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

Friday 18th September
Last day for Term 3

TERM 4
Monday 5th October
Public Holiday

Tuesday 6th October
Staff and scholars return for Term 4

Tuesday 20th October
Kindergarten Orientation
9.10am

Wednesday 21st October
Year 5 Camp – Forster

Thursday 22nd October
Year 5 Camp – Forster

Friday 23rd October
Year 5 Camp – Forster

Monday 26th October
School Photos

Wednesday 28th October – High School Transition – Year 7
Kindergarten Orientation 9.10am

Friday 30th October
Grandparents Day
Bandanna Day

Thursday 5th November
Kinder Orientation 9.10am

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Today is the last day of service to students as a permanent teacher for Mrs Margo Wilkinson. Margo has contributed her passion for education, her talent as a teacher and her sense of fun to Kurri Kurri Public School for 15 years. While she looks forward to her retirement, she will miss the children and the school greatly. We will miss Margo very much, and I know the scholars will also.

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent forum on Wednesday. This is a school that regularly seeks feedback through the Forums, phone and online surveys, and other means. Feedback over the last two years has seen improvements to grounds and communication, an increase in evening activities, vegetable gardens being developed in the school and extension of our use of the SENTRAL data system in the school to track scholar information, among many other improvements that have resulted from our annual School Evaluation. Compiling feedback has begun, to inform future school planning.

There has been an extension of time for payment of the gym and social sporting programmes that the school has happening next term. We appreciate that some classes having excursions, there has been a high level of money requested this term. The gym/sport program will be very worthwhile for the children. Payment can be made in the first week of next term. Children should wear sports shoes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with their school uniform.

Warm Regards
Eve Field

HUNTER INTER-SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Thursday 10th September Lucas F KH and Emmie T 5/6MO represented the Region at the Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition Final at Heaton Public School. Lucas impressed greatly and was highly commended. Emmie was sensational and very competitive in a strong field. This was Emmie’s second progressing to Regional level. Well done and congratulations to both scholars!

OFFICE NEWS

Just a reminder to all parents to provide the office of any changes to student details – such as health and medication information. Also any changes to phone numbers and addresses is so important to keep updated in case of an emergency we can contact parents as soon as possible. When paying money please bring the correct change as we do not keep money on the premises, also payments can be made by EFTPOS for payments over $10.00.

We all wish you a safe and happy holiday and see you all in Term 4 ready for a busy end of year.

Warm Regards
Julie Gilbert, Michelle McVea, Glenda Murmane, Genelle Parker, Melissa Allen, Melinda Beavis

ART SUCCESS

Recently, Kurri Kurri Public School was invited to submit six works of art to be considered for selection to form the Face 2 Face Art Exhibition at Maitland Regional Art Gallery.

One of the Curators of the Gallery made a point of commenting on the difficulty in selecting the pieces this year due to the extremely high standard of the many artworks that were submitted for consideration. The six scholars that had their works chosen to be entered are, Brigett T, Meila C, Zoey C, Jackson S, Jordan L and Riley D. Our school were successful in having three of our scholar’s artworks selected to be included in the Face 2 Face Exhibition, the successful artworks were created by Meila C, Jackson S and Riley D. The Face 2 Face Exhibit will run at Maitland Art Gallery from Saturday the 26th September to Sunday 2nd November with a Special Celebration of the Exhibit on Sunday 27th September at 11.00am. Congratulations to all these students for their high standards in the Creative Arts.

HOME READING CLUB

The home reading club has had many visitors this past few weeks and has proved to be a lovely way to start the day for everyone especially the children! There is one avid little reader I wanted to mention- this is Vincent. He is one of our “Little Learners” and comes to get a taste of school on Thursday afternoons. Since coming, he has received wind of the home reading on Thursday mornings and on his way to preschool drops in for a biscuit, practises some Kinder words, swaps a home reader and borrows a library book! Here he is with his favourite- to date. On Thursday Week 1, Term 4 8th October at 9.00am, a raffle ticket will be drawn from the box of attendees to win a book prize! It’s not too late to come and drop a raffle ticket in! Fostering a love of reading will always foster success as a reader! So with holidays approaching- don’t forget our town library.

Sarah Williams
Instructional Leader

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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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FRED HOLLONS HUMANITY AWARD

On Monday 7th September, at New South Wales Parliament House, Callen I 6N was honoured along with another 96 young people with the Fred Hollons Humanity Award. This year was The New South Wales inaugural award; it recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred Hollons footsteps by showing care, compassion, community service and humanity to others. Callen was presented this award by the Premier of NSW Mike Baird. Callen and his parents, Kelly and Dean, travelled to Sydney for the day and met many like-minded students from over 77 schools across NSW. We are proud of Callen and his compassionate and caring nature; we hope you will join us in congratulating Callen on his award.

