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DATES TO REMEMBER
Every Thursday until Term 4
Little Learners – Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
2.00pm – 3.00pm
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 Start Club Craft Afternoon
2.15pm–3.00pm
Zone Public Speaking Competition
Nulkaba Public School
Thursday 13th August
Careers Day
Tuesday 25th August
P&C Meeting
6.00pm
Wednesday 26th August
Father’s Day Stall
Friday 28th August
Book Week Parade
2.00pm
Thursday 10th September
Type Onesie Day
Friday 11th September
Father’s Day Breakfast
Science Classroom Activities
Thursday 17th September
K-6 Ghana Beat My Drum

6th August 2015, Week 4 Even Week

PRINCIPAL NEWS
I would very much like to thank Mrs Sturman for her work throughout the year in supporting families with information about attendance. Improving understanding about the importance of maintaining a high level of attendance, and also arriving on time for school, remains a high priority for the school. Because we know what a great effort most people make with attendance, we followed up on a practice that has been successful in a number of schools of having a reward for students above a certain attendance level, with minimal late arrivals and early pickups. There has been parental concern, which has been listened to, and where appropriate adjustments have been made. Our intention was only ever to praise and encourage positive attendance patterns. I believe the good result has been the focus that has happened on attendance, and procedures for reporting and recording any variations to attendance. Our whole school attendance rate is around 93%, and state average is over 94%. Perhaps our next approach will be to hold a sausage sizzle for everyone when we are meeting that target as a school! Good luck to our Zone Athletic team this Friday. At school carnivals, students compete in heats. The heats are timed, and the best overall times from the heats, determines who are the final place getters for each event, and which children will be selected for zone. Naturally some children excel in athletics as in all areas of human endeavour, and will gain recognition consistently for this. The efforts of all children competing at carnivals is recognised and participation in sport is greatly encouraged, both for personal growth and for team contribution.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Education Week. We love having so many families in our school, and showing the great work of our scholars.
Warm Regards
Eve Field

WELL DONE GIRLS PSSA SOCCER
Congratulations to our girls PSSA soccer team in advancing to the next round of the competition with a convincing 4-1 win over Nulkaba Public School on Friday 31st July. The whole team is playing brilliantly with 3 goals being scored by Cailyn B and the final goal scored by Taylah A. The girls’ next game will be in the coming weeks against Thornton Public School and we wish the girls the best of luck.

CAREERS DAY - SPECIAL GUEST LORIN NICHOLSON
On Thursday 13th August will be our Annual Careers Day. Scholars and staff are encouraged to wear an outfit relating to a career that they may be considering for their future. We encourage parents and carers to think creatively by utilising clothing and equipment that is found in the home, eg. white t-shirt and black pants with a tea towel could be a waiter, add a pair of tongs and a wooden spoon could be a chef.

The idea of the day is to inspire our young scholars with the opportunity to hear from and question a variety of representatives from different career paths in a fun way. We are very fortunate to have a very special guest for the day to inspire and speak with our scholars throughout the day. This special guest will also be giving another presentation at our school in the evening for parents and carers at 6.30pm and we would encourage you to take the opportunity to come along and see Lorin.

YEAR 3 NEWS
Year 3 is off to a great start this term. It was fabulous last week seeing so many students and caregivers involved in Education Week activities. We certainly loved having visitors in our classrooms viewing all of the wonderful learning that is taking place. Homework has now begun and your child should have received an overview of the project based homework tasks related to our Science ‘Lifecycles’ unit and our careers focus this term. These tasks are due in weeks 5, 7 and 9. In addition, your child should bring home a spelling list each week to practise and they have activities set on Mathletics online to complete. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding homework. Stage Two are very excited about their excursion to Morisset Outdoor Education on Monday 31st August where they will get to participate in a range of outdoor activities that support the PDHPE curriculum. Please ensure all notes and payments for the excursion are in by Wednesday 19th August.

Year 3 Teachers

NATIONAL TREE DAY
Each year, around 200,000 Australian school students will participate in a special National Tree Day event designed just for children – Schools Tree Day! It’s a wonderful opportunity to get kids into nature and instil a love for the great outdoors, as well as teach them the importance of environmental stewardship and taking care of the planet. Kurri Kurri Public School participated in Schools Tree Day on Thursday 23rd July with representatives from each grade joining in to help plant seedlings in our veggie garden and native plants in our front garden. We currently have beans, snow peas, onions and herbs growing in our veggie garden and are looking forward to planting a greater variety when the weather warms up.

