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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM 2**

- **Friday 15th May**
  Volunteers Course
  9.15am

- **Monday 18th May**
  Ready and Set for Kindergarten
  2016 Computer Morning
  9.15am – 10.00am
  2015 Book Fair – Students

- **Tuesday 19th May**
  2015 Book Fair – Parents
  9.00am – 10.30am

- **Wednesday 20th May**
  Volunteers course 9.15am
  Building Resilient Families Workshop
  5.30pm – 7.30pm

- **Thursday 21st May**
  Every Thursday until Term 4
  Little Learners – Children
  Starting Kindergarten 2016
  2.00pm – 3.00pm

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

- **Tuesday 9th June**
  Ready and Set for Kindergarten
  2016 Story and Craft Afternoon
  2.15pm – 3.00pm

- **Wednesday 24th June**
  Interrelate Has The Answers!
  Session 1 – Years 3-6
  6.00pm Sharp
  Session 2 – Year 5-6
  7.15pm Sharp

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**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

This coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday our ten student leaders will be attending a Future Leaders Camp. This is a program being offered to primary school student leaders from public schools across the state. Our leaders will be attending a camp at Myuna Bay. We have a wonderful group of leaders, and I am sure they will have a great experience at the camp. Thank you to Miss Allport who will be accompanying the children.

I am very proud of our Year 3 and 5 scholars who have completed NAPLAN this week. Well done! If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016 please come to the office to enrol. Also if you have a neighbour with a child ready to begin school next year, let them know they can enrol now. Our playgroup for the next years Kindergarten group ‘Little Learners’ begins next week. It is a great way to help get children to know the school and be ready for Kindergarten.

Warm regards
Eve Field

**HUGE THANK YOU**

On Friday 8th May we held our Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast and activities morning at school. After 490 bacon and egg sandwiches, 10 litres of pancake mix and 10 litres of milk our mothers, grandmothers and mother carers then moved into their child’s classroom to experience some pampering, craft and quiz activities.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Kurri Kurri Coles and their representatives Kylie and Melissa who not only donated the bacon, eggs and bread for the breakfast, they also helped serve the outstanding attendance of families during the morning. A huge thank you also goes to Kurri Kurri Rotary Club who arrived at 6.30am to help set everything up and then cook the breakfast for everyone to enjoy as well.

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**YEAR 3 NEWS**

Congratulations to our Year 3 students for completing their NAPLAN testing this week. They should be proud of their efforts. A reminder to students and caregivers that speeches need to be ready for presentation in classrooms next week. Teachers have been speaking to students about how to prepare for their speech and there are some good tips in the Public Speaking note that went home. We have been enjoying our combined Literary and HSIE unit this term based on the book “Are We There Yet?” and students have been discovering many new things about Australia. Homework this term is based on this unit and a note went out about this last week. If you have any questions regarding this term’s homework please see your child’s class teacher.

Year 3 Teachers

**ZONE & REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY**

On Thursday 30th April the Zone Cross Country was held at Cessnock Racetrack. We had approximately 30 representatives from Kurri Kurri Public School and all displayed outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. Five students were successful in achieving a place on the Cessnock Regional Team. Congratulations to Emily P, Jessica M, Riley J, Jye L and Joshua H.

On Friday 8th May, Emily P, Jessica M, Riley J, Jye L and Joshua H attended the Regional Cross Country Championships at Broadmeadow Racecourse. They were joined by many other competitors from the Newcastle and Maitland Region. Whilst we didn’t have anyone make it to the next level (State) we are very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship. Congratulations on your achievements at making it this far.

Miss Allport and Mrs Yeoh

**LITTLE LEARNERS STARTS NEXT WEEK**

Our Little Learners Playgroup and Computer morning will begin next week. These sessions are for children that will start Kindergarten in 2016. The first session will begin with our Computer morning on Monday 18th May from 9.15am - 10.00am where the children will watch a virtual story and then be assisted to complete tasks on the computers. The Playgroup will begin on Thursday 21st May from 2.00pm – 3.00pm where the children will listen to stories, play music and be involved with art and craft activities. This is an excellent way of children participating in some exciting activities and become familiar, comfortable and confident with the school environment.

