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MILLFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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EDUCATION WEEK - 27th July to 31st July

Millfield Public School is gearing up for a busy week of activities to celebrate this year’s Education Week from July 27-31. Education Week is a major event on the NSW public schools calendar and this year’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. The week will be highlighted by the annual Education Week Awards Ceremony to be held at Mount View High School from 4pm on Wednesday July 29, where awards will be presented for outstanding contributions and achievements by students, staff, community helpers and school programs.

Keep an eye out for these great activities at Millfield PS during the week.

- Tuesday – Andy Griffiths Excursion
- Wednesday – PSSA Basketball at Maitland
- Thursday – Healthy Harold is here for all students!

Andy Griffiths now open to Years 2 and 3 and interested parents

We still have plenty of tickets left for Andy Griffiths at the Civic Theatre on Tuesday. For this reason we have now opened this excursion up to students in Years 2 and 3 and any interested parents. We have a maximum of 27 tickets so don’t miss out. Students will be heading off to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle for a live performance of Andy Griffiths ‘26 Storey tree house’. With sold out performances this is a wonderful opportunity to experience live theatre based on one of their Australia’s best loved children’s authors. Cost for this excursion is $27 dollars which includes, transport and ticket to the show.

CATS program up and running for 2015

You may have noticed some extra faces around on Thursday afternoon this term. These happy faces are the result of our CATS (Come and Try School Program) which involves students who will be starting Kindergarten next year. This program allows our new students to familiarise themselves with our school environment, their peers to be and our wonderful teachers. It also offers a great chance for teachers to get to know the students, and plan effectively for their needs before making the big jump from Pre-School.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Overdue Library Books
- Outstanding Accounts
- Outstanding absences
POWER WRITING - An exciting new writing program showing huge promise

Students in Years 2-6 this week started an exciting new writing program aimed at improving the sentence quality, grammar and vocabulary used in our students writing. Power writing, which originated in a school in Western Australia and has been adapted for schools in our area, is aimed at improving the kids writing in just six weeks! The program that has shown positive results in our classrooms already. After just one lesson, the results were amazing with the quality of sentences going through the roof. Check out some of these amazing before and after examples from 2/3/4! Feel free to pop in and check out a lesson to see what it is all about.

NAIDOC week celebrations a hit

Last Friday our school held a special assembly and activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Students rotated around activities that included artefacts, traditional stories, dance and music as well as planning some totem pole designs. A huge thank you to:

- Michelle Bedford and her High School Students (Shayne Lombardi, Michael Lombardi, Dakota King and Tahlia Dicker) for teaching us some songs and dances. For those who missed it Tahlia did an amazing version of the National Anthem in traditional language at the assembly.
- Uncle Les Elvin and James Sinclair for sharing their knowledge and artefacts
- William and Teresa Butler for donating the totem poles for our Aboriginal Education Area
- Sonia Sharpe (AECG) for her assistance and guidance
- And Miss Cornish for organising a great afternoon.

Debaters shine again

Congratulations to our Debating team who has now made it two in a row after defeating Bellbird Public School yesterday. The topic for the debate was “Companies that sell unhealthy products should be banned from sponsoring sport”. This follows a victory last week against Kearsley Public School. The presentation skills developed through our public speaking program are certainly showing through in each of the speakers and the organization of arguments is improving with experience. Great Job team!
A big win in the soccer

Congratulations to our soccer team who had a great 4-0 win over Toongabbie East in the Soccer Round of the small schools PSSA soccer. After controlling all of the first half and leading 1-0, our players improved their teamwork in the second half to score 3 great team goals. Millfield was in control the whole game with our keepers not having to touch the ball once thanks to some great defence. Our next game will be against Mulbring, Sandy Hollow or Kirkton in the next couple of weeks.

From the Kitchen Garden Corner

In the Garden

Carrots and Broccoli were busy this week learning how to transplant herbs and lettuce from our wicking boxes into our garden beds. They also planted some new bush tucker in our gardens and fit in some garden maintenance as well.

In the Kitchen

The Radishes this week were busy researching various herbs and ingredients used in Vietnamese cooking as well as exploring the country Vietnam. Students created their own recipe for Vietnamese Rice Paper rolls and enjoyed researching famous Vietnamese Chefs. Brodie researched Luke Nguyen and discovered he owns a Sydney restaurant ‘The Red Lantern’!

EGGS FOR SALE – We now have some eggs for sale in the office. $4 per dozen. Call in to grab yours now.

2/3/4 go back in time.

Students in years 2-4 went back in time on Wednesday with a trip to Bellbird Public School to experience a free exhibition from the Museum of Sydney. Students learned about convict times and got to see some amazing treasures from the past. This ties in with the unit they are currently completing before heading off on this year’s Sydney Excursion.

Tissue Donations

To help get through the winter months and reduce the spread of illness we often ask for donations of tissues for each classroom. If you could help out with this by donating a box or two we would appreciate it greatly. Just send it in to your child’s class teacher if you are able to help out.
SRC Pyjama and Beanie Day

Next Friday (31st July - Week 3) the SRC have organised a Pyjama and Beanie Day. Students are encouraged to bring in a gold coin donation to help support The Mark Hughes Foundations and the MiTo Foundation as both of these are amazing foundations close to our hearts. Students are to wear PJ's and Beanies on Friday but please remember to wear appropriate enclosed shoes. Students are able to bring slippers to wear during class time.

Lost items

A grey scarf/shawl and some kids star gloves were left in the Library after Assembly last week. If you know who might own these they are now down at the office for collection.

Principal’s Award

Congratulations to Alex Lombardi who is this week’s principal’s award. Alex showed great enthusiasm during the NAIDOC week activities and did not stop running the entire soccer game! Well done Alex!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Awards K/1/2

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
- Kellara Dooley: beautiful reading with her reading buddy
- Stuart McCarr: always being a helpful and reliable class member

Class Awards 2/3/4

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
- Jack Davis: clever power writing sentences
- Jorja Shearer: increasing confidence in class discussion

Class Awards 4/5/6

Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
- Nelson King: using power writing strategies to enhance sentences
- Angelina Bodycote: great organisations skills in fitness groups

Library Award

Congratulations to this week’s award recipient:
- Kayley Thompson

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Bronze Level for demonstrating Positive Behaviours.

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P&C News

P&C meeting 5th March – With the spring Fair only a month and a bit away it is important that everyone attends to get this event running like clockwork in the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!

Spring Fair – We are now up to 17 stall holders for the Spring Fair, If you know of anyone that may be interested let them know. Stalls are $20 for a 3x3m site.

Horse Sports Profit – The horse sports profit has been finalized and has come back as $2136.12 which is amazing amount of money. Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work. Our playground is getting closer by the minute.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A workshop run by Cessnock Family Support Service and The Family Action Centre

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program

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For parents with children 2–12 years

1-2-3 Magic is a leading resource for parenting solutions that are easy to learn and are proven to work.

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Venue: Cessnock Family Support
Date: 3rd, 10th & 17th August 2015
Time: 10am – 12pm

To express your interest, please contact:
Robyn on 49 90450
Or email admin@cfss.ngo.org.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE


Presented with the support of:

Human Services
Support Service Inc.

The Family Action Centre
The University of Newcastle

Topics covered include:

- Children are not mini adults.
- Too much talk, too much emotion.
- Brain development: toggling.
- Patterns in families.
- Remaining flexible as a parent.

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