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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
Currently I am having a wonderful time interviewing a range of Scholars and Parents. This week I have been interviewing our Year 5 Scholars who have been nominated as School Leaders for 2016. What a wonderful group of young people. It is great to see that our nominees all have outstanding records of behaviour and attendance in our school. They deeply understand and reflect our school expectations of ‘Learning, Caring and Respect for All’. It is always sad that they will not all become prefects, but they will all be great leaders next year regardless. Along with Mrs Sturman and Mrs Doran I am also meeting with some of the scholars applying for the Stage 3 Enrichment class next year. At these meetings the scholars show and explain some work that reflects their abilities and interests. They also discuss the reasons for their interest in being placed in the class. Offers for this class will be made in a few weeks.

Finally I have been meeting with 2016 Kindergarten Scholars and their Parents. These are lovely opportunities to welcome our new children, and often new families to our school. Mrs Doran, Mrs Williams, Mrs Petherbridge and Ms Brown have also been enjoying interviewing our new scholars and families.

I have some exciting news to share. Many people will remember Mrs Mathieson, who was Stage 3 AP and then DP Wellbeing at our school. She moved to Irrawang Public School as Assistant Principal in 2014. She has just been successful in applying to be the Principal of Irrawang Public School, and will take up her appointment in 2016. Congratulations to Mrs Mathieson!

Warm Regards,
Eve Field

YEAR 6 NEWS
What a busy term for our Year 6 Scholars! They are working hard at the moment progressing and preparing their partner dances and song for the end of the year Presentation Day and Farewell Dinner.

We are beginning a film study that links into our literacy unit this term, based on the famous true story ‘Rabbit Proof Fence’. The scholars will delve into the various techniques that producers use to engage an audience through a video camera, as well as making connections to the novel. Our Ninja maths groups are up and running and students appear to enjoy the hands on games and activities that relate to place value.

Year 6 scholars will be running the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser this Friday 20th November. It begins at 7.45am and will run until 9.00am. Payment for pancakes will be made on the day. We hope to see you there! Photo booth will also be held this Friday 20th November, providing a great opportunity for the scholars to have a bit of fun and have some memorable photos of their classmates and friends to cherish.

The final Year 6 Transition Visit to High School is on next Monday 23rd November and it is clear that many scholars are very excited and some a little bit nervous about their journey to High School. We wish them all the best and know that if they work hard they will continue to do well!

Just a reminder to please make sure any notes are handed in to school on or before the date they are due so we can make sure everything is organised well in advance of the event. Don’t forget to check the newsletter for important dates coming up.

Thank you!
Year 6 Teachers

ICE SKATING SUCCESS
Emily P and Amy-Lee B have both been selected to perform in the upcoming production of Frozen on Ice at the Hunter Ice Skating Rink at Warners Bay. The production of Frozen on Ice will run over 4 days from 10th – 13th December. Amy-Lee has only been skating for just over 6 months and is very excited to be included in the role of Butterflies, Bees and Trolls. Emily has been skating now for 5 years and is thrilled to be selected in one of the lead roles of the production as Anne, also in just over 2 weeks Emily will travel to Sydney to compete in the National Ice Skating Championships.

Good Luck to both Emily and Amy-Lee in these upcoming exciting performances.

PARENT AND VISITOR DRESS IN SCHOOL
Parents and visitors are reminded that they are expected to be role models for children while in the school. Part of this is being appropriately dressed in the school grounds. Footwear and full dress including shirts should be worn. We expect that parents will generally be casual in their dress, but the school is not the beach or the pool!

BOYS CRICKET
Congratulations to our Reg Kelly Cricket Team on a big year of competition. The boys represented the school with pride and upheld a great standard of sportsmanship. Friday 13th November was our final game which proved to be close with Lukas S and Hudson F dominating with the bat however Pelaw Main Public School just got the better of us. Thank you to the parents and families that came to watch each game throughout the year.

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### KURRI KURRI HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Monday 23rd November at 6.00pm at the Kurri Kurri High School Gymnasium there will be a Parent Information Evening for scholars starting Year 7 in 2016. There will be representatives from the uniform suppliers and members from the P&C present on the night. There will also be book packs for sale on the night.

### CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTRE

On Wednesday 25th November, between 2.00pm – 2.20pm our School Choir will perform Christmas Carols at Greenhills Shopping Centre and decorate a Christmas Tree provided by the Centre Management. We would like to encourage Parents and Carers to go along and watch the performance of our students while they decorate the Christmas Tree. Once the tree is finished being decorated, Centre Management will post a picture on their Facebook page. Once the picture is posted we would like as many Parents, Carers and Staff as possible to vote for our School’s Christmas Tree.

### DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, AND EXCURSIONS IN 2016

We have been made aware of financial assistance that is available to families to help cover the costs of school uniforms, school equipment, school excursions, drama lessons, dance lessons, tutoring etc. If you would like further information please contact the school on 4937 1235.

### 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.

### LIBRARY RETURNS & OVERTUES

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

### YEAR 6 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Year 6 Pancake Breakfast 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 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

### 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.

### 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 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Once again Carols by Candlelight will be held at our school on Sunday 13th December between 6.00pm - 9.00pm. This year we will have our Choir and Dance Groups performing as well as all the Year 1 Classes, all the Kinder Classes and 3A & 5K will perform an item together. This is always a fantastic community event with the Preschools in the area taking part this year as well. Gates open at 5.30pm with a gold coin donation at the gate. The P&C will have a BBQ and drinks available to purchase to assist with raising funds for our school. Any Parents or Carers available to give any assistance with this event please contact the school on 4937 1235. The P&C are also 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.

Email: kurrikurripublicschool@pandacaffeinate.org.au or find us on Facebook

### CANTEEN NEWS

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

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Awabakal - ACYFS Early Years Project. Free stuff for big school is back! Is your child attending Kindergarten in 2016? Come along for a fun, relaxed morning. Register for free back packs. Talk with the Awabakal health team including a nurse, nutritionist and hearing worker. Activities for the kids and so much more. On Monday 30th November at Woodberry Family Centre (opposite Francis Greenway High School) Time: 10.30am – 11.30am. Please RSVP on or before Thursday 26th November for catering purposes. For more information please call Krystal on 0429 881 163

Ambrose Tennis Academy – Tennis Holiday Camp – Is Available to all children 5 years and over at Miller Park Branxton on 7th – 11th 14th – 18th 21st – 25th – 29th December 1st – 5th – 9th – 13th January from 9.00am – 3.00pm or half day 9.00am – 12.30pm. Please reserve your spot early. For more information and for prices please call Jason 0467 553 193.

Carols in the Park will be held at Baddeley Park on Friday 4th December 2015 this is a free family event with an array of entertainment for the whole family. This year’s event will also include the Funky Junk Flea Markets from 4.30pm and a Fireworks Show at 8.30pm will conclude the evening. The Great Cessnock Elf Challenge will also be on from 5.30pm. For more information please call the council on 4993 4210 or visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Kurri Kurri Scout Group – Free Community Event All Welcome Summer First Aid for Families. Learn and Practice CPR in a Fun, Non-Technical Environment. Plus Family First Aid for Emergencies including Drowning, Choking, Bites and Stings on Saturday 12th December 1.00pm – 3.00pm at the Kurri Kurri Scout Hall. For more information please visit kurriscouts.org.au or saferact.com.au to register.