PRINCIPAL NEWS
This evening we have our Meet and Greet information expo evening. I look forward to seeing a huge number of parents and scholars. It is a great way to get information about the year ahead for your child, to get to meet the staff and to connect with other families.

We already have several parents who regularly pick up their children before the end of the school day. Everyone should be aware that even if you pick your child up ten minutes before the final bell, it is a partial absence. Consistent late arrivals and early departures will be identified by the school and the Home School Liaison Officer, and parents contacted.

Parents have a legal obligation to have their child regularly attend school, and attend a full day unless there are exceptional circumstances. Needless early departures and late arrivals interrupt your child's learning and the learning of other children in their class. On the bright side, our overall attendance has been very strong so far this year – a great start!

Next week there will be two volunteer inductions for family members. You must complete the induction each year before you can work in the school, including the canteen. Thank you to our volunteers. We really value the support of family members in the school.

Warm Regards

Eve Field

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our annual Kurri Kurri Public School Swimming Carnival was held at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 9th February. It was great to see so many scholars attend the carnival to both support and enter the swim events with an excellent balance of competitive sportsmanship, commitment to challenge and friendly camaraderie. A big thank you to all the parents that assisted with the organisation of the carnival with timekeeping, marshalling place recipients and encouraging support of events. The continued support of scholars at these events develops confidence and enthusiastic attitude towards undertaking challenges. Also a big thank you to the P&C for providing a sausage sizzle lunch at the pool.

Congratulations to Ms McKinnon and Mrs Yeoh for organising a smoothly run carnival.

YEAR 2 NEWS
Year 2 have had a fabulous start to the 2016 school year and are settling into their new classes beautifully.

This term, Year 2 will be learning all about the Daily 5 reading strategies and will be incorporating these strategies in their literacy groups. The unit focus for Science is ‘Push/Pull’. Scholars will learn how push and pull affects how an object moves. For our history unit scholars will be learning about the history of a person, building, or environment in the local community and what it reveals about the past.

Year 2 home reading will begin in week 3. Please ensure that your child has a home reading plastic folder ready for this. We encourage children to read one Home Reader each night and to bring their folder back to school each day. Reading is a skill that improves with practice and we ask for your support in encouraging children to read regularly at home.

We are looking forward to a great term!

Year 2 Teachers

KINDERGARTEN WELCOME
Welcome to all our families. We look forward to seeing you tonight at the Meet and Greet BBQ. Kindergarten scholars have settled into their classes and are ready for many new learning experiences. Our Best Start Assessments are completed and teachers are busy analyzing and recording the results. The information gathered from the assessment is used to guide the teaching of your child. You will be given feedback in the next few weeks, which you are welcome to discuss with your child's teacher.

Our Kindergarten scholars have a busy term ahead! We have kicked off our Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) program where scholars work in small groups with their teachers to develop their literacy skills. Our main focus in Mathematics is whole number, numeral identification and initial addition and subtraction.

Homework and Home Reading will begin this term in weeks 4 and 5. We ask all parents to encourage their child's participation in these programs. Finally, another reminder to please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled. It is a guarantee at some point your child will lose something! If their name is marked clearly on things it has a better chance of being returned or found.

We look forward to a busy and exciting year. Please feel free to come and discuss any concerns you may have.

Kindergarten Teachers

VOLUNTEER'S COURSES
We will be holding volunteer’s courses on Wednesday 17th February and Thursday 18th February at 9.15am. Please sign in at the office.
PARENT PORTAL

All parents and carers have access to the Kurri Kurri Public School Parent Portal through Sentral Education. The portal is available to book appointments for the upcoming Speed Interviews and the Three-Way Conferences later in the year. Please login using the web address below with your username and password. If you have not yet registered and require an activation key please contact the school. Speed Interviews will be available for bookings from 9.00am Monday 15th February 2016. 


MEET & GREET REMINDER

The Meet & Greet BBQ will be held at the school this Thursday 11th February, between 5.00pm–7.00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and chat with your child's classroom teacher for 2016, explore their learning program or speak with the coordinators of the EAFS, Speech, Kidsmatter, PBL and Quicksmart Programs. We have also invited representatives from quite a few organisations that provide support for families in our local area that will be happy to answer questions and provide information. We look forward to meeting and welcoming you to 2016 at Kurri Kurri Public School.

