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DATES TO REMEMBER
Every Thursday until Week 8
Little Learners – Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday 20th November
Year 6 Pancake Breakfast
Year 6 Photo Booth

Monday 23rd November
Bookclub Due
Boys Leadership Speeches 11.45am
Year 6-7 Kurri Kurri High School Orientation Day – 11.30am

Monday 23rd November
In Year 4 – December
Intensive Swimming Program
Year 2 & Year 3

Wednesday 29th November
Gifts Leadership speeches 11.45am

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

Thursday 10th December
Kindergarten & Year 1 Frozen Excursion

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
Year 6 Battlezone – Laser Tag
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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12th November 2015, Week 6 Even Week

PRINCIPAL NEWS
On Monday 9th November Mrs Doran, Mrs Williams and I attended a workshop day for the Early Action for Success program. This is the program that gives us Mrs Williams as our Instructional Leader in the school, and has enabled us to engage in extending teacher expertise in teaching, learning and assessment of scholars K-2. We are seeing excellent results for our scholars in these years in terms of achieving benchmarks in reading, writing and numeracy, and indeed going beyond the benchmarks. Planning for next year includes ensuring that there is a flow on as children transition into their next year, so that the momentum of achievement is sustained.

A barrier to overcome each year in sustaining learning levels is the long summer holiday break. During this time, it is important for parents and carers to find fun ways for children to keep up their levels. Talking and writing about holiday experiences such as movies, shopping, and outings, keeping up reading and playing games that practice maths and reading skills is important. If your child has a particular interest, it can become a fun project to work on during the holidays, and show the next year’s teacher. We will be providing materials and ideas for children and families to help overcome “holiday lag”. There is a lot that can be done without making it seem like work, often just through observing and discussing daily events and happening.

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of taking three of our Mighty Burras leaders down to Newcastle where they spoke to Aboriginal primary school students about Aboriginal Education Teams. I was very proud of Jada B., Rylie E. and Cooper B. as they spoke about their pride and enjoyment in being part of the Mighty Burras, and the opportunity it has given Aboriginal scholars for an additional voice in our school. Jada handled questions from the floor like an expert. Congratulations to these three scholars. Everyone was very impressed with their Bro Speak and Sister Speak shirts also!

Warm Regards,
Eve Field

BOYS CRICKET
On Monday 9th November our boys Reg Kelly cricket team had a tough game against St Joseph’s East Maitland. Unfortunately they didn’t get the win but there was some outstanding bowling from Aidan W which was followed up with a great batting show from Jye K. Good luck to our boys who will play against Pelaw Main Public School on Friday 13th November.

YEAR 5 NEWS
This term, Year 5 have been working on developing their leadership skills as they look forward to being Kurri Kurri Public School Senior Scholars in 2016. On Monday 19th October in Week 3, all of Year 5 worked in teams in the hall demonstrating their skills in teamwork, problem solving, time management, fair discussion, perseverance, tolerance and patience. All teachers were very impressed at the maturity and positive attitudes displayed throughout the day. Year 5 Scholars took the opportunity to identify leaders amongst themselves while on camp later in the same week. Many students stepped outside their comfort zone to try out the High Ropes, Giant Swing and Mud World. They showed strength and courage, while also giving encouragement and support to their peers. Although the nominees for Kurri Kurri Public School 2016 School Leaders have been chosen and we look forward to hearing their speeches, there are many other opportunities for leadership next year. Some opportunities include Sport Leaders, Library Monitors, Peer Mediators, Kinder Buddies and Star Leaders. We all know we will be very proud of all scholars who step up to be school leaders in 2016.

