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DATES TO REMEMBER
Every Thursday until Term 4
Little Learners – Children Starting Kindergarten 2016
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Tuesday 25th August
P&C Meeting
6.00pm

Wednesday 26th August
Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 27th August
Nepal Day - Out Of Uniform Day
Great Book Swap – Hall
3.15pm – 4.00pm

Friday 28th August
Book Week Parade
2.00pm

Monday 31st August
Little Learners - Computer Morning
9.00am
Stage 2 Excursion – Morisset
Outdoor Education Centre

Tuesday 1st September
- Friday 4th September
Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 8th September
International Literacy Day

Wednesday 9th September
Year 6 High School Transition
11.30am
K-2 Athletic Carnival

Thursday 10th September
Type 1 Diabetes Day – dress in the theme of 1, gold coin donation for Diabetes research

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

Tuesday 15th September
Hunter Valley Zoo Kindergarten

Thursday 17th September
K-6 Ghana Beat My Drum

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Learning, caring and respect for all
Kurri Kurri Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school where Kids Matter

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PRINCIPAL NEWS
On Wednesday evening I attended the Korreil Wonnai AECG Kullaburra Education Awards at Cessnock High School. These are awards given by the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to recognise achievements of Aboriginal students from all schools in the Kurri Kurri / Cessnock area. I was very proud of our Mighty Burra leaders Jade B and Callen I who delivered an outstanding Acknowledgment of Country, and assisted with a candle lighting ceremony. Jade, Callen and Blake E received special awards. A large number of our Aboriginal Scholars also received awards acknowledging attendance of over 98%. Well done to all our award winners. Thankyou to Mrs Krisenthal and Mrs Petherbridge for their organisation of scholars to attend the awards. NAPLAN results have come into the school for scholars in Years 3 and 5. The children will take them home to parents tomorrow. Please contact teachers if you have any questions regarding the reports. NAPLAN is one means by which the school monitors the performance of students, and the results provide data for schools to analyse overall progress.

Evie Field

GIRLS PSSA SOCCER
Last week our girls PSSA soccer team played Thornton Public School at Biralee Park. Kurri Kurri. Unfortunately our girls were defeated during this match with the final score 2-0. The girls performed exceptionally well to get through to this round of the tournament and a strong bond has developed amongst the team members during the rounds to achieve this outstanding result. A big congratulations, to both the team members and Mr Mcnroy.

NEPAL DAY
On Thursday 27th August a small group of Year 6 scholars, Mia, Josie and Ellen have been given approval to host an Out of Uniform day to support a project that these girls feel very passionately about, which is the destruction experienced in Nepal as a result of the recent multiple earthquakes. The girls are encouraging fellow scholars and staff to dress in the colours of the Nepal Flag, which are white, red and blue and bring along a gold coin donation to assist in raising money for the rebuilding of schools in Nepal. The girls have contacted World Vision who will receive the donations from the day to ensure that the money will assist the rebuilding of these schools so children in Nepal will be able to resume their daily education routines.

YEAR 5 NEWS
Outdoor Education Camp Foster invoices for final payments were sent out this week. There are a couple of vacancies available if your child should wish to attend. The office will have all necessary forms. NAPLAN Results are in and will be sent home on Friday. There has been some great progress with many children. However this is a snap shot of one type of testing on one occasion. If you have a concern regarding any result, please see your child’s class teacher.

Many of our year 5 scholars are involved in extra-curricular activities at the school for example: dance, music programs, sporting teams, debating and leadership roles. They are to be congratulated for their extra commitment to their education.

Year 5 Teachers

DEBATE CHALLENGE
On Tuesday 18th August Kurri Kurri Public School hosted a Debating Challenge at our school. Four schools participated in the Debating Challenge Pelaw Main Public School, Weston Public School, Mulbring Public School and Kurri Kurri Public School. A wide range of topics were debated from "students using mobile phones or tablets at school", "children only being allowed to watch television on weekends", "all children should learn a musical instrument at school" and "riding motorbikes be banned for under 18 year olds". Many teachers took the opportunity to discuss the topics that were being debated and then brainstormed possible arguments that could be put forward for both the affirmative and negative side before taking their classes to be an audience for the Debate Challenge. This was an excellent opportunity for all the schools that participated as well as the classes that participated as the audience to experience the debating process and listen to the critique provided by the adjudicator. Our debaters were successful with the first debate and were unsuccessful in the second debate. Congratulations to all students and staff involved.
FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
This year our annual Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday 11th September. Please note this is after Father’s Day this year, due to the Year 6 Canberra excursion. Our breakfast and games will start at 7.45am and then continue on with science experiments in the classroom until 10.30am. We encourage all fathers and carers to come along and participate in this fun event to celebrate.

BOOK SWAP
The response has been great with a large amount of books being donated in preparation for our Book Swap on Thursday 27th August. We are still in need of more donations to ensure the success of this event. All money raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support literacy in remote areas. Tubs have been set up in classrooms to collect these book donations right up to Thursday 27th August. On the day scholars will have the opportunity to purchase these books for $1.00 per book. Please support this extremely valuable opportunity to assist other children in remote areas of Australia.

BOOK WEEK PARADE
The theme for Book Week this year is "Books Light Up Our World", using books is a fantastic way to explore and expand the way our children see and experience the world. It gives them an excellent way to share new and exciting discoveries as a family group. This year our Book Week parade will be held on Friday 28th August at 2.00pm. Parents and Carers are very welcome to attend this event.

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 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 contact the school office on 4937 1235.

CANCER COUNCIL - EAT IT TO BEAT IT
For information on the below Nutrition Snippets please visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or phone 4923 0714. By using the information and the healthy eating sessions, parents can really help improve the health of their families, and as a result improve the health of our school community. Nutrition Snippets Fact Sheets include:

The simplest way … to get organised for school lunches

The simplest way … to make a healthy after school snack

The simplest way … to make a healthy red bean dip

The simplest way … to make pizza healthy

The simplest way … to be safe in the snow

(SunSmart Snippet)