

# Newsletter



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

## BAKER BAKER ~ FRIDAY

22nd March

Kookaburras Amelia D  
Kangaroos Braiden G  
Emus Marley D  
Platypuses Amelia F

29th March

Kookaburras Logan D  
Kangaroos Sakura G  
Emus Tahj D  
Platypuses Ciara H

## THURSDAY FRUIT BREAK

**Thursday 21st March**

Kristen Hardcastle

**Thursday 28th March**

Leah Chan

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

Thought of the Fortnight

A person who  
never made a mistake  
will never tried anything new

- Albert Einstein -



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**Term 1 Week 8**

**19th March 2019**

## EASTER RAFFLE

As part of our Easter celebrations we would like to have an Easter Raffle. It would be very much appreciated if each family would please be prepared to donate one Easter egg for the Hamper. If you are able to do this, please hand your donation into the school office. Thank you.



## MAKING EASTER HATS IN CLASS

Children will be making their Easter hats in class on Monday 8th April. Bell times will be changed so they can begin at 1:30-3pm. We would appreciate any parents and grand parents who may be available to come and help teachers and children to make these in class. Please send in any items that you may like to see on your child's hat such as feathers, ribbons, cottonwool, eggs or straw.



## EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

It would be appreciated if families would be able to sell the Easter Raffle tickets attached to this newsletter. If you are able to, please send in the sheet at the back of this newsletter, to the school office, by Wednesday 10th April. Prizes will be awarded at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 12th April. More ticket sheets are available from the Office.



## EASTER HAT PARADE HERE 10:30AM FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

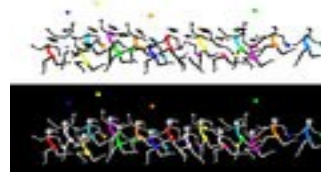
The children will be performing two songs for your enjoyment. Then the classes will parade their hats before the students all enjoy an Easter Egg hunt. We will conclude by drawing the Easter raffle prizes.

**COLOUR FUN RUN END OF TERM  
FUN DAY ACTIVITY  
at School**

**Friday 12th April 2019**



The fun run will commence at 12:30pm  
and conclude at 1:30pm.



**Children will be provided with a white tee shirt to wear. They can bring shorts to change into as they will get soaked. They will need a towel.**

**Cost: \$15 per child. PERMISSION NOTES ARE AT THE OFFICE.**

**Please note: This is a P&C event aimed at raising money for the school to pay for the fruit break every Thursday that the P&C purchase for your child.**

Term 1 Assembly Roster Thursdays 2:15pm	
21st March	Emu class perform item
28th March	Kangaroo class perform item
4th April	Kookaburra class perform item
11th April	Awards only

## UP COMING EXCURSIONS THIS TERM.

### BIKE DAY EXCURSION FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

This term in library the children are learning about road safety. As an educational excursion for students to demonstrate their knowledge of bike safety, we are going to have our **biannual Bike Education Day**. This year it will be held on **Friday 29th March**. It will be held at **Peace Park** where the children will be given the chance to bring their bikes and scooters and ride around the park. As we have done in previous years, the children and their bikes will need to be brought **by private transport** to the park and **collected the same way as well**. The children will need to be there by **9.30 am**. There will be a riding track and activities set up and run for the children on the day. Children must bring a helmet to wear during the day, if a child does not have their helmet, they will not be allowed to ride.

Children are to be dressed in full sports uniform and have their hats, lunches and recess with them. Covered in shoes (eg joggers) are to be worn. In case the day is hot, please make sure your child has adequate drinks with them. We will have a large water dispenser with us. They will also need to wear sunscreen. All children will need to be **collected from Peace Park at 2.30 p.m.**

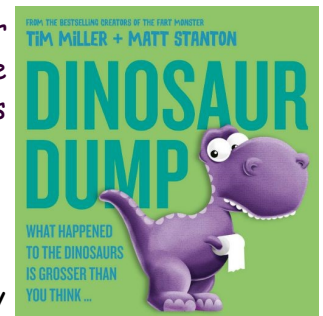
In the event of rain, an announcement will be placed with the local radio stations 2HD and 2KO by 7.30am. **If our day has to be cancelled it will be postponed until the following week, Friday 5th April.**

**The permission note for our whole school bike day is available at the office.** There is no cost for this excursion. We would appreciate you completing and returning the note by Friday 22nd March. Once we know whether your child has a trike, a 2 wheeler with training wheels, a 2 wheeler or a scooter, we will be able to put the children into groups. Please hand the note into the office.



### AUTHOR VISIT AT KURRI KURRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our school has been invited to listen to Matt Stanton, a talented children's author when he visits our area as part of the Newcastle Writers Festival. Kurri Library have been successful in their grant application to fund this program. All we need to do is pay bus costs of **\$4 per student**. **PERMISSION NOTES ARE AT THE OFFICE.**



### OTHER EVENTS.

#### DOMINOS PIZZA FUNDRAISER

**Thankyou to Dominos** and all of the families who supported this fundraiser by purchasing a pizza from Dominos at Kurri. \$188.00 was raised for the school which will go towards our Year 2 gift for the end of the year.

### CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE PROGRAM FUNDED BY "VARIETY"

Amy from Variety, has been here for the last two Fridays and has taught two lessons to each class explaining how we are all special but are all different. This has been aimed at the students understanding how some people have to cope with a disability.



### HAPPY TOOTH DENTAL VISITS.

Thank you to Happy Tooth in Kurri Kurri who sent two dental technicians to come and explain the importance of having good dental hygiene for our students in the Kookaburra and Kangaroo classes.



