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DATES TO REMEMBER
Every Thursday until Term 4
Little Learners - Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
2.00pm–3.00pm
Friday 17th July
Stage 3 3 Way Conferences- Hall
Tuesday 21st July
Support class 3 Way conferences
Whole school evening 3 Way conferences – Hall
Wednesday 22nd July
Stage 2 3 Way Conferences – Hall
Thursday 23rd July
Mark Hughes Foundation
Beanie Day
Friday 24th July
Year 6 Canberra Closes
Tuesday 28th July
EST 3 Way conferences - hall
Edfest
Wednesday 29th July
Year 2 3 Way Conferences-hall
Thursday 30th July
Year 1 3 Way Conferences
Friday 31st July
Education Week Open Day
Tuesday 4th August
Healthy Eating Workshop
Wednesday 5th August
Positive Attendance BBQ
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

PRINCIPAL NEWS
I am very happy to be back at school after an extended break. I have come back much smarter after 6 weeks of research and study for a university course in Educational Leadership. It has been both challenging and interesting to be involved in formal institutional learning for myself again.

Thanks to Mrs Doran for relieving in my absence. I have a strong staff team here, and they have worked extremely well together while I was away.

Mrs Sturman our Deputy Principal Wellbeing is on Long Service Leave until the 29th July. This will be a well-earned extra break holidaying with her family. Mr Wooster will be relieving as DP Wellbeing during this time. Mrs Kent will be Assistant Principal for the Support Unit.

I encourage all parent and carers to participate in the 3 Way Conferences. Our scholars are well prepared for them after meeting individually with their teachers last term. Please honour and support your child’s learning by attending a conference with them and their teacher. We are setting up a lovely café atmosphere in the Hall for daytime interviews!

Warm Regards,
Eve Field

DEBATING NEWS
During the final week of last term Bellbird Public School Debating Team visited our school to debate two topics against our Year 5 and Year 6 Debating Teams. The Year 5 team was the first to debate against the Bellbird Team in the affirmative to the topic “Parents should be banned from drinking around their children”. This was quite a difficult topic to debate which resulted in the adjudicator awarding this debate to Bellbird Public School. Our Year 6 Team then debated the topic “Animals should not be included in sporting activities” in the affirmative position as well. The adjudicator acknowledged during the delivery of the adjudication that this was a very close debate with strong arguments put forward by both teams, the adjudicator awarded this debate to the Bellbird Public School team as well. Congratulations to both the Year 5 and 6 teams for their dedication, commitment and flexibility during each debate and especially the grace that all scholars showed with the announcement of the adjudication. Well done.

On Thursday 23rd July our teams will be debating again and then on Monday 27th July our Year 5 team will debate our Year 6 team, this will be a very exciting debate to view.

KINDERTAGEN NEWS
Kindergarten are excited to be back to start a new term. What progress we have seen already! It was such an uplifting experience to report to our parents the amazing achievements our students have made so far this year and we cannot wait to see what lies ahead as the year continues. Well done to all our students and we trust that all our parents and caregivers were impressed with the gains they have made already.

This Term we have more exciting learning opportunities available to our students. Our Science unit “Staying Alive” explores what growing things need to stay alive and involves lots of research on plants and animals. Keep your eyes peeled for a booklet that will be sent home to record how you look after your pet at home. If you don’t have a pet of your own maybe there is a relative, friend or neighbour that will share this information. In HSIE we will be studying a unit called “This Is Me”. For this unit we ask that you send in one or more photos of your family which can also include extended family. We continue with our P.E program which involves our morning activities which the students loved. This is a great way to start the day and gets the blood flowing to ensure our students are ready for a day full of thinking and learning.

Warm Regards
Kindergarten Teachers

CAREERS DAY
Last term a note was sent home asking parents and carers for assistance during our Careers Day which will be held Thursday 13th August. This very important educational day gives our scholars some hands on experience with a variety of different career alternatives which both inspires and nurtures our scholars to consider possibilities of future career paths.

We are inviting parents, grandparents and carers to visit classrooms during Careers Day to share their personal experiences from their chosen careers. We encourage as many parents and carers that are able to assist during the day to come along to assist with the support of nurturing and preparing our scholars in exploring their future career choices. If you are interested in assisting during the day please call the school on 4937 1235 to register your details.

