PRINCIPAL NEWS
As everyone is aware, we continue with our maintenance work around the school. During the holidays the Gallery was painted and partially carpeted. These carpeting works will be completed during the January holidays. The work on the Stage 3 classrooms has been completed. The K-2 block looks great now that external works have been completed, and the external paint work on the Gallery is almost complete. Later in this term work will begin on the building that houses our Stage 2 classes, and will continue in the January holidays. Carpeting will also be done in the K-2 block during the holiday break. We will also be getting new roofs on two of our blocks in this maintenance cycle. It is wonderful to see how beautiful school and our historic buildings getting the upgrade that they deserve, and becoming the school facilities our scholars deserve.

Next week our Year 5 students will be attending their Leadership Camp. It is an exciting time for Year 5, as they contemplate their leadership opportunities for Year 6. Nominations for school prefects will open after the camp. I look forward to seeing who out of our fabulous Year 5s will take on school prefect, sports leader and Mighty Burra leadership roles.

Parents are reminded to let the school know if they will be leaving the area at the end of the year, and if their children will be leaving us. Also any requests regarding class placements must be provided now if we are to be able to consider them in forming our 2018 classes.

Warm regards
Eve Easter

LUNCH ORDERING PROCESS/NEW BREAK TRIAL
While our school is trialling recess and lunch break alternatives, can you please remind your child to hand their lunch orders into the ladies at the canteen as soon as they arrive to school in the morning OR alternatively complete a Flexischool online lunch order prior to 9.00am of the day the lunch order is required, orders placed after 9.00am exactly will not process through the system until the following day. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance throughout these processes, we are keen to hear any positive or negative feedback to assist our school in creating the optimum educational and learning environment and opportunities for our scholars.

PRESENTATION DAY NOMINATIONS

Our P&C have asked for parents and carers to put forward their nomination of names of a staff member, parent/carer or community member that has supported our school this year or throughout previous years above and beyond expectation. These names will then be submitted and voted upon to receive the P&C Recognition Award at our 2017 Presentation Day Award Ceremony which will be held on Friday 8th December starting promptly at 9.30am.

YEAR 1 NEWS
Year One have jumped straight back into their learning in Term 4. We are busy planning our Play-Based learning opportunities using some great ideas provided by the scholars. This is a great opportunity to learn about cooperation and collaboration, while being engaged in some very interesting topics. We had a fabulous time visiting the Australian Reptile Park and participating in the Athletics Carnival and Colour Run at the end of Term 3. Mr Tweedie and Miss Kim bravely held a GIANT python called Fluffy, so the kids could get a closer look and even have a pat. There are some great community events coming up where you will see some of our scholars performing in the Junior Choir and Junior dance group. And don’t forget to come see Year One perform at the KKPS Carols by Candlelight. Have a great Term 4 everyone!

PSSA STATE ATHLETICS RESULTS
A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to both Isabella W and Jasper C who have competed in the PSSA State Athletics Championships this week at Sydney Olympic Park. Isabella W competed in the Discus Throw and Jasper competed in the 100m Dash. Jasper came 6th in his heat which places him 24/38 in NSW. Isabella threw a Personal Best of 20 metres, which placed her 15th out of the 30 Discus throwers in this event. This was an amazing and inspiring experience for both athletes with both setting big goals to strive to achieve next year.

BOYS CRICKET WIN
On Monday 16th October, the boys cricket team played Rutherford PS in the Reg Kelly Shield competition. We won the toss and elected to bowl first on a bumpy outfield at Booth Park. Our team bowled marvellously taking 5 wickets in the first 6 overs. Hayden C took 3 wickets for just 4 runs and Rees G and Zac W both took 2 wickets without conceding a run. Rutherford finished with 49 runs after 20 overs. We managed to make the required 50 runs in just 9 overs with Hayden C scoring 15 N/O and Rees G scoring 12 runs. We now head to Rutherford on Monday to verse Telarah in the next round. Congratulations boys.
**BANDANA DAY**

Our school will be participating in National Bandana Day on Friday 27th October, which is the major fundraising and awareness campaign for CanTeen Australia. CanTeen helps young people cope with cancer in their family. Through CanTeen, they learn to explore and deal with their feelings about cancer, connect with other young people in the same situation and – if they’ve been diagnosed themselves, we provide specialist youth-specific treatment teams. We have a range of Bandanas available for purchase in now at our school office for $5 each, which can be worn to school on Friday 27th October. If you do not want to buy a bandana but would like to make a donation you are welcome to leave a donation at our office or send along on Bandana Day with your child. Thank you for supporting the very worthwhile cause.

**SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION FOR STAGE 2**

Last Thursday, 12th October, we had three representatives from TAFE NSW visit our school to give a Science Experiment Demonstration to our Stage 2 scholars. The ladies Ann, Marianne and Rebecca showed our scholars some safe experiments that they could easily try at home with regular products from the pantry as well as a number of experiments to demonstrate chemical reactions. Both staff and scholars were very excited when they were shown how to make their own sludge and are keen to try that experiment in the classroom. A big thank you to TAFE NSW for providing this demonstration to our Stage 2 scholars and we are looking at developing this further next year.

**KKPS TO HOST A BOOK LAUNCH**

Our school will be proudly hosting a Book Launch on Saturday 4th November at 10.30am in our assembly hall. The book is called "You Can’t Fight, You’re a Girl", which is a story about a young Kurri Kurri Girl called Maud Butler, who had a burning desire to fight for her country during World War 1. This book gives a detailed description of Maud’s dedication, resilience and determination to achieve her goal to fight for her country. We will be sharing pages from the book to our school facebook page. At the launch, one of our scholars Zoe B of Year 4 will perform a song that has been written especially to support the book and further share the story of Maud Butler. Everyone is welcome to attend this launch, please call the school on 4937 1235 to confirm your number of attendees.

**CHANGE OF DATE - BIG SAMBA**

The Big Samba performance will now be held on Wednesday 1st November to ensure that any Year 5 scholar who has paid is able to attend.

**2017 KURRI KURRI COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

This Saturday 21st October the Kurri Kurri Community Festival will be held in Rotary park from 11.00am. Our Infants, Junior and Senior Dance Groups will be performing along with our Choir. Abi -lea R and Abby H each will be doing solo performances and then joining together for a duet. There will also be performances by Melody Pool, Brothers 3 and Justess Jones. Our P&C will also have a stall in the park. We look forward to seeing everyone there to support our school at this event. There will be a free open Air Movie in the Park which will conclude the event.

**P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS**

Last term, many families came and collected books of tickets for our Christmas Raffle which has a major price of a seven day holiday to the Gold Coast including family passes to the theme parks, accommodation, food vouchers and flights. We require all sold and unsold tickets returned along with the money. There are currently over 120 books outstanding. This is a fabulous prize which will be drawn at this year’s Presentation Day Awards.

**P&C NEWS**

The Next Evening P & C Meeting – Tuesday 21st November at 9.30am

Email: kurrirkurripsandc@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen Roster - Monday 23rd October 2017

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Kurri Kurri Pre-school - currently have vacancies for children requiring pre-school for 2018. They are also preparing a waiting list for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend up to 2020 ie. Born before 31st July 2016.

For any enquiries, please contact Kurri Kurri Preschool on 4937 2110 or email admin@kurripreschool.com.au

Maitland Regional Museum – is holding an exhibition honoring our 34th Battalion Veterans, Nurses and The War Front. “At Home”, opens each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through to 26th November 2017. For more information please contact 02 4933 4450.

Kurri Kurri Swimming Club – commenced their 2017-2018 season on Friday 13th October at 5.00pm. For more information please contact Kate 4937 4367 or Angela 4936 4208.

Mission Australia Early Learning - will be holding a Family Fun Day on 4th November at 168-170 Rawson St, Kurri Kurri. All welcome with fun activities for the whole family. The Family Action Centre – will be holding a 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program starting Thursday 19th October 2017. For more information please contact Roger 4921 6795 or email Roger.Currie@newcastle.edu.au

A.E.C.G General Meeting - is on Monday 23rd October 2017 at Nulkaba Public School at 3.30pm-5.00pm RSVP by Thursday 19th October 2017 – Nulkaba Public School on 4990 1805 or Stephanie AECG Secretary on 0410 303 538.