

Kurri Kurri High School Newsletter

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Student Leaders 2016-17

We welcome our student leaders for the coming school year into their positions as Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects. These students have been elected by their peers and the teaching staff into their roles and are wonderful examples for our younger student body to look up to. The Induction Assembly is a proud moment for parents as they join their children to pin their badges on and share the pledge students make as they take on their role as leaders.

Congratulations to you all.

Captains: Brayden Bean and Jessica Eades

Vice-Captains: Jed Kinch and Emily Lloyd

Prefects: Victoria Maples, Darcie Cliff, Ejay Schutte, Isadora Pearson, Psy Imhoff and Chloe Wilson

For more photos [Click Here](#)



The Principal - Mrs Tracey Breese

It is almost too hard to believe there is only 6 weeks left of the year!

Year 11 students have transformed into the leaders of the school and are doing a sensational job of starting their studies. Mr Rippon has been working through interviewing every one of our seniors to remind them of the support they have available to them in our school as the study and hours of work ramp up. Mr Rippon, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Field are all available in the library to make a booking for some help in the study centre. The Library, with Mr Turner, Ms Scobie and Mr Rennex are also working to create a new learning hub for students. We are reshaping the library spaces and have begun the process for a full refurbishment in 2017. One of the issues for our students is sometimes access to the internet at home, so we have also extended the opening hours of the library. (see the notice on page 8)

Staffing news

We farewell **Mr Derry** from his role of HT PDHPE. We wish him all the very best in his new school, joining Callaghan College, Waratah Campus. Mick has made a wonderful contribution to students of our school and he will be missed. A massive thanks for all your hard work Mick, we know you will love the new challenge ahead!

We welcome **Ms Lisa Scobie** to the permanent appointment of Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning. Lisa has been with us for almost a term, and was successful at interview for the role.

Ms Alex Newman has successfully been approved to take a position in HSIE. She will join Mrs James-Cliff in the Faculty and will kick off 2017 with our Business Services elective with Year 9 students.

With our growing school numbers, next year we will have a few new faces to further welcome.

School Funding

We will be meeting with P&C and school executive to work on our spending for 2017. Anyone is welcome to attend a P&C meeting to hear the way that we are allocating our funding, so please come along and hear the exciting programs first hand if you have time to spare.

The Secondary Schools Renewal Project is in full swing with the builders, surveyors and architects all working to give our school a beautiful facelift! The plans will be presented to P&C, and also on display at the Year 7 transition evening on the 10th of November.

Now, back to the learning...

Yearly exams, final assessment tasks and report writing will frame the end of the year. It is where we see the culmination of the year's work. Making sure our kids can show a year's worth of learning in each year they are here. I am really looking forward to Authentic Assessment and the showcasing of Year 10 work as they transition into Year 11 - another wonderful milestone.

Deputy Principal Stage 4 - Mr Hope

As we draw to the end of the school year it is important that all students and parents remember that this is the time of the year where final assessment grades and marks are being collated. As a result, it is essential that students find the additional energy to focus on their assignments and in class examinations to ensure that they are receiving the best possible report grades and of course positive comments from their teachers. School reports are constantly being requested by potential employers to ensure that they are selecting the best applicant for part time positions and even apprenticeships and full time jobs. We have a number of teachers within the school who can support students complete their assignments and support with drafts and editing. The library now has extended opening hours to provide a positive working environment for students to complete assignments and tasks.

We are also busy planning for year 8 electives and have some extremely exciting and engaging offerings for our year 8 students. These choices include Rings and Blings, Visual Design and Dance to name just three. All students will be choosing and finalising these electives this term ready for a positive start for Term 1.

We are now finalising class placements for year 7, 2017, and I would like to congratulate successful students on their application for the Blue Hub. All students presented portfolios of their achievements to a panel of Head Teachers and their Student Wellbeing Advisor, Ms Stewart. The standard of applicants was extremely high and I thank all students for their hard work in applying and also to Mr Rennex, Ms Scobie and Ms Stewart for participating in this process. Another big thank you to Ms Tucker, our Transition Advisor for facilitating this process. We have a parent information session and transition day coming up on November 10th. Once again, this will provide important information for our new students and parents.