Year 5 Teachers

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT HUNTER REGION PRIMARY MATHS COMPETITION
Results have now been finalised for the Newcastle Permanent Hunter Region Primary Maths Competition which our Stage 3 scholars participated in last term. Our scholars performed very well in this competition and as a result we have been awarded with two Certificates of Distinction, 9 Certificates of Distinction and 36 Certificates of Merit. Special congratulations go to Connor P 5/6MO and Cooper B 5/6M who achieved the Certificates of High Distinction and an invitation to attend an exclusive Maths Camp next year. Congratulations also go to our Distinction and Merit Awards winners:


These certificates will be presented at our Whole School Assembly on Friday 13th November.
2016 CAPTAIN & PREFECT NOMINEES
The nominees for the role of School Captain and Prefects have been finalised with all the nominees preparing their speeches and doing some thinking of their individual strengths and personal qualities that would make them a great leader and role model for the scholars of Kurri Kurri Public School as well as exemplary ambassadors when representing our school at official functions within our community. The role of being a School Captain or Prefect is both a privilege and honour, the nominees this year are very conscientiously looking forward to the leadership opportunity.

Meet the nominees:

CANCER COUNCIL - EAT IT TO BEAT IT
For information on the below Nutrition Snippets please visit www.eattitobeatit.com.au or phone 4923 0704. By using the information and the healthy eating sessions, parents can really help improve the health of their families, and as a result improve the health of our school community. Nutrition Snippets Fact Sheets include:

- The simplest way ... to make tasty summer rolls.
- The simplest way ... to make fruit and veg festive!
- The simplest way ... to disguise vegetables.
- The simplest way ... to add veg to a barbecue.
- The simplest way ... to provide cancer support at school.

The simplest way ... to get your vitamin D! (Sunsmart & it.com.au or phone 4923 0704. By

YEAR 6 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Just a reminder that the Year 6 Pancake Breakfast Day is on Friday 20th November. Please ensure you bring your money on this day. Cost is $2.00 for two pancakes and topping. At 7.45am – 9.00am under Big Boongala.

QUICKSMART CERTIFICATES
Attention to all Parents of the Quicksmart scholars. Please be advised that the Certificates for the Quicksmart Program will be presented at the Week 8 Whole School Assembly. We are all hoping to see you there.

Janet Garrett, Program Co-ordinator

Good for Kids good for life

Packing a Safe Lunchbox

Myth: It gets too hot to pack cooked meat, dairy, eggs or other high-risk foods in children’s lunchboxes.

Fact: You can safely pack these types of perishable foods by doing the following:

- Use a good quality insulated lunch box
- Pack a freezer block or frozen drink with the cool items
- Pack the perishable foods close to the frozen item to keep them cool
- Encourage your child to keep their bag out of the sun
- Throw out any uneaten food at the end of the day

Correction to the Year 6 Photo Booth 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.

Classes for 2016
We are starting to organise our classes for 2016. This is a very complex process with a lot of discussion and planning to ensure we have the placed scholars in appropriate settings. To assist us, we ask you to contact the office if you will be moving from our school or if you know of any new enrolments for 2016.

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
The P&C are looking for volunteer face painters for Carol by Candlelight. We will provide the paint. If you are able to help out please contact the school on 4937 1235. Email kurrikurripublcschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or find us on Facebook.

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.

Canteen Roster
Week commencing Monday 16th November
Mon Sallann Coffey Lynette Denning Leanne Coffey
Tues Sallann Coffey Lynette Denning Erin Cole
Wed Cassie Bailey Julie Herbert
Thurs Jill Gibson Leah Curpethwaite
              Susan Morris Kim Stoddart
Fri Sallann Coffey Julie Herbert
              Lisa Purkiss Amee Bailey

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

Community News
Reunion – Kurri Kurri High School - There is a Kurri Kurri High School Reunion on Saturday 14th November for those who attended the school from 1972 – 1975. For more information please visit the page on Facebook.

AECG General Meeting
On Monday 16th November 2015 (Week 7) at Cessnock High School at 3.30pm – 5.00pm. For more information or to RSVP please call Stephanie on 0410 303 538.

Cessnock City Library – Summer Reading Club Lost Worlds coming this summer Tuesday 1st December – Sunday 31st January. Children aged from birth to High School can join in the fun this summer at the Library. For more information please call Cessnock on 4993 4399 or Kurri on 4937 1638 or visit www.summerreadingclub.org.au.