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Kurri Kurri Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school where Kids Matter

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

It has been an amazing week at school. We are very proud of the performance and sporting attitude of our Zone team last Friday. On Monday and Tuesday eight students from across the grades competed at Zone Public Speaking. All our speakers were very strong, showing the depth of our public speaking program in the school. Winning three out of the four divisions, as well as gaining two highly commended awards is a fabulous achievement for any school. The icing on the cake of the week was Careers Day yesterday. Thank you to all staff and parents involved in all three events, and congratulations to all scholars. Last Thursday and Friday Ms Brown, Mrs Williams and I attended the “Talking transition” Conference in Sydney. This focused on the process of supporting children through transition into formal schooling i.e. beginning kindergarten. It reinforced how important it is for children (and parents) to both know what to expect at school, and to build a relationship with their future school. Often children who are not at Early Childhood centres in the year before school can miss out on transition programs. If you know anyone with a child starting school in 2016 that may not have yet connected with the school, please encourage them to do so.

Eve Field

2015 CAREERS DAY

On Thursday 13th August we held our Annual Careers Day. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents and carers that came into the classrooms to speak with grades about their own personal career choices. A huge thank you goes to all the representatives that volunteered their time to set up a station to speak with class groups as they moved around. We were very fortunate this year to have representatives from Newcastle University, Hunter TAFE, Hunter Trade College, Kurri Kurri Coles, Ausgrid, Alfabs Engineering, Author Renee Price, Cancer Council, Kurri Kurri High School, Cessnock Rescue Squad, NSW Ambulance, Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre and the RSPCA. Our very special guests for the day, the all the way from Brisbane, was Lorin Nicholson, his son Andrew and guide dog, Thomas. Lorin is the perfect example of achieving and living your dreams regardless of obstacles that present themselves throughout our lives. Lorin was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa at the age of 4. He has a University Degree; he is an acclaimed guitarist and at the age of 15 rode his push bike from Tamworth to Port Macquarie to go to the beach. A big thank you goes to our LMG, Teachers Mutual Bank, Kurri Kurri Rotary and Kurri Kurri Motor Inn for making it possible for Lorin to visit our school. The entire day was an incredibly electrifying and inspiring experience for all scholars and staff at Kurri Kurri Public School and we encourage parents and carers to continue discussions with their child about careers day and their aspiring dreams for the future.

YEAR 4 NEWS

It has been a busy start to Term 3 for Year 4. Scholars have been involved in ‘Careers Through Science’, conducting experiments and developing an understanding of the importance of science in many different careers. We have been involved in Education Week activities, with many of our scholars being involved in Edfest and have been looking forward to dressing up for Careers Day. Stage 2 classrooms are starting to look like mini forests with ‘grace heads’ and terrariums growing as well as mealworms! All of these are being observed as part of our unit on ‘Life Cycles’. We can’t wait to see our mealworms turn into beetles and to give our ‘grace heads’ fabulous haircuts! In sport sessions scholars have been working on their cricketing skills. We have some great bowlers and batsmen in the making! Scholars and teachers are looking forward to our excursion on the 31st August. A reminder all money and notes are due on Wednesday 19th August.

CERAMIC WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 11th August twenty year 5 & 6 scholars travelled to Lake Macquarie Art Gallery to participate in a Ceramics Workshop run by world renowned ceramic artist John Cliff. Scholars created a ceramic ‘sugar bag’ that will be featured alongside 220 other pieces in the Lake Macquarie Art Galleries installation ‘Lore and Order’. ‘Lore and Order’ explores Aboriginal History and Mission Life. Scholars and families will be invited back to the gallery for the exhibition opening and scholars will be able to keep their piece. It was a great opportunity for scholars to learn more about missions, the various new skills and be part of a gallery exhibition. A big thank you to Mrs McBane for organising.

HUNTER INTER-SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August Lucas F, Callum C, Abbi-lea R, Bailey P, Luke W, Harrison W, Emmie T and Adelaide S proudly represented our school at the Zone Public Speaking Competition at Nullkaba Public School. This was an excellent opportunity for our students who rose to the challenge with fantastic results. All scholars can be proud of their high quality presentations which were delivered to a large audience of scholars, teachers and parents. Special congratulations go to Lucas, Bailey and Emmie who each won first place in their Stage Division, and to Abbi-lea and Adelaide who were awarded Highly Commended in their divisions.

Lucas, Bailey and Emmie are now invited to represent the Region at the Inter-Schools Final to be held at Heaton Public School on Thursday 10th September. This will be Emmie’s second year in progressing to this level in the competition and Bailey’s third. Bailey will be in Fiji holidaying with his family at this time but we wish Lucas and Emmie all the best. Well done!
ZONE ATHLETICS
On Friday 7th August, Mrs Yeoh and Miss Allport attended the Zone Athletics Carnival. There were approximately 45 representatives who competed in various events throughout the day. It was a fabulously dry day with perfect weather conditions and lots of great achievements from the scholars. Thank you to all parents who attended and assisted with transport and supervision of scholars. A huge congratulations to all competitors! We will be presenting zone participation ribbons at the next Whole School Assembly.

