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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1
Friday 27th March
50’s Dress Up Day
Year 6 T-Shirt Payment and Order Form Due

Sunday 29th March
P&C Bi-Annual Fete
Wednesday 1st April
Volunteer Course 9:15 am

Thursday 2nd April
Easter Hat Parade – 2.15pm
Easter Raffle Drawn
Last Day for Term 1

TERM 2
Monday 20th April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21st April
First Day for Term 2

Thursday 23rd April
Cessnock Zone Cross Country
9.00am – 1.00pm
Cessnock Racecourse

Wednesday May 6
P&C Mother’s Day Stall

Friday May 8
Mother’s Day Breakfast

Wednesday 13th May
Building Resilient Families Workshop
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th May
Building Resilient Families Workshop
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday 27th May
Building Resilient Families Workshop
5.30pm – 7.30pm

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Our school and community have experienced great sadness over the last weeks with the terrible loss of Ryan Egan. Ryan was a former student of Kurri Kurri Public School, and highly regarded by staff who knew him, as well as by all other people whose lives he touched. Our hearts go out to the Egan family.

Thank you to Lisa Purkiss, Sallyanne Coffey, Julie Herbert, Paul Campbell and Davina Dawes for their work in bringing the Nostalgia Festival fete day together.

A huge thank you to our outgoing P&C Committee, in particular Lisa Purkiss and Lynne Murphy-Miller who have served the school so well for a number of years. Congratulations to our new Committee. I look forward to working with them this year.

“KISS AND DROP” REMINDER

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that in the morning a “Kiss and Drop” Policy is implemented at the school. This means that parents are asked to farewell their children for the day at the school gates, rather than coming in to the grounds and remaining until the children go into class. This policy was and still is necessary to minimize congestion in the playground before school, so that children can be supervised safely and effectively. PLEASE START ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY. Thank you to the parents who have been all term.

At the end of the day, parents are welcome to come in to meet their children in playground areas near the classrooms. This is also a chance for a quick friendly chat with the teachers, which is better than the morning time when they are busy with preparations.

DROP OFF CAR SAFETY

Please do not drop children off by pulling up in front of parked cars. This is not legal, it is dangerous and also prevents the crossing guards in Lang Street from having clear vision of the oncoming traffic.

Warm Regards,
Eve Field

BOYS CRICKET WIN AGAINST BRANXTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

On Friday 20th March, 11 boys from Stage 3 went to Booth Park for our first game of PSSA Cricket for the year. Our Captain Lukas S won the toss and elected to bat. The boys came out strong with great batting performances by Alex T and Hudson F. The bowling attack needed to be strong to defend a total of 103 runs, and at first this was looking to be a hard task. Blake B came into bowl and took 3 wickets in his final over to finish off the last of Branxton Public School’s batsmen and get the win by 10 runs. Well done to the boys for a courageous win on a scorcher of a day.

RFF NEWS

This week the school has gone into ‘full swing’ with the lead up to Nostalgia Festival this weekend. On Friday 27th March scholars and staff are encouraged to dress up in retro gear in readiness to step back in time to experience what schooling may have been like in years gone by. Some of the scholars were fortunate enough to experience riding in a 1956 Chevy, and some of these students were amazed that the windows require the turning of a handle to be opened. Friday will be a very exciting day. On Sunday 29th March we will be here at school for the P&C Bi-Annual Fete, this will be the major fundraiser for the P&C this year, there will be racing cars, vintage cars, bikes and trucks, rides, food, drinks, ice cream, photo booth, the opportunity to throw wet sponges at some teaching staff, market stalls and much more. We will also have performances from our school choir and dance groups, as well as performances from other schools, dance studios and gymnastics. We look forward to seeing everyone come along to support our school.

BUILDING RESILIENT FAMILIES

On Tuesday 24th March was the last session of the Building Resilient Families Workshop. All of the parents and carers that attended were very encouraged, refreshed and positive from their participation in the three sessions that the workshop provides. Due to the success of this workshop we will be offering this Resilient Families Workshop again next term as an evening workshop which will run from 5.30pm – 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th, Wednesday 20th and Wednesday 27th May. This workshop gives parents and carer’s strategies for strengthening parental resilience, qualities parents can teach their children to increase their resilience and communication processes to ensure connectedness as a family. To express your interest in attending please call the school on 4937 1235.

