**Kurri Kurri Public School**

Learning, caring and respect for all

Kurri Kurri Public School is a Positive Learning Environment where Kids Matter

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**
- **Friday 26th February**
  - Representative Cricket
  - Miller Park
  - 9.30am
- **Monday 29th February**
  - Volunteers Course
  - 9.15am
- **Tuesday 1st March**
  - Volunteers Course
  - 9.15am
- **Wednesday 2nd March**
  - Pop-up Playgroup
  - 9.30am – 11.00am
  - Volunteers Course
  - 9.15am
- **Wednesday 9th March**
  - Pop-up Playgroup
  - 9.30am – 11.00am
- **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
- **Wednesday 16th March**
  - Pop-up Playgroup
  - 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Friday 18th March**
  - Nostalgia Festival Dress Up Day
- **Sunday 20th March**
  - Nostalgia Festival
- **Thursday 24th March**
  - Harmony Day recognition
  - Easter Hat Parade
- **Wednesday 23rd March**
  - Pop-up Playgroup
  - 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Wednesday 30th March**
  - Pop-up Playgroup
  - 9.30am – 11.00am

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**Issue 5 25th February 2016, Week 5 Odd Week**

**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

What a hot day it has been today! Earlier in the week I had a very reasonable enquiry from a parent as to our procedures for extreme weather conditions. There is not a formal policy on this, but there are procedures the school puts into place when weather conditions will make it undesirable for children to take part in outside play. These include wet weather, high winds and extreme heat. All of these are a judgement call by either me or a member of the school executive in my absence. It will be appreciated by families that we endeavour to be able to have the children access outside play as often as possible. Our break periods also mean that the maximum time children are outside is 40 minutes at lunchtime, with a 25 minute play period. When the weather is warm, this minimises the amount of time children are outside without preventing them from enjoying time outside and physical activity. Today was one of those days when it was very easy to decide that we will stay inside!

By Week 5 of term we certainly know that we are in full swing at school. As well as our classroom learning programs being strong, children are being involved in a number of other activities across the school. Many of these enrich children’s special talents. These activities include choir, dance and sporting activities. Mrs White and Mrs Robin Williams are taking scholars in small groups for Art activities. We will have scholars involved in maths, science and engineering projects that I’m sure will feature in the newsletter. A chess group is being formed. There is a Robotics and Minecraft group. Our Year 4 students are taking part in lessons in Chinese language and culture. Cultural activities have begun for our Aboriginal scholars, with Stage 1 enjoying this experience at present. There is certainly a great deal on offer at Kurri Kurri Public School!

On Friday 18th March we will have a Nostalgia Festival dress up day at school. This was a fun event last year. We had a spontaneous parade of fashions last year. It was so enjoyable we will repeat it again and families will be invited to join in.

This year is a School Musical year. All the school will be involved, whether as a featured performer, participating as a stage group and also assisting with other production tasks. The Musical performances will be in the last week of Term 3, between the 19th and 23rd September. This year’s production is based on “Alice in Wonderland”. I am sure it will be as successful as “Cinderella Rockafella” in 2014.

Warm Regards

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**POP-UP PLAYGROUP**

We are excited to confirm Pop-Up Playgroup will be running every Wednesday in the School Hall from 9.30am-1.00pm. Pop-Up Playgroup caters for all ages from 0-5yrs, as well as mums, dads, grandparents and carers. So if you know anyone with a little one, spread the word and let them know Playgroup is on at Kurri Kurri Public School.

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**YEAR 4 NEWS**

Ni hao!

What a busy start to 2016 it has been for Year 4! We had lots of fun at the Swimming Carnival, been busy learning and writing about the different environments in Australia, have been working hard in Math’s sessions and have started training for the Cross Country Carnival. QuickSmart, Dance Group, Choir and Art Groups have also started for some of our scholars. This year, we are very excited to be learning Chinese. Each class has had their first lesson with their very own teacher located in Beijing. We can now say ‘hello’, ‘thank you’ and ‘goodbye’ in Chinese! We are looking forward to the Student/Teacher conferences beginning this week. Scholars have already started thinking about their learning intentions for the term.

Zàijiàn!