TYPE ONESIE DAY
The school is participating in Type Onesie Day on Thursday 10th September. Type Onesie Day is aimed at raising awareness of Type 1 Diabetes and raising funds for the Newcastle based Australian Artificial Pancreas Program. We have children in the school with Type 1 Diabetes, and it will be great to acknowledge and support them. To participate, everyone wears something related to the number 1. For example, it might be a ‘onesie’, it might be wearing one sock or one glove to school, or wearing something with the number 1 on it. Everyone is asked to bring a gold coin donation. Families who wish to make donations outside of school as well can go to www.everydayhero.com.au/event/typeonsieday
We hope you will join in the fun!
EDUCATION WEEK WRAP UP

Last week was an excellent window into the education of scholars at Kurri Kurri Public School. Both our Senior Dance Group and Choir had a very busy week with three performances at different events during the week. These performances were an outstanding example of the nurturing opportunities and support given to the Creative Arts and aspiring talent within our school. It was wonderful to see so many families accept the invitation to the BBQ hosted by the P&C. Thursday afternoon, a big thank you to Kurri Kurri Coles and Kurri Kurri Rotary for their support once again to our school with this successful event, several parents expressed their interest in becoming active members of our extremely hard working P&C. During the Assembly on Friday 31st July the recipients of the Education Week Awards were announced. Student Awards went to Callan I 6N for being an outstanding leader and Dylan T 6N for his excellent school citizenship. Teaching staff awards went to Mrs Krisenthal and Ms Brown, non teaching staff awards went to Mrs Pool and Ms Wrightson, the Community Member Award went to Ms Kylie Gregory from Kurri Kurri Coles for supporting the school with actively seeking ways to assist scholars and school programs and finally the School Program Award went to the Kidsmart Program which focuses on building positive relationships within the school and community.

BULLDOGS/GOANNA CUP

On Thursday 30th July our school Rugby League team travelled to Cessnock to compete in the Cessnock/Goanna Cup. The boys played three games against Cessnock Public School, Greta Public School and St Patricks, Cessnock. They finished with a win, a loss and a draw. It was a pleasure spending the day with the team. The boys should be very proud of their positive behaviour and sportsmanship they displayed. Thank you to Mr Faalua once again, for all his help with training.

HUNTER INTER-SCHOOLS PRIMARY SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

Following our school Public Speaking Competition held in Term 2, each of our Grade Winners from Kindergarten to Year 6 will compete in the 2015 Hunter Inter-Schools Primary School Public Speaking Competition at Nulkaba Public School on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August. We wish our wonderful representatives all the best: Lucas F KH, Callum C KG, Abbi-lea R 1W, Bailey P 2R, Hudson W 3A, Luke W 4F, Emmie T 5/6MO, Adelaide S 6N.

READING CLUB

Kids who read succeed – Reading is an essential skill for everyone. It is the vital foundation of a child’s learning and engagement in their school years and for life. You can complete your home readers or read with your children! Teachers will be there to listen to your child read aloud. Assist you with appropriate reading levels and help make home reading a positive experience rather than a chore.

Who: Kindergarten – Year 2 Students and Parents
When: Thursday Mornings 8.30am – 9.00am
Where: School Library

SKOOLOB APP

We use Skoolbag app for various alerts, newsletters, reminders and for sending any necessary communications to home. The app is now available for ‘windows’ phones and devices running version 9.1. To install skoolbag, go to your itunes app store and search Kurri Kurri Public School.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Ready and Set for Kindergarten 2016 is a course to prepare pre-schoolers and their parents for Kindergarten. This course will be held on the following days: Tuesday 20th October, Wednesday 28th October Thursday 5th November at 9.15am-11.00am and Tuesday 10th November at 11.45am-1.00pm. For more information on this event or to register please contact the school on 4937 1235. 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 contact the school office on 4937 1235.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

This year our Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 11th September, which will be the Friday after Father’s Day. We hope you have a great breakfast as we thank our fantastic and lovable dads who shared the week with their children and our special 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.

The next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 25th August at 6.00pm.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing Monday 10th August
Mon Sallyann Coffey Lynnette Denning
Tues Sallyann Coffey Lynnette Denning
Wed Cassie Bailey Julie Herbert
Thur Kim Stoddart Leah Couperthwaite
Fri Sallyann Coffey Julie Herbert
Lisa Purkiss Amee Bailey

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Early Links NSW – is a free information and support service designed to assist families with a child aged 0–8 years with a disability or developmental delay or awaiting a diagnosis. For more information please call 4905 0700 or visit www.vinnies.org.au

Ability Links NSW – Linking people with disability to their local communities. Ability Links aims to assist people to be valued and equal members and help build a society where people enjoy inclusive lives in all spheres: community, private and social. For more information please call 4905 0700 or visit www.vinnies.org.au

Kurri Kurri & District Pre-School Kindergarten – You are invited to our Open Day on Thursday 27th August 2015 at 10.30am–1.00pm. We would love to see you there!

We are currently taking names on 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 visit www.kurripreschool.com

A.E.C.G General Meeting – On Monday 10th August 2015 at Kurri Kurri Public School 3.30pm–5.00pm.

RSVP: Thursday 6th August. Contact: Kurri Kurri Public School 4937 1238 or Stephanie AECG Secretary 0410 303 538 or email s.searl@gigond.net.au

LOWES - CLOTHING STORE - On Thursday 13th August - 1 day only 20% off everything. Including all schoolwear.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE
http://www.kurrikurri-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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

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MEDALLIONS

Taniesha L - 5K

These principal awards and medallions will be presented at whole school assembly on Friday 7th August at 2.20pm.

CLASS PERFORMANCE

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Beau S - 1H
Charlotte N - 1K
Noah S - 1K
Flynn A - 2B
Mitchell Mc - 2K
Ella W - 2K
Harrison M - 2R
Amelia F - 3T
Taniesha L - 5K

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