**ANN MORRICE**

You may remember us introducing Ann Morrice in a newsletter article last year? Ann Morrice is a literacy consultant who visits KKPS for two weeks every term. Ann works with teachers and students from years 2-6 on improving writing, reading and speaking skills within the classroom. The ‘Ann Morrice Literacy Cycle’ is taught by combining HSIE and Science with Literacy, ensuring that Literacy skills are delivered in an engaging and authentic way to our students. Ann will be back in the school in Term 3 in weeks 2 & 3. We will be opening up one of her sessions for parents to view. There will be a discussion after the session which will give parents a chance to ask questions and for Ann to explain her fabulous work.
NAPLAN AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

During the morning sessions this week on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th the scholars of Years 3 & 5 confidently participated in the state wide testing of Literacy and Numeracy. The students are required to complete three aspects of NAPLAN testing in a formal examination setting with a specified amount of time in which to complete the Writing, Language and Numeracy aspects of the tests. Any students that were absent for any of the 3 components will be given the opportunity to complete the missed components this Friday 15th May. The results should be available during October. Congratulations to all scholars that enthusiastically participated in NAPLAN 2015.

WRITE 4 FUN - OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARS!

This year Kurri Kurri Public School had over 10 students successfully progress past the initial judging in the 2015 Schools Writing Competition. This year the competition was held throughout both primary and secondary schools in Australia with over 12,400 entries. Our school has been recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% showed this level of achievement. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 20th May 2015. All students of 5/6MO, Meila C, Ethan M-L, Mia T, Mia B, Hudson F, Alyssa L, and William Mc (back row) Memphis M-M, Emma D, Tatum C, Ellen C, Emmie T, Zoey C and Kobi L (front row)

STUDENT INVOICES

Invoices will be arriving home soon for any unpaid amounts owing for your child/children. The Voluntary Contribution is $20 a year or just $5 a term. This money goes towards paying for consumable resources that are used by all scholars in the classroom. If you have paid any of these amounts in the last few days, please disregard the invoice.

2015 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Next week the 2015 Scholastics Book Fair will be held. This will be the one and only Book Fair this year. On Monday 18th May all students will be able to go to the hall and fill out their wish lists. On Tuesday 19th May all parents are welcome to go to the hall between 9.00am-10.30am to make any purchases or to look at wish list items. All purchases benefit our school.

INTERRELATE HAS THE ANSWERS

When kids ask the questions... Interrelate has the answers! Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters. The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games. For more information please call 02 8882 7875 or visit www.interrelate.org.au.

On Wednesday 24th June 2015 Interrelate School Services Presents a Special Evening Program

One session $25.00 or both sessions $30.00 per family.
Session 1: Where did I come from? (years 3-6) 6.00pm sharp
Session 2: Preparing for Puberty (years 5-6) 7.15pm sharp.
Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers outlining session content.

Did you know 1 in 5 children have a developmental disorder?

Have you wondered why learning difficulties, behavioural problems, autism, ADHD and Asperger’s have been increasing in our children at alarming rates? What is the scientific truth behind the cause of these problems? Join us for an amazing enlightening talk covering:

- Understanding your child by understanding the brain
- How to grow healthy well adapting children
- What are signs that your child may not be developing appropriately!

An information session will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 6.30pm at the Ashtonfield Primary School Hall. The guest speaker will be Bronwyn Aspinall – she is wonderful with functional neurology.

P&C NEWS

Photographic Fundraiser

Sunday 31st May 2015 is our Photographic Fundraising Day from 9.00am-5.00pm.

Family Portraits are $20.00. Please book and return money to the school canteen as soon as possible so we can finalise our schedule.

The next P&C meeting will be an evening meeting on Tuesday 26th May starting at 6.00pm in the staffroom.

Email: kurrikurripschool@pandacommunity.org.au

or find us on Facebook

CANCER NEWS

CANCER ROSTER

MONDAY 25TH MAY

Week commencing Monday 18th May

Sallyann Coffey  Lynnette Denning

Leanne Bloomfield

Erin Cole

Julie Herbert

Alison Rowan

Kylie Sams

Leah Couperthwaite

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

Sensory Movie Day – Reading Cinema Maitland

“Tinkerbell & The Legend of the Neverbeast” at Reading Cinema Maitland starting at 11.00am Sunday 24th May 2015

Tickets cost $8.00 each Children 2 years and under are free

Companion I.D. cards accepted. Tickets can be purchased on the day.

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Lighting is on Dim. Sound lowered. Children free to move around without judgement.

Fire exit doors are monitored by Volunteers. Siblings and extended family welcome.

For more information please call Chandale Avison on 0422416509.

Betta Electrical – Biggest Morning Tea

We are hosting the biggest morning tea at Betta Electrical Kurri Kurri on Thursday 21st May, we have an all-day morning tea from 9.15am till 4.00pm. Homemade cake and goodies are available for a gold coin donation. We are selling lucky numbers during the week $2.00 a number - prize is $100.00 cash, the other $100.00 goes to Cancer Council.

For more information please call Leah on 4937 3622.