PRINCIPAL NEWS
Thanks to families and staff who joined in the Working Bee last Sunday. It was a great school community day, with satisfying results. We have recently had a spike in incidents of physical aggression amongst our Stage 3 students. We are not sure why this has occurred, but it is not going to be accepted in the school. Mrs Krisenthal has spoken to all the Stage 3 students and advised them that in accordance with Departmental guidelines, suspension is likely to be implemented when children are physically aggressive to others. Children should be safe at school. All incidents that happen in the school are investigated by teachers firstly, and serious incidents passed on for further investigation by Assistant Principals. Extremely serious incidents will be followed up by our Deputy Principal Mrs Sturman, and she and I determine when suspension is the appropriate option. While parents are disappointed if their children do not behave as expected at school, we work at being fair and at being effective in our follow through with children and parents if there are incidents that do not meet behaviour expectations of the school.

We have some fun events coming up in the school, focussing on Harmony Day and the Nostalgia Festival. These are great chances for dress up!

Warn Regards,

ZONE SPORTING SUCCESS
Over the past 2 weeks we have had many students attending various trials for selection in Zone PSSA Rugby League, Netball, Boys & Girls Soccer and Tennis Teams. Our students have displayed excellent sporting skills and sportsmanship which has enabled and assisted their selection to be part of these Zone Teams. Ellen C 5M-6MO, Jessica M 5-6M and Taylah A 5-6MO were all successful in being selected in the PSSA Zone Netball Team. Riley J 5-6MO, Elijah F 5-6MO and Ryan O 5-6MO were all successful in being selected in the Zone PSSA Rugby League Team and will be trying out for the Hunter Rugby League side on Friday 20 March. Sarah S 6A was selected for the Zone PSSA Tennis side, and on Tuesday 17 March Mia T 5-6MO, Cainlyn B 6N, Sophie B 6N and Jordan W 5-6M all tried out for the Girls Zone PSSA Soccer Team and Kyle B 6A, Cade Mc 6A, Dominic W 6N and Lukas S 5-6MO tried out for the Boys Zone PSSA Soccer Team. All the boys and girls that tried out for Zone Soccer teams were successful and have been selected in the Zone Teams. Well Done and Congratulations to Everyone.

HARMONY DAY REMINDER
Friday 20 March is Harmony Day. Students and staff are encouraged to support this day of acceptance, belonging and inclusion by wearing orange, either clothing, orange hairpray or an orange accessory. The day will commence with an Assembly at 9.15am which will involve the whole school singing the Bruno Mars song Count on Me. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS
The support classes have had a great start to the 2015 year, all classes have settled into their routines and are working toward their learning goals. Most of the students have had an opportunity to meet with their teachers to set their individual learning and social goals for the year, with some students particularly enjoying the visual aspect of aiming for their goal. This year we have incorporated a new social and emotional program, which focuses on the student’s ability to self-regulate their emotions both within the school environment and the wider community. This fantastic program called ‘The Zones of Regulation’ has already proven to be a valuable tool, providing the students with visual strategies for both identifying and managing their emotions on a daily basis. As the students’ progress through the program, we hope that it will become a valuable resource and a lifelong skill to enable them to achieve success in all their life endeavours. We have continued many of our worthwhile programs including; weekly grade physical education lessons and gymnastics session at the local community centre. As always students are finding both these activities, challenging and rewarding and look forward to participating in these programmes each week. Overall a great start to another successful year for the support classes at Kurri Kurri Public School.

JUNIOR AECG
This year at Kurri Kurri Public School all Aboriginal students, from years 4-6, will participate in our Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). The AECG meetings are held twice a term. The meetings give our Aboriginal students the opportunity to provide input and ideas on issues relating to Aboriginal education and local events in our school and town. It also support Aboriginal student leadership and gives our young people a voice and a way to express their opinions and perspectives. Congratulations to the following students who will form our Junior AECG committee. Callen I (President), Cooper B (Vice-President) Jada B (Minster for Aboriginal Education and Secretary) and Rylie E (Vice-Secretary).

50’S DRESS UP DAY FOR NOSTALGIA WEEK
On Friday 27 March we would like students to get into the spirit of the Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival by dressing up in 50’s style. Here are some ideas for you to think about:
- For girls; white (bobby) socks, full skirt with t-shirt tucked in, hair styled up high into a ponytail, neck scarf.
- For boys; plain white or black t-shirt with rolled up jeans, hair slicked back with gel.