WATCH THE LOCAL MEDIA

This week our school was represented in the Advertiser, one of the local papers. The story and photo reflected the recent visit from the Newcastle Knights player, Dane Gagai, to our school. It is always great to watch out for stories regarding our school and scholars in the local media, this creates a strong sense of connectivity for our scholars to their local community.

On Wednesday 17th February, in both the Advertiser and Maitland Mercury our 2016 School Captains and Prefects will be included in the School's Leadership Supplement.

POP-UP PLAYGROUP

On Wednesday 17th February we will be starting a Pop-Up Playgroup at our school. The session will run from 9.30am-11.30am in the School Assembly Hall. The playgroup is for children aged from birth to 6 years and their parents/carers. The playgroup celebrates parents and we share a variety of ways to assist children learn through play while having fun. Morning tea will be provided. Should you require any further information or would like to confirm your attendance please call 4937 1319.

SAVE THE DATE- NOSTALGIA FESTIVAL

This year’s annual Nostalgia Festival will be held over 18th, 19th & 20th March. On Friday 18th March scholars and staff are encouraged to dress up in theme with this amazing era, denim jeans, white t-shirt, flared skirts, neck scarves, bobble socks to give some easy ideas to tie in with the theme of this event. Most of these clothing items are basic items that can be made to fit the theme of the day by simply adding a splash of colour with a pair of sunglasses, hair ribbons or some hair gel. On Sunday 20th March, the school P&C will once again have vintage cars, trucks and motorbikes on display in the school grounds, this year the Newcastle Model Car Club are bringing their display for the day which will fill our School Assembly Hall. There will also be market stalls and performances from local schools, dance academies, gymnasts and solo singers to name a few. Last year the P&C raised over $9000 from this event. We are asking any parents or carers that can come in and help for a couple of hours through the day to call the school on 4937 1235 to register your name and preferred time that you are available to assist.

P&C NEWS

Bag Tags Fundraiser – “If you have a bag you need one of our tags” Mix & Match to get your favourite combo. Never take the wrong bag home again. All tags $6.00 each – 10% of all sales will be donated back to the school. All orders and payments are due back at the school office by Friday 4th March 2016. The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 16th February at 6.00pm in the staffroom of the school. Everyone is welcome, membership is $2.00. The monthly meeting will now be held the third Tuesday of every month, alternating between daytime and evening meetings.

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CANTEEN NEWS

Flexischools - Our school will soon have Flexischools for online ordering and cashless payment from your mobile or desktop. Flexischools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for canteen. Flexischools will be up and running from Day 1 Term 2.

Week commencing Monday 15th February

Mon Janene Straker Kerrie Newton

Tues Naomi Henry Alana Henry

Wed Julie Herbert Sallyann Coffey

Thurs Kim Stoddart Leah Couperthaite Rebecca Nichols

Fri Julie Herbert Sallyann Coffey Lisa Purkiss Kerrie Newton

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holy Spirit Kurri Kurri Primary School – Twilight Markets – On Friday 11th March at 5.00pm there will be lots of exciting stalls. For more information please call 4937 2165. Kurri Kurri & District Pre-school Kindergarten Inc. are having a Back to Preschool Afternoon Tea for our preschool children from 2015 who have now gone to school. This will be held on Tuesday 23rd February from 3.30pm-4.30pm at the pre-school. Hope to see you there. For more information please call 4937 2110.

Mission Australia Early Learning Kurri Kurri are holding an Open Day on Saturday 5th March at 10.00am–1.00pm. For more information please call 4936 4386.

Youth Group Barneys Club’s - is a 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. Held every Thursday between 3.30pm - 5.15pm (during school terms) at St Paul’s Anglican Church. 118 Lang St, Kurri Kurri. Gold coin donation appreciated. For more information please call Father Chris 0401 717 686 or visit kurrianglican.com

Kurri Kurri Junior Football Club – players are to register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au prior to attending Club registration days on Thursdays 11th & 18th February 5.00pm–7.00pm at Biralba Oval. For more information please call Joanne 0414 619 194

HVHA Training Restaurant

Kurri Kurri TAFE Campus’s HVHA (Hunter Valley Hotel Academy) are looking forward to reserving you a table for any of their dinners on Wednesday nights. Three course meals and a welcome drink are $30.00 per person. For more information please contact 4936 0341 or 4936 0277.