Kurri Kurri High School is extremely proud of our student achievements, which are celebrated each term with our merit assemblies recognising student achievement and positive school values of **respect, excellence and safety** in all subjects. However, our Annual Awards night is a special event recognising academic excellence, student sporting achievement and positive community participation for the school year. This event is held on Tuesday 13th December and I would encourage all students who have won an award to attend this celebration of student success at Kurri Kurri High School.

I will all staff, students and parents a happy and successful remainder of Term 4!

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Student of the Term - Term 3

Lachlan Campbell Year 10

Lachlan Campbell is a well deserving recipient of student of the term for Term 3. Proudly supported by **Coles Kurri Kurri**, Lachlan received this award in recognition of all that he does supporting other students, as well as the CAPA staff.

Whenever there is an assembly or school event that requires a musical performance, you can be sure Lachlan is at the centre of bringing things all together. Lachlan is the right hand person for Music teacher Mrs King when it comes to setting up the sound and tech desk for events. He has taken on younger students to teach them how it all is done and does it all with a smile.

Not only does he make the magic of sound and lighting happen, Lachlan is also a talented performer. We have seen Lachlan's talent at many events, although his acoustic version of "I was only 19" at the Anzac Assembly was a particular stand out.



Stage 5 Deputy Principal and Aboriginal Education Report - Mrs James-Cliff

Hi All, Term 4 is off to a busy start as many staff have been engaging in some intensive professional development and students are gearing up for end of year assessments. Year 10 students, in particular, need to make sure that they have completed any outstanding assessment tasks in order to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements for their Record of School Achievement (RoSA). Now would be a good point for all Year 10 students to check with their class teachers to see if there are any outstanding tasks which need completion before reporting time is upon us.

As we move towards the end of the year I would also like to remind students to submit any gotcha awards they have at home or in their bag to their Year Adviser so that their eligibility for rewards activities may be considered. In the meantime, keep working hard towards achieving some new "gotchas" for commitment to the school values of respect, excellence and safety.

We have finalised the subject selection process for students moving in to Year 9 next year and it is great to see some brand new electives getting off the ground. It is wonderful to be able to offer a diverse range of electives to cater to the broad interest areas of our students.

On an Aboriginal education front we have recently inducted the Kurri Kurri High School 2017 Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group executive members into their positions. The following students will hold executive positions for the coming year: Steven Ahoy (President), Emily Lloyd (Vice President), Darcie Cliff (Secretary) and Chloe Lambert (Assistant Secretary). To exemplify the leadership qualities of these wonderful young role models, Steven and Darcie have already delivered the Acknowledgement of Country and personalised speeches for staff development training courses at Kurri Kurri TAFE and received wonderful feedback from course organisers and participants. Steven Ahoy was also awarded a place in the prestigious Kruki Indigenous Summer School at the University of New England. The Kruki Indigenous Summer School has been created to give prospective students an insight into studying through the Joint Medical Program. Congratulations to Steven on this wonderful achievement. Emily Lloyd is currently featured as one of 18 local Indigenous artists on display at the WUPA Wanaruah Aboriginal Art Exhibition which opened at the Hunter Valley Resort on Saturday 29th October, 2016. I was lucky enough to attend the exhibition's opening night and was blown away by the calibre of Emily's work alongside other well established Aboriginal artists. Congratulations must also go to Emily for this excellent achievement.

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Deputy Principal Stage 6 - Mrs Glasson

Congratulations to all our 2016 Year 12 students who have completed their higher school certificate examinations this week. All students have performed to the best of their capacity and as we say goodbye we would all like to wish them the brightest of futures.

Year 11 students are now embarking on their Higher School Certificate course studies for the 2017 year.

Year 11 students are now embarking on their Higher School Certificate course studies for the 2017 year. All students have received their course assessment schedules. They are reminded to keep a close eye on the timing of each assessment task to ensure that they do not miss due dates. If students miss a task or submit it late they **MUST** see me to complete an Illness and Misadventure appeal form.

