

# Newsletter



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

## BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

16th November

Kookaburras	Malikye W
Kangaroos	Elliot G
Platypuses	Sarah R
Emus	Tahj D

23rd November

Kookaburras	NO
Kangaroos	BAKER
Platypuses	BAKER
Emus	ICECREAM DAY

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**Thursday 15th Nov**

Kristen Hardcastle

**Thursday 22nd Nov**

Rebecca Parsons

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

### Thought of the Fortnight



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**Term 4 Week 5**

**13th November 2018**

## EXCURSION TO HUNTER VALLEY ZOO

This was a fantastic day! The children were so exuberant and talking non stop about the information they had learnt about a variety of birds, animals and reptiles they interacted with. The education talks from the staff at the park were interactive and at the level the children could understand.



## ABORIGINAL DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCE IN NEWCASTLE

We were able to invite 19 students from our school to participate in doing the Acknowledgment to Country for a Professional Learning Conference for teachers from across the Hunter/Central Coast, held at The NEX in Newcastle. You should be very proud of your children and how they conducted themselves. Thank you to Mr Ping for his dedication to teaching the group.



## VISIT BY KURRI KURRI PRE-SCHOOL WITH STUDENTS BEGINNING HERE NEXT YEAR.

We welcomed staff and students from Kurri Kurri Pre-school for a visit last week. They joined us for fruit break and then had fun participating in five activities with the students from the Kookaburra class and the children who were here for play group.



## SHOWCASING OUR WONDERFUL STAFF HERE AT STANFORD MERTHYR INFANTS SCHOOL

### Introducing Mrs MacGregor



#### 1. Where did you grow up?

Missy P, Missy A, Missy double R, A  
Missy M, Missy A, Missy double T, A.  
What does it spell? **PARRAMATTA** !

#### 2. What has been the highlight of your teaching so far?

Finding out that you can have small highlights at any time during the day or week.

#### 3. What is your favourite food? Is chocolate a food??

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

Cable Beach, Broome in Western Australia. Though ask our class and one of them might say Bush. And....that is why I love teaching.

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

Yes, I have two puppies, Buffy and Poppi.

One is a fluffy, white Maltese and the other a springy, wiry Terrier X.

One is a Princess and the other is a Resilient Rescue dog.

Can you guess which one is which?

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

I am inspired by watching my students grow and learn. Academically, creatively, physically and emotionally. Plus...hearing about how they have lost another tooth!

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING.** Here is a brief outline of all the areas.  
One expectation is reinforced in particular each week with an award given in assembly.

### Safety

Walk on hard surfaces  
Right time, right place  
Use equipment safely  
Safe hands and feet



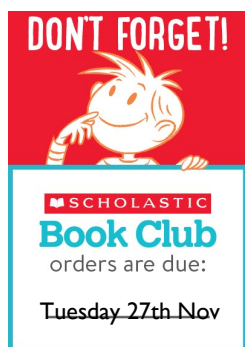
Stan and Merthi tokens are awarded to the students for following PBL expectations for the week. After collecting 5 tokens they can trade them in for an ice block or save to collect 10 and trade them in for a slushy.

### Be respectful

Use the 6L's  
Use nice talk  
Hands up to talk  
Be honest

### Be responsible

Do your job  
Be organised  
Help others  
Quality 5 work



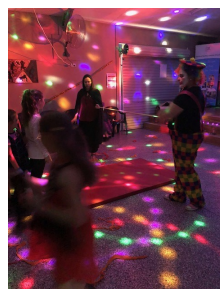
## Don't Forget Student Banking Day is Tuesday



## SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO



The students and staff enjoyed dressing up in their Halloween costumes as you will see from the photos below. This activity was a great stimulus for writing for the children. Thank you to Mrs Foster who ensured the hall was a spooky place to enter.



## SMART MONEY WORKSHOP

Bronwyn from the Commonwealth Bank presented a series of free lessons aimed at helping the children learn the difference between needs and wants. She helped introduce the idea of needing to plan to save money to enable them to have enough to pay for items they need and to save for items they might want to have.



## END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Please note the time for this special assembly is 1:00pm, a day time presentation assembly this year.

## 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Every Week	Breakfast Club	Student Banking Play Group 9.30 to 11.00am		Fruit Platter Supplied <b>School Assembly @ 2.15pm</b>	Baker Baker
Wk 5 12th – 16th November	<b>P&amp;C meeting 1:45pm</b>		Kindergarten transition 12-2pm		<b>Back up day for Cessnock School Basketball lessons K-2</b>
Wk 6 19th – 23rd November			Kindergarten transition 12-2pm		<b>Icecream Day No Baker Baker</b>
Wk 7 26th-30th November	<b>School swimming 2pm-3pm Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre</b>	<b>School swimming</b>	<b>School swimming</b> Kindergarten transition 12-2pm	<b>School swimming</b>	<b>School swimming</b>
Wk 8 3rd – 7th December	<b>School swimming</b>	<b>School swimming</b>	<b>School swimming</b>	<b>School swimming Combined Scripture</b>	<b>School swimming Teddy Bear Picnic 9:30 Rotary Park</b>
Wk 9 10th – 14th December	<b>Responsible pet program P&amp;C meeting 1:45pm</b>		<b>Parent Helpers Lunch 11:15am</b>	<b>Year 2 Final Assembly 2:15pm</b>	
Wk 10 17th – 21st December	<b>Presentation Day 1pm.</b>	<b>School Party Day</b>	<b>Water Fun Day Students last day.</b>	<b>Staff Development day– teachers only</b>	<b>Staff Development day– teachers only</b>

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH NOVEMBER



Mr Ping conducted a moving ceremony here at school, to acknowledge the end of the First World War and the sacrifice of Australian soldiers. This was the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary marking the end of World War one in 1918.



