P and C NEWS:
We have an election coming up on Saturday March 28th. We will be running our usual raffle and cake stall, which is always an excellent fundraiser for our school. We are asking families to assist by bringing in non-perishable items to the office for hampers. Also, a list will be placed at the office asking for names of people who can cook for the cake stall, whether it be cakes, biscuits, slices etc., savoury or sweet, all donations will be greatly appreciated. We will also be looking for people to man the stall on the day for an hour at a time. Again, a list will be in the office.

Please also start thinking about Easter raffle donations. This draw will take place on Thursday 2nd April.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!
At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 6-17 years
Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -
Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-novact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HABING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, KURRI KURRI
Kurri Kurri Parish Sacramental Program for Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion.

Parents and caregivers, do you have children in Year 4 and upwards whom you believe are ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion this year? If so, there will be an information meeting at 7pm on Thursday 19th February, at Holy Spirit Primary School Library, Kurri Kurri. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Brown on 47374574 after 5pm or mobile 0437457409

For Your Calendar
School Assembly:
each Friday in the
COLA

Thursday 26th February
P&C Welcome BBQ
All Families Welcome

Monday 2nd March
P&C AGM

Wednesday 4th March
Surf Lifesaving Day– Nobbys
Beach- Years 2-6 to attend.

Thursday 5th March
Hunter PSSA Swimming—Regional Carnival

Friday 6th March
Healthy Lunch Box Session for Parents
10am-10.45am

Cessnock Zone Swimming
Congratulations to the following students who represented the school on Wednesday. The team members were; Will, Jack.S, Mattilda, Fletcher, Andrea, Keegan, Riley, Caleb and Libby. I attended the carnival for a brief visit and was very impressed with the calibre of sportsmanship and effort displayed by the team. Mulbring Public PPS Relay team have broken a ten year old record previously held by Laguna Public School. Our team; Andrea, Riley, Jack.S and Keegan, broke the record by 40 seconds! Congratulations on a wonderful achievement!

Library Painting
We are all very excited to see the outside of our school library being refurbished and painted. Work commenced on Wednesday and weather permitting, is expected to take about a week.

Writing
This year, as a component of our 3 year plan, we will be focussing on staff professional learning and a change in thinking of how we teach Writing, to enhance and improve student outcomes. A specialist researcher and consultant, Dr. Anne Morrice will be visiting our school next Wednesday, working with students and staff, in classrooms, and we look forward to sharing student work samples and further information about this initiative, in the future. We are very grateful to the Kurri Kurri Learning Community of Schools for their financial contribution towards this project. Stanford Merthyr Infants and Kurri Kurri Public School are also working with this methodology.

School Soccer Shirts:
A huge thank you to Mrs Sharpe for embroidering our School Soccer shirts. They look fantastic!

“Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Always Try Your Best”
**Healthy Lunch Box session for parents:**

On Friday 6th March, after the school assembly, a Healthy Lunch Box session will take place in the 5/6 classroom from 10am till 10.45am. This popular session is run by the Cancer Council of NSW, as part of the “Eat it To Beat it” program. Please complete and return the attached slip, (stapled onto Newsletter), to the office if you would like to attend.

**Nobbys Beach Excursion:**

Just a reminder to get your payments in for the Nobbys Beach excursion with will take place 4th March. Both Mrs Walandouw and Mrs O’Halloran will be in attendance on the day, and Surf Lifesaving will provide the correct ration of instructors, including at least one male, who will assist staff in toileting and supervision throughout the day.

**Swimming Carnival Ribbons:**

Ribbons were presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age division on the day of our carnival. Please be aware if your child swam 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their heat, it is possible that they may not necessarily have been eligible for a ribbon, if there was a faster heat in the same division. The teachers do their best to explain this to the students, but occasionally this does cause confusion. At our Small Schools Carnivals, the across the pool races provide an opportunity for all students to receive a ribbon.

**Key Safety Points to remember around the school:**

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones. Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safely in mind. Never double park, as it puts children at risk. Please avoid parking across the school driveways or the entrance to the school car park.

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**Year 6 going into Year 7 Expression of interest forms. Please return them to the Office as soon as possible, as they will need to be processed.**

**CONGRATULATIONS WEEK 3 AWARD WINNERS**

**K/1/2**
- Kai — “Being an independent worker in Maths”
- Milla — “Being an independent reader”

**3/4**
- William — “His excellent effort in Addition!”
- Matilda — “Beautiful, neat presentation of her work”

**5/6**
- Imogen — “Settling into her new school quickly and demonstrating independent work habits”
- Dominic — “Making a great start to Year 6, being organised and being a good role model for others”

Miss Lennard’s Library Award went to Daniel—Year 3—for “Being a responsible worker in Library lessons!”

Absent: Kai

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“You Can Do It”

This year we are continuing with our “You Can Do It” Program. As part of the “You Can Do It” program we are discussing the five key elements to success.

The key elements are:

- Resilience
- Persistence
- Getting Along
- Organisation
- Confidence

Each fortnight we will be focusing on one of these key elements.