When a task is submitted late, it will automatically incur a penalty of 10% per day that it is late. The 10% penalty is 10% of the mark the student would have received had the work been submitted on time. If the student is absent on the day of a test, they are expected to organise with the faculty to do the test on the first day that they return to school and the 10% per day late penalty will be applied. If a student has a valid reason for the late submission of a task or for the absence from a test, the student can submit a school ***Illness/Misadventure Application*** (green form) to the faculty with valid evidence to support the request for the removal of the penalty. All appeals are considered by a school committee. Monitoring of late submission of work occurs and regular offenders may have additional penalties applied. Illness/Misadventure Application Forms should be obtained from Head Teachers or Year Adviser **immediately on returning to school**. Students should then return the completed form to the Head Teacher on the following school day.

NB:

- *Computer problems will not be considered as a valid reason for failing to submit a task on time.*
- *It is the student's **responsibility** to collect, complete and submit an appeal form.*
- *If students are aware of an absence before the task is due, then they must inform their teacher beforehand and complete an appeal form if they wish to request the removal of any penalty.*

Following any period of absence, it is **students' responsibility** to check with each of their teachers for any assessment information (or other work) missed.

Warning letters are sent home to formally inform students/parents that course requirements are not being met. They indicate the action that is necessary to rectify the problem.

A student may be **expelled from school** for failing to satisfactorily participate in learning.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I MAKE AN APPEAL?

The Executive will consider the appeal for special consideration. Students will be advised in writing of the decision. Depending on the circumstances, the appeal might be accepted without penalty, may be given an extension of time, might be required to complete a substitute task, work might be accepted with a percentage penalty for lateness or the appeal might be rejected altogether. Students have the right to appeal this decision, in which case, the Deputy Principal (Stage 6) will form a review panel and make a final decision.

YEAR 10 AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT ARE YOU READY?

Make sure that you have work from each subject area and ask your mentors for support if needed.

Attendance for Authentic Assessment is compulsory.

Week 7 Mock Interviews

Week 8 Authentic assessment

Careers - Mr McKinley

Welcome back to Term 4.

Year 12 may have left our classrooms but their work is not yet finished. There is still plenty to be done and the Careers office door is always open to discuss post school options. Whether it be TAFE, Employment or UNI, do not hesitate to come in for a chat. If you can not make it to the school you can certainly get in contact with the CAS - Careers Advisory Service by phoning 1300 300 687 between the 19th and 21st December. Check out the website by clicking the logo for further information.



Click the links for some use tips & post school options <http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au/links.php> and [what's happening in careers](#).

Year 10 students will commence their School to Work transition plans in the coming weeks

TVET applications for 2017 closed Friday 21st October and we are now waiting for notification on what courses will be offered to our students in 2017. If you were a TAFE VET student in Year 11 2016 and wish to continue with that course in 2017 you will need to get in contact with the Careers Adviser ASAP to register your course for next year.

Year 10 students will commence their School to Work transition plans in the coming weeks where their future careers plans and patterns of study will be dealt with in consultation with the Careers Adviser. So stay tuned for more details on when they will begin.

Remember, if you are on Facebook you are more than welcome to "like" the "Kurri Kurri High School Careers" Page. There are regular updates of Career opportunities as well as information about training opportunities and post school options. Click the Facebook logo to go to the page directly and share it around.



Wellbeing- Mrs Weir HT (Rel)

Keeping on the theme of leaving school and life beyond the HSC, below is an extract from the ReachOut website that provides support not only to students but has now extended their resources to parents:

There's Life After Year 12 Exams for students and parents

As around 200,000 Year 12 students near the end of high school, we're reminding young people and their parents that there is life after Year 12 exams.

'Coping with stress, and school and study problems are the issues that concern young people most. Last year, record numbers of students turned to ReachOut for advice and support – with more than 130,000 people accessing our study- and stress-related content. With new content available to help parents too, we expect to see large numbers of people turn to ReachOut.com over the coming months.'

