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DATES TO REMEMBER

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- Friday 13th March
  National Ride to School Day
- Sunday 15th March
  Working Bee
- Tuesday 17th March
  Building Emotionally Resilient Family Workshop
- Tuesday 17th March
  K-2 Jollybops Science Show
- Wednesday 18th March
  5.00pm Partners in Print Book Club Due
- Thursday 19th March
  3-6 Forensic Science Workshop
- Friday 20th March
  Harmony Day
- Tuesday 24th March
  Building Emotionally Resilient Family Workshop
  P&C AGM – 6.00PM
- Wednesday 25th March
  5.00pm Partners in Print
- Friday 27th March
  50’s Dress Up Day
- Sunday 29th March
  Nostalgia Fete
- Thursday 2nd April
  Easter Hat Parade

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Thanks to those parents who came for a conversation about their child’s learning last Thursday evening. It was great to see the children at the Speed Interviews as part of the conversation. This was a great follow-up to the teacher/scholar conferences that were held in the days prior to the Speed Interviews.

Around 40% of scholars had a parent who was able to take the time to talk to teachers about their child’s learning. This is about 300 children. While this is great, it means 60% haven’t had that focus given to their learning by their parents or carers. Some people were not able to make the date, and many of these have made contact with teachers separately. If you were a parent who could have attended and didn’t, please try very hard to either catch up with the teachers now, or make sure you attend the Three Way Interviews in July.

Research tells us that children do better and go further in education when they have the interest and support of their parents. Thank you to all staff for giving up their evening to attend the Speed Interviews.

Warm Regards,

Eve Field

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

This year marks the 100 Year Anniversary of the landing of allied forces from Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, France and Indian troops at Gallipoli. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACS) began landing just before dawn on the 25th April 1915 at Anzac Cove, by the end of that day more than 20,000 Australians and New Zealanders had landed ashore. In August 1915, after 3 days of battle at Lone Pine, 2300 Australians died or were injured, and at Chunuk Bair after 6 days battle 2400 New Zealand soldiers were killed or wounded. To mark this significant historical 100 year anniversary a ballot was created and randomly drawn to control the number of people wishing to participate in this momentous commemorative service. One of our Kurri Kurri Public School families has been selected from the draw to attend this service at Lone Pine, Gallipoli on the 25th April. The journey will be an 8 day tour covering the historical aspects of this location and area. Cooper B, 5/6M and his mother Karen and father Tony have always made a point of attending the Dawn Services on Anzac Day, this day has held particular importance for their family with Cooper’s great grandfather being part of World War 1, a great uncle, uncle, and cousins having served and some currently serving in the armed forces. Cooper is bubbling with excitement, this will be an incredible experience for Cooper and his parents and we look forward in sharing their experience with pictures on their return.

EOI FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS STARTING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016

On Monday 9th March, the school sent out expression of interest forms to all year 6 students moving into Year 7 in NSW Government School in 2016. These need to be returned to the school by all students regardless if your child will be attending a government high school or will be moving to the private or catholic system. If you have any questions please contact the school. These forms must be completed and returned back to school by Friday 20th March.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This year we are implementing strategies to encourage student attendance. Every day classes record the number of students who are at school on time. The class with the most students present when the roll is marked wins the weekly Stage attendance award.

Congratulations to the following classes this week for winning the attendance awards.

Kindergarten – KE, Year 1 - 1 W, Year 2 - 2B, Stage 2 – 4H, Stage 3 - 5-6MQ, Support Unit - K-6W

Year 6 have had a busy start to the year! Our unit on immigration and refugees has encouraged our students to expand their empathy for others. They have shown us that they are able to discuss serious issues with an increasing level of maturity. Through our Ann Morrice literacy program they have improved their writing and have begun to incorporate some excellent vocabulary into their texts. Our sports program is in full swing and the students are learning valuable skills in cricket, softball, tennis, touch and netball. The year 6 shirts have been voted on and after a lengthy consultation with the students a decision has been reached. These notes will come home in the next week; all of year 6 is very excited to see what the final product will look like!

Year 6 Teachers

A HUGE THANK YOU TO COATES HIRE

On Saturday 7th March an excavator and tip truck was graciously loaned to our school by Coates Hire. Mr & Mrs Bidner and Mr Mitchell levelled an area of ground in the senior playground. Dirt was placed around the newly laid artificial turf to level the ground. Seed has been spread to further improve this area. In the coming weeks another section of artificial grass will be laid near the totem poles and additional seating will be placed in this area to create a welcoming learning and social area within the school.