WALK ABOUT KITCHEN

Carmen and her team have been visiting our school for the past few weeks to deliver Healthy Menu options to the indigenous students in Stage 3. The students discuss healthy food choices and then prepare a meal menu that Carmen has planned. The students are actively involved in the food preparation and then enjoy the food that they have prepared. The students then take the weekly menu home to share with their families.
5 WAYS TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Visitors from the Knights Rugby League Club spoke to Stage 2 and Stage 3 students about good food habits and participating in daily physical activities. Students and their families will be well on their way to a healthy life by starting some daily physical activities. The benefits of physical activity are enormous to our bodies, increasing focus and concentration, keeps important organs in our body such as our hearts and kidneys in good working condition and helps prevent weight problems. Easy to say, but sometimes not so easy to do, try this week by setting a goal of 15 minutes a day of some kind of physical activity, either walking, playing in the yard or simply moving around quickly instead of spending time watching TV or in front of a computer. Unhealthy choices can be harmful for our family’s health – both now and in the long-term. That’s why it’s so important to stop and make a conscious decision to follow a healthy lifestyle.

STEP 1: 15 minutes physical activity on weekdays

Physical activity is a great way to increase blood flow around the body which gives a greater intake of oxygen; this has a positive effect on our general health, concentration, mood and behaviour.

Challenge 1: This week take the challenge and swap Television, X-Box, PlayStation, computers for playing outside, walking or moving briskly around. We are keen to hear of any benefits that you or your family experience from taking the challenge this week.

NEW P&C COMMITTEE

On Tuesday 24th March the P&C held their Annual General Meeting. Many of the previous executive expressed their intention not to stand for office again due to the children moving into their high school years of education. As a result of these vacancies we now have:

Kylie Sams - President
Aimee Bailey - Vice President
Kathryn Moss - Treasurer
Sallyanne Coffey - Secretary
Julie Herbert - Canteen Treasurer

Congratulations ladies and welcome to a fantastic year. The new P&C Executive will be presented to our school community at the Easter Hat parade on Thursday 2nd April, last day of term.

SCHOOL MEDALLION

On Friday 20th March at the Whole School Assembly Liam C of 5G was presented with his School Medallion which is a prestigious acknowledgment of his primary schooling. Liam really enjoys attending Kurri Kurri Public School, he enjoys the kindness and care from the teachers and the canteen ladies (especially his mum), Liam also love playing football at lunchtime with his friends. Outside of school Liam really enjoys doing his homework, playing outside in the fresh air, playing soccer and training for boxing. Congratulations Liam!

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our Annual Easter Hat Parade will be held at 2.15pm Thursday 2nd April the last day of Term 1. This is quite a large event and parents, carers, scholars and staff put a lot of unique extraordinary imagination into hat creations for the parade. This will be a wonderful way to end a very busy and successfully productive term. The new P&C executive will be introduced to the school and the drawing of the Easter Raffle will also take place.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2015

On Monday 23rd March, our School Captains Josie C and Elijah F, along with almost 6000 other students, teachers and parents, attended the National Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. This inspirational and fun-filled day consisted of key note speakers such as Premier Mike Baird, Animal Conservationist Bindi Irwin, Singer Rachael Leahcarr, Paper Plane Pilots Dylan Parker and James Norton and Mike Martin who is the Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation. The main theme of the day was to ‘Get Started.’ This was aimed at encouraging our young people to begin their journey as active, influential and forward thinking leaders as soon as possible. Some of the stand out messages from the day included: follow your passion and heart to make a difference and you can always achieve more than you think you can. Both Josie and Elijah represented Kurri Kurri Public School exceptionally well and I was very proud of their maturity and positive attitude throughout the day. They are both excellent examples of young people who have already begun their journey as future leaders.

Miss Allport

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please be aware that there will not be a Public Holiday on Monday 27th April for Anzac Day as it has not been granted for NSW.

P&C NEWS

If anyone has any pre-loved items that they would like to donate to the school for our Garage Sale Stall at the Nostalgia Fete could you please drop them off to the Canteen.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTENE ROSTER

Week commencing Monday 30th March

Mon    Janene Straker  Leanne Bloomfield
Tues   Naomi Henry    Alana Henry
Wed    Julie Herbert   Melissa Vadas
Thur   Lydia Carr     Kristy Earl
Fri     Kim Stoddart  Leah Couperthwaite
        Julie Herbert  Kristy Lynch
        Lisa Purkiss  Sallanny Coffey

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Temporary Road Closures – Nostalgia Festival 2015

Please be aware that various streets in Kurri Kurri surrounding Rotary Park will be closed Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2015 from 5.00am to 4.00pm due to the Nostalgia Festival 2015. For more information please contact the Cessnock City Council on 4993 4104 or email council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

Maitland Basketball Easter School Holiday Camp

Maitland Basketball Association Inc – Home of the Maitland Mustangs! Day One Basketball Fun Day – Day Two Multisport Fun Day on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April from 9.30am – 3.00pm at Maitland Federation Centre. Open to Infant and Primary School children 5 years and over. Cost is $50.00 for the two days or $30.00 for one day. No Basketball experience required – It’s a Fun Day of Learning and Games. For more information phone 4934 3503 or 0402 153 905 or visit www.maitlandbasketball.net.au for a registration form.