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DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday 23rd November – Friday 4th December
Intensive Swimming Program
Year 2 & Year 3

Thursday 3rd December
Out of Uniform Day – gold coin donation

Thursday 10th December
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Support Unit
Frozen Excursion

Friday 11th December
Presentation Day – 9.30am
PBL Reward afternoon

Sunday 13th December
Carols by Candlelight

Monday 14th December
Year 6 Farewell
Reports go home

Tuesday 15th December
Talent Quest
Year 6 Clap Out – 2.15pm

Wednesday 16th December
Year 6 Battle Zone – Laser Tag
K-5 – Party Day
Last day of school for scholars

Wednesday 27th January
Staff returns to school

Thursday 28th January
Scholars Years 1-6 return to school

PRINCIPAL NEWS
Today I had the task of letting our Student Leadership nominees know who had been successful in being elected as Prefects for 2016. All the scholars are first class school citizens. Their congratulations and support of each other on receiving the news was wonderful. I can’t say enough how proud I am of these wonderful young people.

Today is the last day for Little Learners. This has been a great program for our 2016 Kinders. During the program Ms Brown and Mrs Williams tried out a few different approaches, and sought feedback from parents. They are looking to see how we can make a great program even more relevant in 2016.

We have had very hot weather days last Friday and today. When the weather becomes extreme, we minimise outside exposure as much as possible, including staying inside for eating and play during breaks.

Children are encouraged to drink water. Parents should ensure children have refillable drink bottles for these hot days.

Warm regards, Eve Field

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Please be advised the Whole School Assembly on Friday 27th November will be starting at 2.10pm. Lunch will be moved to 1.20pm–2.00pm for this to happen. Due to this being our last Whole School Assembly for 2015 there are a lot of things on the agenda we have to get through.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
On Thursday 3rd December our school will be holding an Out of Uniform Day. This day is part of a whole school inclusiveness, to celebrate “International Day of People with Disability”. A gold coin donation is asked from each child on the day. The Theme for 2015 is “Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities”. Children can come dressed in any colour of clothing and footwear is essential. If you would like further information on “International Day of People with Disability” please visit www.idpwd.com.au

WHOOPING COUGH
We are still receiving notification of confirmed cases of Whooping Cough in Kindergarten and Year 5. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last up to many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children. If you have any of the symptoms please get them checked by your doctor.

THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016
This is the first day for students in years 1-6 in 2016. Children normally report to their current class lining up areas when the commencement bell rings. Further details will be given in a later newsletter.

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS
The Support Unit has had a very busy term learning about earth and space and developing knowledge about how products are produced. Many scholars from the Support Unit have been attending weekly swimming lessons: developing lifelong water awareness and swimming ability. The scholars have been enthusiastic learners and have enjoyed the water experience. We also had a great day out where we travelled to Blackbutt Reserve before attending a show at Newcastle Panthers “World Festival of Magic”. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to access the community, see the animals at Blackbutt Reserve and then watch magicians perform their amazing tricks.

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Thank You
Support Unit Teachers

CAPTAIN AND PREFECT SPEECHES
The scholars of Kurri Kurri Public School listened to the speeches from the nominees for 2016 Captain and Prefect. The 16 boys and girls were very confident in their delivery of their speeches and showed an enormous level of pride in our school and the opportunity of being nominated for this extremely prestigious role of representing our school and being an outstanding role model for all present and future scholars of Kurri Kurri Public School. Congratulations to all nominees, the positions of Captains and Prefects will be announced at Presentation Day on Friday 11th December 2015.

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CHOIR SHINE THEIR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Yesterday our Choir and Mr Tweedie travelled to Greenhills Shopping Centre to perform some Christmas Carols in the Centre Cour. The scholars were very excited and were well supported by a large group of our parents and carers, as well as shoppers passing by stopping to listen to their singing. After their outstanding performance the students then decorated our Kurri Kurri Public School Christmas Tree, which will be on display until Christmas Eve.

A photo of our tree will be posted on the Stockland Facebook page next Wednesday 2nd December, where parents, carers and staff can vote. The tree that receives the most votes will win the prize of $1000.

YEAR 6 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Friday 20th November, the Year 6 Scholars held their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. It was a huge success and we managed to raise $487.00 for the school. Students arrived at the school from 6.45am. (special mention to Zoe S and her sister who were keen for an early start to help set up for the morning!) All the Year 6 Scholars involved worked extremely hard cooking, serving and collecting money on the day. A special thanks to Mrs Dawes for making tonnes of pancake batter the day before, Raul for helping set up, cook and clean up and Gracie from the Kurri Kurri Women’s Shed, who helped with cooking the pancakes on the day. I would also like to say thank you to the parents and staff who donated money and assisted on the day, we were overwhelmed by the generosity and hard work from everyone. Congratulations Year 6!

YEAR 6 PHOTO BOOTH

After the Pancake Breakfast, Year 6 straight into the hall for their Photo Booth Fundraiser. We had a great time playing with the props and having a laugh with friends. Thank you to the P&C for taking the photos, setting up the hall and assisting with the organisation of the day. Scholars will receive their USB’s and Disc’s with their photos within the next few weeks.