



Kurri Kurri Public School

Learning and Caring

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 18th November
ATSI Consultation Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 19th November
P&C meeting

Thursday 21st November
Kindy Orientation 9:30am – 11:30am

Thursday 21st November
Year 6 Science & Engineering
Challenge Discovery Day

Monday November 25th – Friday 6th
December
School Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 3rd December
High School Transition

Wednesday 4th December
Support Class Surf Fun Safety Day

Thursday 5th December
Swimming Carnival
Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sunday 8th December
Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 10th December
Presentation Day

Monday 16th December
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Wednesday 18th December
Year 6 Strike Bowling & Laser Tag

Wednesday 18th December
Last day for Students

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

What a week it has been in Kurri Kurri, across NSW and also other parts of Australia. Thank you to the whole school community for your care, consideration and patience as we all navigated our way through the week with our students, families and the whole school community in the forefront of our minds. Our thanks also goes to those men and women who have protected life and property in our area and beyond, and also to the many volunteers who have provided food and support. Our newest school members for 2020 completed their second of four orientation days this week. There were smiles all round and much excitement could be heard amongst the group. The students listened to the story 'The Rainbow Fish' and were creative when decorating their own fish. They participated in Walker Learning investigations and played in the playground with our 2019 Kindergarten students. Our parents spent their morning hearing about the help of the Hunter Outreach Project and the services they provide, as well as Speech Pathology with Bec Mungoven. The Kindergarten Best Start assessment was explained, Walker Learning was introduced and the school uniform and equipment needs were also addressed. We look forward to welcoming everyone back again next week. Make sure you have the Carols By Candlelight date in your calendar. The carols will be held in the school grounds on Sunday 8th December, 2019. Of course, Santa will be there and there will be entertainment, food, drinks and fun for the whole family. At the conclusion of the evening, a fabulous fireworks display will be sure to dazzle everyone. Kim Cummings - Relieving Principal



Mrs Sturman, Mrs Cummings and Ms Welch at Connecting To Country

OFFICE NEWS

Term 4 has been a busy term so far for our Office Staff. Deadlines & cut off dates for excursions are very tight, please be aware of these dates on excursion notes. Closing date reminders are sent via our Skoolbag App as well as SMS. If you do not yet have the Skoolbag app please go to <https://www.skoolbag.com.au/parentinstructions.pdf> and download it for free. Skoolbag is a vital tool as all information is posted on our app, including reminders and alerts. CareMonkey is also a vital tool for receiving permission notes. Please ensure the office has your updated email address and create your CareMonkey profile if you haven't already done this. Our office staff have an ipad for you to use if needed and are happy to help if you require assistance with this. For further information, please contact the office on 4937 1235 from 8.30am – 3.15pm.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS ALEX HUSSEIN

Earlier this year one of our staff members took on the massive task of producing a play called 'End Game'. The production ran over four performances at the Civic playhouse in Newcastle, with a packed house for each performance. As part of this production process Mrs Hussein allowed drama students from local high schools in Newcastle to ask questions to give a detailed insight into all aspects of staging a production. This week saw the announcement of nominations from the City of Newcastle Drama Association Awards. In this announcement End Game was nominated for: Best Dramatic Production, Best Actor twice, Best Supporting Female Actor, Best Supporting Male Actor, Best Set Design, Best Hair and Makeup Design with a final nomination for Mrs Hussein as Best Director, giving a total of eight nominations. A big congratulations to Mrs Hussein - our entire school wish her luck for the announcement of the winners of each section at a formal ceremony to be held on Saturday 30th November.

QUICKSMART NEWS

Quicksmart students will be receiving their certificates at our whole school assembly on 6th December at 2.20pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

**THIS WEEK'S
PBL FOCUS IS:
Respect
Care for self and property**



NOTES GONE HOME
THIS WEEK VIA CAREMONKEY

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Benjamin S – 2N
Cody S – 2K
Lochlan P – 3M
Lucy S – 3M
Ella H – 3H
Sophie D – 3/4C

SCHOOL MEDALLIONS

Lara C – 6R

Whole School Assembly
Friday
22nd November 2019
2:20pm

Class Performance

Support Unit Combined Item

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://kurrikurri-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

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School Security Unit
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EXCITED 2020 KINDER STUDENTS

This week saw the second Kinder Orientation morning at our school. It was lovely to see the children exploring Kindergarten classrooms with excitement, enthusiasm and curiosity. These sessions are extremely helpful in ensuring a successful start to your child's school years. While our future students are busy experiencing the classroom environment, parents and carers are participating in valuable information sessions in our hall. These sessions include topics surrounding the importance of punctual attendance, parent support programs, how to best prepare your child for school and healthy lunch box options to name a few. We still have a further two Orientation sessions on the 21st Nov 9:00am-11:00am and 28th Nov 11:45am-1:00pm. If you have not registered your child to start Kindergarten in 2020, there is still time, please call the school on 4937 1235 to register your interest and provide the preliminary details of your child.



ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY

We have scheduled our Annual Presentation Day for Tuesday 10th December starting promptly at 9:30am. We have checked with surrounding schools to ensure that our Presentation Day will not coincide with the other schools to enable our parents and carers to attend. Presentation Day is the day we celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding academic, sporting and creative achievements of students at our school for 2019. At this official assembly our 2020 School Captains are announced and our 2020 Captains, Prefects and Sports Captains will be inducted.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday, 5th December we will be holding our 2019 Swimming Carnival for all students currently in Years 2 - 5. Students currently in Year 1 turning 8 years old in 2020, or those already 8 this year, are invited to attend. Results from the carnival will be used to create the 2020 Cessnock Zone Swimming team. This year our carnival will be held at Maitland Pool. Our P&C have kindly covered the cost of the bus transport and for this year the school has covered the cost of the pool entry for every student attending - this ensures that every student has the opportunity to join in on the fun! There will be scheduled swimming events at the carnival for the competitive swimmers, in addition to novelty events for everyone! Our novelty events will include fun water games, activities on the grass and the water splash pad! A full timetable of the day's events will be given out closer to the date. Just a reminder that permission for the swimming carnival is via Care Monkey. Please ensure that you have indicated your child's swimming ability on their permission note.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our P&C will once again be holding their Jumbo Christmas Raffle this year. As part of the prize line-up they are going to have a food hamper and are asking for families to donate a non-perishable, in date, food or household item to include in the prize, e.g. washing powder, biscuits, Christmas bonbons, nuts, shampoo & conditioner etc. All donations can be left at our school canteen or office. Thank you for supporting our school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cessnock City Library have a fabulous suite of eResources that it currently subscribes to and provides free to members. You can view these resources at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Our Canteen is urgently requiring volunteers. If you are able to help out please contact Kerrie on 4937 1235.

CANTEEN ROSTER 18.11.2019 – 22.11.2019

Monday – Trista Howlett & Ross Roberts

Tuesday – Sharon Barrett

Wednesday – Sharon Barrett

Thursday – Melissa Wilder & Kathy Hungerford

Friday – Trista Howlett, Melissa Wilder & Jo Rathborne

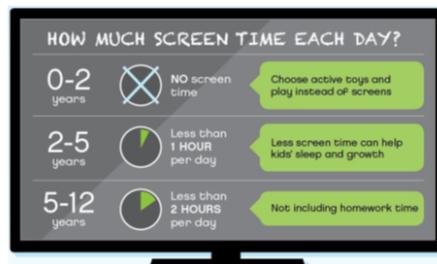
Good for Kids good for life

TURN OFF SCREENS AND GET ACTIVE!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

How can parents help?

- Ensure kids have at least one hour of physical activity a day,
- Limit kids total screen time to less than 2 hours per day,
- Remove TV sets and computers from your child's bedroom,
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like walking the dog or joining a sports team.



Source: Make Healthy Normal and the 24hour Movement Guidelines



#NELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



Dear CU Children and Families,

I would like to write a letter of thanks and congratulations to all students that attended the recent Children's University graduation ceremonies. This year we welcomed onto campus 1500 graduating students and over 4,000 families across the six evenings.

The CU team would like to congratulate all students for their behaviour and enthusiasm shown throughout the evening. We planned for these evenings to be a celebration and recognition of the effort and time you have placed into all the learning opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you to all families that attended. We appreciate your presence on the evening, hope you enjoyed the celebration, and look forward to seeing you all again in the future.

Children's University continues to encourage children and their families to keep learning in their communities during the Christmas holiday period. All learning experiences that occur between now and Term 1 next year are added into the hours for 2020 Graduation. Please place a line in your passports to indicate that 2019 hours are finalised.

Our FACEBOOK page lists events over school holidays. **Children's University Australasia (Newcastle)**

Your passport hours continue across into next year. To be eligible for graduation in 2020 you need to have moved up into the next award category. For example, if you got 30 hours this year you would have to make it to 65 hours to get the Silver Award.

This program is an annual commitment. Children have the capacity to opt into the program each year. If you would like to be involved next year, please indicate this to your teacher in charge of the program.

Once again thank you, children for your enthusiasm for learning and parents for your support. If you or your family has any questions about the program, please contact us. If you would like to make suggestions for improvements or place a comment regarding the evening please do so at childrensuniversitynewcastle@newcastle.edu.au or call 49218739. Hope to see you all in 2020.

Children's University Newcastle Team

Thursday 5th DECEMBER



PICNIC

Are you going to school next year?

You, your teddy and a supervising adult are invited to come and celebrate!

*Bring a picnic rug, some morning tea and a hat.
See you there!*

**FREE
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

**TIME
9:00-
11:00**

**WHERE
ROTARY
PARK
KURRI**

**FUN
ACTIVITIES**

**JUMPING
CASTLE
FACE
PAINT**

**TAKE
HOME
GIFT**

SANTA