FATHER’S DAY THANK YOU

On Friday 11th September we held our Annual Father’s Day Breakfast, Science and Games morning, which was once again another huge success. It is wonderful to see and experience parents and carers visit our school to share these events with their children and the school and wider community as a whole. These experiences form an expanded bank of positive memories of the schooling years for everyone. Once again a big thank you to all those who supported this event.

SKOOLBAG APP

On Wednesday 16th September Apple is releasing the new version of iOS 9.0 and we are pleased to confirm that your Skooldag App will function fine on this iOS 9.0 update. Apple has released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months time, however, we encourage users not to install this version, because many apps do not work on it including Skoolbag. There will be a notice in the Skoolbag app informing users of this issue.

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. Our P & C will be holding a special meeting to fill current Committee vacancies. This meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at 9.30am in AV Room. All welcome however you must be a current member to vote. Membership is $1 and can be paid on the day.

CANTEEN NEWS

Due to price increases with our suppliers an updated canteen menu / price list will be used in the canteen from Week 1 Term 4. A copy of this updated list will be sent home today.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing Tuesday 6th October

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Mayoral Photography Competition – are you a budding, young photographer in the Cessnock Local Government area? This year’s theme is Change. We want to see your work. Categories Kindergarten – Year 2, Year 3 – Year 6 and High School. Prizes for 1st prize - $150.00, 2nd prize - $150.00 and 3rd prize - $100.00 (awarded to the winning schools not the winning student) Closing Date Friday 9th October. If you have any questions please call 4993 4237 or visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

HNELHD Carer Education & Support Program – are organising their Annual Expo for all Families, Carers, Young Carers, Heads of School, Teachers/Assistants and the General Public. The Expo is to be held in Carers Week on Tuesday 13th October 2015. 9.30am-3.00pm at Wests Leagues Club, New Lambton cost is Free. For more information please call 4924 6146. The Hunter Wetlands Centre – Has a great School Holiday Program - you can watch the maggie geese being fed, try dip-netting, enjoy time at the playground, Check out the creatures in the tanks, Tank talk. Enjoy lunch at Spoonbill Cafe, bring a picnic or book a BBQ. There’s a lot to do at the Wetlands! For more information please call on 4951 6466 or visit www.wetlands.org.au

Kurri Kurri Community Festival – Saturday 24th October 2.00pm–9.00pm. Rotary Park Kurri Kurri. Great Family Fun, Entertainment, Rides, Stalls, Food, Face Painting for more information please call 0427 37 8117.

Will You Walk With Me is an Australia-wide celebration of people with a disability and major fundraiser for organisations that provide vital disability support services. Walk with Me event gives families, friends, colleagues, businesses and members of the general public with the chance to raise disability awareness and make a difference to the lives of people with a disability. On Wednesday 23rd September – Saturday 26th September at Newcastle Forsyth Park near Railway Carriage Sheds from 10.00am-2.00pm. For more information please call Donna on 4935 0400 or visit www.northcott.com.au

Spring into nature around Port Stephens - Something to suit everyone in our national parks. Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this spring school holidays. There’s something for everyone. Bookings are essential via www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do. For more information please call Suzanne 4984 8210

Author talks at Kurri Kurri and Cessnock Town Libraries - We have four wonderful authors visiting our libraries before the end of 2015. Jaye Ford, Thursday 8th October, John Larkin, Thursday 15th October, Peter Watt, Thursday 26th October and Tony Park, Friday 27th November For more information and booking details please call Kurri Kurri 4937 1638 or Cessnock 4993 4399

Maitland Basketball School Holiday Camp – Home of the Maitland Mustangs! Day One Basketball Fun Day - Day Two Multisport Fun Day. On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September from 9.30am–3.00pm at Maitland Federation Centre. Open to Infant and Primary School children 5 years and over. Cost is $50.00 for the two days or $30.00 for one day. No Basketball experience is required – It’s a Fun Day of Learning and Games. For more information phone 4934 3503 or 0402 153 905 or visit www.maitland.basketball.net.au for a registration form.

Cessnock Community Connect Day Thursday 15th October 10.00am-2.00pm at Cessnock Tafe – Free Entry. Live Music, Performances and Cultural Dance Group For more information please call 4991 6333.

Carols by Candlelight – Save The Dates – Kurri Kurri Public School on Sunday 13th December. Abermain Public School Monday 14th December. More details to follow.

Blessing of the Animals – Bring your pets along for a blessing to the Christ Church Mt Vincent Rd, Mt Vincent on Sunday 4th October at 1.00pm. BYO picnic lunch. All animals welcome!