Celebrating the end of Term 1 with Easter Fun Day

Parents and community members are invited to attend our Easter Fun Day from 12pm-3pm next Thursday 2nd April. It is always a fantastic way to end Term 1, and involves Easter activities, a family lunch, an egg hunt and the always colourful Hat parade. Hats need to be made at home and can be made of any material. Let us know if you need some Easter pictures to add to your creation.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

EASTER FUN DAY!
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

12PM LUNCH WITH FAMILY
(Canteen pre orders due Tuesday 31st March)

12.40PM EASTER ACTIVITIES:
1.50PM EASTER HAT PARADE
2PM ANNOUNCE GUESSING COMPETITION & DRAW EASTER RAFFLE
2.10PM EGG & SPOON RACES
2.30PM CHOIR PERFORMANCE
2.40PM BUNNY/EASTER EGG HUNT
SO HOP ON DOWN & JOIN IN THE FUN!

Dates for your Calendar

Term 1 2015
Thursday 2nd April
Easter Fun Day
12-3pm

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday
Holidays Begin

Term 2 2015
Mon 20th April
Staff Return

Tue 21st April
Students Return

Thur 23rd April
Zone X-Country

Attachments
- Accounts due
- Unexplained Absences
- Overdue library books

Please Return
Kitchen garden donations
State Election 28th March tomorrow – BBQ Helpers needed

As you may be aware, the State Election will be held next tomorrow. Our school will again be a polling station on this day. The P&C will be running a BBQ on the from **8am-12pm** to raise some extra funds for our students. We will be selling Bacon and Egg Rolls, Sausage Sandwiches and Drinks so if you need a hearty breakfast while voting make sure you stop by. If anyone can help man the BBQ for some time on Saturday morning please offer to lend a hand when you are here.

Staff and parent versions will be available later in the school year. For more information or to see the full report, please contact Mr Anderson.

**Early Action for Success Update**

Teachers in K-2 have been taking part in professional learning for Language, Literacy and Learning (L3K and Stage 1) and Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN), as part of the Early Action for Success initiative. Teachers are focusing on where students are in literacy and numeracy and planning their teaching for where to next.

Please complete the community survey attached to this newsletter to assist us in communicating effectively with parents and caregivers about where students are and where to next. These need to be dropped off at the office by Thursday, 2nd April (the last day of term).

Workshops will be held in term two for parent and community members, to talk about what children are learning and how to support them at home and in class as a parent helper.

Many thanks,

Cathy Vogt – Instructional Leader

**Recognising Safe, Responsible and Respectful students**

**Class Awards – Miss Pringle**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:

**Jade Probst** - for increased confidence in class and becoming an independent learner
**Ella Szkopkowski** - for enthusiastic participation in sport

**Class Awards – Miss Cornish**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:

**Jasmin Harris** - researching creative writing topics using the Ipad
**Riley Dederer** - for having a positive attitude toward learning

**Class Awards – Mrs Butler**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipient:

**Jack Atkins** – for showing initiative and leadership skills
**Drew Dodgson** - for being a respectful, responsible learner

**Library Award – Miss Lightfoot**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipient:

**Sari Carpenter** - for great work in Library

**Principal’s Award**

Congratulations to Jacob who receives this week’s Principal’s award. Jacob has been demonstrating great teamwork in the classroom. This is a fantastic trait to have and one that makes our school great. Thanks for your efforts Jacob!
P&C News

The P&C will be selling entertainment books this year. Books are $60 and contain a wide range of food, accommodation, entertainment and local attraction vouchers. There are plenty of ways to use it in our area and money can be made back with as little as 1 or 2 uses. Vouchers are valid until 30th June 2016. Digital editions for use with your smartphone are also available. Contact the office for orders or more information.

Pre-orders before the 29th April will receive and extra $200 worth of vouchers.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Creating Emotionally Resilient Families

Resilience is the ability to bounce back or even thrive during daily stressors or more challenging life events.

The program delivers strategies for parents wanting to raise resilient children and develop a strong, emotionally connected family.

**Venue:** Kurri Kurri Public School  
**Dates:** Wednesdays 13th, 20th & 27th May 2015  
**Time:** 5.30-7.30pm

**This program looks at:**
- What resilience is, and how it can benefit all family members
- Strategies for strengthening parental resilience
- Attributes parents can teach their children to increase their resilience
- Family communication processes and staying connected as a family

To express your interest, please contact:  
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL


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Early Action for Success Community Survey

What do I know about my child’s learning at Millfield Public School?

Please complete the survey by circling yes, not sure or no. You may add a comment if you like eg. If you circled yes, how do you know about this?

Your completed survey needs to be returned to the office by Thursday 2nd April (the last day of term). Surveys will be collated and discussed at a staff meeting in term two to ensure that communication to parents and caregivers about ‘where students are’ and ‘where to next’ is strengthened across the school.

1. Are there any adults at Millfield Public School who let you know that your child is learning successfully?

   YES                          NOT SURE                    NO

   Comment_________________________________________________________

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2. Do you know what your child/ children is/ are currently learning in literacy/ English?

   YES                          NOT SURE                    NO

   Comment_________________________________________________________

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3. Do you know what your child/ children is/ are currently learning in numeracy/ Mathematics?

   YES                          NOT SURE                    NO

   Comment_________________________________________________________

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4. Do you know the next step in your child’s learning in literacy/ English so that he/ she can improve?

   YES                          NOT SURE                    NO

   Comment_________________________________________________________

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5. Do you know the next step in your child’s learning in numeracy/ Mathematics so that he/ she can improve?

   YES                          NOT SURE                    NO

   Comment_________________________________________________________

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Anything else to add about your child’s learning journey at Millfield Public School

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey 😊