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Enjoy the little things.

Wednesday 1st December, 2021

Hello Friends and Families,

We have made it to Week 9; these weeks are just *flying* through.

Presentation Day - Wednesday 8th December

This year we have invited a parent per child or two parents for prize winners. As you check in and show your vaccination certificate, we will be giving you something that you will be handing to your child, so you are really part of the official party.

Year 6 Farewell - Thursday 9th December

The Year 6 Farewell is being held at Cessnock Leagues Club next Thursday 9th December 5:30pm to 7pm. Year 5 please arrive at 5:25pm. Miss Preston and Miss Alex will meet you in the foyer and walk you through. Year 6 are to arrive with their parents. Parents must be double vaccinated and must show this as they enter the club (this is a club requirement).

Teacher Strike - Tuesday 7th December

A note is included in this newsletter regarding the whole-day Teachers' Strike which is taking place next Tuesday, 7th December.

Student Reports - Tuesday 14th December

Student Reports will be going home on Tuesday 14th December. They will be given to the students at the end of the day.

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to each of you for your constant support throughout this year. Your dedication and commitment through COVID home-schooling was amazing; I am so grateful to each of you. Let's hope 2022 has no 'hiccups' and we can have a whole year at school.

Cat Boorer

Principal

"Vision with action can change the world"

KPS Important Dates

Santa Photos

Friday 3rd December

Presentation Day

Wednesday 8th December

Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 9th December

Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 14th December

Students Last Day for Term 4

Thursday 16th December

2022

Students Return 2022 Term 1

Tuesday 1st February 2022

OFFICE NEWS

REMINDER

Santa Photos
are on:

Friday 3rd December

Students with younger siblings
not at our school will commence
at 9.15am

HEAD LICE

We advise that we suspect that
nits/head lice are present within
the school community.

Please check your child's hair and
treat as recommended.

Seesaw

Seesaw class home
learning codes have now
been disabled.

Parents now need to
ensure they are connected
to the family app to be able
to see work that students
complete at school.

Meat Raffle Winners

Thankyou to Bellbird Butchery.

Congratulations to

Lane in Year 4



SKOOL LOOP

We will be using the Skool Loop app as a means of
communicating as well as Facebook.

Please download if you haven't already done so.

JUST A HEADS UP
DOWNLOAD THE SKOOL LOOP APP TODAY
AND NEVER MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT
INFORMATION AGAIN.

DOWNLOAD FREE TODAY!
Available on the
App Store
GET IT ON
Google Play

School News

Library

We are getting closer to the end of the year so it's time for any library books to be returned to the library for the Christmas holidays. They may be hiding under the bed or on a shelf, so you may have to have a scavenger hunt to find them. If you find any, please bring them to school and leave them in Mrs Rees's room or bring them on Library day.



LOCAL HISTORY

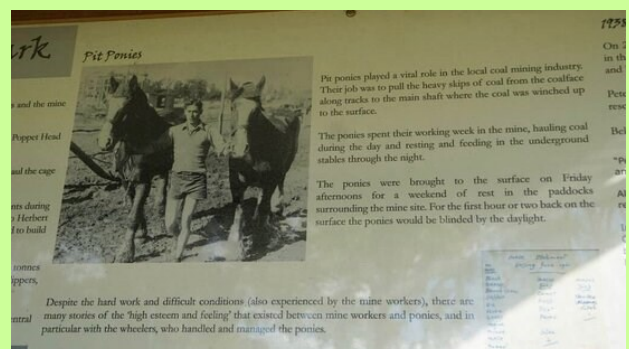
PIT PONY STATUE OFFICIAL UNVEILING CEREMONY 10am Saturday 11th December Kurri Kurri Rotary Park

Pit ponies worked in underground mines, including the Kitchener (Poppet Head) mine. The statue will honour the memory of the pit ponies that worked in the underground mines between 1861 and the 1950's. The Pit Pony Statue, which has been installed in Kurri Kurri Rotary Park, will be officially unveiled at 10am Saturday 11th December.

Fundraising began in 2015, proposed by Kurri Kurri locals Col Andrews and Tom Outram. The life-sized bronze statue of a pit horse, skip and wheeler was created by Dubbo artist Brett Garling. The 'wheeler' placed chocks (sprags) into the wheels to stop the skip from rolling downhill inside the mine shaft, removing them to go uphill. Mr Tom Outram, who worked at Richmond Main Colliery for many years, is the 'wheeler' depicted in the sculpture. Sadly, Mr Outram passed away in May this year, aged 96.

The Pit Horse Derby, which the media nicknamed "The Melbourne Cup of the North" was run at Cessnock from the 1940's. Each coalmine in the Maitland/Cessnock area nominated 4—6 horses for the annual race to become the fastest Pit Horse on the South Maitland Coalfields. The 'Derby' created tremendous interest and raised much-needed funds for the hospital and other charities. Top Sydney jockeys came to Cessnock to ride the pit horses.

