

Newsletter



VISION STATEMENT
*WORKING TOGETHER,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
WITH EVERY CHILD*

BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

21st September

Kookaburras	Willow B
Kangaroos	Asher C
Platypuses	Lincoln B
Emus	Raegan B

28th September

Kookaburras	Miley C
Kangaroos	Lachlan D
Platypuses	Lilikah C
Emus	Lhoste C

THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

Thursday 20th September
Elisha White

Thursday 27th September
April Scott

All permission notes
will only be available
from the Office for
you to sign

Thought of the Fortnight

I have NEVER MET a PERSON
whose GREATEST NEED WAS
ANYTHING other than REAL,
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.



- ELIZABETH KUBLER-ROSS

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Term 3 Week 9

18th September 2018

National Health and PE Day



Wednesday the 5th of September was National Health and PE day. We were very fortunate to have one of our parents, Tracy Patton help organise and run fun fitness tabloid activities.



The children loved participating in Zumba, Boot Camp, soccer, elastics and making healthy fruit skewers! Tracy organised many raffle prizes too. We thank her very much as well as Cessnock PCYC and Kurri Aquatic Centre for donating the prizes. We raised \$145 which will go towards the new sail over the fixed equipment.



QUALITY TALK IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Each week the children are exposed to a range of rich quality texts that the teachers read to them. They also have the opportunity to discuss these texts. Quality Talk encourages children to not only think about texts as they hear them being read, but participate in whole class discussions about what happens in a story, the big picture, their opinions and how it can relate to their own life. Students listen to one another, ask and answer relevant questions and build on one another's ideas.



SHOWCASING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF HERE AT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

Introducing Mrs Ceccato



1. **Where did you grow up?** Castle Hill - suburb of Sydney

2. **What has been the highlight of your work as a teacher so far?**

It was very exciting to start my teaching career as a permanent teacher at Riverstone Infants. I had a year 1 class. They would be more than 40 years old now!

3. **What is your favourite food?** I enjoy healthy food, especially the vegetables Mr Ceccato grows in our garden.

4. **What is your favourite place you have travelled to?**

I love Australia, especially the outback. Uluru was amazing!

5. **Do you have any pets?**

Yes, a dog called Molly.

6. **What inspires you and why?**

I am inspired by people who have a positive influence on our world. People who dedicate a major part of their lives to just causes—charity workers, environmentalists, medical researchers, authors, artists etc. I think these people are positive role models who inspire us to be connected and caring humans.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING. THIS FORTNIGHT WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

Parents, it is useful if you are aware of what we are focusing on at school so you can reinforce these behaviours at home with your children and use the same language with your children.

Be responsible by:

Week 9

Being organised



We encourage children to take care of their own possessions. To be able to pack their school bag, to bring home newsletters, homework and notes and have all they need ready for when classes begin.

Week 10

Helping others



Children are encouraged to help each other as well as their teachers. We teach them to look out for those in need and how to be a good friend to others.

SPEECHES IN ASSEMBLY NEXT THURSDAY.

We welcome parents and grandparents to our assembly next Thursday the 27th of September to listen to two children from each class present their prepared speech on their favourite zoo animal. I have been very impressed with the quality of all the speeches and thank you all for supporting your child by helping them prepare and practice their speech. It is wonderful to see the children's confidence improve in speaking in front of their own class and for some to speak in front of larger audiences in assembly.

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week	Breakfast Club	Student Banking Play Group 9.30 to 11.00am		Fruit Platter Supplied School Assembly @ 2.15pm	Baker Baker
Wk 9 Sep 17th– 21st		3 Way interviews for Kookaburra class		Jackie French Author visit at Pelaw Main School	Nillo Sports Carnival at Maitland Park
Wk 10 Sep 24th –28th			3 Way interviews for Kangaroo class	Public Speaking speeches in Assem- bly Class of the term lunch	Last Day of Term Footy Fun Day Sports Tabloids
TERM 4 Wk 1 15th-19th Oct	Children commence school			Year 2 sleep over	Year 2's leave 9am. Basketball lessons for K-2
Wk 2 22nd-26th Oct		Responsible Pet Care program	Kindergarten transi- tion 12-2pm Weston transition 12- 3pm		Basketball lessons Daniel Morcombe day
Wk 3 29th Oct-2nd Nov			Kindergarten transi- tion 12-2pm Weston transition 12- 3pm	Smart Money pro- gram lessons.	Basketball lessons K- 2

KURRI KURRI ART COMPETITION



We received notification that our mural received second prize in this competition and we received a gift card for \$25. We will purchase some craft supplies for the students. Billie-Roze was awarded a highly commended for her painting of the Emu. Congratulations to all who participated. Mrs Macgregor and Mrs Forster are very proud of their efforts.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR P&C MEETINGS.

