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DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 11th March
Crazy Hair Day

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

Wednesday 16th March
Volunteers Course 9.15am
Pop-up Playground 9.30am – 11.00am

Friday 18th March
Nostalgia Festival Dress Up Day
Earth Hour

Sunday 20th March
Nostalgia Festival

Monday 21st March
Book Club Orders Due

Thursday 24th March
Harmony Day recognition
Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday 30th March
Pop-up Playground 9.30am – 11.00am

Wednesday 6th April
FREE Influenza Immunisation 9.00AM

Friday 8th April
Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd May
Cessnock Performing Arts Yr 4-6
12.30pm – 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th May
Year 4 – The Rocks and Maritime Museum
7.00am – 5.30pm

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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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10th March 2016, Week 7 Odd Week

PRINCIPAL NEWS
Over the last few weeks scholars and teachers have been meeting for one on one learning conferences. This is a practice we began last year. At that time it was new and a bit of a mystery to the scholars (and the teachers!). This year it has been exciting to hear how ready and prepared the scholars have been for their learning conferences. The children are recognising their responsibility for their learning, and are keen to plan with the teachers how to meet their goals. I am looking forward to these plans being shared with parents tonight, with parents having the chance to give their input and ideas.

A gentle reminder to all adults in our school community that we are models for the children at the school. Just today I have seen a mother walk her child across from the carpark at Coles to the school gate totally ignoring the pedestrian crossing just metres away from her child. Next I saw a father riding a child’s bike in the school grounds. Frustatingly I was too far away or slow each time to identify or catch up with the parent in question. How easy it would have been for both these parents to choose to model correct behaviour to their children!

Next term will we be able to offer music lessons in keyboard and concert band instruments at school. The lessons are through a private business, and parents will be required to be able to pay for the lessons and instruments themselves. The lessons will operate during the school day on Tuesdays. However a great outcome for me will be that the lessons will be able to gain experience together as a Concert band, which will rehearse every Tuesday after school. More information is included in this newsletter.

Warm regards
Eve Field

SUPPORT TAJ “SHAVE FOR A CURE”
This year one of our Year 6 Scholars, Taj will be having his head shaved to support the World’s Greatest Shave to assist raising funds to find a desperately needed cure for Leukaemia, which is cancer of the blood. Taj has not personally known anybody with this disease, but he felt a strong urge to do something that will help put our cause and raise some money to go towards finding a much needed cure for this disease. Kurri Kurri Coles Supermarket is also going to support Taj’s brave decision to have his head shaved, they will have a bucket on their service counter for customers to make donations as well. Help support this very worthwhile fundraiser by sponsoring Taj this Friday. Taj has a goal to raise at least $500.00 before he will have his head shaved on Tuesday 22nd March. Donations can be left at the office to support Taj.

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Just a reminder tomorrow Friday 11th March is Crazy Hair Day. If scholars could please bring a gold coin donation. It would be appreciated as all monies will go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

STAGE 3 NEWS
Our Year 6 Scholars are off to a fantastic beginning of their final year at Kurri Kurri Public School! The leadership team have settled into their responsibilities and the rest of year 6 has taken up the mantle of ‘role models’ to their younger peers. The Kinder buddies enthusiastically assist our newest scholars with the transition to school and the Star leaders have been running organised sports and games in the playground for the rest of the school. Stage 3 has also taken an active role in their learning. The whole of Stage 3 have shown dedication to their science topic “Light” and thoroughly enjoyed the science light show last week! They have also embraced their new math groups with very few bumps along the way. The Stage 3 sport program is about to start, with our feature sport … tennis! We are gearing up for the cross country carnival, the girls cricket team play their first game on Monday and the regional Rugby trials are fast approaching.

The scholars have voted and decided on the colours and design for their Year 6 polo shirt and orders are currently being collected. Thank you to everyone that has already returned their order. Remember orders close Friday 1st April. The Year 6 Canberra excursion expression of interest will go out in the next week. This is the perfect time for you to have a chat with your child and see what they already know and, would like to learn, about the Australian Government.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the year, Stage 3!

CHICKENPOX
We have had one confirmed case of chickenpox here at school. Symptoms - are slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Time from exposure to illness – 2 to 3 weeks.

Do I need to keep my child home – Yes, for 5 days after rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

NOSTALGIA DRESS UP DAY
On Friday 18th March, we will be having Nostalgia Day again where scholars, staff, parents and carer are encouraged to dress in theme from the 50’s and 60’s era. Last year, scholars, staff, parents and carers excelled themselves with such an outstanding display of style in capturing the era. This year we will again have a display at 9.30am where families are welcome to come along to see and experience the step back in time. Scholars will experience both classroom and school activities that reflect this era throughout the day. It was wonderful to hear some of the comments made innocently last year by scholars which included “ where’s the remote, you have to get up to change channels” and “ you have to wind a handle to put the window down” (in a car).

