PRINCIPAL NEWS
During this term I have been visiting classes to see literacy lessons taking place. There is a high level of engagement across our classrooms, with children participating in well prepared and well-presented lessons. We are able to see strong improvement for scholars in writing and spelling, as well as reading through the teaching and learning taking place. Congratulations to our talented teachers and our involved and eager scholars.

Next week Year 6 goes to Canberra. This is a much looked forward to experience. I am sure that all scholars attending will appreciate the financial input from their parents and carers in making it possible for them to go. I am also sure that they will appreciate the time given to them by staff attending. Overnight excursions involve staff being on duty 24 hours a day, and taking time away from their families and normal schedules to do so. Thank you to all staff attending next week.

I look forward to seeing a great variety of costumes for the Book Week parade tomorrow.

Warm Regards
Eve Field

NSW TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY
On Thursday 20th August, Mr McNair and Miss Allport took the boys and girls school touch football teams to Maitland Park to participate in the NSW Touch Football Gala Day. Both teams were undefeated the whole day; this was an outstanding effort, with gracious and excellent sportsmanship being displayed by both teams throughout the whole day. A big congratulations goes to Jessica M for individually scoring 12 tries throughout the day and well done to Rylie J, Jordan W, Elijah F and Jessica M who came second in the school relay, all participating schools held a Relay Race at the end of the Gala Day where the members of the team were able to draw on all their reserve strength and energy to win second place.

PRINCIPAL NEWS

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YEAR 6 NEWS
Yet another busy term for Year 6 scholars! Year 6 are getting very excited about their trip to Canberra next week. They leave on Tuesday 1st September and arrive back at school on Friday 4th September and will be visiting places such as Parliament House, The War Memorial, The Royal Australian Mint and of course the much anticipated trip to the snow on the last day. Notes for the next high school transition day on Wednesday 9th September are due on Monday 31st August along with $2 for the bus. Scholars will leave the school at 11:30am and return to school at 1:30pm. On Tuesday 15th September Year 6 Scholars will be heading to Newcastle University to attend a Science and Engineering Discovery Day – this is another great opportunity to see the many study options available at university after high school. As usual, Year 6 scholars are showing their potential, getting ready for life in high school and working hard across all KLA’s. Just a reminder that homework goes home every Thursday (along with the school newsletter) and is expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

Year 6 Teachers

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Friday 28th August, several scholars from Kurri Kurri Public School will be attending the Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale Sports Centre. They will be representing Cessnock Regional Schools across the various age groups. We wish them all the very best of luck and congratulate them on their achievements so far!

NEPAL DAY
Today scholars and staff enthusiastically supported Josie C, Mia T and Ellen C, all Year 6 girls with their Passion Project to support and raise money to assist with the rebuilding of schools destroyed by the recent series of earthquakes that devastated Nepal. Today a total of $546.00 was raised by the generosity of our school community. These scholars will now forward this money onto World Vision to ensure that the money assists with the rebuild and bring education back to the children of Nepal.

KOFM BUDDY BENCH
KOFM radio currently has a contest to win a buddy bench for your school. It is a bright colourful bench for children having problems in the playground to take some time out, and be joined by a friend. We have one in the Kindergarten area. If you would like to try to get one for the school, the link is

BOOK CLUB
Please be advised that Book Club orders are due back at the office by Wednesday 2nd September 2015. No late orders will be accepted.

2015 MURAL MONTH COLOURING-IN COMPETITION
Just a reminder that the 2015 Mural Month Colouring-In Competition “Australian Animals” Colouring-in sheets will be required to be handed into the office by Friday 28th August.
KINDERTHREN 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 21st October, and Thursday 22nd October 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.

P&C COMMITTEE UPDATE
At the August monthly P&C meeting, our elected President Mrs Kylie Sams, unfortunately due to health reasons submitted her resignation as President, however is still actively helping and supporting the committee. The new changes are: President - Cassie Bailey, Vice President - Kathryn Moss and Treasurer - Aimee Bailey, with Sallyann Coffey - Secretary and Julie Herbert - Canteen Treasurer. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the hard working committee were busy with the Father's Day stall which was held this week to allow our Year 6 scholars to be included before they leave to visit Canberra for 4 days next week.

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

P&C NEWS
The P & C are hosting the Sunday Community Raffles at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club until the end of September. Tickets on sale from 5.30pm & drawn after the Club's Meat Raffle. Come down & help support our school.

CANTINEE NEWS
Week commencing Monday 31st August
Mon Janene Straker Leanne Bloomfield
Tues Naomi Henry Alana Henry
Wed Julie Herbert Cassie Bailey
Thurs Kyle Sams Leanne Coperthwaite
Fri Julie Herbert Sallyann Coffey

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
Hunter Academy of Sport’s – School Holiday Programs.
The Hunter Academy of Sports is now offering a unique sports camp for boys and girls ages 6-15 on 29th-30th September and between 1st-2nd October. This camp is open to all Hunter residents and is inclusive of accommodation, meals and transport to the location. The campers will participate in a different sports activities each day, with sports such as soccer, basketball and cricket being offered. The cost of the camp is $125 per person, which includes all meals and transport to the location. For more information or to register please contact the Hunter Academy of Sports on 4459 8888 or email info@hunteracademyofsports.com.au

SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION
In celebration of Book Week, Kurri Kurri Public School is launching their inaugural Short Story Writing Competition! This competition is open to all Year 6 students and will run from Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October. Submissions will be judged by a panel of teachers and the winning entries will be published in the school newsletter. Prizes include a book prize valued at $50 and a $25 book voucher. Entries must be submitted by Thursday 1st October and will be judged by the following criteria:

- Must be a short story
- Maximum word length is 500 words
- One submission per student only
- Submission must be handwritten
- Copies from flyer (handed to each student) must be attached

Entries close Monday 1st October and the winners will be announced on Friday 2nd October.

BIKE SAFETY
If you ride your bike to school to ensure the safety of your bike could you please bring a chain to school to lock it up in the bike racks available in the School grounds.