As well as support for Year 12 students themselves, this year we've extended our support to parents of Year 12 students, who can often experience the same intensity of exam stress as their teens.

'Parents want to know how best to support their teenagers without adding to the pressure students already experience, or projecting unrealistic expectations on them,' Mr Nicholas said.

For further information and to read the complete article click here:





Sista Speak - Mrs L'Green



Year 7, 8 and 9 Aboriginal girls have been participating in weekly Sista speak lessons where they have been developing their own Acknowledgement of Country, supporting peers and helping to improve knowledge of personal identity and self-esteem. We have discussed current Aboriginal issues and investigated Aboriginal perspective and appreciation of the land. The Girls have also been learning about Aboriginal art and have been working on their own pieces of artworks. We have talked about foods we like to eat and then developed a menu to prepare. Students worked as a team and prepared and cooked dishes including; cheese and bacon cob dip, chicken nuggets with a sweet chilli mayonnaise and pasta Carbonara to be followed by tapioca pudding and double chocolate brownies to celebrate the year.



CLASS OF 1996 REUNION

DID YOU FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AT KURRI KURRI HIGH SCHOOL IN 1996?

A reunion is being organised on **Saturday 5 November**
at **Kurri Kurri Bowling Club** from 4:30pm onwards

Anyone interested can click here [1996 Kurri Kurri High School Reunion Facebook group](#) or can email me braun_rachel@hotmail.com and I can provide them with more details.



Deadly Cooking - Mrs Knox

Deadly Cooking is a program that encourages healthy eating and cooking. It was offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and has been running for two weeks. It runs in the schools kitchen.

In each session participants cover and learn about healthy eating and nutrition, discover new recipes, prepare budget friendly dishes, practice new cooking skills and most importantly enjoy the food they have prepared together.

The program is run by a qualified Dietician, Carmen. She has a variety of topics that will be covered over the six week program; such as eat more Fruits and Vegetables, Healthy Snacking, and a Healthy Lunch Box.



The Immunisation clinics have been completed for 2016. If your Year 7 child missed any doses and has a completed consent form, they will be seen in 2017.

However, if your Year 8 child has not completed the full course, you will need to take them to your GP to complete.



Any enquiries or concerns please contact the coordinator at your school or Liz Garlick at Kurri Kurri Community Health on 49363282

Year 10 Child Studies Excursion to Kurri Early Childhood Centre - Mrs Owen

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn."

(O. Fred Donaldson)

Year 10 child studies students have been learning about the role of play as a form of valuable learning for small children. Their assessment task gave each student the opportunity to work together in a team to research and organise rich learning activities suitable for preschool-aged children.

Not only did the students develop their own resources they had to also demonstrate their planning and organisational skills. As the child studies students discovered, it was not as simple as picking random activities for the children that interested them from the internet. Rather, they had to justify what skills and learning they were aiming to further develop in the children. Not an easy task but one which they rose to the challenge with infectious enthusiasm and positivity.

With the planning and preparing stage completed, child studies students then faced the challenge of running the structured play activities at Kurri Early Childhood Centre. It was an amazing sight to see the vision they had been working on in the classroom come alive in the outdoor play area. Where they had the opportunity to interact and see firsthand the response of the children to all their efforts and hard work in the planning stage of this assessment task.

Across the class, students organised a range of different activities from painting, drawing, obstacle courses, story time, manipulation with play dough, sorting activities and water play. The positive response from the Preschool teachers was communicated many times throughout the event where they asked to share some of the student's resources and took photographs of their activities for their own future reference.

It was wonderful to see the preschool children show enjoyment with the activities the students had conscientiously prepared. This hard work has set the bar high for the next year's 10 child studies students, which will continue this wonderful partnership between Kurri Early Childhood Centre and Kurri Kurri High School.



NEED A PLACE
TO STUDY?

COME TO THE

LIBRARY

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS

MONDAY - TUESDAY
UNTIL 4.20PM
WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
FROM 8.15AM

No Cook Play Dough

Ingredients

- 2 cup plain flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 tbs oil
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 drops liquid food colouring

Method

1. Combine plain flour and salt.
2. Add water, food colouring and oil. Mix until ingredients are combined.
3. Knead well.
4. If consistency is too wet add a little plain flour.

(credit: <http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/no-cook-play-dough-L2119.html>)

Kurri Kurri High School are proud to announce that we have been donated an AED (Defibrillator) with thanks to the Joshua Caruso Foundation - Mr McKinley



The Foundation's goal is Awareness and Prevention of congenital heart conditions.



During last term we held a Jersey for Josh Day to raise funds and awareness for the Joshua Caruso Foundation.

The Foundation was set up in 2014 after the sudden death of Josh in 2013 from an undiagnosed congenital heart condition (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy or HCM). HCM, which leads to a thickening of the heart muscle is the most common form of genetic heart disease, affecting 1 in every 500 Australians and is often undiagnosed until a death in the family. It can affect seemingly healthy athletes, a teenager with no prior health conditions, and any person in their usual daily routine. The Foundation's goal is Awareness and Prevention of congenital heart conditions. To achieve these goals, they have raised money and purchased Defibrillators to donate to Schools, Sporting Organisations within the Hunter region.

To make a change, and to reduce the often preventable loss of lives, the challenge is for AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) to be available and applied within minutes of someone collapsing and for people to be confident in their use and more willing to perform CPR. The first sign that something is wrong may be sudden collapse, loss of consciousness, no breathing, loss of pulse and no sign of life....an emergency situation within seconds. High quality CPR coupled with DEFIBRILLATION is the only definitive treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

To survive a cardiac arrest, a patient must receive CPR or defibrillation within the first 10 minutes." "The fastest ambulance service in the world will not get there in time." "If it is delivered quickly, up to 75 per cent of patients can survive. Yet only 2 per cent of people who suffer sudden cardiac arrest in public are treated with a defibrillator by a bystander."

The offer from Joshua Caruso foundation is a FREE ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator Package for our school to be best prepared to save a life in case of an emergency. We would like to thank the Foundation for their kind donation and ongoing support to Kurri Kurri High School.

Please feel free to click on their webpage and Facebook site and check out all the good work they are doing. If you would like to make a donation you can do so on their webpage.

<http://www.JoshuaCarusoFoundation.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Joshua-Caruso-Foundation/493866084066766?ref=hl>

Dear Parents & Carers of the KKHS Year 7 Class of 2017,

You are invited to attend an important information session on **Thursday 10th November.**

Two One Hour Time Slots are available at **3.15pm** and **6pm**

Discover answers to the following:

- What are the "hubs"?
- How will year 7 be structured in 2017?
- What technology will be used in the classroom?
- Who can I talk to if I have questions?

Afternoon Tea or Light Supper will be provided.

Please RSVP for catering purposes:

Heather.sutherland3@det.nsw.edu.au or

Phone: Heather Sutherland 4937 1877



CAPA News - Ms Dunlevie

It has been a busy start to term for CAPA students who have been on excursions, performed at events, begun learning new instruments and prepared for upcoming competitions.



Year 8 Photography Excursion

What a glorious day it was for an excursion, the weather was exceptional and it was very successful. Starting from Nobby's point students were excited to learn how to shoot frames for the next part of their photography journey. As we walked along the break wall, through to Newcastle Baths students were given location experience using the environment for inspiration to create eye catching images. They will be using these images to create their own panoramic photos from 4-5 photos.

Keep an eye out on our CAPA Facebook page for students final images

A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Tuesday 18th October, 18 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 drama travelled to the Sydney Opera House to see the production of A Midsummer Night's Dream by Sydney Theatre Company. This was an amazing opportunity for students to witness live theatre and explore a unique take on a classic Shakespearean play. Students had a fantastic day and loved the production.

Kurri Kurri Community Festival

Despite the rain, the show went on at the Kurri Kurri Community Festival and our CAPA students shone. Our Music and Dance students all gave outstanding performances which were well received by the audience and organisers. Congratulations and well done to Lachlan Campbell, Michael Sim, Zakk Cherry, Tyler Lambert (Interlude), Chloe Musgrave, Anja Atkinson, Mykaela King, Cameron Parker, Emily McGown-Crook, Jed Kinch and Blake Hemphill.

