath/nature strip.

If you have any queries please contact at our office on 4340 0111.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty. Limited ABN 50 402 969 736

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