Year 4 Teachers.

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**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

In 2016 we will be celebrating 25 years of Schools Clean Up Australia Day. In the past 25 years, Australians have devoted more than 27.2 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 288,650 tonnes of rubbish. This demonstrates that Australians are willing to do something themselves to help protect and care for their environment. On Friday 4th March, Kurri Kurri Public School scholars will be participating in Schools Clean Up Day by helping to remove litter on our school grounds. Scholars are asked to bring reusable gloves (such as gardening gloves) to wear when participating. Parents and carers are asked to consider ways they can reduce the amount of packaging that their children bring to school every day in their lunchboxes. Buying food in bulk and putting it in reusable containers is a great idea that not only helps to reduce litter but can also save you money.

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**UP PLAYGROUP**

Kurri Kurri Primary School is open from 9.00am-11.00am.

UP PLAYGROUP is on at Kurri Kurri Primary School.

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- **Up Playgroup**
  - 9.30am – 11.00am
  - Pop-up Playgroup
  - 9.30am – 11.00am
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

We’re very excited to announce National Ride2School Day is back again for 2016! National Ride2School Day is Friday 4th March. It’s a perfect opportunity for scholars and school communities to embrace a healthier start and to inspire more scholars to become more physically active on their journey to school. Scholars can choose to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school but must remember to wear a helmet. There will be opportunities throughout the day to acknowledge those scholars who walked, rode or skated to school.

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 DAY

This year the school will participate by opening the school on Sunday 20th March, with displays of vintage cars, trucks and tractors, a massive display model cars and trucks from the Newcastle Model Car Club, there will also be rides, a wide range of market & food stalls as well as performances by local schools, dance & gymnastic groups and solo performers. This is a massive day at the school to ensure the success of the day help on the day.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

To promote the development of literacy skills and a love of reading Kurri Kurri Public School encourages all scholars to participate in the Annual Premier’s Reading Challenge. This challenge is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 beginning Monday 7th March. Scholars from Kindergarten to Year 2 can read or have read 30 books – 20 books from the challenge list and 10 books free choice. Scholars in Year 3 – Year 6 must read 15 books, 10 books from the challenge list and 5 books free choice. Every scholar who successfully meets the challenge will receive a certificate of recognition.

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@pandacaffil1ate.org.au or find us on Facebook.

PRIORITY STUDENTS

These Principal Awards will be presented at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 4th March at 2.20pm.

Attendance Data for the school for Week 4 was 91.5%. Our goal is 94%.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

http://www.kurrikurri- p.schools.nsw.edu.au

A Vodcast of this Newsletter can be viewed on the School’s Website.

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Lacie H - 1J
Hayley T - 2G
Charl N - 4C

COMMUNITY NEWS

Become a WEP host family in 2016! - Do you want to experience new cultures? Are you curious, welcoming and keen to show off your lifestyle? Have you thought about hosting an overseas exchange student? WEP Australia are looking for volunteer host families now! If you think you match the above criteria, request an information pack on our website today: https://wep.org.au/host/ or call 1300 88 4733.

Weekend Cartooning & Drawing Workshops - On Saturday 19th-Sunday 20th March at East Maitland Scout Hall Jubilee Street, East Maitland. No previous drawings skills are required. For children aged 4 to 15 years, The teacher is a professional cartoonist, Working with children and police checks, First-aid training. Friendly teaching techniques, Established for more than 33 years running programs with children across Australia and overseas, All art materials is provided. For more information please call 02 9343 0833.

Barkuma is hosting an information day for the community to hear first-hand about NDIS and be able to ask any questions they may have. On Wednesday 2nd March 2016 10.00a-2.00pm at 76 Lang Street Kurri Kurri. Free BBQ. For more information please call 4937 1094.

Saverplus – Can Saver Plus assist you with School Costs? Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500.00. For more information please call Cynthia on 02 4032 4703 or 0418 699 646.

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 29th February
Mon Janene Straker Kerrie Newton
Tues Naomi Henry Alana Henry
Wed Julie Herbert Maddeline Butler Melissa Vadass Jess Newton
Thur Kim Stoddart Leah Couperthwaite
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.

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