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

To mark the 100 year Anniversary Kurri Kurri Public School conducted a very special Remembrance Day Service. Two students from each feeder school were invited to attend. Brody and Lhotse represented our school in the march as their fathers are employed in the Australian Air Force. A special part of the service was when a tiger moth flew overhead.

## NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be Monday 10th December at 1:45pm. We always welcome new members.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM. Permission notes are at the office.

The whole school is going to swimming lessons at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre for 10 days, beginning Monday 26th November - Friday 7th December. The cost for ten days pool entry is \$39 per student. (Students with Season passes will need to show their pass each day and the cost will be NIL). We are very grateful to our P&C as they will pay for the bus. If any parent needs assistance with this cost, please come and see me. Children will leave school at 1:30pm, ready for their lesson at 2pm –2:45pm. We are asking parents to please come to the pool to collect students at 2.55pm. There will be no bus returning to school. Students who go to OOSH or catch the bus at 3:30pm from school, will be able to travel back with a teacher, as long as permission notes are signed. Parents are invited to come and watch the lessons for \$3.00. If you want to swim with your child when lessons are finished at 2:45pm, you will need to pay \$5.60 per day, plus another \$4.90 for your child. Pre-schoolers over two years old have to pay \$4.90. Pre-schoolers under three have to wear a swim nappy please.

If you want your child to stay in the water after we finish, I will ask you to sign that I have handed over your child at 3pm. If you are not inside the pool by that time, your child will get changed back into school uniform.

Children will be divided into small groups of students. All our teaching and non teaching staff and Mrs Leigh James, who is Aus Swim trained, get into the water and teach the students, as well as two swimming instructors who guide us in what to teach.

Children need to bring swimmers, a swimming shirt and towel each day to school. Please ensure all your child's clothing has their name clearly marked on them.

## DONATIONS FOR A XMAS HAMPER TO RAFFLE

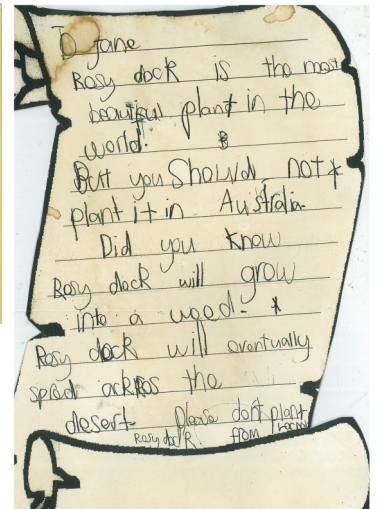
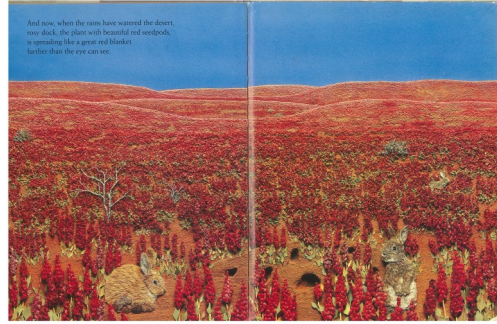
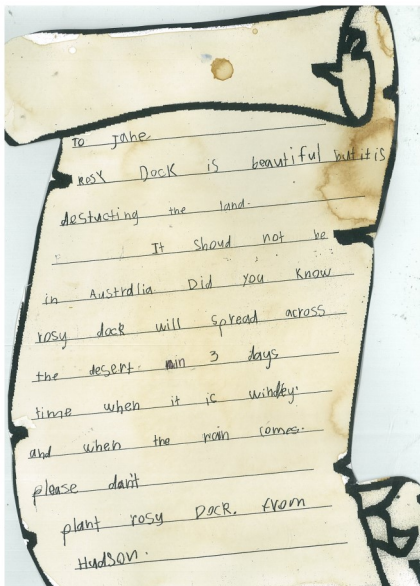
The staff are wanting to do a Christmas Raffle. The prizes will be Christmas Hampers. We are requesting parents to please donate goods suitable for hampers, such as tinned goods, cakes, mince tarts, lollies, drink. Please ensure items have not gone past their use by date. Please send items into the school office as soon as you are able to do so.

The raffles will be drawn on Presentation Day.