Year 7/8 Beginner Band

This term, a small ensemble has formed with the students from the year 7/8 music sport group. The aim is to develop a Beginner Stage Band to perform at school and community event. Each student has selected an instrument and is learning how to make sounds and read notes. The group is also attending the rehearsal available for all students in the school to attend, Wednesday Break 2. Students have the option of borrowing their instrument for the term to practice at home, for a small fee. Please see Miss Berni in the CAPA staffroom if you are interested in joining.

Bandwidth

Congratulations to two of our bands who were accepted into the Inaugural Bandwidth Band Competition to be held at HSPA on **Monday 7th November**. The bands will compete with bands from other schools for a chance to win a recording session and other cool prizes. Well known for their performances at school the bands competing are; M'Dawg 'n da Bois who are Emily McGowan-Crook, Jed Kinch, Blake Hemphill, Tom Anderson and Jack Anderson and Try it Twice who are Lachlan Campbell, Zakk Cherry, Michael Sim and Jacob Irving. Good luck guys!



Project Based Learning in PDHPE - Mrs Gavenlock



During Term 3 while studying the Safer Me topic, 8G were given the task of creating health promotion material for either alcohol, tobacco or cannabis. Their target audience for their promotion was adolescence. Students spent the term investigating what makes health promotion effective, analysing health promotion materials and researching the impact of their chosen drug on the individual and the community.

Students worked collaboratively to brainstorm and create their final health promotion products, which I must say were outstanding! Examples of health promotion material included information pamphlets, factsheets, posters, board games and jigsaws! Groups then displayed their final products in the Library allowing class members to critique each other's work and provide valuable feedback. Students were also required to complete a group evaluation and self-reflection activity which allowed them to identify their strengths and areas for improvement when working with their peers.

The students found this to be a positive learning experience where they were able to demonstrate their collaborative, creative and critical thinking skills and communication skills.

*"Everyone had their role and they completed their assigned tasks, We worked as a team and the end product was amazing!"*Hannah Elsley.

"This task let us be more creative" Madelon Zammit

"I enjoyed the task because we got to work in groups" Ammon Coffeey

"I liked how it was a creative way to learn rather than doing book work" – Britney Houston



2017 SEASON TRIALS

LOCATION: BIRRALEE OVAL, KURRI KURRI
(TOP FIELD, JUNIOR OVAL)
Please arrive 30 min prior to fill out relevant paperwork

Saturday **Saturday**
October 15 & **November 12**
10:00 am **10:00 am**

New and Old Players to Trial for the 2017
Football Competition
12,13,14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs 17yrs & All Age

please wear boots, shin-pads and bring plenty of water



For more information please contact
Craig 0435 239 918

Year 7 Lacrosse - Mr Croker



Our Year 7W class have been studying a unit on Lacrosse. Mr Croker has organised expert Lacrosse coaches to come into the school and coach the students.

The class has responded well to the coaching and are eager to prepare their Lacrosse competition.

We managed to get some great action shots, simply click on the photo above to go to the full photo album.

Representative Sport - Mrs Gavenlock



Community support of our school is second to none and we would like to say a huge thank you to iGym and Dominos

Rep Team Sponsorship

Kurri Kurri High School has been incredibly fortunate to have obtained the support of local businesses as sponsors of our Touch Football, Netball and Basketball teams. Community support of our school is second to none and we would like to say a huge thank you to iGym and Dominos Kurri Kurri for their support of these teams and we hope to do you proud and will be keeping you up-to-date with the teams and their results. Tracey Burgess from iGym and David Bell from Dominos joined us last week to meet team representatives.

