Attendance Report.

Week 10 is 85%. Term 1 attendance is 93%.

Homework completed this week 22%.

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Upcoming Dates

♦ Friday 12th April—Healthy B-B-Q
♦ Monday/Tuesday 29 & 30th April—School Development Day
♦ Wednesday 1st May—Back to School
Fun Swim Carnival

We had a free swim before the other schools got there. I went in the freestyle and I came second. I then went in the backstroke and I came forth. Renny and Zali went in a race before me and Renny came first and Zali came second.

After the races we had lunch and then we had Developmental Water Play. We had to be calm and sensible and safe. Then we had more races. I went in race with Chloe, but I’ve forgotten what we had to do. We next did relays races, Chloe, Aaliyah, Renny, Zali and Kiara were in my team. First we swam with a noodle and then we swam with a kickboard and then we swam with a ball. After the carnival everyone went home.

Amanda, Bailin, Tariq, Keenen and I had a swim in the little pool. And then we went to softball.

It was an awesome day.

Annie

Healthy Barbeque

Friday 12th April, at 12.30pm. Come along for a healthy B-B-Q with Richard Ball and Margo Johnston from North Coast Area Health. They are promoting the benefits of good nutrition and a healthy lifestyle, as well as celebrating Crunch ‘n’ Sip. Crunch ‘n’ Sip provides a selection of raw vegetables, each day at 10am, which is always enthusiastically devoured by all students.

YLead

Another MECS initiative this month was the YLead program held at South West Rocks Public School on March 18th. Aaliyah, Zali and Kiara participated with about 160 students from schools in the Valley. The day involved participation in activities designed to encourage students to interact with people from other schools. They were introduced to 5 leadership principles - Take action, Grab opportunity, Take the initiative, Have a positive attitude and Give 100%. The students enjoyed the day and developed positive friendships that will extend to High School.

Chess Tournament

Aaliyah, Zali, Bailin and Annie took part in the chess tournament on March 7th. Students learnt about the etiquette of chess - every game started and finished with a handshake, if a piece was touched it had to be moved and all players showed respect for each other. It was exciting to catch up with ex-Millbank student Maya. All students played well and Bailin won the Year 3 Champions medal. The competition was an initiative of the Macleay Educational Community of Schools (MECS). We are all looking to the next challenge in Term 3.
Harmony Day
On Thursday, March 26th, Millbank School was joined by students from Bellbrook and Willawarrin to celebrate Harmony Day. They engaged in a variety of activities, from painting Czechoslovakian Easter eggs, to learning about Fiji and drumming.

Digi Ed
Digital animation was the name of the game for Year 6 students on March 26th. Students attended a Claymation workshop at Kempsey West Public School. They were shown examples of digital animations, had an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the equipment and learnt some of the techniques for making characters walk through doors, fly and transform. The importance of patience was stressed - a full length animated movie can take up to 5 years to create.

The girls began by brainstorming ideas for a storyline, they needed to think about where the story would end up (on Facebook) and who the intended audience was - some initial ideas, though interesting were not thought appropriate. With a story line they developed a storyboard - stick figures with arrows indicating direction of movement and some sketches of backgrounds.

Then came the physical making of the characters out of coloured clay and the drawing of the background. Then it was time to take photos. Small, simple, slow steps are the key. The lesson here was patience and teamwork, good communication is essential. The animation software then played the photos at around 20 frames per second.

Final editing included adjusting the speed of the movie, creating titles and credits and add in sound effects. The students did a brilliant job and the results can be seen on our Facebook page [http://www.facebook.com/MillbankPublicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/MillbankPublicSchool).
ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is on the last Friday of the April school holidays this year. Millbank School usually participates in the ANZAC service at Bellbrook at 11am, marching from the park to the cenotaph, laying a wreath and sharing a reading. It would be greatly appreciated if students could attend the service in school uniform.

SCHOOL RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST.