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DATES TO REMEMBER

Every Thursday until Term 4
Little Learners - Children Starting Kindergarten In 2018
- 9.30am - 11.00am
Every Thursday until End of Year
Pop-Up Playgroup – Hall
9.30am – 11.30am

Friday 4th August
Year 6 Canberra Camp – Money Due

Tuesday 8th August
Year 6 – RKHS Orientation

Tuesday 15th August
P & C Meeting – AV Room
- 9.30am

Friday 18th August
Stage 3 PSSA Boys Cricket Team

Monday 21st August
Book Week Parade – 9.30am

Thursday 24th August
Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion – Kindergarten

Friday 1st September
Father’s Day Breakfast
The Great Book Swap

Tuesday 5th September – Friday 8th September
Year 6 Canberra

Wednesday 13th September
Year 2 – Starr’s Planetarium

October (date to be advised)
Grandparents Day

Friday 27th October
The Big Samba Performance

PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have had a great celebration of Education Week. It was a pleasure to see all the classrooms with a strong presence of family members on Tuesday 1st August. There was evidence in each class of the type of learning that takes place each day, and plenty of great work to be viewed. The art show and the performances were terrific. Congratulations to our Education Week award winners Zac W, Caitlin M-N, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Faalu, Mrs Jones, Mr and Mrs Campbell and Little Learners. Our Education Week activities continue with Careers Day on Thursday 3rd August, a most relevant inclusion into Education Week.

In line with the Education Week theme of I Learn We learn, Ms Brown, Mrs Freeburn, Miss Herdegen, Miss Way and I have been attending an Early Years Learning Conference this week. The conference focuses on the impact of learning for children 0-8, and how critical early experiences are in shaping children’s ongoing success in learning and development. We have been inspired by several speakers, and have been ideas have been flowing for how we can parity the learning we are getting into quality learning for our youngest scholars. As a bonus we have heard Australian children's author Mem Fox speak on the importance of quality literature as a basis for children in learning to read, and had our photo taken with her. We look forward to sharing our learning with other teachers at school.

Thanks to families for your cooperation as the school moved into LMBR, the new DoE finance and administration system. Our relieving SAM Michelle McVea and the office staff are doing an amazing job of moving into working in LMBR. Congratulations to all the team.

Warm Regards, Eve Eather

INTER-SCHOOLS ZONE PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Monday 31st July the first four of our school public speaking representatives participated in this competition. Hudson W and Hayley M represented our school in the Stage 3 division and Riley G and Torah H were our Early Stage 1 representatives. All scholars presented their speeches very well and can be congratulated for their outstanding efforts. Special congratulations go to Hudson who was awarded Highly Commended in his division and Tora who won her division. Tora will go on to represent our school and the Zone in the Regional finals next month.

HEALTH ALERT

Please be advised that a confirmed case of Measles, Chicken Pox and Whooping Cough has been reported to the school this week. If your child is sick could you please be diligent and seek medical advice.

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

The scholars in the Support Unit have had a great start to Term 3. Last week the scholars went on an excursion to Tocal Homestead. The day was a great success; all the scholars had a wonderful time experiencing life as it was 150 years ago.

This week, we had the wonderful opportunity to welcome families and friends into our classrooms as part of Education Week. Show casing the great learning of our scholars is a proud moment for teachers and a wonderful opportunity for families to see the great work and accomplishments of our scholars.

Warm Regards, Support Unit Teachers and SLSO Staff

EDUCATION WEEK

This week we celebrated Education Week 2017 with Grand Style and Excellence with our Art Show, Grade Displays, Choir, Drumbeat, Infants, Junior and Senior Dance Troupe Performances, Open Classrooms and Official Education Week Assembly. The recipient of our Education Week Awards were: Teacher Award was presented to Mrs Amylee Dickinson, Student Awards were presented to Zac W and Caitlyn M-N, Kurri Kurri Public School Program was awarded to our Little Learners Kindergarten Transition Program, The Community Award was presented to Mr Paul and Mrs Beth Campbell, Non-Teaching Staff was awarded to Mrs Kim Faalu and Ms Tania Jones. A big congratulations to all of our very deserving awardees. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and carers visit our school. Our scholars proudly and enthusiastically showed their visiting parents and carers their learning and classroom environments. Thank you for supporting our amazing school, our amazing scholars and our amazing staff.
**EDUCATION WEEK ART SHOW WINNERS**

