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Learning, caring and respect for all
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DATES TO REMEMBER
Every Thursday until Term 4
Little Learners – Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Friday 31st July
Education Week Open Day
9.30am-11.10am – Years K-2
Open Classrooms
Morning Tea
11.45am Assembly
12.15pm -1.30pm
Years 3-6 & 2/3M Open Classrooms

Tuesday 4th August
Healthy Eating Workshop

Wednesday 5th August
Positive Attendance BBQ
Volunteer’s course – 9.15am

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

Thursday 13th August
Careers Day

Wednesday 26th August
Father’s Day Stall

Thursday 10th September
Type Onesie Day
– details next week

Friday 11th September
Father’s Day Breakfast
Science Classroom Activities

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PRINCIPAL NEWS
Happy Education Week everyone! Education Week is a celebration of Public Education in NSW. This year’s theme is “Celebrating our local heroes”. Our school, like all public schools, has produced an incredible number of people who have gone on to be productive and contributing citizens in society. Quite a few of them in fact work in our school!

Congratulations to our artists, singers and dancers who represented the school at ED FEST on Tuesday 28th July. A number of our scholars/artists received awards for their art work, and all our selected works were great to see amongst the works of students from other schools in our local network. Thank you to Miss Newman for her excellent organisation of our art displays, and to Miss Way and Mr Tweedie for their great work with the Dance Ensemble and Choir.

We hope to see lots of parents and family members here for our Education Week open day and Assembly. Thanks to the P&C who will be organizing morning tea.

Warm Regards
Eve Field

DEBATING NEWS
On Thursday 23rd July our Year 6 Debating Team and Cessnock West Public School’s team gathered to debate the topic “Parents Should Give Their Children Pocket Money”, with Cessnock West the Negative and our Year 6 team the Affirmative. At the conclusion of this debate some very convincing arguments were put forward from both teams, the adjudicator awarded the debate to Cessnock West Public School.

On Monday 27th July our Year 6 Team who were the affirmative went into debate the topic “That We Should Ban All Advertising For Unhealthy Food And Drink” against our Year 5 team in the negative. This was an exciting event to start off the Education Week events for Kurri Kurri Public School, with the Year 6 team successfully winning this debate.

PSSA BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER
Congratulations to the boys PSSA soccer team who represented the school last week with enthusiasm and energetic pride. They were unfortunately knocked out of the competition in a difficult 9-1 loss to Cessnock Public School. Well done on successfully making it through the rounds. A big congratulations goes to the girls PSSA soccer team who trumped Cessnock Public School girls side by 6 goals to advance to the next round. Good luck to the girls in their next game on Friday 31st July against Nulkaba Public School.

YEAR 2 NEWS
Welcome back to Term 3.
Year 2 has had a wonderful start to the term so far, participating in NAIDOC week, 3 way conferences and Education week. Year 2 is very excited about starting their novel study on the Lewis Carroll classic, “Alice in Wonderland”. Students are writing their own interpretation of “Alice in Wonderland” and are working on editing and publishing their stories. They are also making some amazing pieces of artworks related to the book and will be looking at special types of foods for tea parties. Year 2 are also looking at types of hats and creating mad hatter hats for a tea party. Year 2 will also be having an amazing excursion this term. More exciting information about this is coming soon.

Year 2 Teachers - Camille Rae, Nicole Hutchinson, Kate Harkness, Bryn Treter

NETBALL GALA DAY
On Wednesday 22nd July, Kurri Kurri Public School mixed Netball Team travelled to Charlestown to participate in the NSW School’s Cup.
The team played five games and were successful in winning four out of the five games. Mrs McBane was extremely impressed with their netball skills, but more importantly, the whole teams flawless positive sportsmanship all day.

Well done to Ellen C 5/6MO, Jessica M 5/6M, Eliah F 5/6MO, Callen I 6N, Jordan W 5/6M, Josie C 5/6MO, Riley J 5/6MO, Taylah A 3/6MO, Dakotah B 3/6M.

Thankyou to the families who assisted with transport and a special mention to Mrs Chenery who was our official scorer for all day. The scores were Kurri Kurri Public School v Valentine 27-0, Edgeworth 12-5 loss, Merewether 11-1 win, Dudley 14-3 win and Jewels 16-2 win. Congratulations everyone.

WESTON ART SHOW SUCCESS
Last term our school was invited to participate in the Annual Weston Art Show. This Art Show is becoming quite large with over 500 works of art entered for display and judging. Due to the growing popularity of this art show our school was only able to enter two works of art to be considered for judging.
This year the judges were extremely impressed with the local junior talent, which saw one of our scholars, Adelaide S of class 6N being presented with the ‘Rising Star Award’ and a cheque for $25 by the judges.

