Principals Message

This week is a very important week as the NAPLAN tests will be conducted right across Australia for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

I would like to encourage parents to ensure that students have a good night’s rest and a healthy breakfast to be able to give their best.

Language Conventions and Writing were run today with Reading to be held tomorrow and Numeracy on Thursday.

At the conclusion of the assessments on Thursday 15 May, all students in Years 3 & 5 will be given a special hot chip lunch, drink and ice block as a reward for their efforts.

This week is also Food Allergy Week and we will be undertaking some activities to increase awareness of the prevalence of food allergies – did you know that 1 in 10 Australians is affected by food allergies at some stage during their life?

Well done to our competitors at the Hunter Regional Cross Country last week, Shay and Ethan. Shay has written a report with accompanying photos showing her award for finishing in 8th place in her event.

The 3 Village Art Festival will be run for the first time on 24 and 25 May at Paterson, Vacy and Gresford. Vacy Community Hall will be the venue for the photography section and we will have a number of entries in the school photography competition – we are allowed a maximum of 12 photos to display to go in the running for a Nikon digital camera for the best judged photo and another Nikon digital camera to the school they attend.

If your child would like to enter (and yes, photos can be taken outside school), please collect an entry form from the office and send the entry in on a USB.

Many of the students have ‘photoshopped’ their original photos to great effect and they should make a great display at the Festival.

There will be art, photography, sculpture, woodwork and other items on display and for purchase from some very talented artists in our local region.

Thank you to Jack at the Vacy store for giving the school two vouchers for any film at the cinema in Raymond Terrace. The tickets were won by Bronte and Wil.

An opportunity exists for students currently in Year 4 to apply for placement in the Maitland area Opportunity Class for 2015.

You can apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement or complete a paper application and return to school by Friday 16 May. Please check the website for further information.

Our next P & C meeting will be held next Tuesday 20 May from 7:00 pm in the staffroom.

Regards,

Graeme
**Kindergarten News**

This Term, the class are exploring the PDHPE unit on "Child Protection". We are talking about people that look after us and how we can take care of ourselves. We will discuss safe and unsafe situations and what we can do if we are ever in a situation where we feel unsafe. If you have any questions about this unit please contact Ms Fay or myself and we can give you more information. Just a reminder to bring in Library books on Tuesdays so that they can be marked as returned prior to borrowing on Wednesday. Great to see everyone returning home readers and sight word books on Mondays. Remember, regular revision of the sight words will help your child with their reading and writing. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms Sue Graham

**Winter Approaching**

With wintry conditions now upon us, it is great to see the school jackets being worn. Please ensure that you label the jacket with your family name so that if it is found, it can be easily returned, especially when jackets are discarded in the playground as the day warms up.

**Zone Cross Country**

On Friday 9 May I went to Broadmeadow Racecourse to compete at the Regional Cross Country. Ethan also competed. We had to be there at 9.30am to collect our shirts and racing tags. At 10.00am some people walked the course but I chose not to. At 11.00am, I started to get ready to run my race. I came 8th out of 55 girls which makes me a reserve for State.

By Shay

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**Assembly Awards— Doing Our Best**

9 May, 2014

**Student of the Week** | **Class Awards**
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Kinder | Lars Ulrick | Kinder | Rory Ashcroft
1/2 G | Riley Watts | Year 1 | Madison McCosker
2/3 R |  | Year 2 | Fox Nicholson
4/5/6 F | Kasey Parker | Year 3 | Connor Fernance
4/5/6 C | Imogen Key | Year 4 | Fletcher Pereira

Year 5 | Mackayla Smith
Year 6 | Jorgia Watts
Active After School Program

Term 2 Active After School Program has commenced. League tag starts every Tuesday from 3.15pm and go until 4.15pm. Hockey is on every Thursday, from 3.15pm and go until 4.15pm.

Come Celebrate Community Centre Week With Us!

At Clarence Town Bowling Club Friday 16th May, 3:30pm

Barefoot Bowls
Jumping Castle Face Painting BBQ & Raffles

Get connected to your Community Centre

The 3-Village Art Festival is the first of its kind, a significant and unique four day event celebration of the arts held amongst the three picturesque and historic villages of Paterson, Vacy and Gresford situated in the Paterson and Allyn River Valleys. Starting at Tocal Agriculture College, about 20 minutes from Maitland on the Dungog Road, festival goers will travel between the villages viewing a wide range of works from some of Australia’s most talented artists and photographers while enjoying the magnificent countryside, with its diversity of small farms and villages.

At each Village (about 6km apart) art, photography, sculpture, woodwork and numerous other examples of visual arts will be displayed. There will also be market stalls, vintage car and bike displays, as well as children’s activities and entertainment to keep the whole family entertained. A range of classic Aussie pubs in East Gresford, Vacy and Paterson offer traditional country pub surroundings as well as good food. The 3-Village Art Festival will truly ensure that there is indeed, something for everyone!

When: Thursday 22nd- Sunday 25th May 2014
Where: The village of Paterson, Vacy and Gresford in the Paterson and Allyn River Valleys located in the beautiful Hunter Valley.

Join us for the opening Function to be the first to view and buy excellent art and photographs and meet some of the regions most talented artist. Enjoy beautifully prepared food and local wines from Camyr Allyn Winery. Finish the night with a fun auction and entertainment. Opening Function at – Tocal Agriculture College, Tocal Road, Tocal Friday 23rd May 2014, commencing at 6.30pm.

For more information contact Graham Murphy 0416116009 or graham@gabes.com.au
Cessnock School Horse Sports Day

Friday – 20th June - Cessnock Showground

Entry Fee: $20 per rider * (See conditions of entry)

Age Groups : 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs&over

Riding Events: Riding Classes  Sporting Events:  Flag
   Hacking Classes

Bend
Barrel
Ball Race

Facilities: Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am  Camping Available on Thursday night $ 20 per family

No stabling

Event Organiser:  Teresa Butler – Ph. 0437966958
School Representative :  Scott Anderson Principal - Millfield Public School Ph. 02 49981331
Email: Scott.r.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au

Cheques made payable to:  Millfield Public School P&C and sent to: Millfield Public School  105 Wollombi Rd Millfield 2325.

All entries must be made through their child’s school and submitted as school team.

All forms available on the Millfield PS website from Monday 21st April.

www.millfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Gresford Tennis
(Next to Gresford Showground, behind the Bowling Club)

**Junior and Teenage Coaching**

Friday Afternoons
Beginner Junior Coaching 4.00-5.00pm
Teenager Coaching 5.00-6.00pm

To book into a class:
Please phone/text Jeff on 0421882055

Or
Register at the courts on any Friday afternoon
All new juniors receive a **FREE Junior Tennis Racquet**

**Private Lessons are available by appointment**

For further information for all your tennis needs check out our website:
www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au