It is hard to believe that we have only just returned from our break – Im exhausted just writing down the numerous events that are coming up in the next two weeks, let alone what is on the horizon for the rest of the term. We certainly are a busy school for our size!

On Wednesday night I had the huge pleasure to be able to watch our dance group perform at the Hawkesbury Dance Festival! WOW! They were amazing! Mrs Burgess (and her mum Lesley) have put so much effort into making sure the costumes and dance moves were ‘just right’ on the night – and they certainly were! Mrs Robinson also gave up her time last night to help supervise our dancers before and after their performance. Thank you to Mrs Burgess and Mrs Robinson for everything you do for the students at Kurrajong North – you certainly go above and beyond!
School Leaders 2016

Campaigning for our 2016 school leader positions is underway. There are vacant positions for school captain and vice-captain as well as election of our two House captains. There are some very colourful election posters around our school and I’m sure it will be difficult for students to make their selections. Voting will take place in Week 5. Successful candidates will be announced at our annual presentation evening in December.

High School 2017

No, you haven’t misread the date- it really does say 2017! If your child is in Year 5 this year, it is time to start thinking about high school. Applications for selective high schools in 2017 are now open. You will need to apply before 10.00 pm on 16 November 2015. Applications can only be made online through the website. Students in Year 5 will receive an information booklet with today’s newsletter.

Important information:

- Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

iPads in the Classroom

This week the students in classes K and 1/2 were very excited to get their hands on our school’s first set of class iPads. The iPads will be initially used only in these grades. They are a learning tool to assist teachers with current programs in classes.
Christmas Hampers

We have joined with the Hawkesbury Community Services and various other not-for-profit organisations within the Hawkesbury to put together an annual Christmas Hamper for a family in need. Notes have already been sent home regarding this and the items needed for the hampers.

2015 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Students are very excited about this great opportunity. Notes for this camp have already gone home. Please ensure you read these notes carefully and return any necessary document to Mrs Hanly as soon as possible. Of course attendance at this camp is dependent on good behaviour.

Mathletics Weeks 1 & 2

We certainly had some new faces in the Mathletics winner’s circle this week which was wonderful to see. It was Leila in Year 4 who received top honours with her score of 3300 – well done Leila!

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Dance2bFit

Dance2bFit is well underway this term and the students are really enjoying it. Dance2bFit are a professional group who are providing the compulsory Dance component of our Personal Development, Health and Physical Education key Learning Area.

If you haven’t yet paid for this activity or you are having difficulties paying, please contact Mrs Cobcroft as soon as possible.

UNSW Mathematics

Congratulations to the students who took part in the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competitions. Our students continue to do extremely well in these competitions and we are very proud of them.
Woolies Earn & Learn

During the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion we were able to earn 7,890 points. We were able to purchase some new equipment for the sandpit and a construction kit. I will take a photo of the ‘new gear’ as soon as it arrives to share with you.

Chess Competition

Chess has become extremely popular in our school, so much so that this week we had to hold a play off to determine the top players who would represent our school at the Championships at Bligh Park Public school on Monday October 19.

The overall school champion is Nate Brady-Parker. Congratulations Nate and good luck to your fellow players Grace and Eoin

Finally

I am really quite thankful for all of the support I get from our parent community on a daily basis. Thank you all very much!

This week Jaylend received the Principal’s Award for outstanding manners. He is an outstanding young man.

Have a wonderful fortnight KNPS

Kind regards,

Rosemary Richardson
Award Winners From Assembly Week 2

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Celebrating Student Achievements

From time to time our students do something amazing outside of school. If you or your child would like their news put into newsletter please let me know so we can include it.

Crabbet Arabian Group of Australia

On the 4th October, I went to the Crabbet Arabian Horse Show. I came first in Best Presented Palimino; 3rd in best trot; first in best coat colour and Reserve Champion overall against seven other professional handlers. This was a huge achievement at my first show with Tathren Stud. I showed a 3 year old Palamino Filly.

I had the best time of my life! –

Courtney – Year 4
KURRAJONG NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
BUNNINGS BBQ - MCGRATHS HILL

SUNDAY, 25\textsuperscript{TH} OCTOBER
Kurrajong North P&C are organising their second Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser at McGraths Hill.

More volunteers needed!!!

*Next P & C Meeting Monday 19\textsuperscript{th} October @7pm
What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

✅ To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

❌ Try to avoid:

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.