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DATES TO REMEMBER
-Every Thursday until Week 8
Little Learners - Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
8.00am – 3.00pm

Friday 30th October
Grandparents Day 1.30pm
Bandanna Day
World Teachers Day

Tuesday 3rd November
2016 Enrichment Class App Due

Wednesday 4th November
KidsMatter / PBL Launch

Thursday 5th November
Kinder Orientation – 9.10am
Red Day - Canteen

Tuesday 10th November
Kinder Orientation – 11.45pm
Support Unit - Blackbutts

Friday 20th November
Year 6 Pancake Breakfast
Year 6 Photobooth

Monday 23rd November
Year 6-7 Kurri Kurri High School Orientation Day – 11.30am

Monday 23rd November
- Friday 4th December
Intensive Swimming Program
Year 2 & Year 3

Thursday 26th November
Year 6 Kids Night In – 5.30pm

Friday 11th December
Presentation Day – 9.30am

Sunday 13th December
Carols by Candlelight

Monday 14th December
Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 15th December
Talent Quest & Year 6 Clap out

Wednesday 16th December
Last day of school for scholars

Kurri Kurri Public School
Learning, caring and respect for all
Kurri Kurri Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school where Kids Matter

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PRINCIPAL NEWS
Congratulations to the P&C for a very successful Halloween Disco last night. We had a wonderful turnout of witches, skeletons, devils, zombies, grim reapers and more. Well done to this ghoulish group for being overall very well behaved. I would like to thank the teachers who remained back after hours to supervise the children, all in all, a very successful event.

Last week our Year 5 scholars attended their Leadership Camp at Forster. The school has received compliments from the camp regarding the attitude and behaviour of our young leaders, and regarding the great work done by staff attending the camp. Thanks to all in attendance for demonstrating our Kurri Kurri Public School expectations of learning, caring and respect throughout the camp.

Tomorrow Australia celebrates World Teachers Day. The work of teachers goes way beyond planning for learning and marking work. Teachers and schools nurture children and families, provide consistency and support and put extensive hours into preparation and assessment of scholars learning activities. The teachers at this school care deeply for your children, and consistently demonstrate their willingness to invest time in their relationships with both children and families.

At Kurri Kurri Public School tomorrow, we celebrate Grandparents Day. Grandparents can make a huge contribution to children’s lives. We have a number of grandparents who in fact are the prime carers for some of our children. We are hoping to see lots of grandparents here to enjoy a Back to School afternoon, picnicking and playing in the school grounds, and attending Assembly.

Warm regards
Eve Field

KIDS MATTER / PBL BREAKFAST & LAUNCH
On Wednesday 4th November we will be officially launching our KidsMatter and PBL Programs in our school. The whole school has been working towards implementing both of these programs for the past two and a half years. Both of these programs are heavily interconnected and focus on providing a nurturing, caring and supportive environment to maximise the learning potential for every scholar, as well as assisting families with a support network both within our school and the wider community. The launch will start with a free BBQ breakfast which Kurri Kurri Rotary Club will assist with starting at 8.00am. At 8.30am a free relaxation session will be available in the hall. This will be followed by demonstrations of our PBL Program working in the classrooms. Visitors and scholars will then go to the hall for an Assembly where there will be some performances; this will then be followed by an Expo. Please return the RSVP that was sent home last week to assist with catering or call the school on 4937 1235 to confirm your attendance.

YEAR 3 NEWS
Year 3 are really enjoying our Literacy and HSLIE unit ‘People and Their Beliefs’ that is using the novel ‘Boy Overboard’ by Morris Gleitzman to stimulate lots of learning activities. Students have been reading the novel and writing quality recounts based on what they have read, as well as doing spelling and grammar focuses. They have also produced really great artworks that depict themselves as one of the characters in the novel playing soccer. Our students are looking forward to having grandparents visit on Friday and join them for lunch. We have been focusing on speaking and acting kindly in our PBL lessons over the last few weeks and the students are learning to use this in their interactions with others. It is wonderful to see students participating in homework this term and getting engaged in a wide range of learning activities at home with their families.

YEAR 3 TEACHERS
GRANDPARENTS DAY
On Friday 30th October we will be celebrating Grandparent’s Day with a picnic lunch and games starting at 1.30pm. This will be followed by a Grandparent Assembly to finish off the afternoon. Drinks are available to be purchased on the day. Once again a huge thank you to our P&C for cooking the BBQ for this event.

