Public speaking skills continue to grow

Our 2015 school public speaking program was finalised this week, with class finalists participating in the School Public Speaking final on Tuesday. The program, which involved all students K-6 producing a speech for their classmates in Week 9, focuses on building confidence and improving skills such as voice projection, expression and eye contact. In its third year, the talent of our kids continues to grow and we were again blown away with the quality of speeches from K-6. Well done to all students!

Congratulations to the following students who have emerged champions and runners up in this year's Public Speaking Competition. Winners and runners-up in Stages 1-3 will now head to the Zone Public Speaking Finals to be held at Nulkaba PS next term.

Kindergarten
Champion- Kellara Dooley
Runner up- Chloe Josephson

Stage 1
Champion- Bethany Shepherd
Runner up-Molly Bedford

Stage 2
Champion-Molly Russell
Runner up-Jasmin Harris

Stage 3
Champion-Angelina Bodycote
Runner up-Blake Bodycote

Teamwork on display at Basketball Gala

Congratulations to our school basketball team, who displayed some great sportsmanship and teamwork at the Coalfields Cup last Friday. Our team consisted of ten players who had not played before, yet made the semifinals in a great effort. The highlight of the day was the nail-bitng 8-8 draw with Paxton. The team will now prepare for the PSSA knockout tournament at Maitland on the 29th July.

School Security over the holidays

School Holidays are often a prime time for vandalism and theft in schools. If you notice or hear of any suspicious behaviour, please call Cessnock Police or the School Security Unit. Please encourage your children not to enter the school during the holidays, as there is no-one here to maintain a safe environment. It also may put them at the forefront of blame if any unwanted visitors do cause issues.

Please report any suspicious behaviour to the:
School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021 or Cessnock Police - 49910199
As our first term of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program comes to a close, it is time to reflect on our progress in this exciting program.

**Term 2 in the Kitchen**

Wow! What a fast and productive term we have had in the kitchen and in the garden! All students were given the opportunity to learn various hygiene and safety rules for the kitchen including hand washing techniques. In small groups, students collaboratively created mind maps of these concepts as well as issues that might arise in the kitchen and had discussions on how we can make the kitchen a safe place. Students were busying learning how to use a knife as well as safety with a knife and knife skills - working very closely with Tina and Miss Pringle throughout the term. They explored the various cuts of foods and practised these cuts using the playdough they made. All students impressed Tina and Miss Pringle by having an open mind and taste testing a variety of foods from various countries around the world. Next term we are hoping to have our kitchen up and running, we still require kitchen utensils and items so please see Miss Pringle if you can help out with donations!

**Term 2 in the Garden**

Students in Years 3-6 have had a great time being introduced to Garden classes this term. They have tackled many tasks including gaining their wheelbarrow and tool licences as well as making wicking beds to grow our herbs and planting seeds in our existing gardens. The gardens are bursting with green goodness - broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, spinach, peas and beans. Students have engaged in herb identification using their 5 senses and compared the features of each herb/salad leaf. They used adjectives to describe fruit, vegetables and herbs and designed some very creative garden layouts for our future gardens. Students have loved creating themed gardens such as the ‘Arriba Mexican Garden’ and the ‘Traditional Japanese Garden.’ Our Baby Peas (K-2) have loved exploring our gardens, examining herbs and talking about tasty vegies! They are looking forward to painting our garden beds when they arrive. We have big plans to continue to develop our garden space over the rest of the year! We have begun consultation with Bunnings Cessnock to receive substantial donations and support towards our garden supplies. We hope to extend our garden area with a number of garden beds to create a productive garden that our kitchen classes can use (without the sneaky trips to Coles!). We will be looking for regular volunteers to join our growing program! Please let Miss Pringle (Kitchen Specialist) or Miss Cornish (Garden Specialist) know if you are available to help on a Wednesday.
Making the most of winter at “Snow Time”.

Students donned the snow boots and gloves for a day of fun at Hunter Valley Gardens on Monday. We were the only school in attendance so it allowed plenty of time to test out all the activities! The Snow Time Festival is on all school holidays at Hunter Valley Gardens for those wishing for a second dose.

*Guest Reporter – Lily Brell*

On Monday the 22nd of June, Millfield Public School went to the Hunter Valley Gardens for Snow Day! We all went by bus and when we got there we were put in groups. Firstly we went ice tobogganing for an hour. Secondly we went ice skating and it was fun. Then Samara and I had free play but no snowball volleyball. After that we went on the Jumping Castle. When time was over, we went on the bus to go back to school.

**Principal's Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who a receiving Principal’s awards for 100% attendance in Semester 1. No wonder these students are making some amazing progress in 2015! Well done.

Sari  Jack  Makayla  William  Jasmin  Kyedon

**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**Class Awards K/1/2**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:

Kayley Thompson being a reliable and responsible student
Christopher Wright beautiful and responsible behaviour at ‘Snow Time’

**Class Awards 2/3/4**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:

Molly Russell improvement in numeracy
Dylan Winship improvement in numeracy

**Class Awards 4/5/6**

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:

Rose Brell working well independently
Trent Singleton trying his best in all key learning areas
Congratulations to the following students who have reached Bronze Level for demonstrating Positive Behaviours.

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P&C News

**Spring Fair Meeting** - Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Fair meeting on Wednesday. It is shaping up to be another great event. If you have any more ideas or wish to help out in some way we’d love to hear from you.

**Entertainment books.**

The P&C is 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 20

From the office

Semester 1 vehicle conveyancy will not be paid in these holidays as there is a problem with the transport online site. It will not be completed now until the beginning of next term.

**Community News**