BIG THANK YOU
A big thank you goes to Coles Supermarket Kurri Kurri who recently supported Kurri Kurri Public School with our Beanie Day. Coles raised a further $200 to add to our amount we raised last Thursday. The total amount we will donate to the Mark Hughes Foundation for Brain Cancer Awareness will be $732.90.
EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY
Friday the 31st July will be our Annual Education Week Open Day. The day will commence with open classrooms for Kindergarten to Year 2 from 9.30am–11.00am. Morning Tea will be available for purchase near the canteen from 10.30am. After recess promptly at 11.45am our Education Week Assembly will commence in the hall where there will be performances from our School Choir and Senior Dance Group as well as the presentation of the Annual Education Week Awards. After assembly from 12.15pm–1.30pm classrooms will be open for years 3 to 6. During this session there will be an Ann Morrice ‘Literacy Cycle Demonstration Lesson’ in 6A Classroom. Throughout the day we invite parents and carers to visit our school library where a Quicksmart lesson will be available for viewing on the smartboard and various photographic displays of events that scholars of Kurri Kurri Public School have participated in.

EDFEST CELEBRATIONS
On Tuesday 28th July, EDFEST once again was held at Kurri Kurri High School. This is always a fantastic event with parents, carers, scholars and the wider community able to view, nurture and acknowledge the successful achievements of scholars of the 7 schools in our Local Management Group area. Kurri Kurri Public School entered 24 artworks for judging into the Annual EDFEST Art Show, award winners were: Sophie D KB, Carla S 1T, Alexia F 2R, Charli S 3A, Jye L 4M, Jason C-R 6N and overall yr 3-6 winner Jade G 6N. We also had outstandingly brilliant performances by our Senior Dance Group and Majestic School Choir. Congratulations to all of our scholars.

OFFICE CHANGE / CORRECT MONEY
Please be advised that there is no change kept in the office at all times. If correct money could be used when making payments that would be greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS SARAH S
On Sunday 26th July Sarah S 6N qualified for the State Finals for Tennis which is being held in October in Sydney. All the best Sarah.

KINDERGARTEN 2016
Enrolments are now being taken for children starting Kindergarten in 2016. If you know of any children that are to start Kindergarten next year please tell them to come to the office to fill out the paperwork or call the school on 4937 1235.

PARENTING IDEAS SCHOOLS
Building Parent-School Partnerships
We have two great new articles plus a terrific new PD module – great support for your school and parent community.
Do you let your kids amaze you? As the gatekeepers for children’s independence we can give them opportunities to develop self-help skills, provide them with real responsibility, and give them autonomy to make some of their own decisions and let them really amaze you.

Raising a Critical Generation: In a digitally literate world of ‘likes’ and social criticism we look at how parents can foster critical spirit in a constructive, healthy and balanced way.

Supporting Parents: The Language of Resilient Schools
Resilient schools develop their own words and phrases to help students get through the inevitable tough times they experience. This PD module helps you identify a core script and takes you through the steps to create this and then share with your child/ren and parent community. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact 02 5983 1799 or visit www.parentingideas.com.au

P&C NEWS – FATHER’S DAY STALL
Father’s Day Stall is being held Wednesday 26th August. The P&C need volunteers for this event to run so if you have a little bit of spare time on this day please notify the school.
Email: kurrikurripublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or find us on Facebook.

CANTEEN NEWS
Friday 31st July – Change to Canteen orders. Due to Education Week festivities our school canteen will not be open during lunch on Friday 31st July. Recess Orders only on this day. Sorry for any inconvenience.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Week commencing Monday 3rd August
Mon Janene Straker Leanne Bloomfield
Tues Naomi Henry Alana Henry
Wed Julie Herbert Cassie Bailey
Thurs Kim Stoddart Leah Couperthwaite
Fri Julie Herbert Sallyann Coffey
Lisa Purkiss

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
Cassock Family Support Service – Bringing up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children. This is a five session program running the five Tuesdays in August and September 10.00am–12.00pm. To register and obtain more information please call 4990 4507.

Port Stephens Clans on the Coast Celtic Festival
On Saturday 19th September at Tomaree Sports Complex No.1 Oval 8.30am–4.30pm. Adult - $15.00, Pensioner - $10. Free for kids under 18. For more information please call Ron Swain: 0418 495 336 or visiwwww.clansonthecoast.com

Kurri Kurri Junior Football Club is holding a family disco on Saturday 1st August at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club, 6.30-9.30pm. Gold Coin Donation. All Welcome.