P&C meetings are now going to be held at 1:45pm-2:45pm in our school library. The next meeting is next Monday 24th September at 1:45pm. I hope you will consider joining us.

CLASS OF THE TERM PARTY

A note will go home next Monday to inform you of the class that will be having the class of the term party. They will not need to bring lunch on Thursday 27th September.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

I appreciate all of you who are taking the time to fill in this parent survey for us. I have it on the school laptop and can bring it out to you if you would like to stay either ten minutes in the morning or ten minutes after school. It is completely anonymous. Thank you.

If you would prefer to complete this survey at home to provide us with valuable feedback to help us with planning for 2019, please google the link below. Thank you.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/smis2018>

COMBINED SPORTS CARNIVAL WITH NILLO INFANTS SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY

This year Nillo Infants School are hosting our combined sports carnival at Maitland Park. We appreciate parent support and welcome you to enjoy the day with us. **PLEASE PARK AT THE POOL AND WALK OVER. A COFFEE VAN WILL BE AVAILABLE.** Children will need to be at school by 9am if travelling by bus, if you are taking them by car please meet us there by 9:30am, to have your Childs name marked off the roll. I would appreciate you informing the office as to whether your child will go with you or on the bus please by Thursday afternoon at 3pm. Children are to wear full sports uniform and take hat, sunscreen and water to drink. Thank you.



YEAR TWO SLEEP OVER

I know all Year 2 students are very excited about the sleep over. It will be held the first week back after the holidays on **THURSDAY NIGHT 18TH OCTOBER AT 5PM—FRIDAY 9AM.**

The cost is \$14 and it needs to be paid by cash please. Permission notes are at the office.

WHOLE SCHOOL TERM 4 EXCURSION TO CESSNOCK ZOO FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

All classes are going to the Cessnock Zoo and parents are invited to join us there. The cost



for students is \$20 which includes entry fee, a bag of feed for the animals and the bus fare. Parents need to pay at the gate for an entry fee of \$26.10. If your child is sick on the day a non-refundable amount of \$6 would be retained to cover the cost of the bus. The back up date is Friday 16th November in case of bad weather. Permission notes are available at

THE EMU CLASS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT USING ALLITERATION IN WRITING.

What is Alliteration? Alliteration is the use in speech or writing of several words close together which all begin with the same letter or sound.

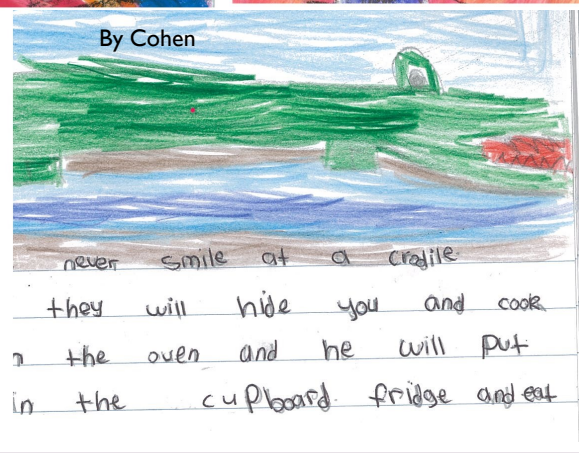
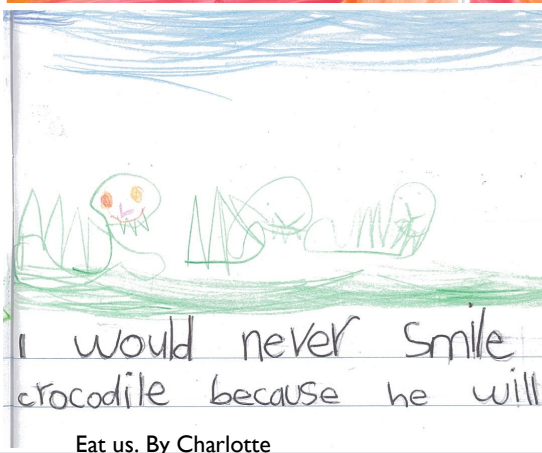
THE CHILDREN WROTE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES FOR YOU.

- A. An amazing angle attempted and addition.
- B. Beautiful baboons bounced badly.
- C. Clever chimpanzees catch cute cats, clever catfish and clapping clowns.
- D. Dilly Dally Duck danced next to a dingo.
- E. Elegant emus layed eggs and went exploring.
- F. Five fish fingers went flip flop flap in the frying pan.
- G. Grace giggled while guarding gorillas.
- H. Hippopotamuses have horrible horns in the hospital.
- I. An imagination is inside our intelligent minds.
- J. Jan ate juicy J's in July.
- K. Kind Kevin kissed the kangaroo.
- L. A little luxurious Leprechaun lost luxuriousness at lunchtime.
- M. Mikes model of mindcraft had mad miles.
- N. A newspaper is next to Nolan and Neve.
- O. Outrageous Olivia walked over the ocean.
- P. Poker-dotted panthers ate pastry puffs at a picnic.
- Q. Quick ducks quacked at the queen.
- R. A really red robot rolled around roughly.
- S. Slippery slimy silver seals swam swiftly.
- T. Today two tourists touched and tickled turtles.
- U. Ugly umbrellas were under my uncle's unicycle.
- V. Violet Vinns is very awful on her violin.
- W. Willy washed waves while waiting for whales.
- X. Xavier's x-ray showed extravagant X's.
- Y. Yesterday the yellow yoghurt yelled at Yoshi.
- Z. Zepp zapped the zebra at the zoo.



ENJOY ART WORK AND STORIES BY THE KOOKABURRA CLASS

They have been studying Australian Animals



Eat us. By Charlotte

STUDENT AWARDS

For Assembly 6th and 13th September

Kookaburras

Thea H
Always giving 100% and
showing Respect

Kobi G
Improved attitude in Class

Kangaroos

Lachlan D
Outstanding Reading

Ellenor J
Working hard in writing
sentences

Platypus

Juliet M
For being a kind, caring and
helpful member of our class

Cam S
Improved effort in Writing

Emu

Neve H
Always being a responsible
member of our Classroom

Danial H
Wonderful effort and
Improvement in Reading

QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK**Kookaburras**

Charlotte S
Cohen J

Kangaroos

Buddy M
Harvey W

Platypus

Sarah R
Jessie C

Emu

Lhotse C
Kye R

(PBL) POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AWARDS**Kookaburras**

Be Respectful – Use nice talk
Esther Mc

Be Responsible – Do your Job
Billie-Roze W

Kangaroos

Xander C

Elliot G

Platypus

Lincoln W

Isabella H

Emu

Zeppelin G

Charlotte P

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Aydin Y, Scarlet V, Wyatt B, Charlie S, Koby S

HOME READING AWARDS

Bronze (25 nights reading)

Silver (50 nights reading)

Gold (75 nights reading)

Scarlet V

Double Bronze (100 nights reading)

Cam S, Wyatt B, Eden M

Double Silver (125 nights reading)

Jayda S, Charlotte S, Cooper T, Buddy M

Double Gold (150 nights reading)

Royal (200 nights reading)

Abbigale L, Jazmin L, Mitchell W

Double Royal (250 nights reading)

Excellence (300 nights reading)





Reading Hour PJ Storytime

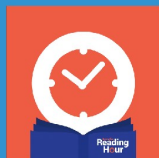
Put on your comfiest PJs and bring your teddy along to Kurri Kurri Library for an hour of stories, craft and a bedtime snack!

For more details, or to make a booking for this free event, please phone Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638 or drop in to the library at the corner of Lang & Allworth Sts, Kurri Kurri to book your spot.

When: Thursday 20th September @ 5.30pm

Where: Kurri Kurri Library

FREE!



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION FOR 2019

Kindergarten parents and children invited to these dates

Term 4 2018

For all sessions children are asked to bring some food for recess at 1:30pm, a drink and a sunhat.

- Session 1 - Wednesday 24th October 12:00-2:00pm for parents and children
Parents information session in the hall and children doing activities in the Kinder classroom.
- Session 2 - Wednesday 31st October 12:00 -2:00pm for parents and children
Parents information session in the hall and children doing activities in the Kinder classroom.
- Session 3 - Wednesday 7th November 12:00-2:00pm for parents and children
Parents come into the kinder classroom and work with their child and the teacher doing activities
- Session 4 - Wednesday 14th November 12:00-2:00pm For parents and children
Parents come into the kinder classroom and work with their child and the teacher doing activities
- Session 5- Wednesday 21st November 12:00-2:00pm Just for the children
Parents drop their child off at 12:00 and return to pick them up just before 2pm.
- Session 6- Wednesday 28th November 12:00-2:00pm Just for the children
Parents drop their child off at 12:00 and return to pick them up just before 2pm.

You will get to meet your new buddy

- Meet some new friends
- Meet some new teachers
- Do some great activities, maths games, listen to stories, and join in some singing and dancing
- Find out all about your new school
- Join with friends and buddies for recess and play from 1:30-2pm



While you are working with Mr Ping, or Miss Humbles, your parents and family will go to the hall to learn about all the exciting, new adventures you will be having in Kindergarten for the first 2 sessions. Then parents will be with you doing activities in the classroom for sessions 3 and 4. The last 2 sessions you get to stay here all by yourself and enjoy playing with your new friends. We hope you can come to all these sessions.



