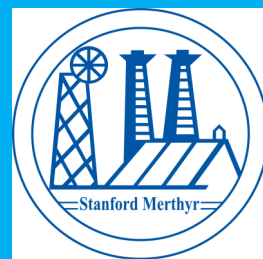


# Newsletter to Parents

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Week 7 Term 3

29th August 2017

### BAKER, BAKER FRIDAY

**1st Sept** KP Ammon C  
KHM Lincoln B  
1/2P Cru B  
1/2W Jason D  
**8th Sept** KP Amber C  
KHM Mackenzie D  
1/2P Jade C  
1/2W Naomi Mc

**NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE TO BE USED**



### CANTEEN ROSTER

*The canteen is open Mondays and Fridays.*

Fri 1st Sept Nikki & Hannah  
Mon 4th Sept Shanelle & Mel  
Fri 8th Sept Pre Ordered Lunches  
Mon 11th Sept Barbara

### THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thurs 31st August Liz McDonald  
Thurs 7th September Heather Bianchi

Dear families and friends of Stanford Merthyr Infants: **THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT**



### READING IN THE STREETS EXCURSION

Our thanks to Mrs Ceccato for organising our successful program to promote Book Week. Kurri Library treated us to performances based on the children's books nominated for awards for 2017. We appreciate Newcastle Permanent Building Society, Happy Chicken, KFC and Sylvester's Real Estate for reading to us.



### Term 3 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm

31st August	KHM class item
7th September	1/2W class item
14th September	Speeches presented
21st September	KP class item

### MG CAR RALLY SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

The MG Car Club are coming to our school on Sunday 10th September for us to provide them with lunch. There will be about 100 coming and they will pay \$11 per head for lunch. They support local schools to help them make some money. They have asked if we could serve soups, sandwiches, fruit, drinks and cakes and slices.

I would really appreciate if parents or grandparents would be able to donate a slice, or a cake and bring it to school on Friday 8th September please. If you are able to do this, could you let Wendy know at the office please. **We raise about \$1,000 for this day which will go towards resources for the sensory garden.**

If you would like to come and help make sandwiches on Sunday 10th from 8:30am please let me know. We will be serving lunch from 11:30am until 1.30 pm. If you could help for an hour later in the day too, your help will be very much appreciated.

## Calendar of Events for Term Three 2017

Mondays all year	Breakfast provided at the canteen served by Kurri Rotary Sunrise Club.
Thursdays all year	P&C provide fruit & vegetable platters for the children
Every Tuesday	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Wed 23rd Aug, 30th Aug, 6th Sep	Creative and Practical Arts Groups
Wednesday 23 Aug	Kullaburra awards recognising Aboriginal students at Kurri Kurri High school 4:00pm
Friday 25th August	Rugby League Program K-2
Monday 28th August	Term 3 Public Speaking topics handed out
Friday 1 September	Fathers Day BBQ breakfast and Fathers Day stall
Friday 1 September	2nd Rugby League session
Friday 8th September	Athletics Carnival with Nillo Infants School
Sunday 10th Sep	MC Car Club lunch here <b>Donations of cakes and slices would be much appreciated</b>
Tuesday 12th Sep	3 way interviews for 1/2W
Wednesday 13th Sep	3 way interviews for KHM
Thursday 14th Sep	3rd Rugby League Session
Thursday 14th Sep	Year 2 Sleep over here at school
Tuesday 19th Sep	3 way interviews for 1/2P
Wednesday 20th Sep	3 way interviews for KP
Thursday 21st Sep	Class of term party
Friday 22nd Sep	Fun day activity—Final day of term.

### CLASS SPEECHES FOR TERM 3

All children are asked to participate in Public Speaking this term. Children are asked to prepare a 60 second speech about their favourite animal. Information about what to prepare was sent home with your child yesterday. Two children from each class will be selected to present their speech at our assembly on Thursday 14th Sept.

### COMBINED SPORTS CARNIVAL WITH NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER.

This year Nillo Infants School will be joining us for the sports carnival here at our school on Friday 8th September. All parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us. **Pizza order forms are available at the office and must be completed by Monday 4th September please. No late orders can be accepted as we need to cater for two schools.**



### SMART MONEY WORKSHOPS BY THE COMMONWEALTH BANK.

Students had lessons presented on understanding the difference between needs and wants and how the importance of learning how to save.

### UPDATE ON SENSORY GARDEN

Bunnings will be here this Thursday to help create an 8 metre length path next to the sandpit that will have eight different sensory experiences for the children to walk on. Three teachers will have two days off class to build a sensory wall decorated with objects that have been donated. If you are able to assist us on Friday 1st September we would appreciate your help.

## KULLABURRA AWARDS



I thank the 14 boys who came to Kurri Kurri High School last Wednesday night to perform for the Aboriginal Awards Ceremony. The school hall was filled and many people commented to me about

how confidently they danced without being phased by the large audience. The Cessnock Advertiser has a video of the boys performance on their website if you wish to see them and we have attached a link to their site through our School Facebook page.

## FATHERS DAY STALL FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Order forms are available at the office. All gifts are \$7. Order forms need to be filled out by Thursday 31st August please.



## FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 1ST SEPT

The staff are inviting all the fathers to come and join us with a breakfast we will provide commencing at 8:30-9:30am.

Please let the office know by Thursday 31st August if you can attend, so we can provide a lovely breakfast for you.



## YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER THUR 14TH SEPTEMBER

Year Two students are very excited about this activity. It commences at 5pm on Thursday the 14th September and children are invited to have dinner here, play games and have a campfire, before sleeping here with all the teachers. They are provided with breakfast on the Friday, but then need to be picked up to go home by 9am on Friday 15th September.

**Permission notes are available at the office and need to be signed please by Tuesday 12th September. The cost for the food is \$13 per student.**

## CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS GROUPS

These groups have begun again for term 3. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join in with our activities which will occur the next two Wednesdays at 2pm. If you haven't already done so can you please pay the Yearly \$10 CAPA Fee before the end of Term 3 to the Office.

## The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. **More information about the survey is available at:**

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

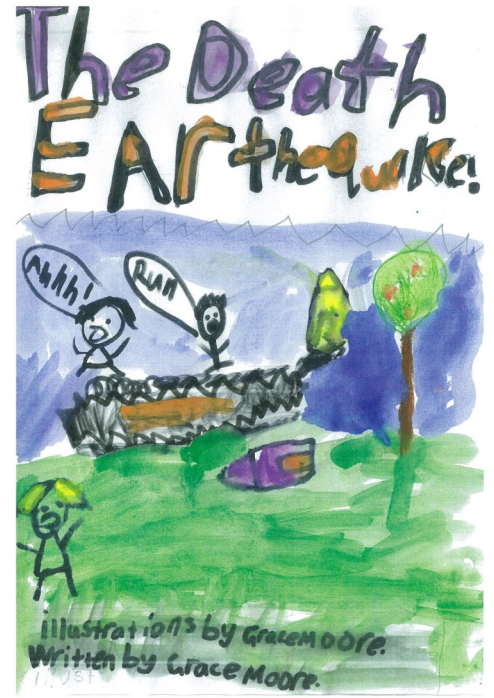
If you are unable to access a computer we will have this survey open and set up at school in the front office and in the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from the 22nd August. Please come and see us if you would like to fill it in here at school. It will take about ten minutes.

## THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

Teachers will be conducting 3 Way Interviews again to review the goals that were set in term 1 and to set new goals for the students to strive for, for the remainder of the year. Miss Wood is holding her interviews on Tuesday 12th September, and Miss Humbles is holding her interviews on Wednesday 13th September. Miss Pollock is having her interviews Tuesday, 19th September and Mr Ping will be holding his interviews on Wednesday 20th September. Timetables are being sent home with this newsletter. Please indicate your preferred time and send the notes back into the office as soon as possible. These interviews are so important to give you a very up to date progress report on your child and to provide positive feedback to your child. Thank you.

Anne Carr Principal





1/2 W HAVE BEEN  
WORKING HARD TO  
CREATE PUBLISH AND  
ILLUSTRATE THEIR  
VERY OWN STORY  
BOOKS. HERE IS A  
SNEAK PEAK OF  
THEIR WORK IN  
PROGRESS

"Ssssssss" went the snake!

As I looked up I saw the sun was in the middle of the sky.

"Must be noon" I Said to Jayda.

After we walked for a while I noticed the sun went down.

Soon I couldn't see and then I hears something. What was that?

As I turned I saw snakes!

I step back slowly but the snake follows us. Me and Jayda feel really scared. Our hearts begin to pump quickly!

I think the snake is scared too. Suddenly the snake pounces towards me. I feel a sharp bite on my lower leg.

I start to feel sore and dizzy. Jayda picked up some leaves and wrapped it around my leg.

"Look!" I shouted to Jayda. I can see a unicorn up in the sky. The unicorn then flew over and we went up onto the unicorn's back. We were safe.

I slowly wake up. "Where am I?" It was all just a dream.

Written by Neve Hoffman

**"Mmm I can smell bacon" said Beau.**

**Kyle and Beau are at New York city. They are on a trip to visit all the awesome comic book stores. They then stopped for lunch at the park.**

**Just then a pig came running towards the path. The pig snuck up to a bird and ate it. Then the pig drank poison that he found at the side of the path.**

**Then something busted the pig turned into an evil flying pig. Suddenly in came hundreds of evil flying pigs.**

**Then they went all around the boys.**

**The evil pigs were all attacking people then Beau and Kyle came face to face with an evil flying pig.**

**He charged at them with his snout flared "reereeree" squealed the pigs.**

**Suddenly Beau got an idea and made a trap. He really wanted to catch them. "SNAP!"**

**"I got them!" Screamed Beau and he sent them to mars.**

Written by Beau Morrow

Crash!

"Blub blub blub blub" went the boat.

Seth and Candice got to an island in 1958. They got there because their boat sunk when they were going on a holiday.

When Seth and Candice got there they felt hungry. They decided that they would go to catch some fish but they caught a great white shark!

Seth and Candice made a fire to cook their great white shark. After the food they went for a walk to make a house so they can survive because there was no way out or off the island.

They began to build a house but they accidentally disturbed some red back eggs. The massive, female red back thought that they were going to hurt her eggs so she protected her eggs.

The spider flairs up on her back legs and hisses at them.

It climbs onto Candice and Seth threw her the spray. Candice catches the spray and she sprays the spider on the back. It falls asleep. Seth picks the spider up, the spider goes into a little house with her eggs.

They live happily on the island with the spider and the eggs.

One day, the eggs hatched into four little baby red back spiders.

Candice and Seth never made the spiders fall asleep again.

Written by Malachi Conry

"Oh no were going to crash in a bush!" Yelled Olivia.

Logan and Olivia were in the Australian bush up in Townsville on November twenty third.

They were sky diving on a helicopter when they jumped off. But suddenly the wind took them the wrong way and they are stranded in the middle of the bush.

When Logan and Olivia were in the middle of the bush Logan looked in his bag. He saw a drink bottle but it did not have a enough water in it.

Logan saw nine feathers in different places. He looked behind him and there were nine emus. Olivia screamed loudly! Logan then threw an apple and the emus chased it. They saw a road that was orange. Logan said "is that a road because roads usually are blue and this one is orange? I wonder where it leads?"

I don't know where it leads but I don't want to get lost" replied Olivia. They looked further and there was a blue road. They ran super fast and saw their house. They were safe.

Written by Jason Dobing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED !

Charlotte P 13th Aug

Chelsea C 18th Aug

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the assembly on Thursday the 17th and 24th August 2017, these children all received awards.  
Congratulations !!

KP	KHM	1/2P	1/2W
<b>Raegan B</b> Amazing effort in independent writing  <b>Wonderful effort in Writing</b>	<b>Mackenzie D</b> Working hard to improve her Writing <b>Zeppelin G</b> Confidence in all Areas of Maths	<b>Juliet M</b> Trying her best to publish her Writing <b>Summer G</b> Using stronger words in her Writings	<b>Cooper J</b> Improved focus and effort in all areas <b>Jayda S</b> Amazing effort and improvement in Reading
<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Maeve P Koby S	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Jax M Mackenzie D	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Jade C Abbigale L	<b>Quality 5 Bookwork</b> Neve H Xavier L



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS



<b>Be Safe~</b> Walk on hard surfaces <b>Koby S</b> Right Time, Right Place <b>Tiana J</b>	<b>Be Safe~</b> Walk on hard surfaces <b>Cam S</b> Right Time, Right Place <b>Sarah P</b>	<b>Be Safe~</b> Walk on hard surfaces <b>Annalyse B</b> Right Time, Right Place <b>Amahlia N</b>	<b>Be Safe~</b> Walk on hard surfaces <b>Naomi Mc</b> Right Time, Right Place <b>Taylah H</b>
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# Home Reading Awards 2017

**Bronze** (25 nights reading)

Zoey G

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

Amelia F, Sarah R, Nolan P

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

Neve H, Riley Z, Jason D

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

Kye R, Chelsea C, Taylah H, Amber C, Wyatt B, Brody P

**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)

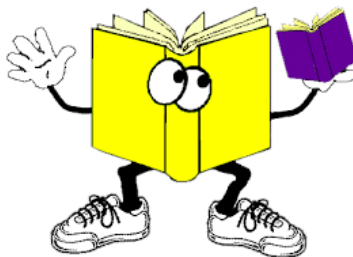
Tahj D

**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)

**Royal** (200 nights reading)

**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)

**Excellence** (300 nights reading)



### PRINCIPALS AWARD

(Collecting 5 Awards)

Sarah R, Jade C, Taylor W  
Lhotse C

### STAR STUDENT AWARD

(Collecting 5 Principal's Awards)



# Kurri Weston District Cricket Club Registration Days 2017/2018



## Milo Cricket—5 to 9 year olds Cost \$65

Commencing 9th October to 18th December

Registration dates being held at Kurri Central

**Sunday 27th Aug 9.30am to 10.30am**

**Tuesday 29th Aug 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 5th Sept 5.30pm to 6.30pm**

For more information please contact Rob Flanagan 0404 465 482 or Tyler Power 0402 624 553

Online registration available go to [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and search for Kurri Weston

## More Pictures from "Our Reading in the Streets Excursion"



The Dollarmites have found a zero gravity court and are playing incredible games for incredible prizes. They are giving School Bankers the chance to win exciting prizes by saving regularly and exploring the future world in 3D through the magic of augmented reality in the new Future Savers game. The competition period starts Term 3, Monday 14 August 2017 and ends Term 4, Friday 10 November 2017.

### HIGH TECH PRIZES



**HOW TO ENTER**  
Make three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period for a chance to win.

### GAME MASTER PRIZE



**HOW TO ENTER**  
Make three or more School Banking deposits + play the Future Savers game + complete online entry form during the competition period for a chance to win.

### The Future Savers game – an amazing augmented reality adventure

On Monday 16 October 2017, School Banking will launch the Future Savers game, our first ever augmented reality experience. This amazing technology will bring the future world to life for you to explore and play in with the 3D Dollarmites.

Imagine flying a drone through a 3D futuristic city or playing hover basketball in your room, while learning useful money lessons along the way. The Future Savers game will have three fun challenges that will be unlocked week by week.

Look out for another flyer with more information when the Future Savers game is launched in Term 4. For now, learn more at [commbank.com.au/futuresavers](http://commbank.com.au/futuresavers)

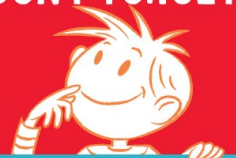
## Exciting games to play and prizes to win with School Banking.



HUNTER VALLEY  
**Gardens**

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**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

8th Sept

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see [commbank.com.au/futuresavers](http://commbank.com.au/futuresavers). Promotion starts 14/8/17 and ends 11/11/17. Entry is open to Australian residents aged between 5-13 years with parental/guardian consent who open or hold an active Youthlink account until 11/10/17, and participate in the School Banking program via the bank's school of enrolment. Max 1 entry per person per draw. Two types of draws conducted: Game Master Draw and High Tech Draw, each with different entry criteria. Entries divided into State/Territory groups for each draw: NSW/ACT, VIC, TAS, SA/NT, QLD & WA. The draw will take place at: L3, 11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12pm AEST on 21/11/17. The winners' names will be published at [commbank.com.au/futuresavers](http://commbank.com.au/futuresavers) from 28/11/17. SAVNT winners prize over \$250 in The Australian 28/11/17. Game Master Draw Prize: Nintendo Switch Neon Console Pack valued at \$227 (NSW/ACT), 23xQD, 12xVIC, 4xSA/NT, 7xWA, 4xTAS. High Tech Draw Prize awarded in descending order of value: One 3D Sphero valued at \$159 (NSW/ACT), 15xQD, 12xVIC, 4xSA/NT, 7xWA, 4xTAS. Game Master Prize valued at \$99 (NSW/ACT), 20xQD, 15xVIC, 5xSA/NT, 5xWA, 4xTAS; 3Doodler 3D Pen Set valued at \$76 (NSW/ACT), 23xQD, 18xVIC, 5xSA/NT, 10xWA, 4xTAS. Promoter: Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, at L3, 11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW Permit No. LTPS/17/14677; ACT Permit No. TP17/01038; SA Permit No. T17/971. ADV14449 140817

