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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2
Every Thursday until Term 4
Little Learners – Children Starting
Kindergarten 2016 2.00pm-3.00pm

Friday 26th June
Last day of term 2
PBL Rewards Day

TERM 3
Monday 13th July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14th July
School resumes for students

Thursday 16th July
Working with Children
Volunteer Course
9.15am

Tuesday 28th July
Edfest

Friday 31st July
Education Week Open Day

Tuesday 4th August
Healthy Eating Workshop

Friday 7th August
Zone Athletics Carnival

Monday 10th August
Zone Public Speaking Competition
Nulkaba Public School

Tuesday 11th August
Ready and Set for Kindergarten
2016 Story and Craft Afternoon
2.15pm-3.00pm
Zone Public Speaking Competition
Nulkaba Public School

Monday 31st August
Ready and Set for Kindergarten
2016 Computer Morning
9.15am-10.00am

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Holidays commence on Friday 26th June. Children are ready for a well-earned break and this is a great opportunity to refresh and get well and be ready for a strong start to Term 3. Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is important to children as it sets them up for success. Arriving late to school can be embarrassing for children and is disruptive for everyone. Learning that it is important to be on time and how to pace yourself to be punctual is a skill that children learn in preparation for their future. Please help your child to develop this skill!

A reminder for students who have a lunch order for lunch - some students have been going to the canteen at lunch wanting hot food. Unfortunately, these requests cannot always be filled as the canteen staff prepare lunch orders before morning tea.
Regards
Lesley Doran

CONTINUING READING IN THE HOLIDAYS

A hot topic of conversation with teachers after holidays is how to get their students learning and moving again after the break. It can sometimes be referred to as the “holiday setback”. Terying the following tips can really assist staff in picking up where we left off rather than trying to recover what was taught in the last few weeks of term.

- Play games such as “I spy... something beginning with........?”
- Ask your child to read out simple recipes while you cook together.
- Read comic, magazines, short stories, poems and rhymes, including nursery rhymes.
- Do crosswords & other word puzzles together.
- Read the TV guide before watching a program.
- Look at letterbox leaflets together.
- Read directions and signs when driving and shopping.
- Play board games together and read the rules.

Have a safe and happy break!
Sarah Williams – K-2 Instructional leaders

HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 4th August the Cancer Council will attend our school to provide a Healthy Eating presentation for parents and carers. This session will be free and everyone that attends will receive a Cancer Council Recipe Book and morning tea. Topics that will be covered during the morning will include clever hints to entice fussy eaters with healthy nourishing lunch box ideas and meals, money and time saving ideas and the importance of healthy eating to protect and fight against illnesses and disease. There are only limited places for this workshop phone 4937 1235 to register and avoid disappointment.

OFFICE NEWS

The Office staff are available to assist you with your bookings for three way conferences to be held in week’s 2 and 3 next term. For parents who have previously used the portal please use the following link.

Parents who have not yet registered with the SENTRAL parental portal received a separate letter providing information on how to login and make a booking. Have a happy and safe holiday. Julie Gilbert, Michelle McVea, Genelle Parker, Melissa Allen, Glenda Murnane and Melinda Beavis.

COALFIELDS CUP BASKETBALL

On Friday 19th June Miss Allport along with the boys and girls basketball teams competed in the Coalfields Cup at Cessnock Indoor Sports Centre. There were some very talented (and tall!) players from various schools in the region, but our students did a fabulous job displaying their skills on the court. The boys team won against Milfield Public School and drew against Paxton Public School. The girls team didn’t secure any wins but had a fun filled day all the same. Both teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship and took the challenge head on with enthusiasm and determination. Thank you to all players for your efforts and especially to the parents who assisted with transport of students on the day.

PSSA RUGBY LEAGUE

On Thursday 11th June the Rugby League team participated in a PSSA Knockout competition at Kurri Kurri Football Ground. Unfortunately the boys lost to Nulkaba Public School and were knocked out of the competition. They had a great time playing an extra game (for fun) against Pelaw Main Public School and won. Congratulations to the boys on great sportsmanship they displayed and big thank you to Eddie Faalua for all his help.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE P&C

The New Executive of Kurri Kurri Public School P&C has had an exciting start to the year. For three of the executive team it will be their first time at holding an executive position, although they have been volunteers in previous years at various events. Their fundraising efforts so far for this year have been very successful. From the Nostalgia Festival they raised approx $9000, the Mother’s Day stall profited approx $4800 and the Family Portrait day raised $480. Most recently they held a pie drive - details still being finalised for this fundraiser. This is an outstanding achievement so far this year. There are more events planned later in the year, including Kurri Kurri Community Festival and Carols By Candlelight. Anyone interested in giving any assistance at any future events please feel free to phone the school on 4937 1235 to express your interest and leave your contact details.