Be a part of our own local history, to honour the Pit Ponies!



Community News

Uncover tales of mystery, intrigue and discovery

SUMMER READING CLUB

Explore the Summer Reading Club online and at your local library
1 Dec 2021 — 31 Jan 2022

www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au
Email: library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Coming this December – the Cessnock City Library Summer Reading Club 2021! The Summer Reading Club is open to everyone from ages 0-100, and is free to join with library membership. Registrations are open from December 1st – join, record your reading, and collect rewards along the way – lots of great prizes to be won, and there's a grand finale at the end of summer to celebrate all that wonderful reading!

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street
CESSNOCK 2325
Phone: 4993 4399



Kurri Kurri Library
253 Lang Street
KURRI KURRI 2327
Phone: 4937 1638

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Numbers strictly limited – bookings essential. Book online under "Events and Bookings" at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au or by calling Cessnock Library on 49934399 or Kurri Kurri Library on 49371638.

Santa Storytime at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre – All ages
Tuesday December 14 Cessnock Performing Arts Centre 11 - 11.45 FREE
Come along to a storytime at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre – share some Christmas stories and songs, be entertained by the fabulous Willy Doodrop, and welcome a very special visitor!

Giant Board Games at the Library – ages 6+
Monday January 10 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Monday January 17 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Not your average board game afternoon – these are giant sized!

Circus Workshop – ages 5 +
Tuesday January 11 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Wednesday January 12 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Make your own hula hoop and juggling balls - put on a performance for your family and friends!

"You Can Do It Too" Circus Show by Lynda Nairn – ages 5-12
Thursday January 13 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 \$5.00
Thursday January 13 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 \$5.00

Follow the adventures of Madeline, an ordinary person who discovers she has a talent for juggling - a show about the inner potential in all of us!

Sensory Storytime – ages 0-6
Tuesday January 18 Cessnock Library 10.00 & 12.00 FREE
Wednesday January 19 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 & 12.00 FREE
A special storytime for children living with a disability or developmental delay, their siblings and their carers – come and enjoy the library's new collection of sensory play aids.

Milk Bottle Crazy Creatures – ages 8+
Thursday January 20 Cessnock Library 1.30 – 4.00 FREE
Thursday January 20 Kurri Kurri Library 9.30 – 12.00 FREE
Using milk bottles, create crazy faces, ears, eyes, noses and more. Bring your own 3 or 2 litre milk bottle – everything else supplied!

Upcycled T-Shirt Fun – ages 6+
Friday January 21 Cessnock Library 1.30 – 3.30 FREE
Friday January 21 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 12.00 FREE
Learn to make bags, dog tug toys and friendship bands, all from old t-shirts! No sewing required, these are very simple projects with very basic equipment required. All materials and equipment provided.

Seed Paper Hearts – ages 5+
Monday January 24 Cessnock Library 12.00 – 1.00 FREE
Monday January 24 Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 – 4.00 FREE
Make these beautiful little flower seed hearts from recycled paper - give as a gift or to plant in your own garden.

Harry Potter Trivia – ages 10+
Tuesday January 25 Cessnock Library 12.00 – 1.00 FREE
Tuesday January 25 Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 – 4.00 FREE
Dress up as your favourite Hogwarts character and test your knowledge against other Harry Potter experts!

Crystals for Teens – ages 12+
Thursday January 27 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE
Thursday January 27 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 FREE
Explore the many wonderful properties of crystals with Belinda from the Shakti Wellness Centre

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

SIGN UP TODAY

Contact
Matt 0478 285 757
Paige 0478 285 758

[Play Cricket](#)

- +Fun for all ages and abilities
- +Learn ball skills and stay active
- +All girls groups where possible
- +Coached by our trained Cricket NSW staff

Sydney Sixers Holiday Programs - Greater Hunter



Who: Boys and girls welcome

Ages: Recommended ages 5-11

Inclusions: 6 hrs of fun + blast participant pack

Cost: \$69



CRICKET NSW

Programs running across the Greater Hunter:

Newcastle
Date: Monday 20th + Tuesday 21st December
Time: 9am - 12pm each morning
Location: Ford Oval, New Lambton
Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/b37fa5>

Central Coast
Date: Thursday 13th + Friday 14th January
Time: 9am - 12pm each morning
Location: Adcock Park, Gosford
Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/6f9ec7>

Lake Macquarie
Date: Wednesday 19th + Thursday 20th January
Time: 3pm-6pm each afternoon
Location: Feignhan Oval, Warners Bay
Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8cc83c>

Singleton
Date: Monday 24th + Tuesday 25th January
Time: 9am - 12pm each morning
Location: Cook Park, Singleton
Register:
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5343b4>