Gifted and Talented Sports day

At the end of Term 3 the Coalfields Zone Sports Association held their inaugural Gifted and Talented Sports Day at the University of Newcastle. Participants from KKHS were Angus Lathan, Jess Heath, Ainsley Childs and Brooke Kennedy. These students were joined by students from the other 6 High Schools in our Zone and experienced a day of expert coaching in all thing sport! Students attended a Sports Nutrition Lecture presented by University of Newcastle Lecturer Robyn McCallister, they then participated in Fitness Testing in the Exercise Physiology Labs. A highlight of the day was watching a Mount View High School student complete the VO2 Max test, achieving the best results any university lecturers had seen in a 15 year old! Next stop was to the Forum for a Spin Class which proved to be hard work but enjoyable. Students then attended a recovery pool session in the Forum pool. Students were able to participate in a recovery session similar to those we see the Newcastle Knights and Newcastle Jets do on the TV! The day proved to be a valuable experience for our students who all enjoyed the day.



Touch Footy

On Friday the 16th of September a group of dedicated travelled to Newcastle to compete in the All Schools NSW Touch competition. Our boys consisted of committed young men with all but one Year 7 student having little Touch experience. This inexperience labelled us the underdogs at the event, however, determination and great teamwork saw our boys make it through to the semi finals. This is the first time KKHS has ever made a semi at the All schools tournament which was an outstanding result! All players deserve to be congratulated for their commitment to training and the way they represented KKHS. All the boys displayed excellence, and great characteristics of persistence, resilience, honesty and faith in each other. Well done to the team and their coach Mr Croker on an outstanding result!



All Schools Championships

Year 12 student Aiden Harvey has continued his athletic success with an outstanding result in the recent All Schools Championships with a throw of 20.04m in the 18 Years Shot Put event a new RECORD for the event. Congratulations Aiden on ANOTHER record breaking championship. Kurri Kurri High are so proud of you!



Inspiring our Students - Ms Van

It's not everyday Kurri Kurri High School can welcome 4 amazing Newcastle talents. On Monday of week three, three generations of Matilda Footballer players, and the very talented Kylie Jane from The Voice, spoke to our students regarding the trials and tribulations they faced and obstacles they have had to endure to follow their individual dreams.

The three generation of Matilda footballers were Former Matilda Captain Cheryl Salisburry, current Captain Lisa DeVanna, and one of the path leading female footballers for both these two athletes, former Matilda Renaye Irserif. Cheryl and Lisa both represented Australia at two Olympics Games; Cheryl played at the Sydney 2000 games and 2004 Athens games, and Lisa 2004 Athens games and 2016 Rio games.

The students were very captivated by the current Captain Lisa De Vanna, who spoke openly and honestly about one of the hardest moments of her life during a World Cup tournament, and the angst she had during one particular game, as she was dealing with the recent passing of her father.

The very talented Kylie Jane from The Voice spoke to our students very openly, reaching out to the students discussing her personal story, how she had to support herself through the last 2 years of her school years and her journey to follow her passion for music. She discussed her resilience, when things became overwhelming, the outside social pressures and expectations she faced and measures taken to work through them. To cap it off, the students where treated to a mini performance, with Kylie performing six songs, and being treated to her new release single, MINE.



Important Dates

9 November 2016	Year 7 Gala Day Netball & Cricket
10 November 2016	Year 6 Transition - Digital Day
10 November 2016	Year 6 Parent Information Sessions 3.15pm or 6pm
10 & 11 November 2016	Year 8 VALID Assessment
11 November 2016	Remembrance Day Assembly
17 November 2016	Bazza's Drop the Beat
18 November 2016	Year 7 Football Gala Day
22 November 2016	P&C Meeting & Social
23 & 24 November 2016	Peer Support Training
25 November 2016	STARS Gold Excursion
25 November 2016	Year 6 ATSI Transition Day
29, 30 Nov & 1 Dec 2016	Year 10 Authentic Assessment
30 November 2016	Aladdin Capitol Theatre
1 December 2016	MADD Night
5 December 2016	End of Stage Assembly - Merit Awards
6 December 2016	Year 6 Transition - Project Day
6 December 2016	Year 6 Transition Parent Information Session
8 December 2016	Year 10 Citizenship Celebration
13 December 2016	Annual Awards Night