From The Principal's Desk

What a fantastic term we have had!

It has been an extremely busy term, with many extra opportunities made available to our students. I would like to thank our wonderful parents and community members who continually support our students by transporting them to and from events. Many of these activities would not be able to happen without your time and support.

Star Struck was AMAZING! I thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance on the Friday night. Congratulations to the students on their performance as well as their outstanding behaviour. A huge ‘thank you’ to Mrs Manderson for her organisation and time.

Congratulations to all those students who have displayed our PBL values throughout this term and have made it to reward. This term’s reward is a movie and popcorn session which is being held this Friday 26th June.

Parent/Teacher interviews have been held this week. Thank you for taking the time to come and discuss your child/children’s education with us.

Our school photos occurred last week. The photographers commented on the beautiful manners and behaviour of our students. We do not have a delivery date as yet, but will inform you as soon as we do.

Next term is already looking very busy with NAIDOC celebrations occurring in Week 1, and Year 2 will be finally going on their excursion to Wollombi. Week 3 will be Education Week where we will be having an Open Day on Friday 31 July. Our Book Parade, Bathurst Excursion, Zoo Snooze and the whole school performance are also happening next term.

We are already looking towards 2016! If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year or know of families with Kindergarten children for next year, please come and see us or give us a call. Our Kindergarten Orientation will involve 5 sessions held at the beginning of Term 4.

Thank you for a great term! Have a safe and happy holiday.

Students’ first day back next term is Tuesday 14th July.

Melissa Trigg
Relieving Principal
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**Kinder Enrolments 2016**
Names are now being taken for Kindergarten 2016. Please call at the office to add your child’s name to our list. If you know of any new families that will be joining our Kinder class in 2016 could you please let them know to call at the office. Thank you.

**Beanie for Brain Cancer**
On 23 July students can wear a beanie to school and donate a **gold coin** in support of Beanies’s for Brain Cancer.

**Education Week**
Education week will be held in Week 3 of Term 3 (27 July) a note will go out in early Term 3 to tell you more about our Education week Assembly and Open Day.

**Coalfields Cup**
Last Friday our K.P.S boy’s basketball team played in the Coalfields Cup. The boys played 4 games and narrowly missed playing in the final, losing by one basket in the semi final. Congratulations Tyluh S, Adam A, Jordan W, Flynn H, Jack G, Harrison R, Alex B and Thomas S!

**Canteen Prices Will Rise by 20c from Week 1 Next Term, More Info on Page 4.**
NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week Celebrations will be held in Term 1. A variety of activities will be taking place during the week. These include an Opening Ceremony at 9.30am on Tuesday 14 July. Boomerang Art Wednesday 15 July. A screening of Rabbit Proof Fence for Stage 3 on Thursday 16 July. A visit by our local elders to read dreamtime stories to K-3 and talk to Stage 3 about the stolen generation. Aboriginal Yulunga games with Cessnock High School and a closing ceremony on Friday 17 July where our senior girls will perform an Aboriginal dance.

Aboriginal Cultural Day - Year 2

The Year 2 excursion to Nguurra Bu has now been rescheduled for Thursday 16 July. Students will still depart from school at 8.50am and arrive back at 3pm. Please pack your child fruit break, lunch, recess and a drink bottle. Full school uniform with sports shoes and a sun safe school hat needs to be worn.

Public Speaking

The Public Speaking Final was held yesterday in the school hall. The finalists were Zarhn W, Ryleigh H, Evie S and Tyger L from Kindergarten. Mary W and Nate R from Year 1. Paige C and Zaria W from Year 2. Seth A and Izaiah W from Year 3. Korey T and Harrison R from Year 4. Jordarna B, Adam A and Zoe G from Year 5 and 6. The following winners are proceeding on to the Zone Finals to be held at Nulkaba PS next Term: Early Stage 1 winners: Zarhn W & Tyger L, Stage 1 winners: Zaria W & Nate R, Stage 2 winners: Harrison R & Izaiah W and Stage 3 winners: Zoe G & Adam A. Thank you to Mrs Judy Clark from Toast Masters for adjudicating today. Congratulations to all our finalists, they did a wonderful job!

Bathurst Update - Year 5 & 6

A deposit of $50 was required by FRIDAY 15 May (for those have not already started paying for their trip) to secure a place on this excursion and is now OVERDUE. The balance may be paid now, or in weekly instalments: The next instalment of $85 is due by TOMORROW. (The P&C has generously donated $50 per student which has been taken off the first instalment) Final Instalments are due by Friday 7 August 15. After a draw from the hat the following parents will also be attending as parent helpers: Mr Brooks, Mrs White, Mr Barber & Mr Bilby.

Zoo Snooze - Year 3 & 4

Students in Years 3 & 4 will be attending an overnight excursion to Taronga Park Zoo on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 August 2015. Permission notes, medical forms and payment schedules were sent home with students. The total cost of this excursion is $130, a deposit of $50 is now OVERDUE, and the second instalment of $40 is due tomorrow Friday 26 June if you have not already paid. Families can also make weekly payments of smaller amounts if they wish. Medical forms and permission notes need to be returned ASAP. After a draw from the hat the following parents will also be attending as parent helpers: Mrs Hodges, Mrs Hale, Mrs Donn and Mr Webber.
**Kearsley Canteen Roster - Term 3 2015**

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A new canteen menu is being sent home with this newsletter. A price increase on all items will begin Week 1 next Term. Suppliers prices have been increased so unfortunately we have had to pass these on to students.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Please send in bank books every Thursday for Mrs Duggan to process. Some great prizes can be earned for regular banking!
Please support Craig Richards (a parent of our school) who has generously tinted the classroom windows of 2 of our classrooms. The reduction in glare and heat will benefit our students for years to come. Thank you for your support Craig!
July Holiday Activities @ your library

Tickets on sale early June. Bookings essential, as numbers strictly limited

**FOSSILS ROCK! – ages 5-12**
Monday June 29  Cessnock Library 12.00 – 1.00  $2.00
Wednesday July 8  Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 – 4.00  $2.00
Create your own prehistoric fossil, then reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton!

**DINOSAUR MOVIE & CRAFT – ages 5-12**
Monday June 29  Cessnock Library 3.00 – 5.00  FREE
Monday July 6  Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 – 5.00  FREE
Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by dinosaur craft

**PREHISTORIC MODEL BUILDING COMPETITION – ages 5-12**
Tuesday June 30  Cessnock Library 12.00 – 1.00  FREE
Wednesday July 1  Kurri Kurri Library 1.00 – 2.00  FREE
Be part of the great annual Cessnock Library model building competition – this year we’re using those plastic bricks to create prehistoric masterpieces!

**BOB TURNER WILDLIFE SHOW – ages 5+**
Thursday July 2  Kurri Kurri Library 11.00 – 12.00  $7.00
Thursday July 2  Cessnock Library 1.00 – 2.00  $7.00
Get up close and personal to a few modern day dinosaurs (snakes, lizards, tortoises) in this educational, entertaining and hands on (for the very brave!) show.

**ALYSSA BRUGMAN CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP – ages 10+**
Friday July 3  Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00  FREE
Cessnock Library 1.30 – 2.30  FREE
Award-winning local author Dr Alyssa Brugman presents this special creative writing workshop for aspiring young writers – brought to you by Community Arts Support Program!

**ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP – ages 5+**
Thursday July 9  Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00  $5.00
Cessnock Library 1.00 – 2.00  $5.00
Learn about Aboriginal Art and its symbols in this hands-on workshop presented by local Aboriginal artists.

**TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP – ages 10+**
Friday July 10  Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 12.00  FREE
Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00  FREE
Come along and learn the traditional aboriginal art of basket weaving with Michelle Earl – materials and tools provided.

Regular Rhymetime and Story time sessions will continue on throughout the holiday period.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

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Our Relay for Life team - Le Krasey Krew - is now taking orders for the 2015/16 Newcastle/Hunter/Central Coast Entertainment Book. We would love it if you could support our team this year. For those who would like to order one...please text or email Kathy Pynsent. Thank you!