We are really looking forward to meeting you. Please phone and ask us any questions you may have before these dates.

If you have not already indicated your interest to participate in this program, please phone the school office on 4937 1192 and leave your contact details with us. Thank you.

Holiday Activities in Our local Area



Kurri Kurri Vacation Care - October 2018

Phone: 4936 2030 Email: oosh@kkcc.com.au

Week One - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances				
Monday 01-10-18	Tuesday 02-10-18	Wednesday 03-10-18	Thursday 04-10-18	Friday 05-10-18
Labour Day Public Holiday	Sun Catchers & Windchimes Spring has sprung so lets get crafty catching the sun! FREE	NRL Day & Stadium tour Wear your team colours! *48 CHILDREN ONLY* Depart: 11:00am Return: 2:00pm *COMPULSORY* \$10	Gymnastics Kurri Kurri Community Ctr Depart: 10:45am Return: 12:45pm *COMPULSORY* \$5	KKOOSH Spring Festival A fun filled day with a jumping castle, face painting & Hot Dog lunch. \$7

Week Two - Please note the program may be subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances				
Monday 08-10-18	Tuesday 09-10-18	Wednesday 10-10-18	Thursday 11-10-18	Friday 12-10-18
Cooking with Science Children are always learning, today will be living skills with experimental concepts! FREE	Putt Putt & Acqua Golf @ HV Gardens *48 CHILDREN ONLY* Depart: 10:30am Return: 2:00pm *COMPULSORY* \$18	Bush Fire Safety A visit from the Kurri Kurri Fire Station to talk Bush Fire Survival Plans FREE	Kurri Kurri's Got Talent & Pizza lunch Time to showcase all the talent KKOOSH has to offer, along with Domino's Pizza for lunch \$1.50 per slice	Aaron Turner Wildlife @ the Library Kurri Kurri Library Depart: 11:10am Return: 12:50pm *COMPULSORY* \$7

Kurri Kurri OOSH and Vacation Care is a community based non for profit approved provider for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care, offering quality care for children aged 5-12years.

Opening Hours for Vacation Care 6.30am - 6.30pm

Where: Kurri Kurri Girl Guides Hall (Temporarily) 116 Lang Street Kurri Kurri

Phone: 4936 2030

Email: oosh@kkcc.com.au

In the Community, for the Community
The Centre @ Kurri Kurri is a Kurri Kurri Community Services Company
ABN: 72 636 518 418



School holiday fun @ your library

TICKETS ON SALE MID-SEPTEMBER

Numbers strictly limited, pre-bookings essential, no refunds

Fire, Fire: Storytime Meet real firefighters, learn about fire safety, and check out a real fire truck! Cessnock Library Tuesday October 2 10-10.45am	Ages 2-8 Cost: FREE	
Kids Play Uke Learn the basics of ukulele playing at this introductory workshop— instruments provided—perform for your friends and family! Cessnock Library Tuesday October 2 Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 3 2-3pm 2-3pm	Ages 8+ Cost: FREE	
"Under the Sea" Scratch Art Scratch your own magical underwater world with local artist Michèle Heibel Kurri Kurri Library Thursday October 4 Cessnock Library Thursday October 4 10-11am 1-2pm	Ages 8+ Cost: \$7.00	
Game On! Challenge your friends on the Wii or Xbox—or your favourite board game. Cessnock Library Friday October 5 Kurri Kurri Library Monday October 8 10am-12pm 2-4pm	Ages 8+ Cost: FREE	
Talk to the Animals Pet Storytime Stories, songs and craft—what's your favourite pet? Cessnock Library Tuesday October 9 Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 10 10-10.45am 10-10.45am	Ages 2-8 Cost: FREE	
Movie & Craft Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then make your own Nemo puppets! Cessnock Library Tuesday October 9 Kurri Kurri Library Wednesday October 10 2-4pm 2-4pm	Ages 5+ Cost: FREE	
Creatures of the Deep with Emma Best Learn about giant squids, gulper eels and other monsters of the deep— what's down there and how ugly is it? Kurri Kurri Library Thursday October 11 Cessnock Library Thursday October 11 10-11am 2-3pm	Ages 5+ Cost: \$5.00	
Bob Turner Wildlife Show Get up close and personal with bugs, reptiles and all things that slither and crawl in this entertaining and educational hands-on wildlife show. Kurri Kurri Library Friday October 12 Cessnock Library Friday October 12 1.30-2.30pm 1.30-2.30pm	Ages 7+ Cost: \$7.00	

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CESSNOCK 2325
Phone: 4993 4399

Cessnock City Library
Start here. go anywhere...

Kurri Kurri Library
253 Lang Street
KURRI KURRI 2327
Phone: 4937 1638