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Learning, caring and respect for all
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SISTASPEAK & BROSPREAK CULTURAL EXCURSION
Bubbling with excitement, the scholars from the SistaSpeak and Bropreak Aboriginal mentoring groups boarded the bus to travel to the Murrook Culture Centre where we were greeted by Jonathan. Most of our morning was spent building family trees and learning about our relatives and tribes. We were fascinated to learn about our great grandparents and had a lot of questions of mums and dads, auntsies and uncles. Because it was raining outside, we played some team games in the great hall before lunch. The best part of the day was learning about the native plant, Lomandra Longifolia, the sharp Australian grass that can keep us hydrated and can be split and soaked for weaving. Everyone was able to start weaving a bowl using the long strands of this plant. We learned so much – it was an awesome day.

SENIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE
The Senior Dance Ensemble was formed mid Term 1 after three rounds of auditions. The 22 group members were selected out of 70 keen dancers to represent our school on the ‘big stage’. The group is co-ordinated and choreographed by Miss Way who has taught dance in the Kurri Kurri Community for many years.

The group has been practising for two terms now with their Jazz routine dance ‘Born to Hand Jive’. They performed this routine at the Nostalgia festival earlier in the year after learning it in only 3 lessons! Their hard work and fantastic work ethic is commendable. The Ensemble has a very busy Term 3 approaching with performances at Hunter Dance Festival and Kurri Kurri EdFest. The group successfully auditioned for the Hunter Dance Festival early this term, which is a showcase of dance items from schools across the Hunter and Central Coast regions. They were successful in the audition process and will be performing for over 1000 audience members on Monday 20th July at 6.30pm. This is a big honour for the group who are very excited to showcase their talents. Tickets for the Festival are now available through Newcastle Panthers for $18. The Ensemble will also perform their new routine ‘Beautiful People’ at Kurri Kurri EdFest held at Kurri Kurri High School on Tuesday 28th July. They have been working very hard on this new routine to get it ready in time for the big performance. We wish them all the best at both performances.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PRESENTATION
Athletics Carnival ribbons and age champion trophies will be presented at the Week 2 Whole School Assembly in Term 3.

PBL REWARDS DAY
PBL Rewards Day will be held on Friday 26th June. This term students who have less than two negative incidents will participate in a movie and popcorn morning.

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS
NAIDOC celebrations officially take place between 5th-12th July during the school holidays. We will be acknowledging and celebrating NAIDOC on Wednesday 15th July and Thursday 16th July. On Wednesday 15th July at 10.20am we will have our NAIDOC Assembly where we will acknowledge various achievements of our indigenous scholars, performances by Stanford Merthyr Infants School Dance Group and the Local Management Group Drumbeat performers. On Thursday 16th July we will have scholars from Kurri Kurri High School coordinating 2 sessions of Aboriginal Sporting activities with the infant’s session starting at 9.30am and the primary session starting at 11.40am. NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

P&C NEWS
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CANTENE ROSTER
Week commencing Monday 13th July
Mon Staff Development Day
Tues Sallyann Coffey Lynette Denning
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
Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours – has great events happening these school holidays for bookings and more information call NPWS Lower Hunter Area on 4946 4112.
The Hunter Wetlands Centre - Has a great School Holiday Program - you can watch the magpie geese being fed, try dip-netting, enjoy time at the playground, climb the egret tower, bring your bike (or hire one) and ride around the wetlands, meet Basil the Snake and Timmy the Turtle at an interactive reptile encounter daily at 12.00pm except Mondays, become an official ‘Wetlands Explorer’ and go in the draw to win a wetlands goodies pack. Enjoy lunch at Spoolbin Cafe, bring a picnic or book a BBQ. There’s lots to do at the Wetlands! For more information please call Val on 4951 6468 or Bookings Essential at Wollombi from 02 4946 4112.

Free Creative Writing Workshop - for Children and Teens at Kurri and Cessnock Libraries to be held during the school holidays. Author Alyssa Brumigan will host the workshop, which is open to ages 10 years and over, including teens. Those wishing to book should contact the hosting library. Kurri 4937 1638 or Cessnock 4993 4399.

Cessnock Hockey - Coaching Clinics for Juniors Wednesday 24th June – 4.00pm-5.30pm. Cost is Free Wednesday 7th July – 9.30am-3.00pm. Cost is $15.00 VENUE: Cessnock Hockey Field, Baddeley Park. For more information please call Pam Snaddon on 0429 906 670, Lisa Roberts on 0428 91 1781 or Kath Coverdale on 0402 984 465. Summer Competition Starts Wednesday 5th August

Wakagetti Dance Company - If you are looking for a holiday activity for the whole family, the Wakagetti Dance Company (the same people who run our fabulous Aboriginal cultural group at school) are running cultural days at Wollombi from 11.00am-3.00pm daily. The NAIDOC theme this year is we all stand on Sacred Land: Learn, Respect and Celebrate, so these workshops give you a fabulous chance to learn about, respect and celebrate Aboriginal culture. Everyone is invited, Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal families.

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