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

ISSUE 40

PRINCIPAL NEWS

This is the final newsletter for 2015! It has been a year of achievement and learning by our scholars, with plenty of fun along the way. Much as everyone looks forward to the holidays ahead, it is always a time tinged with sadness in a school as teachers know that the class they have fallen in love with during the year will be moving on in the next year. This is particularly so when we think of our Year 6 scholars as they make the transition to High School. Many of our staff have watched them grow and learn through the years. It is certainly time to let them go forward and experience the next stage in their lives even though we will miss them! With the departure of Year 6 we always have a few families that will leave us, as their last child makes the move to High School. Thank you to those families for entrusting us with your children, and for being part of Kurri Kurri Public School.

This has been quite a year for weddings amongst the staff!

Last weekend Miss Tonacia became Mrs Follan. What a dazzling bride! During the holidays, Mr Trenter will be getting married in New York. He will remain Mr Trenter next year. Miss Asvestas will get married in January, and will return in 2016 as Mrs Jacobson. I am confident she will also be a gorgeous bride.

My very best wishes to all of our scholars for a safe and happy holiday, and congratulations on your year of learning at Kurri Kurri Public School. To all our families and friends, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm Regards,
Eve Field

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC

On Thursday 3rd December we held a Teddy Bear’s Picnic in Rotary Park for the Preschool Children in the area starting Kindergarten in 2016. The picnic stemmed from a local action plan and we are hoping to continue it as a celebration and rite of passage for children starting school. A big thank you to all the schools, preschools and organisations mentioned as well as Kurri Kurri Coles for providing fruit and water for all that attended the picnic. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mr Gifford for helping us set up and pack up for this event.

OFFICE NEWS

Our school office ladies would like to wish all families a wonderful and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in 2016. Good luck to our Year 6 scholars and their families as they move onto Year 7.

Warm Regards, Julie Gilbert, Michelle McVea, Glenda Murnane, Genelle Parker, Melissa Allen, Melinda Beavis, Amy Smurthwaite

SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY AND CHEER IN THE COMMUNITY

This week over 300 of our scholars visited Kurri Kurri Coles Supermarket and Kurri Kurri Masonic Village to sing Christmas Carols and spread some joy and happiness throughout our Local Community. During our visits to both events the scholars were very excited and showed excellent representation of Kurri Kurri Public School within our Community. On Sunday 13th December, many of these students will again perform at Carols by Candlelight to be held at our school starting at 6pm. A huge thank you to our scholars, parents, carers and staff for supporting and developing this strong sense of community awareness and connection.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS, PREFECTS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

The 2016 School Leadership Team and Sport House Captains have been elected and the successful scholars have been notified of their success. The actual positions have not been announced, these will be announced at our Annual Presentation Day held tomorrow on Friday 11th December starting promptly at 9.30am. Congratulations to all successful scholars, and Good Luck in 2016 in your role as proud leaders and representatives of our school.

TALENT QUEST

On Tuesday 15th December at 11.45am in the school hall, the scholars that have been selected to participate in the Talent Quest will take the stage to perform for the whole school, parents and carers. This will be an excellent showcase of talent from our scholars and a wonderful way to gain experience in performing in front of an audience. Scholars spend a lot of their own time preparing and rehearsing to polish and perfect their performances. Congratulations to everyone who auditioned and are participating in the talent quest.
NATIONAL DISABILITY DAY
On Thursday 3rd December the scholars overwhelmingly supported National Disability Day; $532 was raised on the day which will go towards the completion of the Sensory Garden Play Area near the Support Class rooms. As part of the day the scholars participated in some activities organised by Support Class teachers to give scholars some hands on experiences of some of the challenges and experiences faced each day by people with disabilities. A big thank you to all for supporting this day.

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.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
Enrolments are still open for children commencing Kindergarten in 2016. If you are aware on any children that is to start next year please pass this information on. kindergarten interviews are taking place now, if you are still to have your child’s interview please call school office on 4937 1235 to make an appointment. These interviews are very important in order for your child to commence Kindergarten in 2016.

KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 5 CLASS DISCO DAY
This year we have arranged for our Kindergarten to Year 5 scholars to celebrate the end of the year with a disco. There will be three sessions to enable the music to cater for different age groups.

When: Wednesday 16th December
(Last day of school)
Cost: $2.50 per student with a maximum of $7.00 per family. Please pay at the office
Clothing: Party clothes, but not your best clothes.
No tongs as teachers have also organised other activities where students may be running. Please note, Year 6 goes on their own separate excursion on this day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
We have designated Party/Disco Day (Wednesday 16th December) as the day for scholars to hand out Christmas Cards to their friends. From past years’ experiences, we have found this adds to the fun of party day and scholars can take their entire cards home at one time and they do not get lost.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE 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.

THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2016
This is the first day for scholars in Years 1 - 6 in 2016. Scholars normally report to their current class lining up areas when the commencement bell rings. A teacher will meet them, and take them to their 2015 classroom. If it is raining, parents should direct children to their 2015 rooms, where a teacher will greet them. In most cases the teacher will be the child’s 2015 teacher, but not always. We normally are able to confirm class placements during the morning, and anticipate having children in their 2016 classes by the end of the day.

P&C CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Carols by Candlelight will be held at our school on Sunday 13th December between 6pm-9pm. Gates open at 5.30pm with a gold coin donation at the gate. Any Parents or Carers available to give any assistance please contact the school on 4937 1235.
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CANTEEN NEWS
Please be advised that the canteen will be operational as normal next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Dial a Home Doctor – DAHD - Is a new community service coming soon to the Cessnock/Kurri Kurri area. This service is an after hour’s medical care which will be available in your home and its bulk billed. This service allows residents to get help when their GP is closed. The service is not only a great peace of mind for patients, but alleviates the pressure on local emergency departments for residents – young and old. This service is helping fill the gap that is left when your doctor has gone home for the night. This is a great relief for local doctors because it means they know their patients have an alternative to waiting in a hospital emergency department. For more information please call 13 9999 or visit www.dahd.com.au

Weston Junior Soccer Club Christmas Disco – Is on Saturday 19th December at the Weston Workers Club from 6.30pm-10.30pm. This event is free entry and everyone is welcome! There will be raffles and prizes for the kids. Maybe even a special appearance from you know who! Children must be supervised at all times by parent/guardian.

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These Principal Awards and Medallions will be presented to the Year 6 Scholars at the Year 6 Clap Out Day on Tuesday 15th December at 2-15pm

Attendance Data for the school for Week 9 was 90.9% Our goal is 94%

The Hunter Wetlands Centre
For more information on the courses available please call – Donna 4930 2926 or Raelene 4930 2827.