BEANIE DAY
On 23rd July we will once again be holding Beanie Day to assist with raising funds to increase awareness of Brain Cancer in our community. Scholars and staff with a gold coin donation can wear their beanies to school for the day to support the Mark Hughes Foundation with raising this very important awareness. Coles Supermarket will also be assisting with the fundraiser by collecting money and wearing their beanies Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, so any spare change you have please drop into their collection buckets at the front service desk.
ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES
Attached to this week’s newsletter are 2 pages of information regarding attendance procedures. The information includes procedures for notifying absences, children arriving late to school and leaving early and when a child is considered to have unsatisfactory attendance. On the other side of the procedures is an interesting table that explains how much time off school affects your child over their primary and high school education. Please read the documents carefully and familiarise yourself with them. It is important that children attend school every day to ensure that they are fully engaged in all the opportunities that education offers them.

If at any time you have a question regarding attendance or have any concerns please talk to your child’s teacher or the Deputy Principal of Wellbeing.

Warm Regards,
Victoria Sturman
Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

POSITIVE ATTENDANCE BBQ
Students who have had over 92% attendance in term 1 and 2, with less than 3 combined days of lateness or leaving early, will be invited to a BBQ lunch on Wednesday 5th August (Week 4). This is an initiative to reward positive student attendance.

If your child has over 92% attendance for the term and less than 3 combined days of lateness or leaving early, they will be given a certificate at the end of week 3, which will be used as their invitation to attend.

There will be another BBQ at the end of term 4 for students who have had over 92% attendance in term 3 and 4, with less than 3 combined days of lateness or leaving early.

SCHOOL EMAIL SYSTEM
Please be advised that the Department has been working on our School Email System – until further notice please do not use Skoolbag or send Emails to the School as the system has been down. Absences can be advised by calling the office on 49371235.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
Today scholars from Kurri Kurri High School visited our school to demonstrate and guide our scholars through a series of indigenous games today to acknowledge and celebrate NAIDOC Week. In conjunction with these games we were also very fortunate to have the Wakagetti Dance Group visit with our scholars to demonstrate indigenous dancing with the students in the assembly hall. All the activities today were very successful and this was an excellent celebration for NAIDOC Week and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

P&C NEWS
Email: kurrikurripublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or find us on Facebook

BBQ TO CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK.
On Thursday, 30th July from 3.30pm – 5.00pm the P&C will be holding a BBQ to celebrate Education Week and showcase some of the talents and works of our scholars. A note will be going home this week inviting families to attend. We will be having our Choir and Dance Group perform at this event and displaying art works from many of our scholars as well. This is a perfect opportunity to come along and meet our P&C members, have a bite to eat and experience some of the creative talents that our scholars proudly produce. Please return the slip to indicate your interest in attending for catering purposes or call the school on 4937 1235 to register your interest.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTENE ROSTER

Mon  
Week commencing Monday 20th July
Janene Straker
Leanne Bloomfield

Tues  

Naomi Henry
Alana Henry

Wed  
Julie Herbert
Lydia Carr
Maddeline Butler

Thur  
Kim Stoddart
Kristy Lynch
Leah Coaperthwaite

Fri  
Julie Herbert
Lisa Purkiss
Sallyann Coffey

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
TAFE Outreach are running the following courses in our area. For more information about these courses please contact Annabelle at TAFE on 6542 1115.

At Kurri TAFE - Introduction to Floristry - 9.30am-1.30pm – starting Friday 31st July and Café Operations and Accommodation Services 10.00am-1.00pm – starting Thursday 6th August
At Maitland TAFE - Cafe Operations - 10.00am-1.00pm – starting Wednesday 12th August and Acrylic Nails - 10.30am-1.30pm – starting Monday 3rd August
At Metford TAFE – Basic Computing 9.00am-12.00pm - starting on a Friday soon

Hunter Valley Hotel Academy Training Restaurant – Hunter TAFE would like to invite you to experience our Apprentice Chefs and Students in action.

Wednesday Night Dinner 22nd July – 11th November. Arrival 6.00pm $30.00 per person including 3 course meal and welcome drink.

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Monday Lunch 3rd August – 14th September. Starting at 12.00pm – serving a range of starters, mains, desserts and espresso coffees from $5.00 - $10.00

Group Bookings Welcome. For more information please call 4936 0219 or 4936 0277

Korrel Wonna AECG Dates / Venues 2015
Term 3 Monday 10th August 2015 (Week 5) at Kurri Kurri Public School 3.30pm for a 4.00pm start.