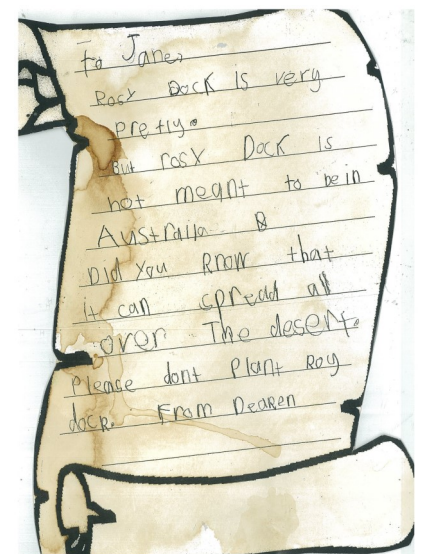
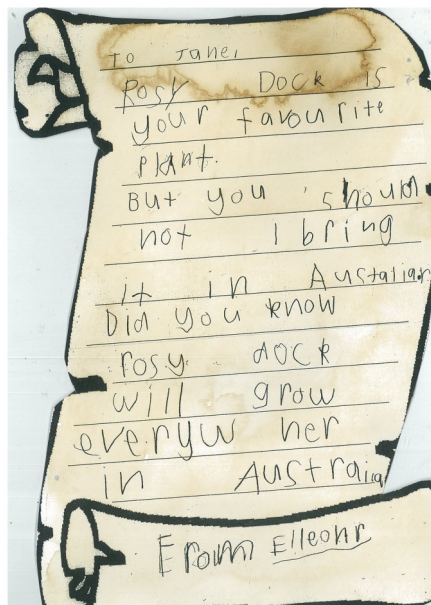
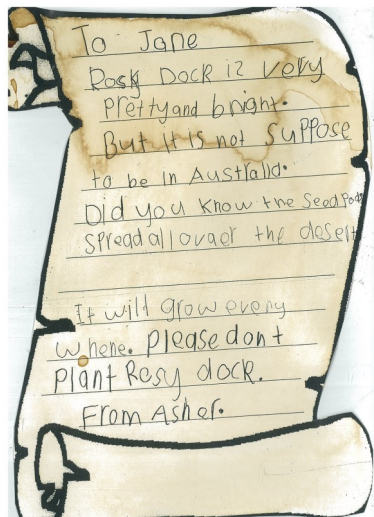




## THE KANGAROO CLASS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

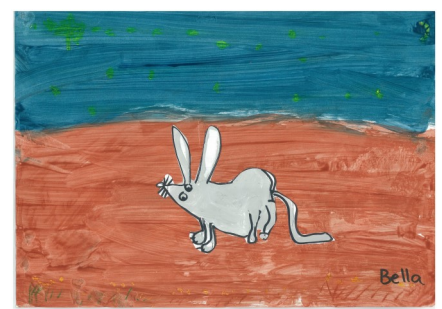
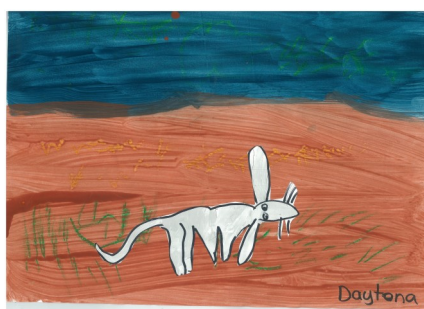


### The Story of Rosie Dock



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## THE CLASS HAVE ALSO BEEN STUDYING BILBIES. ENJOY THEIR PAINTINGS.



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**STUDENT AWARDS**

For Assembly 1st and 8th November

**Kookaburras**

**Marley D**  
Enthusiasm and Improvement in Reading

**Eden M**  
Awesome effort in our "Daily Write"!

**Kangaroos**

**Ruby A**  
Being a confident Reader

**Buddy M**  
Showing confidence in all areas of Learning

**Platypus**

**Naomi Mc**  
Effort and Improvement in Writing

**Jessie C**  
Working hard during Math Groups

**Emu**

**Maeve P**

**Tahj D**  
Working hard to improve his Maths Skills

**QUALITY 5 BOOKWORK****Kookaburras**

Cohen J

Logan D

**Kangaroos**

Hudson C

Elliot G

**Platypus**

Charlie S

Isabella H

**Emu**

Zeppelin G

Amahlia N

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

*Be Respectful – Using 6'ls*

**Aydin Y**

*Be Respectful – Hands up to Talk*

**Malikye W**

**Kangaroos**

**Molly H**

**Shelbi S**

**Platypus**

**Juliet M**

**Sarah R**

**Emu**

**Tye M**

**Abbi L**

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Cooper T, Cam S, Lincoln W, Mia W

**HOME READING AWARDS**

**Bronze** (25 nights reading )

**Silver** (50 nights reading)

Sarah R

**Gold** (75 nights reading)

**Double Bronze** (100 nights reading)

Ciara H

**Double Silver** (125 nights reading)

Asher C, Cam S, Koby S

**Double Gold** (150 nights reading)

Charlotte S, Lachlan D, Jax M

**Royal** (200 nights reading)

Tye M

**Double Royal** (250 nights reading)

Mitchell W, Abbigale L, Jazmin L

**Excellence** (300 nights reading)

