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DATES TO REMEMBER
TERM 2
- Every Thursday until Term 4
- Little Learners – Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
  11:00am–3:00pm
- Monday 8th June
  Public Holiday
- Tuesday 9th June
  Public Speaking Final
  In School Hall 9.30am
- Ready and Set for Kindergarten
  2016 Story and Craft Afternoon
  2.15pm–3.00pm
- Friday 12th June
  Pie Drive Order Form and Monies Due
- Tuesday 16th June
  Aboriginal students and families
  PLP sausage sizzle and sign off and cultural performance
  3.30pm
- Wednesday 24th June
  Interrelate has The Answers!
  Session 1 – Years 3-6 6.00pm Sharp
  Session 2 – Year 5-7 7.15pm Sharp
  Pie Drive Orders Collection
  from School Hall 9.00am-3.15pm
- Friday 26th June
  Last day of term 2

TERM 3
- Tuesday 14th July
  School resumes for students
- Tuesday 28th July
  Edfest
- Friday 31st July
  Education Week Open Day

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PRINCIPAL NEWS
This week I have been listening to the Grade Public Speaking Finals. I have been very impressed with the quality of speeches this year and would like to thank parents for assisting your children to learn their speeches. The expressions in student’s voices and hand gestures have certainly improved over the years. I look forward to our finals on Tuesday 9th June at 9.30am in the School Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. A reminder to all parents to ensure your children attend school daily and on time, that is if they are not ill. We want all students to achieve and coming to school every day certainly sets your child up for success. It is also sets a good work ethic for when they leave school and join the work force.

Lesley Doran

EXCURSION CLOSING DATES
Please note we cannot accept any late payments or permission notes after the closing date for all excursions and in school events. As we are a very large school, a great deal of planning goes into organising staff supervision of students attending and non-attending, buses and payment. Please assist us to enable our school to run smoothly.

YEAR 1 REPTILE PARK EXCURSION
Closing date for excursion is Friday 5th June no later than 3.30pm. No payments or notes can be accepted after this date as buses and staff supervision needs to be finalised.

RAW ART CLASSES START
The Creative Arts is an excellent way to nurture personal growth and development and is a great individualistic way to explore creative self-expression. Tuesday 2nd June the Raw Art Classes commenced amongst our Stage 3 scholars. They were instructed in clay preparation and worked with clay as an art medium and how to care for the clay during the course of the creation. Stage 3 was given the brief of creating Clay Cone Heads. Wednesday 3rd June some Stage 2 classes commenced their artistic creations, using clay as their medium they created Aussie Clay Animals and Clay Bugs. Raw Art classes will continue on Friday 5th June - Yr 4 scholars. Tuesday 9th June - Yr 1 and Yr 3 scholars, Wednesday 10th June - Yr 2 scholars and Thursday 11th June for Kindergarten scholars. All students have shown excited keen enthusiasm and imagination in creating their artistic pieces.

CONGRATULATIONS PSSA SOCCER
On Thursday 28th May both the senior boys and girls soccer teams played Pelaw Main in the first match of the PSSA knockout competition. Outstanding effort from both teams with the boys winning 11-2 and the girls 5-0. Both teams advanced through to the next stage of the competition. Thank you to Mr McNally for refereeing both games.

YEAR 6 NEWS
Our year 6 students are off to a great start this term with lots of exciting things happening for them in the near future. On 12th June 2015 the Discover Uni Day is held at The University of Newcastle, where parents, caregivers and students get an insight into what’s on offer to study after high school. The first Kurri Kurri High School transition visit is coming up in week 9. Year 6 shirts (after a few minor set-backs from the suppliers) are on their way and will be delivered to students as soon as they arrive. Year 6 students have been working hard in their classrooms, studying exciting units such as 'Environmental Advocates,' 'Games and Sports' and practicing their math’s mental maths (especially times tables!) every day. Semester reports are an excellent indication as to how your child has been going in class. The students also voted on a theme for their farewell dinner in term 4. The theme chosen was “Hollywood.”

Miss Allport (Grade Co-ordinator)

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
On Friday 5th June we will be hosting an Out of Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation Fundraiser. This is to assist one of our Kindergarten students and his family to raise money for the Sydney Children’s Hospital as a big thank you to them for the amazing lifesaving care they gave Max when he was 3 weeks old. Max E of class KB, and his family will be in the NBN studio audience for the morning session at the Telethon on Monday 8th June. The Telethon will be televised and it will be great to see Max and his family present a cheque to the Sydney Children’s Hospital. Max has already raised over $2000. With the help of his Soccer Club, Kurri Kurri McDonalds, Kurri Kurri High School, Kurri Kurri Coles, Kurri Kurri Rugby League Club and of course our school with the out of uniform day tomorrow, and various other businesses in Kurri Kurri. It is looking like it will be a significant amount that will be raised from the Kurri Kurri Community; it is wonderful to know that we live in a caring and generous community.