VODCASTS – WHAT’S KOOKING AT KURRI
This year we have changed the look of our weekly vodcast. With a new name and a streamlined format the vodcast is wholly presented, filmed and edited by some of our amazing Year 1 students and provides a snapshot of what is happening in our school and local community. The vodcast is available for viewing on our school website https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/web/kurri-kurri-public-school just click on the News tab and check it out.
URGENT HELP NEEDED
On Sunday 20th March, we will be holding a Vintage Family Day in the school grounds, we will have market stalls, food outlets, rides, vintage tractor, trucks, cars and motorbikes, our assembly hall will be filled with a model vintage car display, our school choir and both junior and senior dance groups will be performing along with other local schools and dance academies and gymnastic display. This is a massive fundraiser for our P&C as the Nostalgia Festival is on within the community at the same time. We do need parents and carers who are able to give a couple of hours to either help on the BBQ or give some assistance to help get all the vehicles in and parked in position early on Sunday morning. If you are able to help out at anytime from 6.00am through to 4.00pm on Sunday please call the school on 4937 1235 to register your interest. These are photos from event we held last year. Come along to participate and experience an amazing day.

HEALTH CARE PLANS
Just a reminder for parent and carers - all health care plans need to be checked and returned to the school as soon as possible.

FREE INFLUENZA IMUNISATION
On Wednesday 6th April at 9.00am we will have ‘Dial A Home Doctor’ at the school for any staff, parents or scholars that are interested in having an influenza immunisation.

CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION
On Wednesday 23rd March at 4.00pm - 5.30pm a FREE evidence-based cyber safety program that will provide cyber safety education to parents and carers. Bookings are required for this program; please contact the office on 4937 1235 or kurrikurri-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

P&C EASTER RAFFLE/EGG DONATIONS
Tickets for the annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle have been starting to come back, just a reminder that all tickets both sold and unsold need to be returned to school no later than Tuesday 22nd March. All scholars in the class that sells the most tickets will receive and ice block. All scholars that sell their tickets will go in the draw for the chance to win a prize. We also still need more Easter eggs donations to be able to have a good selections of prizes to draw for. Tickets, money and eggs can be handed in to the office. A big thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser, and it has been wonderful to see the response and ideas that families have put forward for what the money from these fundraisers could be used for within our school.

NEWSLETTER – EMAIL COPY
If any parents would prefer the newsletter via email, please contact the office on 4937 1235 with email address details.

CONCERT BAND / KEYBOARD LESSONS
PMI are organising Concert Band with lessons for brass, woodwind and percussion instruments and also keyboard lessons program at the school. They will be holding a demonstration at the school on Monday 14th March. For more information please contact PMI (Primary Music Institute) on 1300 362 824 or email – admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

POP-UP PLAYGROUP
We are excited to confirm Pop-Up Playgroup will be running every Wednesday in the School Hall from 9.30am-11.00am. 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 Kurrikurri Public School.

P&C NEWS
Nostalgia Festival – if any persons would like to donate items for the stall for example jams, pickles or slices. Each item must include an ingredients list. Please bring into School Canteen by Friday 18th March.
P&C Meetings – The monthly meetings will now be held the third Tuesday of every month, alternating between daytime and evening meetings.
Email: kurrikurrischools@pandacafiliate.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.

Week Commencing Monday 14th March 2016
Mon Janene Straker Kerrie Newton
Tues Naomi Henry Alana Henry
Wed Julie Herbert Sallyann Coffey
Thurs Kim Stoddart Rebecca Nichols Leah Coupethwaite
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
Cessnock City Council – FREE Mattress Drop-off Service is at Business Enterprise Centre Car Park on Saturday 2nd April 8.00am–12.00pm or Hunter TAFE Cessnock Campus carpark on Saturday 16th April.

Cessnock Harmony Day Festival – Saturday 12th March, 10.00am-2.00pm, will be held outside courtyard of Cessnock Performing Arts Centre. For more information please call 4905 0726.

Kurrikurri Netball Association – Junior and Net Set Go registrations are Wednesday 15th and 22nd March between 5.00pm-6.00pm, Saturday 12th and 19th March between 9.30am-11.00am at the courts. Cost 5-10 yrs $50 and 11-17yrs $60. For more information please contact Deb on 0412 053 923.

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for overweight children aged 7-13 years and their families which is part of the Healthy Children’s Initiative which includes other programs like ‘Crunch & Sip’ and ‘Live Life Well @ School’. For more information please contact 4950 9117 or cathy.stubbs@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Northern NSW Futsal – Cessnock Civic Indoor Sports Centre will be holding a two day Clinic in the April school holidays. For more information please see noticeboard at school office or call NSW Futsal on 4946 1891.