HALLOWEEN DISCO
Little Angels become Little Horrors! On Wednesday 28th October the P&C held a Halloween Disco for the scholars of Kurri Kurri Public School. It was wonderful to see so many attend this event. The Disco was held in two stages, the first stage was for the infants and the second stage was for the primary students, this year it was wonderful to see some of the children who have been attending our Little Learners Playgroup and will be starting Kindergarten at our school in 2016 take the opportunity to attend the disco. A big thank you to families for supporting this event with the outstanding effort with the elaborate costumes, the detailed, realistic and authentically creative makeup that transformed the innocent angelic faces into unrecognisable characters from a horror movie.

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KURRI KURRI COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

On Saturday 24th October our school showed a big presence at the Kurri Kurri Community Festival. Our P&C worked tirelessly all day with a BBQ stall as a Fundraising Event for the benefit of our school. A big thank you to the P&C Committee and parent volunteers that assisted on the day. It was great to have some parents drop by to help out for an hour or two throughout the day and be directly involved with supporting both the P&C and the school. We also had outstanding crowd stopping performances from our Junior and Senior Dance Groups and our School Choir. This was an excellent opportunity for these groups to gain additional experience in performing to large crowds and also develop and expand a strong connection to their community. Congratulations Everyone! A special thank you to Mr Paul Campbell who transported and setup all the equipment for our P&C and assisted with the coordination of the event during the day and ALFAB Engineering for donating their Chill N Grill.

THE MIGHTY BURRAS – JUNIOR ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP

This year at Kurri Kurri Public School we have formed a Junior Aboriginal Consultative Group called ‘The Mighty Burras’. The Mighty Burras meetings are held twice a term. The meetings give our Aboriginal scholars the opportunity to provide input and ideas on issues relating to Aboriginal education and local events in our school and town. It also supports Aboriginal scholars leadership and gives our young people a voice and a way to express their opinions and perspectives. Congratulations to the following students who will form our Mighty Burra Executive Committee for 2016. Kylie E (President), Riley D (Vice-President) Kadar A (Secretary) and Katie S (Vice-Secretary).

2015 PRESENTATION DAY INVITATION

This year our 2015 Presentation Day will be held on Friday 11th December starting promptly at 9.30am. Each school year for all students is enormously important and valuable for both academic and social expansion and development. Presentation Day each year recognises and acknowledges the outstanding achievements and success of scholars in every class as well as the presentation of a selection of Special Awards to various scholars across the school. We would like to invite all parents, carers and relatives to attend this event and assisted with the coordination of the event during the day and ALFAB Engineering for donating their Chill N Grill.

LIBRARY RETURNS & OVERDUES

Please start looking through your shelves and bookcases for any overdue Library books. There will be no student borrowing after Friday 20th November.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS 2017

Online applications for selected High Schools for Year 7 in 2017 are available with closing date being Monday 16th November. To apply parents need to go to http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. If you think this is a suitable placement for your child, you may like to discuss application with your child’s Year 5 teacher. An information bulletin is available from the school office.

CLOTHING POOL DONATIONS

If you have any spare clothing that does not fit anymore could you please donate them to the school so they can be used as spares. We are in urgent need of smaller size yellow shirts.

P&C NEWS

As an end of year fundraiser, the P&C will once again use Crazy Camell Fundraisers. Get creative and your own calendars for $12.00, family planners for $13.00, pillowcases for $20.00, Iphone cases for $12.00, diaries or notebooks for $16.00, greeting cards (8 Pack) for $10.00. All of these items will be created with either your child’s artwork or a photo. These are great gift ideas for Christmas which is only 57 days away. Orders and money can be sent to the canteen and is due no later than Friday 6th November. Email: kurrikurripublicschool@pancaffiliate.org.au or find us on Facebook

COMMUNITY NEWS

maTung Wonna - Courageous children starting school – Awabakal - ACYFS Early Years Project. Is your child attending kindergarten in 2016? Come along for a fun, relaxed day. Register for free back packs. Talk with the Awabakal health team including a nurse, nutritionist and hearing worker. Meet staff from your local school, your Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer and other local support services. Activities for the kids and so much more. On Wednesday 18th November at Peace Park, Cessnock Road, Weston. Time: 10.30am – 11.30am. Please RSVP on or before Wednesday 11th November for catering purposes. For more information please call Jane at Koe-nara on 4990 9354 or Krystal Astill on 0429 881 163.

Power FM is hosting the Upper Hunter Christmas Spectacular – on Friday 11th December at the Muswellbrook Racecourse from 6.30pm till late. We are encouraging families within the area to come out and enjoy the night and Christmas cheer. There will be a free entry and a free Christmas concert with market stalls, food and plenty of entertainment for the kids. For further information please call Jade Leeder on 6543 1388. Cessnock Community Women’s Shed – members of Branxton Greta Community Men’s Shed Bringing Women Together. Every Wednesday at 10.30am. For more information please call Marjorie on 0437 368 123.