PBL
This fortnight the PBL focus is on safety. Scholars will be learning about ways to keep themselves and others safe at school. A major focus is teaching the scholars the importance of always being in the sight of their classroom teacher or the teacher on duty, and not wandering into areas that have been identified as out of bounds. They will be revising the safe use of equipment at school and identifying ways to ensure that their classroom and playground are safe places for everyone.

Scholars will be completing a series of lessons for the remainder of the term that focus on what bullying is, strategies to deal with bullying and how to seek support when they feel unsafe.

At home, talk to your child about ways to keep themselves and others safe around the home and the community.

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.

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4th June 2015, Week 7 Odd Week
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER TIP

Recently, I have spoken to our K-2 teachers about the value in reading stories to scholars in the classroom. So almost double the value and benefits if you are reading to them before bedtime too! Plus it is a great opportunity to spend some time to bond with your child. So what are these other benefits in terms of learning?

1. Increases the amount of words they learn and can use
2. Making significant gains in your child being able to effectively talk in sentences (which can lead to better behaviour)
3. Learning “bookish language” which helps them acquire reading skills faster
4. High level thinking about concepts books like friendship or fairness

More than just reading words on the page, the above is developed even further by the conversation you can have about the story afterwards. It helps them compose language and their thought- a valuable thing at school! Language development underpins your child’s success in reading and writing so get some books out for bedtime!

Those who read succeed!

Is this ok? I’ll focus on actual Home Reading next time.

Sarah Williams

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS

This year, the organisers of Weston Art Show have invited students from schools in the local area to submit entries to their Annual Art Show.

There will be three sections – all ages are to be as at 1st June 2015: Junior Youth, ages 8-11, Youth ages 12-15, Senior Youth ages 16-18.

As this is the first occasion that schools have been invited, only 2 entries will be allowed from each school. Any student wishing to enter this art show please submit your work of art to the office fully labelled with student name, date of birth, address and phone number by Wednesday 10th June. These works of art will then be hung in our Gallery and a panel will select two entries to submit to the Weston Art Show. There will be prizes awarded for each section:

First Prize – $125.00, Encouragement Prize – $25.00, Rising Talent Prize – $25.00

No late entries will be accepted.

STUDENT WELLBEING POLICY

The Department of Education has released a Student Wellbeing Policy. This can be seen through the department website. It includes a Behaviour code for students. These states:

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

• Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
• Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
• Strive for the highest standards in learning
• Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
• Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
• Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
• Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
• Respect all property
• Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
• Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools
• I’m sure everyone would agree with this code for students and for our school community in general.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder when we are setting up for our Whole School Assembly could parents attending please remain outside the hall until the roller door is open to allow students and staff time to organise chairs etc.

ROTARY DONATES DREAM CRICKET KIT

On Friday 29th May at Whole School Assembly, Mr Greg Bevan and Mr Paul Hughes from Kurri Kurri Rotary attended and presented Mr Wooster and several of his scholars from the Support Classes with a Dream Cricket Kit. These specialised cricket kits are valued at $500 and were donated to our school to encourage inter-school cricket matches with other Support Classes within our area; this will allow continued opportunities to develop both social and physical skills with our students. A huge thank you to the Kurri Kurri Rotary for considering our school for this wonderful and valued donation.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

We have had a few reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease. The symptoms are mild illness, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area. Scholars will need to be kept at home until the blisters have cleared. To help prevent the spread of the disease please ensure careful hand washing especially after wiping noses, using the toilet and changing nappies. The time from exposure to illness is three to seven days. This information was obtained from NSW Health for more information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

P&C NEWS

Pie Drive – Please note that the dates in last week’s newsletter were incorrect

Please fill in order form and return to school with monies by Friday 12th June. Orders can be collected from the school hall on Wednesday 24th June between 9.00am-3.15pm.

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing Monday 8th June

Mon: Janene Straker
Tues: Narelle Maeder
Wed: Julie Herbert
Thurs: Kim Stoddart
Fri: Julie Herbert

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kurri Kurri Junior Football Club Family Trivia Night is being held on Saturday 13th June at 6.30pm at the Kurri Kurri Bowling Club $10.00 per person 10 people per table. Great prizes to be won.

SIDS and Kids – Red Nose Day Family Fun Day

On Sunday 14th June at Dixon Park 10.00am–2.00pm.

This event is open to the public. We would love to see you there, so bring along your family and friends and have a great time.

Some refreshments will be available for purchase. A gold coin donation for most activities. For more information please call 4969 3171

Art Workshop for Teachers and Students in the Holidays

July School Holiday art workshops are available to your families Bookings essential. For more information please call Joanna Davies. Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery on 4965 8260 or visit www.lakemac.com.au

Computer Basics Course - Maitland TAFE

Computer Basics course being run at Maitland TAFE Campus in Semester 2, 2015. This Certificate 1 course is available to students 14 years to 60 years of age who are looking for an introduction to IT.

For more information please call 4969 3171

Dentsply Cari recalled for children under 6 years of age. For more information please call our customer care line 1800 653 652.

P&C News

Please come along to the next P&C meeting to be held on Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm, School hall. The meeting will be followed by our end of year BBQ. 

Next Thursday 11th June we will be sending our end of year newsletter. If you have any news please send to: kurrikurripublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

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