This week we held our Education Week Art Show. Ms Newman coordinated the selection of five works of art from each grade, the framing and hanging of these art works and assisting with the presentation of the prizes. We would like to extend a warm thank you to our Guest Judge Mr Graham Smith. Mr Smith was extremely impressed with the high level of talent, creativity and medium control displayed by our scholars.

The winners are:
- **Kinder 1st Place** - Jake K. 2nd Place - Evie A
- **Year 1 1st Place** - Chantelle G. 2nd Place - Jordyn W
- **Year 2 1st Place** - Keely K. 2nd Place - Kahlil H
- **Year 3 1st Place** - Ben C. 2nd Place - Joshua D
- **Year 4 1st Place** - Tyran W. 2nd Place - Bowie Mc
- **Year 5 1st Place** - Eli H. 2nd Place - Isabella G
- **Year 6 1st Place** - Jessica K. 2nd Place - Zhana W

Support Class 1st Place - Lara D. 2nd Place - Caitlyn M-N
Indigenous 1st Place - Aaliyah D. 2nd Place - Rees G

Congratulations to all our art show participants and winners.

**GATS CAMP**

This week we have four of our Year 6 scholars that have been invited to attend the GATS Camp held at Point Wolstencroft. Our scholars are Grace P for Creative Arts, Coby G and Zac W for Mathematics and Anastasia G for Literacy. Our scholars will participate in a number of academic workshops and social activities throughout the week to further expand and develop their talents in these subject categories.

Congratulations and Well Done.

**PSSA NETBALL GALA DAY**

Our school was represented at the NSW Netball School’s Cup competition on Wednesday 2nd August, with three Kurri Kurri Public School teams taking part. The two mixed teams played extremely well against challenging teams and came away with some good results. Our competitive girls team went out strong from the start and ended the day being undefeated. This team will now compete in the regional finals to be held on Wednesday 9th August. Best of luck girls! Every scholar displayed great sportsmanship and our Kurri Kurri values. A big thank you to our umpires for helping us out in such short notice and a special mention to Mr & Mrs Gibson for helping with the gazebo. Well done teams, Miss Tania, Mrs Follan and Miss Fairhall are very proud of you!

**BOOKWEEK PARADE**

The 2017 Book Week Celebrations start Monday 21st August, this year our school will be hosting our Annual Book Week Parade on Monday 21st August at 9.30am. The theme for Book Week 2017 is Escape to Everywhere, we encourage scholars to dress in their favourite book character for this year’s parade.

**POLICE ALERT**

We have been contacted by our local Police asking us to alert parents and carers that there will be very close monitoring of how children are dropped off at school. The fine will be $330 plus a loss of 2 demerit points. Please ensure you follow these rules for the safety of everyone, especially our children.

**CAREERS DAY 2017**

Today our scholars had the privilege of experiencing over 30 different career possibilities at our Annual Careers Day. Visitors to our school today demonstrated and spoke about careers in Politics, Emergency Services, Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Music, Art, Butchery, Emergency Care Nursing, Health and Fitness just to name a few. We would like to extend a Huge thank you to each of our presenters for giving their time, knowledge and resources to nurture, develop and support the future aspirations of our scholars, Stanford Merthyr Infants School and Mulbring Public School who also shared our Careers Day. Presenters included –


**P&C & CANTEEN NEWS**

The Next P & C Meeting - is being held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 9.30am

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

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen Roster - Commencing Monday 7th August 2017

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Robotics Workshop at Kurri Kurri and Cessnock Town Library – Celebrate Science Week with us. Meet our new robots, build a backpack alarm and more. Kurri Kurri Library on Wednesday 16th August. Cessnock Library on Thursday 17th August at 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Ages 8+. For more information please call Kurri Kurri on 4937 1638 or Cessnock on 4993 4399.