**Principal’s Report**

Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and caregivers for providing your time to spend in your child’s classroom, in the canteen, breakfast club or indeed during our Partners in Print Program this term. It is wonderful to see our community engaging in our students’ learning and I appreciate your support in providing our children with the best possible learning environment.

**Attendance**

Our attendance rate has been reasonably good across the school this term (94% or 3 days absent per child) and I appreciate your efforts in getting your children to school as often as you can. It is interesting to note that K/1P have had the best attendance, with the right to host Ribbit for the week, five weeks out of the nine weeks we have been at school. What a phenomenal achievement. I wonder who will host Ribbit next week? Our classroom teachers are also starting to reward children at the end of the week if they have been at school for 5 days during that week.

**Zone Cross Country**

I would just like to clarify that the Cessnock PSSA Zone Cross Country will be held on Thursday, 10th April. Several other dates have been published, however the Zone coordinator has confirmed the 10th April, at Cessnock Racecourse. All children involved have received a note with the correct information on it. We wish our competitors all the best.

**Bus Safety Day**

On Wednesday 2nd April we will be having a Bus Safety Day. Our students will practise waiting for, boarding, travelling and leaving a bus. Rover Coaches have generously donated a bus and driver for this practise. There will be no cost involved but your child will need to return a permission note to their class teacher as soon as possible.

**Staff Movement**

Miss Perry and I will be attending Smarter, Stronger Training at Mount View High School on Wednesday 2nd April.

I will be attending a Principal’s Conference on Thursday, 3rd April. The school executive will be relieving in my absence.
QuickSmart News
QuickSmart is a numeracy program that supports students to ‘speed up’ their basic skills in numeracy. It is essentially a practise program that helps students better know and understand basic number facts. Improvements in these basic skills are likely to benefit students in all areas of their learning. 22 students from Year 4 will be selected to participate in QuickSmart. The program runs until the end of Term 1 next year and students have 3 lessons a week with one of our QuickSmart tutors. We use a range of assessments and attendance records, to select the students. A permission letter will be sent home with the students selected. If you would like any more information about Quicksmart please contact Mrs Ross or Mrs Palmer.

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day
Wednesday 7th May
Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services free of charge to schools across NSW and ACT as part of its commitment to child road safety. The day looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children can better understand the forces that act on an object (humans) in motion (in cars or on bikes) so that road safety messages such as “Wear your seatbelt” become more relevant. Our students will be asked to decorate their bike helmets and wear them to school for the assembly at the beginning of the day.

Parent/Carer Workshop
Parents/Carers play a vital road in keeping their children safe on the roads and are invited to attend a Parent/Carer workshop at 2.30pm in the school hall. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes and in cars.

P&C News
Raffle tickets have been distributed for the Easter raffle. Each family received one book of 5 tickets at $1 each please sell your tickets and return them. The prize draw is held at the Easter hat parade on Friday 11th April at the hall. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return the unsold tickets to the P&C box located at the office. Donations for this raffle are still being accepted and you can drop them off at the office at any time.

Live Life Well at School
Building healthy habits
Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:
• Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.
• Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.
• Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

Why is breakfast important?
• Children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration.
• Children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements.
• Children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese.
• Eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this weeks assembly.
Principal’s Awards: Kobi D and Halle W.
Citizenship Awards: Joshua H and Alex D.
Certificate of Excellence: Jemma.
Certificate of Merit: Jemma, Zac B, Koby M, Zane S, Makira, Sacha, Zane W, Jarod, Shelby, Tyler, & Lilly O.
SMART Science Show

Harmony Day Assembly
EASTER EGGS NEEDED

Please Donate for our Easter Raffle

Could all donations please be handed in to the office.

Thank you for your support

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**Combined Churches of Kurri Kurri, Mt Vincent and Weston**

**KURRI KURRI NOSTALGIA FESTIVAL ROCK SERVICE**

An ecumenical service celebrating our faith, lead by the young people of our community.

**SUNDAY 30th MARCH**

**ROTERARY PARK KURRI KURRI**

Commencing at 8.30am

Children please meet Mrs Van Vorst at the stage by 8.20am. Everyone is WELCOME!