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DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 19th February
Stage 3 Surf Fun Safe Program
Year 5 Students

Wednesday 24th February
Pop-up Playgroup
(Technically to be Confirmed)
9.30am – 11.00am

Thursday 25th February
Stage 3 Surf Fun Safe Program
Year 6 Students
Cessnock Zone Swimming
Carnival – 9.30am

Friday 26th February
Representative Cricket
Miller Park
9.30am

Thursday 10th March
Speed Interview Evening
3.30 pm – 6.50 pm

Friday 11th March
Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday 15th March
P&C Annual General Meeting
AV Room - 9.30am

Sunday 20th March
Nostalgia Festival

Thursday 24th March
Harmony Day recognition
Easter Hat Parade

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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
Over the next few weeks, we will be holding scholar/teacher conferences. At these conferences, each scholar will have one on one time with their teacher. They will chat together about the scholar’s learning, setting both short and long term learning goals, and planning how they will achieve the set goals.

This conference will prepare the scholar’s to take their part in the Speed Interviews coming up on Thursday 10th March. The Speed Interviews are focused on setting up the team approach to each scholar’s learning between scholar, teacher and parents.

Research shows that parents showing interest in their children’s learning, including attending opportunities to talk to teachers, boosts the academic achievement of children.

The Speed Interviews are not scary, and are a great way to build relationships between teachers and families and let children know everyone is on their learning team.

I believe every child in the school deserves to have at least one parent attend the Speed Interview.

Warm Regards
Eve Field

MEDICATION
When parents and carers send medication to school, they need to provide written instructions about any special requirements for storage, as indicated by their medical practitioner or pharmacist. The best way to ensure medication is correctly labelled is to bring in the medication sticker that is provided by the pharmacy. If you are sending medication to school, please send the pharmacy label showing the student’s name and prescribed dosage.

ASTHMA ACTION PLANS
Thank you to everyone who was given and has returned their Child Asthma Record. If you have this form or an Asthma Action Plan from your child’s doctor at home, please bring them to the office as soon as possible. If your child has asthma and you did not receive a form, please contact the school office.

YEAR 3 NEWS
Year 3 have had a fabulous start to the term! We have started our literacy unit ‘Protect Australia!’ and have been focusing on Central Australia. We have been learning about the arid desert environment, some of the plants and animals in the area and the significance of places like Uluru to Aboriginal people. We learnt about pesky feral camels and how they cause chaos and destruction and even endanger vegetation, including the Quandong. In Mathematics, we have been developing our understanding of whole number concepts and are beginning to develop strategies to help us solve addition and subtraction problems. We have started our Science unit with Mrs Peak and we are excited to learn more about how plants grow and change.

Year 3 Teachers

HEALTH CARE PLANS
Being the start of a new year, it is time to update students’ Health Care Plans. If you receive a draft Health Care Plan, please read it carefully and make any changes that might be needed for 2016. Please sign the draft plan and send it back to the school office.

ANAPHYLAXIS
If your child has anaphylaxis, the start of the school year is a great time to see your doctor for an updated Anaphylaxis Action Plan. Please send updated plans to the office and we will make a new care plan for you.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

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BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS
Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child’s physical activity, but did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:
- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is OK to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!

There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?

PRIME 3S DEBATING CHALLENGE TRAINING
On Wednesday 17th February seven students from year 6 attended Premiers Debating Challenge Training Day at Edgeworth Public School.

Congratulations to Halle T, Meila C, Emmie T, Sharra G, Jordan L, Georgia B and Taylah R who participated enthusiastically in the day’s activities and proudly represented our school. They proved themselves to be a strong debating force to be reckoned with and we look forward to seeing them in action when the Premiers Debating Challenge begins.
**POP-UP PLAYGROUP**

On Wednesday 17th February, we had an excited group of little ones bring their mums, dads and grandmas to school for playgroup. Samantha from the Samaritans joined us, as we played, chatted, shared some morning tea and read a story. Due to such a wonderful response from the community, we will be endeavouring to run playgroup every Wednesday in the school hall from 9.30am-11.00am. Watch this spot for confirmation. A big thank you to Ms Dawes for organising the playgroup with the help of the Samaritans.

**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.


**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,obby 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 – 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 monthly meetings will now be held the third Tuesday of every month, alternating between daytime and evening meetings.

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

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Kurri Kurri & District Pre-school Kindergarten Inc. - would appreciate donations of clothing that your children have grown out of, suitable for children aged 3 to 6 years. We require summer clothing desperately. Please drop off at the preschool office between the hours of 8.30am-3.30pm. For more information please call 4937 2110.

AECG General Meeting - Monday 22nd February 2016 at Kearsley Public School 3.30pm–5.00pm. For more information please call 0410 303 538 Koe-nara – Cessnock

Playworks 2016 Program – Term I Each Monday at Cessnock Public School 10.00am–12.00pm.
Each Thursday at East Cessnock Public School 9.00am–11.00am.
Babies - Each Thursday 12.30pm–2.00pm
Lets Play - Each Tuesday 10.00am–11.30am
Young Parents Playgroup–Each Friday 10.00am–12.00pm
For more information please call 4990 9354 or 0428 263 854.

**Week commencing Monday 22nd February**

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