PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have a very full newsletter this week – the result of so much activity and achievement in the school! So this week I will make some brief points:

3 Way Conferences. Congratulations to the parents who have joined with their child and their teacher for a learning conference. If you haven’t made an appointment, why haven’t you? Research shows that a child’s achievement at school is increased by parents showing active interest and involvement in their learning. These are friendly conferences. Your children are prepared for them. It is never too late to book. Teachers will be flexible.

Education Week. Check the Dates to Remember for events next week. Your children love to see you at school. Come and see the great things they do, and the wonderful ways they learn.

Congratulations to our Dancers, choir members, netballers, debaters, soccer players and rugby league players representing us this week and next week. We are very proud of you!

Warm Regards
Eve Field

STAGE 2 ENGINEERING AND MATHS PROGRAMS

To further cater for the interests and talents across our school we are running two exciting enrichment programs for selected Stage 2 scholars this term. The first is an Engineering Project facilitated by Newcastle University student Geoffrey Smith as part of his Master’s in Education studies. The scholars who have been selected for their demonstrated high levels of interest and enthusiasm in science and maths, will meet with Mr Smith each Monday to undertake a Pushcart Design Challenge.

Beginning in Week 5 another group of scholars from Stage 2 will work with Ms Oliver for one session a fortnight investigating complex Math problem solving strategies and learning how to apply these strategies to Math Olympiad practice questions. Currently a select group of Stage 3 students in our school participate in the Australian Math Olympiad each year and by exposing this style of question to interested scholars in Stage 2 we hope to be able to develop their skills and enthusiasm for this competition for future years. Scholars and their parents will be notified if they are involved in these programs.

These programs are designed for enrichment in the areas of maths and science and participation in them does not signify or guarantee a place in the 2016 Stage 3 Enrichment Class. Application procedures for this class will be advised to parents in Term 4 and all interested students will be welcome to apply at that time.

SMOKING NEAR SCHOOL GATES

Unfortunately I have to remind some parents about this. Smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building by the Department of Health. Fines of up to $550 apply. Please show respect to our school and scholars.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 ended last term with a very exciting trip to the Australian Reptile Park. Our scholars loved getting to see a range of reptiles and creepy crawlies, with a highlight being when Miss Way held an 18kg python. Our scholars have already been asking when we can go back!

Term 3 is off to a great start. Scholars have come back from their holidays settled and ready to learn. NAIDOC week activities were enjoyed by all, with our scholars participating in Aboriginal dance, games and art activities. We are all looking forward to another wonderful term.

Warm Regards
Year 1 Teachers

SENIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to our Senior Dance Ensemble who performed their routine ‘Born to Hand Jive’ at Hunter Dance Festival on Monday 20th July in Newcastle. They represented our school proudly on and off stage with excellent cooperation and teamwork throughout the whole day. Their performance was absolutely spectacular. We are very proud of you all.

Warm Regards
Carol Haynes

BEANIE DAY

Thursday 23rd July scholars and staff wore Beanies to school for the day to support the Mark Hughes Foundation with their promotion of Brain Cancer Awareness and fundraising for research, treatments and cures. On average 1600 people are diagnosed in Australia each year with Brain Cancer. Only 2 people out of 10 will survive for at least 5 years. Brain Cancer kills more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other disease in Australia. Survival rates are low and have hardly changed for 30 years. Today from gold coin donations to support Beanie Day we raised $532.90 to go to this very worthy research foundation. Coles are also supporting Beanie Day in conjunction with Kurri Kurri Public School until this Friday, so please throw any loose coins in the buckets at the front service desk at Coles.
HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 4th August the Cancer Council will be attending our school to provide a Healthy Eating Presentation for parents and carers. This session will be free and everyone who 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 lunchbox 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, please phone the school on 4937 1235 to register or return the note that went home to avoid disappointment.