DEBATE CHALLENGE
On Tuesday 18th August Kurri Kurri Public School will be hosting a Gala Debating Day. The first debate will start at 9:30am between Kurri Kurri Public School and Pelaw Main Public School. The next debate at 10:15am will be between Mulbring Public School and Weston Public School. At 11:50am Mulbring Public School and Pelaw Main Public School will have their debate and then at 12:35pm Kurri Kurri Public School will debate Weston Public School. This will be an excellent opportunity for our debating teams to develop their skills throughout the day not only by their participation but also with the excellent critique and feedback that is given by the attending adjudicator.

MOBILE MUSTER
Kurri Kurri Public School is participating in ‘Mobile Muster’. We have a collection box for your old mobile phones in the office. Mobile Muster is the Australian Mobile Phone Industries Official Product Stewardship Program. It’s a free mobile phone recycling program that accepts all brands and types of mobile phones, plus their batteries, chargers and accessories. Basically, it’s the industries way of ensuring mobile phone product doesn’t end up in landfill - but instead are recycled in a safe, secure and ethical way. Over 90% of the materials used in a mobile are recyclable and can be reused, avoiding future greenhouse gas emissions, saving energy, protecting our environment and conserving scarce natural resources. So bring your old unwanted mobile phones into our office to be recycled and do some good greener for the environment!

WANTED – IPHONES/IPODS
If you have recently upgraded your mobile phone and have a good working superseded iPhone, we would be very grateful if you could donate your superseded iPhone to our school for use as a research device in the classroom. We ask that you remove the sim card and reset the handset to factory settings before donating your iPhone. Please hand in your iPhone in the office to the classroom. We are also looking for iPods.

COLOURING COMPETITION
Today all scholars received a copy of the Mural Month Colouring Competition. We encourage scholars to be as creative as possible with this opportunity. Completed entries can be handed in to the office by Friday 28th August. These entries will be displayed in businesses throughout the town prior to being judged. Prizes will be announced at 10:00am at ‘Art In The Park’ on Saturday 12th September. Scholars will also be able to experience firsthand artistic expertise by participating in art workshops and craft activities on Sunday 13th September also in Rotary Park.

BOOK WEEK PARADE / BOOK SWAP
On Thursday 28th August we will be holding a book swap. This is a perfect way to see preloved books find a new loving home to continue their purpose of providing the joy they were designed for through reading. Scholars are encouraged to bring in books that they have outgrown, that are in excellent quality condition and place in a tub that will be set up in their classroom between now and the 27th August. On the 27th August, scholars will visit the book swap and will be able to make a selection to purchase a book that has been donated for $1. All money raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support literacy in remote areas. Please support this very valuable opportunity to continue a book’s life and help children in remote communities. Our annual Book Week Parade will be held Friday 28th August at 2.00pm.

P&C NEWS
The next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 25th August at 6.00pm. Email: kurrikurripublicschool@pandacaffilie.org.au or find us on Facebook.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Kurri Kurri Little Athletics – 2015/16 Registrations
Online @ lansw.com.au or in person Friday 21st August, Friday 28th August and Friday 4th September 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Fees are available on our website www.kurrikurrilittleathletics.com.au

Girl Guides Australia
Girl Guides meet in your area! Girls aged between 5 ½ - 11 years of age. For laughter, learning, friendship and fun come along to find out what Guiding is all about! When 6.00pm–7.30pm Tuesday at Kurri Kurri Guide Hall, 116 Lang Street. Kurri Kurri. For more information please call 0249 361903 or visit www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Barney’s Club
A new youth group for primary aged children (5-12yrs). It is being run as a partnership between the Catholic and Anglican Churches. All children are welcome. Lots of fun, games, crafts, Bible stories and afternoon tea will be provided.

When: Each Thursday between 3.30-5.15pm (during school terms) (beginning 20th August)
Where: St Paul’s Anglican Church (118 Lang St, Kurri Kurri)
Cost: Gold coin donation appreciated.

For more information please call Fr Chris on 0401 717 686 or visit www.kurrianglican.com

After Dark All Ages Flip Out Party
Friday 11th September 7.00pm – 10.00pm at The Flip Out, Thornton. Purchase you passes in store. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

For more information please call 4966 3747.

Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri - Trivia Night
On Saturday 29th August at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Cost is $10.00 per person 8 people per table. Raffles, Prizes and Giveaways. For more information please call 0439 601 852. (beginning 20th August)

Maitland Futsal
For more information please visit www.maitlandfutsal.com or visit www.nnswfutsal.com.au

Northern NSW Futsal – Registration
Northern NSW Futsal is a non-profit organisation and we run our costs as low as possible for the kids. We have all ages from 5 years through to 18 years with options to join Rep teams and National teams. Registration is only $35.00 per player and this includes a playing strip they get to keep. Registration is conducted online or by paying cash by attending our registration nights on either Tuesday 18th or Thursday 25th August at the PCYC. For more information visit www.maitlandfutsal.com or www.nswfutsal.com.au