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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
- Tuesday 8th September
- International Literacy Day
- Wednesday 9th September
- Year 6 High School Transition
- Monday 14th September
- K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 10th September
- Type Onesie Day – dress in the theme of 1, gold coin donation for Diabetes research
- Friday 11th September
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- Science Classroom Activities
- Monday 14th September
- Canteen Red Day
- Tuesday 15th September
- Hunter Valley Zoo Kindergarten
- Wednesday 16th September
- Alice in Wonderland – Year 2
- Thursday 17th September
- K-6 Ghana Beat My Drum
- Friday 18th September
- Last day for Term 3
- Tuesday 6th October
- Staff and scholars return for Term 4

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PRINCIPAL NEWS
This week is SASS Recognition Week. During this week we give extra recognition to our School Administrative and Support Staff. SASS staff are the backbone of the school, providing support to all staff, students and parents. They keep the school operating, and play a strong role in setting the tone of our school, building relationships with students and their families. SASS staff includes our ladies who work in the office, our School Learning Support Officers who work with students in classrooms and our General Assistant Mr Meijas who maintains our buildings and grounds. While we always want the staff to know how important they are, SASS. As a matter of safety in the playground of an afternoon. We ask parents to assist us by ensuring your child does not play in the sandpit or on the fixed equipment. We also request no dogs (even on a leash) in our school grounds.
Warm Regards Lesley Doran.

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday 9th September, at the Kurri Kurri Senior Football Ground, Hopetoun/Allworth Street Kurri Kurri. The carnival will take place from 9.30am until approximately 1.00pm. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Students are able to wear appropriate clothing representing the colour of their house or their sports uniform. Houses are allocated according to surnames and are as follows; Parkes (RED) – A-D, Deakin (GREEN) – E-K, Barton (YELLOW) – L-Q, Hopetoun (BLUE) – R-Z. Appropriate footwear for running is also to be worn as well as sunscreen and school hats. Scholars will be walking to the oval from school after the daily attendance has been marked. We will return to school in time for normal lunch. If you choose to take your child home after the carnival you must notify your child’s teacher before taking them home; however this will be recorded as a partial absence. Parents are invited to watch the activities at the oval and join their child for recess. The canteen will be delivering recess orders on the day. If your child does not have an order, they must bring their own recess. The P&C will have some food items for sale on the day. There will also be a parent race on the day so please wear your running shoes!

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
On Friday 11th September we will be hosting our Annual Father’s Day Breakfast. The breakfast, games and science activities will go from 7.45am–10.30am. We look forward to sharing this morning with you.

RFF NEWS (RELIEF FROM FACE TO FACE)
This semester there has been some amazing opportunities for our RFF staff to fully compliment classroom programs. Well done Mr McInroy for motivating everyone with your passion for books through organising an enjoyable Book Week Parade. In science, our students have been engaged in “hands-on” experiments, with some interesting finished products with dough modelling and slime. Well done Ms Corrigan, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Coulton and Ms Turner. Changing the properties of food has also been very successful for the students in the Support Unit. They have enthusiastically mastered cooking toast, noodles, pancakes and making spaghetti pictures. Our senior students have also developed a deeper understanding as Environmental Advocates and have really engaged with research tasks exploring global warming, survival adaptations and the water cycle.
Our RFF team has truly highlighted the value of integrating literacy and numeracy skills across the curriculum and their capacity to work with class teachers to provide a wide range of learning experiences for our students. We are proud of the continued partnership between all stages to ensure our students are always provided with the best learning outcomes.
RFF Teachers

K-6 SHORT STORY COMPETITION
We have already had a lot of interest from our students in this year’s inaugural short story writing competition. The short story must meet the following criteria:
º Must be a short story
º Maximum word length is 500 words
º One submission per student only
º Submission must be handwritten
º Slip from flyer (handed to each student) must be attached
Entries close Friday 9th October (Term 4, Week 1). Prizes and awards will be presented at the Week 4 Whole School Assembly. We cannot wait to see what our scholars can imagine and create!

CLOSING DATES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Please be aware that we cannot accept any money after the closing date for excursions and school events. Being a large school, we require time to process money, confirm transport and allocate staff.
Closing dates for the following:
- Tuesday 8th September – K – 6 Ghana Beat My Drum
- Friday 11th September – Kindergarten Hunter Valley Zoo
- Friday 11th September - Year 5 Camp – Final Payment

Wednesday 16th September – Term 4 Gymnastics/Social Skills Program
- Friday 18th September – Year 2 School Swimming Scheme
**NEPAL DAY FUNDRAISER**

On Thursday 27th August it was Nepal Day. Ellen C, Mia T and Josie C would like to thank everyone for their fabulous support with raising money to send to World Vision. The school raised $567.00 from the out of uniform day and this money will be sent to World Vision, to be given to Nepal for the rebuilding efforts of schools that were damaged because of the earthquakes. A big thank you for everyone’s donations and all your support wearing red, white and blue.

**FANTASTIC RESULT FOR BOOK SWAP**

On Thursday 27th August we held our first Book Swap to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support literacy in remote areas of Australia. The day was a huge success with $568.30 raised to support this program. The unsold books will be utilised both in our classrooms and school library. A big thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser by either donating or purchasing some of these preloved books.

**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 21st October, and Thursday 22nd October at 9.15am-10.00am. 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.

**STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to Jye L 4M, who has made it through to the State Championships which will be held at Olympic Park, Homebush, in October. He will be completing in the 800 metre and 200 metre running events. We wish Jye the best of luck!!

**BOOK WEEK PARADE**

Friday 28th August saw the culmination of Book Week 2015 with our Annual Book Week Parade which was coordinated by our Librarian, Mr. Michael McInroy. The theme for Book Week this year was, Books Light Up Our World, the world certainly lit up at the Book Week Parade. A huge thank you to parents, carers, scholars and staff for their outstanding effort with the costumes this year, they were a spectacular extravaganza to see. It is certainly wonderful to see the enthusiastic excitement for books represented through the parade.

**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.

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

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen Cup Cake Day is on Monday 14th September. Cost $2.00 per cupcake – Limit of one for student. Money and Order handed into the Canteen by Wednesday 9th September – No refunds will be given.

**CANTENE ROSTER**

Week commencing Monday 7th September

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Spring Awakening** it’s on again - 11th September 2015 6.30pm – 9.30pm Cessnock Tafe Grounds – A free family event to celebrate the arrival of spring. For more information please contact 4990 7134

**Weston Community Pre-School** are holding their first ever community family fun day at Weston Civic Centre on Sunday 1st October at 11.00am & 2.00pm , there will be face painting, balloon artist Disco and lots more, pre purchase your tickets for a chance to win a photo shoot package by contacting Bec 0434 968 278 or Sam 0406 087 037 before the 1st October 2015 $10.00 per family of 2 adults and up to 4 children.

**Mulbring Trivia Night** – Open your mind and support our Year 6 Students. Register your team of up to eight by calling the school on 4938 0135 or 0432.581.805 after hours. Tickets $20.00 per adult $10.00 per child and include team registration and a two course dinner. Funds raised will go towards Year 6 present with 25% of the funds being donated in support of the Harvey Family. (Father has been diagnosed with Lymphoma).

**Cessnock City Council** - is holding a Free Mattress Drop off event for Cessnock City Council residents only on Saturday 19th September at Hunter TAFE Darwin Street Cessnock between 8.00am – 12.00pm. For more information please call 4993 4300 or visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/mattress

**Stanford Merthyr Infants School Fair** – Friday 16th October 4.00pm – 7.00pm. All money raised goes to the new hall. For more information please call 4937 1192.