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

Friday 22nd March



## BACK TO STANFORD AFTERNOON FOR 2018 YEAR 2 CHILDREN

Each year we invite our previous Year 2's back to have an afternoon of activities, afternoon tea and hear their news of their new school. It was lovely to hear how well they had all adjusted to their new surroundings and had made new friendships. It shows our transition to Year 3 Program is working well.



## 3 WAY INTERVIEWS FOR THE KOOKABURRA AND KANGAROO CLASSES

Mr Ping is conducting 3 Way Interviews for his students on Tuesday 2nd April and Miss Humbles is conducting her 3 Way Interviews on Wednesday 3rd April. They are when goals are set for students and they last for fifteen minutes. The teachers will post an interview time sheet on their doors of their classroom tomorrow for you to indicate your preferred time slot.

## TERMINOLOGY FOR PHONICS PROGRAM.

Instead of asking students to sound out a word, we are now asking them to **stretch out phonemes** and then **blend phonemes together** to make a word. For example:

**CAT**—Stretch out the phonemes- C-A-T then blend together to make CAT.

## HARMONY DAY AND DOWN'S SYNDROME DAY 21ST MARCH



On Thursday the 21st of March our kids councillors are hosting **Harmony Day**. Students are encouraged to **wear orange clothes** to school. They can also **wear colourful socks** to support the **Downs Syndrome Foundation**, and are asked to please bring a cold coin donation. Gold coins will be collected by kids councillors at the gate. Students will engage in a range of activities in class that celebrate Australian multiculturalism and diversity. Half the money will be sent to the Downs Syndrome Foundation

and the other half will go towards the Year 2 gift.



## Calendar of Events for Term One 2019

Mondays all year from 4th February	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 from 5th February	Playgroup for all children birth to 5 years 9:30am-11:00 here at school
Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day
Saturday 23rd March	State Elections Polling booth here in the library
Friday 29th March	K-2 Bike Day excursion at Peace Park Cessnock
Tuesday 2nd April	Teddy Bear Picnic at School for Kinder students beginning in 2019
Tuesday 2nd April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents for Kinder Kookaburras
Wednesday 3rd April	3 Way conferences with teacher, child and parents of K /1 Kangaroos.
Thursday 4th April	Excursion to Kurri Kurri Public School for talk by author Matt Stanton
Friday 5th April	Crazy Hair and Ice-cream Day.
Monday 8th April	Making Easter Hats in class- parents and grandparents invited to help.
Thursday 11th April	Class of the term party
Friday 12th April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12th April	Colour Run Fun Day activities /out of Uniform day, Final day of term.
School Holidays	Monday 15th April.-30th April. Teachers Professional Development day is Monday 29th April. Students return Tuesday 30th April.



I could catch a star by using a fishing rod. Braiden

I could catch a star by going up in a rocket ship. Deakan

I could catch a star by I could catch a star with my dad's buy. Ellenor

I could catch a star by going up on a motorbike. Malige

I could catch a star by going up in a rocketship. Felix

I could catch a star by going up on a ladder. Morlie

I could catch a star by I could catch a star by riding a kid. Shay-la

I could catch a star by going up a building. Ryan

The grid contains 18 hand-drawn family portraits, each with a name and a drawing of family members and pets. The drawings are as follows:

- Gregoria's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Cohen's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Eliana's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Lopmie:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Eric's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Maria's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- David's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Cheryl's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- William's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Ryan's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Shane's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Dianna's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Brenda's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- Shirley's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
- John's Family:** A drawing of a family with a mother, father, and two children, one of whom is holding a flower.
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**STUDENT AWARDS**

For Assembly 7th &amp; 14th March 2019

**Kookaburras**

**Isla Mae-C**  
Good Writing

**Sophie B**  
Always trying her best in class

**Kangaroos**

**Skye-la S**  
Being an enthusiastic reader

**Sakura G**  
Giving everything a go with a big smile

**Platypus**

**Amelia F**  
Excellent focus in Phonics lessons

**Charlotte S**  
Amazing effort in writing

**Emu**

**Tye M**  
Increased enthusiasm and motivation in writing

**Zeppelin G**  
Amazing effort in all areas

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

**Mia O'K**  
**Jaxx G**

**Kangaroos**

**Ryan B**  
**Grayson C**

**Platypus**

**Koby S**  
**Hudson C**

**Emu**

**Bella R**  
**Raegan B**

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

**Tyler T**  
*Use nice talk*

**Oliver S**  
*Walk on hard surfaces*

**Kangaroos**

**Cohen J**

**Darby McM**

**Platypus**

**Molly H**

**Mackenzie D**

**Emu**

**Lachlan D**

**Eden M**

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

**Willow B, Cohen J, Skye-la S, Anthony C, Blake H, Charlie S, Kade H, Brody P**

**HOME READING AWARDS****Bronze (25 nights reading )**

Malikye W, Shelbi S, Daytona S, Cooper T, Zoey G, Mitchell W, Raegan B, Ellenor J, Tahj D, Tye M, Cohen J, Buddy M, Billie Roze W, Charlotte S, Cam S

**Silver (50 nights reading)****Gold (75 nights reading)****Double Bronze (100 nights reading)****Double Silver (125 nights reading)****Double Gold (150 nights reading)****Royal (200 nights reading)****Double Royal (250 nights reading)****Excellence (300 nights reading)**



## EASTER RAFFLE



Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment **(cash only)**

With child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

Please return by Wednesday 10th April 2019.

Raffle Drawn on Friday 12th April 2019.

**\$1—1 ticket**

**\$5.00—10 tickets**

**It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.**

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