Principal News

Our school has had a great deal of success in a variety of areas this term. Our rugby league and netball teams had very successful days in knockout competitions. Our debating teams both had wins. Our Dance Ensemble successfully auditioned for this year’s Hunter Dance Festival. Our Newcastle Herald newspaper entry has attracted lots of positive community feedback. In addition our scholars have all done a terrific job with public speaking this term. Congratulations to our wonderful Kurri Kurri Public School children.

In weeks 9 and 10 of this term we will be having Scholar/Teacher conference days. Each child will spend time chatting one on one with their teacher. They will be following up on Term One conferences, and will be looking at how well they have progressed on learning goals. These Conferences will also prepare children for 3 Way conferences next term, when parents will come and join the learning conversation.

Warm regards
Eve Field

Athletics Carnival

Notes have gone home for the Athletics Carnival being held on Thursday 4th June. The Athletics Carnival is for all children in Years 3 – 6 and optional for 8 year old Year 2 students. It is a normal school day with all students expected to attend. If your child is unable to attend due to medical reasons, a written note is required and they are expected to attend school for the day.

Students will have the option of travelling by bus with their class or private transport meeting at Biralee Oval. Please ensure you indicated your option on the permission note and return to school by Monday 1st June. We are unable to accept late notes as buses and staff supervision for students going directly to Biralee need to be confirmed.

Sport Houses - Surname starting with ………
A-D Parkes – Red E-K Deakin – Green
L-Q Barton- Yellow R-Z Hopetoun - Blue

Public Speaking Final

The finals of this year Public Speaking will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 9:30am in our school hall. All scholars in years K-6 have made enormous improvements in their speech presentation, preparation and delivery. It has been wonderful to experience the imaginative and creative thinking that our scholars are exploring with their speeches this year. Congratulations to all scholars. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this final.

Smoking Near School Gates

From 7th January 2013 smoking has been banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building by the Department of Health. Although the school gate is not a building, NSW Health advises that it is considered the entry to enclosed school grounds and the 4 metre rule applies. Fines of up to $550 apply.

Year 5 News

Year 5 is having a great term, with various school and grade programs running almost back to back. Our next exciting program, ‘Careers Through Reading’, is being run by a group of university students who will introduce their future professional careers, and the pathways to these careers, while simultaneously building our children’s skills and further interest in literacy.

A change to note for 5G only - Mrs Garrett will teach 5G Monday, Tuesday and Fridays only for the remainder of term. Miss Elle Turner will teach 5G on Wednesday & Thursday.

Don’t forget to bring your notes back for Interrelate as soon as possible!
Year 5 Teachers

Out of Uniform

On Friday 5th June we will be having an out of uniform day to help support Max E in KB with his determined efforts to raise money for the Sydney Children’s Hospital Telethon being held on 8th June. Max and his family have been invited to be part of the live studio audience to present the money that he has raised. At three weeks of age Max was airlifted to Sydney Children’s Hospital and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit in respiratory arrest. Max spent nearly one week in Intensive Care then another week in one of the wards of the hospital where he received amazing specialised care from the Doctors and Nurses. With this care, along with the equipment and facilities of Sydney Children’s Hospital, Max was able to fully recover. So far Max has raised over $1000. There are various businesses around Kurri Kurri that are also assisting Max with raising money. McDonald’s Kurri Kurri is one of those businesses. On Wednesday 3rd June lunch time 6.00pm–7.00pm McDonald’s will donate 10% of sales during these times to Max to add to his grand total. We will give an updated tally next week with the final of what Max will present at the Telethon the week after.

Responsible Pet Ownership Workshop

On Tuesday 26th May children from Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and the Support Unit attended a Responsible Pet Ownership Workshop. The children were taught to recognise the signs of an angry, happy or scared dog. The children were shown the safest way and appropriate time to approach a dog.

Some lucky children got to pat a dog called Thunder who also came along to the presentation!

Little Learners Playgroup Begins

On Thursday 21st May we commenced our regular Thursday Little Learners Playgroup for children that will begin Kindergarten in 2016. This playgroup will now continue every Thursday between 2.00pm – 3.00 pm through to Term 4 this year.
KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT
On Thursday 21st May the Kurri Kurri Public School Rugby League team participated in the Knights Knockout at Glendale. They played 3 games on the day. They won their first, lost the others in very close games. The boys played hard and demonstrated great sportsmanship. They are looking forward to the PSSA gala day coming up later in the term.

PSSA NETBALL KNOCKOUT
The senior girls’ netball Team attended the PSSA Netball Knockout competition on Monday the 25th May and were excited to see how they would go up against neighbouring suburbs. Countless training sessions and team meetings got the team to where they are all players were quiet confident in both their abilities and their teammates. We faced Aberdeen Public School in the first round of the knockout and were off to a tremendous start! They continued to notch up goals against the opposition winning 36-5. They played Cessnock Public School in the second round were they came away with a convincing win of 46-3. Third round was against long-time rivals Nulkaba PS. Both teams displayed talent and teamwork but unfortunately we were defeated by 1 goal in the last 30 seconds score was 12-11, which is a true indication of the hard fight put up by all! All players showed sportsmanship and the Kurri spirit! Well Done Girls!

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED)
The WED theme this year is “Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care.” The wellbeing of humanity, the environment, and the functioning of the economy, ultimately depend upon the responsible management of the planet’s natural resources. World Environment Day on Friday the 5th of June are we asking that your child bring a waste free or recyclable lunch box to school. Reusable containers and choosing items that are in packaging that can be recycled. If your child is ordering from the canteen that day consider choosing items that have recyclable packaging. Non-recyclable packaging ends up as landfill. Let’s work together to reduce waste and contribute to a cleaner environment for future generations.

DEBATING SUCCESS
On Thursday 21st May our Yr 5 and Yr 6 debating teams competed in the first round of the Premier’s Debate Challenge at Bellbird Public School. Our Kurri Kurri Blue Team, consisting of Emmie T, Georgie B, Sharrar G and Meila C debated the topic ‘That all students should learn a musical instrument in school’. As the affirmative team, they successfully convinced the adjudicator that all students should learn a musical instrument and were awarded the win in a very close debate.

Our Kurri Kurri Yellow Team, consisting of Chiquita C, Dakoda H, Mia B and Josie C, debated the topic ‘That homework should not be banned’. As the negative team, they successfully argued that homework should not be banned and were also awarded a win – An outstanding effort, especially considering that all of our students were participating in their very first unplanned debate! A special mention to Halle T and Jordan L, the team reserves, who have worked tirelessly in preparing for this debate and learning the necessary skills that will allow them to step in when needed.

Congratulations to these wonderful Kurri Kurri Public School scholars!

ANNUAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
Thank you to the many children and parents who participated in some way on Friday 22nd May in the Annual Walk to School Day. Here’s hoping families can continue to use walking to school as an excellent chat time while adding to the 30 minutes recommended daily exercise. How fit we will all be!

CANCER COUNCIL - EAT IT TO BEAT IT
For information on the below Nutrition Snippets please visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or phone 02 4923 0714. By using the information and the healthy eating sessions, parents can really help improve the health of their families, and as a result improve the health of our school community.

Nutrition Snippets Fact Sheets include:
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5 Ways to a Healthy Lifestyle

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