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DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Thursday until Week 8
Little Learners – Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
- 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 10th November
Kinder Orientation – 11.45am
Support Unit - Blackbuttol
Friday 20th November
Year 6 Pancake Breakfast
Year 6 Photo Booth
Monday 23rd November
Boys Leadership speeches – 11.45am
Year 6-7 Kurri Kurri High School
Orientation Day – 11.30am
Monday 23rd November
– Friday 4 December
Intensive Swimming Program
Year 2 & Year 3
Wednesday 29th November
Girls Leadership speeches – 11.45am
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 5 Clap out
Wednesday 16th December
Last day of school for scholars

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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
A note has been sent home to all parents regarding some scholars contracting Whooping Cough in our school. Please be vigilant of your child’s health and keep them at home only if they are sick. Some parents have kept their children away in fear of them catching Whooping Cough. Teachers will send students to sick bay to be sent home if they have a persistent cough. In the meantime, all scholars need to be at school for learning and only stay away if they are sick. This is a busy time of year with teachers teaching Term 4 syllabus requirements, consolidating learning and conducting assessments to enable them to write scholars reports.

Our Year 5 scholars who have been nominated for our 2016 Leadership Team and are busy writing their speeches to be presented to the school on Monday 23rd November (boys) and Wednesday 25th November (girls). Voting will occur after speeches with the winners being announced on Presentation Day. Good luck to all.

Lesley Doran

KIDSMATTER/PBL LAUNCH
On Wednesday 4th November we officially launched the KidsMatter and PBL Programs in our school. These are two very interconnected programs that are operating in our school to provide a safe caring and nurturing environment to maximise the learning potential of all scholars and promote happy healthy minds. The KidsMatter Program also provides a support umbrella to assist the families of our school access any additional support services with care and respect. If you would like any further information or assistance please feel free to contact the school on 4937 1235.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
It was wonderful to see such a huge response to support Grandparents Day at our school on Friday 30th October. We were very fortunate to have perfect weather to share a picnic lunch and games at lunchtime. The P&C were inundated with orders for the sausage sizzle which was excellent. A huge thank you to all the visiting Grandparents, your attendance to these events creates a stronger sense of belonging and being connected to our school and wider community. A big thankyou to our incredibly hard working P&C and the canteen volunteers for providing the BBQ Lunch for this event.

YEAR 4 NEWS
Year 4 has had a great start to the term and it’s Week 5 already!
Students have been busy reading and writing about the novel ‘Boy Overboard’ and creating some fabulous artworks based around this theme.
We have really been enjoying the ‘Sports in Schools’ program - Gymnastics and Touch Football during sport sessions. Students are learning how important it is to stay active and are having fun doing it!
In Math’s, students have been focusing on Volume and Capacity involving the use of sand and water. Lots of fun!
Some of our very talented Year 4 students have recently represented Kurri Kurri Public School in dance at the Kurri Kurri Community Festival and have been busy rehearsing the song for our PBL launch this week. Well done to these students! A reminder that the applications for the 2016 Enrichment Class have now been received and the selection process will begin shortly. Good luck to all those students who applied.

Year 4 Teachers

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER REPORT
K-2 Teachers have been working tirelessly on improving their writing for the second part of this year. What we have all been working on together is this - “What I read I must be able to write and what I write I must be able to read”.
We are talking about children from 4 to 8 years old so when we apply this thinking as teachers, we do not mean perfectly scripted and spit words and sentences. Very young children learn to write by writing. So, at these young stages, you may find teachers do not correct every single spelling mistake. We want them to think of themselves as an author and to try and get their message on the page as a first priority. As they become confident, we teach them to fix their mistakes in spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Our Ann Morrice lessons embed many spelling techniques and also teach children a range of new words they can use to make their writing entertaining and purposeful. Also, our teachers are all working on building your children’s “personal learning goals”. Ask them what they are working on doing better in their writing!
What else can you do?
- Encourage writing letters and lists (to Santa?)
- Encourage them to write about their drawings, to make up a story.
- Get them to write their own Birthday and Christmas cards.
- They can write their news out.
- They could write the shopping list.
- You could ask them to write about their day at school – you may get more information than the verbal response!
- Show them how important it is to learn to write.
**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**
On Thursday 5th November we held our third Kinder Orientation morning at our school. All children that have been attending these Orientation Days in preparation to start Kindergarten at our school in 2016 are very enthusiastic and excited about their transition from preschool into their commencement of their school year. We have one remaining Orientation Day next week on Tuesday 10th November between 11.45am–1.00pm. The children will participate in some outdoor playground activities and will need to bring their lunch, drink and a hat for this last Orientation Day.

**CORRECTION TO THE YEAR 6 PHOTO BOOTHE DATE**
Just a reminder that the date for the Year 6 Photo Booth is Friday 20th November, and not on Wednesday 11th November. Sorry for any misunderstanding that the incorrect date may have caused.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS – LOWES**
Our school uniform is now available online at Lowes. www.lowes.com.au free shipping for orders over $100.00. Register online and receive a discount on your first order.

**TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**
On Thursday 3rd December, all children that will be starting Kindergarten in 2016 at any school in our area are invited to attend a Teddy Bears Picnic in Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri from 9.30am-11.30am. There will be a free jumping castle, face painting and activities in the park. All schools in our area would like to celebrate and acknowledge the special time of starting school on the day. Bring along a morning tea picnic, hat and sunscreen to share this event. All children are to be supervised during the morning.

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**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.

**Year 5 Parents - Application for 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.

**P&C News**
Just a reminder that the Crazy Camel Fundraisers is now due. Can all orders and monies be sent to the Canteen by Friday 6th November. Please be advised that a profit of just over $800.00 was made for the Halloween Disco. The P&C would like to thank you for all your support. Email: kurrikurripublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or find us on Facebook

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**Canteen News**
Please remember there has been a price increase for the Canteen Menu. New Menus/Price Lists were sent home at the end of last term.

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**Week commencing Monday 9th November**

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Please let Jodie know if you are unable to attend or are no longer able to volunteer.