12th March 2015, Week 7 Odd Week

Kurri Kurri Public School
Learning, caring and respect for all
Kurri Kurri Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school where Kids Matter
**SCHOLARS SCHOOL MEDALION ACHIEVEMENT**

At Friday 6th March at whole school assembly, 3 of our scholars were presented with their school medallions. Ryan O, Sarah S and Abbie H, all Year 6 students have worked hard throughout their schooling years to achieve these medallions. Ryan, Sarah and Abbie all enjoy being students of Kurri Kurri Public School. Ryan enjoys the excellent teaching, learning and opportunities available to all students here at Kurri Kurri Public School, he also appreciates the role of being House Captain of Barton. Ryan enjoys playing league both at school and outside of school, and acknowledges the keen open competitiveness of the game. Abbie enjoys learning and all the opportunities that are made available to students during lunch breaks especially the music and quiet areas that have been opened. Abbie enjoys art activities especially painting and drawing and hopes to have a career in graphic arts. Sarah loves learning new things and participating in lots of activities. Sarah also has a big commitment to her tennis skills and has recently been selected into the Hunter PSSA Tennis Team. Sarah also enjoys running around in the backyard, listening to music, video games and creating with lego.

**SPEED INTERVIEWS**

On Thursday 5th March it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers take the opportunity to book a 5 minute interview with their child’s teacher. These interviews are an excellent way of discovering how your child has settled into their 2015 class, progress and any concerns. Teachers are available to discuss any concerns, please call the school on 4937 1235 if you wish to organise a time to speak with your child’s teacher.

**NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**

On Friday 13th March 2015 we are looking forward to taking part in the National Ride to School Day. Please support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students.

A few reminders for the day include:

All students on wheels are required to wear helmets. Please lock up your bikes in our bike racks outside the office.

All students riding to school will receive a participation sticker and activity sheet.

**WORKING BEE REMINDER**

Just a reminder that our Working Bee will be on Sunday 15th March between 9.00am-3.00pm. If you have a few spare hours to come along and share in an energising productive atmosphere of creating some great learning and social spaces within our school grounds we will warmly welcome your help. If you have tools, protective clothing (some painting), gloves, hoes, pressure cleaners, drop saws, drills, wheel barrows, pruning equipment etc. please bring along to assist in this productive day. The Rawson Street gate will be open for entry, morning tea and BBQ lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**MEDALLIONS**

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These awards and medallions will be presented at the whole school assembly on Friday 20th March at 2.20pm.

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**CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

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**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

http://www.kurrikurri-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**P&C NEWS**

**Annual General Meeting**

On Tuesday 24th March our Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.00pm in the staffroom of the school. All are welcome to attend.

**Easter Raffle**

Please mail clearly your child’s name and class on the book cover when returning the tickets by Monday 30th March. They will go into the draw for a prize. There will be an Infants draw and a Primary draw. Easter Egg donations are needed please send all donations to the Canteen. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Thanks to all from the P&C**

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

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Week commencing Monday 16th March**

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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

NSW Government – Office of Sport

Sport and Recreation has some great holiday options for kids and families this Easter. Our Kids’ Camps provide 7 to 16 year olds with the chance to branch out and be their own person while trying lots of fun activities. There’s our all-inclusive Family Camps, which give parents and guardians a well-earned rest with accommodation, meals and instructor-led activities included in the price. With over 40 outdoor activities to choose from, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing, there’s plenty to do to keep everyone entertained. For more information please call 13 13 02 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps or /familycamps

Newcastle Youth Orchestra

On Saturday 28th March, Newcastle Youth Orchestra will have its first concert of the 2015 season at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. This concert is ‘Kids Classics: Introduction to the Orchestra’, where we will perform engaging music and provide entertainment with life-sized puppets, dance and storytelling to introduce our audience to our orchestra and classical music. This performance complements the national curriculum for stages one, two and three, in organising sound, listening, recognising and responding to music of varying repertoire. For more information please call 0402 368 338 or visit www.nyoo.com.au

LJ Hooker Cessnock – Colourful Easter

LJ Hooker Cessnock will be dropping in entry forms for all Kindergarten and Year 1 students to enter a Easter colouring-in competition. Forms are to be coloured in and name and age to be written on and dropped off at LJ Hooker Cessnock or the school office for collection on or before Wednesday 25th March 2015. Prizes are donations to our school library - 1st Place: $500.00, 2nd Place: $250.00 and 3rd Place: $100.00. Winners to be notified by phone on Friday 27th March. For more information please call 0418 146 370.