EDFEST 2015

During Education Week, our six local schools, collectively forming the Kurri Kurri Learning Community; Kurri Kurri High School, Kurri Kurri Public School, Weston Public School, Pelaw Main Public School, Mulbring Public School; and Stanford Merthyr Infants School, will join together to celebrate Creative and Performing Arts. This event is known as EDFest, taking place on Tuesday 28th July commencing with the opening of the Art Gallery, for viewing by parents/carers and students in the Kurri Kurri High School Gym at 5.15pm. The presentation of Art Gallery Certificates/Prizes will take place before the performances at 6.00pm in the TAFE Arts Hall. The Art Gallery will also be open after the performances, for viewing, with the event closing at approximately 8.00pm.

Thank you to our judges, Krysten and Graham Walker-Cox for judging our Artworks. The catering will be provided by the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality Students from Kurri Kurri High School, and their teacher, Kim Knox. Come along and celebrate Creative and Performing Arts, with your local schools.

For this event to take place we have had some generous donations from our sponsors. Many thanks to our Major Sponsors: Kurri Kurri KFC and Rover Coaches.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP

Last newsletter I talked about “holiday setback” and am pleased to report that K-2 teachers have commented on their students’ enthusiasm and maintenance of their reading skills.

Most schools have home reading programs and sometimes it can be met by both parent and child as a chore. Over my years as a classroom teacher, I have found that most parents came to speak to me about reading and in particular how to get more success with home reading. Teaching reading strategies is complex and is one of those tasks that a child needs to feel successful in. Typically, if a child does not feel like they are successfully reading they; Lose comprehension and no longer understand what they are reading

Become frustrated and associate reading with a negative experience

Rely on only one strategy to read, like sounding out words

To continue to support our home reading programs K-2, I would like to begin a home reading club on Thursday 2, I would like to begin a home reading club on Thursday 2.

P&C NEWS

On Thursday 26th July from 3.30pm – 5.00pm the P&C will be holding a BBQ to celebrate Education Week 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. Please return the slip to indicate your interest in attending for catering purposes or call the school on 4937 1235 to register your interest.

CANTENNE NEWS

The Canteen has some new items available on the menu. Piklets $0.50 each – for recess orders only

Potato Pies and Cheese and Bacon Pies $3.00 each – for recess and lunch orders only

SCHOOL WEBSITE


A Vodcast of this Newsletter can be viewed on the School’s Website.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kurri Kurri Public School are currently taking names for our waiting list for 2016 for children aged 3-5 years. We are also preparing a waiting list for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend pre-school up to 2018. i.e. Born before 31/7/2014. For any enquiries, please contact the pre-school on 4937 2110 or kurriprepschool@bigpond.com

Scout’s Largest Sausage Sizzle – Free – Including fun and activities! Sunday 26th July 10.00am -2.00pm at the Kurri Kurri Scout Hall Cnr of Victoria and Barton Streets

Cessnock Family Support Service Inc

Triple P Parenting Seminars – 9.30am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 8th September

123 Magic Parenting Program - 10.00am - 12.00pm
Monday 3rd, Monday 11th and Monday 17th August.

For more information or to make a booking please call 4990 4507.

Koe-nara –Term 3 Programs

Playworks - Each Monday at Cessnock Public School
10.00am – 12.00pm
Each Thursday at East Cessnock Public School 9.00am – 11.00am
Baby & Me - Each Thursday 12.30pm – 2.00pm
Let’s Play - Each Tuesday 10.00am – 11.30am

Young Parents Playgroup – Each Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm
For more information please call 4990 9354 or 0428 263 854

DANCE EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS

Recently two of our senior students, Emmie T (5-6MO) and Rylee O (5-6MO), competed successfully in the Lake Macquarie Eisteddfod. Emmie achieved 2nd in the 10lu slow tap and 10/u speed tap, 1st in 10/u troupe, 1st and highly commended in 12/u troupe and Highly Commended in 14/u troupe. She also competed in the Heritage Eisteddfod and achieved 2nd in 10/u slow tap and Highly Commended in 10/u Jazz championship.

Rylee was awarded the 12/u Jazz Champion, 2nd place in 12/u Tap Championship, 1st in 12/u Waltz Tap, 1st in 12/u Slow Tap, 2nd in 12/u Speed Tap and Highly Commended in 12/u Jazz. Rylee was also named the Junior Tap Scholarship winner of $500 and achieved 1st, 2nd or Highly Commended in all of her Troupe performances.

Congratulations to both girls on their outstanding achievements.