For safety reasons, please make sure that students are wearing fully enclosed school shoes such as sports shoes or school shoes and are wearing clothes which are sun safe i.e. no strappy or backless tops, tops must have sleeves which cover shoulders. On this day, students will be learning about life back in the 50’s relating to art, music, dance, games or literature.
WORKING BEE ROUNDUP
On Sunday 15th March we had a great turnout of parents, carers, grandparents, students and staff arrived with enthusiastic energy to our Working Bee to create some exciting new learning and social spaces within our school. An enormous amount of work was accomplished during the day. A huge thank you to everyone that gave up their Sunday to participate and make such an enormous improvement to our overall school atmosphere and environment. We would like to make special thanks to a number of parents who attended on the day, Mr McGuiness and his friend Kim who arrived at 7.30am with 3 trailer loads of equipment for the day, both men worked consistently hard the whole day, to Mr Beveridge who worked tirelessly tidying the lawn edges and grounds, this changed the entire feel within the school which gave an instant lift within the playground. Mr and Mrs Bidner and Mr Taylor who successfully constructed the Cubby house and retaining garden bed borders, and Mr and Mrs Wood who gardened and pressured cleaned verandas and walls. We have a special acknowledgment to two boys who set an outstanding example on the day, they sought a task to do, the worked at their task with vigour diligence and responsibility unsupervised, and they sought progress advice throughout their task to finish their task with pride and a massive sense of self-accomplishment. Congratulations Joe C and Jayden T for your incredible qualities that will ensure future successes throughout your life.

CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Dakota H with her cheer team ‘Pink Panthers’ from Evolution of Dance Rutherford, recently travelled to America to compete in the National Cheerleading Association Championships. Her team came 9th overall in the Level 2 Senior Division. She travelled to Dallas to compete, Las Vegas for a cheerleading clinic and then onto Los Angeles. Congratulations Dakota, what a fabulous representative of Kurri Kurri!

EOI FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS STARTING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016 - REMINDER
Just a friendly reminder the EOI forms must be returned to school by Friday 20th March.

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 mark 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: kurrikurrippublicschool@pandaaffiliate.org.au or find us on Facebook.

YEAR 6 T SHIRTS
Order forms for Year 6 T-Shirts have been sent home. These forms are to be filled out and returned to the office with your payment by Friday 27th March 2015 so they can be ordered.

CANTEEN NEWS
CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing Monday 23rd March
Mon  Sallyann Coffey       Lynette Denning
      Leanne Bloomfield
Tue  Sallyann Coffey       Lynette Denning
      Erin Cole
Wed  Cassie Bailey         Julie Herbert
      Terri Rowan            Kylie Sams
Thur Kim Stoddart          Leah Couperthwaite
Fri  Sallyann Coffey       Julie Herbert
     Lisa Purkiss

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
Wesley Mission
On Tuesday 24th March “Link Up” – an Aboriginal Aged and Disability Roadshow will come to Cessnock Scout Hall. This roadshow will see services from the aged (over 50 for Aboriginal people), disability (all ages) and carers sector come together at this local venue to make information available in a relaxed and conversational setting. Whilst the roadshow is targeted for the Aboriginal community, where uptake of services is very low, the roadshow is open to anyone wishing to attend and gain some insight into the many services available to improve wellbeing, increase independence and just make life that little bit more enjoyable. Whilst it is great to bring the organisations together at a local venue, it is even more important to let community know that this event is on so they can attend.

Kids in the Park – Sydney Olympic Park
Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this Easter school holidays! There are 50+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays.

For more information please visit www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Centre
The April Holiday Program Adventure Camp is on Monday – Friday 20th – 24th April 2015 for all students aged 7 – 12. The cost for the program is $336.00 per person which includes all meals, accommodation and activities. For more information please call 131302.

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. Hosting Is Fun! Find Out More! For more information please call Sylvia Kelly on 1300 884 733

Cessnock Library Easter Holiday Activities
For information on Easter Holiday Activities at the Town Library please call Cessnock on 4993 4399 or Kurri on 4937 1638.

Hunter Wetlands Holiday Program
For information on the Family Fun at the Hunter Wetlands Centre and Easter School Holidays Activities please call 4951 6466.