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Term 2 Week 2

7th April – 9th May, 2025

Principal's message

Welcome to Term 2 at Kurmond! I hope everyone has had a chance to spend time with family and relax during the school holidays. It has been lovely to see all our students' happy faces and to hear all their holiday stories. If you have visited the school office since the start of the term, you would have noticed that we have freshly painted interior walls, and the exterior has been prepared for painting. Shortly, we will also have the interior of the school hall painted. Thank you to our staff for their work during the staff development days, where they prepared thoroughly for our students' return. Their efforts have ensured that the start of the term has been smooth and settled for everyone. As we continue our journey, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible dedication of our teachers who go above and beyond every day for our students. Their commitment to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment is evident in everything they do. Our teachers are always here to listen and help, ensuring that each student feels valued and understood.



We encourage parents and caregivers to support our efforts by understanding that while our teachers are more than happy to answer questions, they are busy teaching during class time and may be occupied with playground supervision or leading extracurricular activities such as chess, dance groups, and the Student Representative Council during lunch and recess breaks.



DATES TO NOTE

| April | |
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| 7 th - 11 th | 3-way parent- student-teacher meetings |
| Wed 9 th | Cross Country Carnival |
| Thurs 10 th | K-2 Easter hat parade & raffle draw |
| Fri 11 th | Last day of Term 1 |
| 28 th & 29 th | Staff development days |
| Wed 30 th | First day of Term 2 for students CPR Help |

| May | |
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| Thurs 1 st | CPR Help |
| Fri 2 nd | OC & Selective HS tests |
| Sat 3 rd | Federal election day |
| Tues 6 th | Debating Workshop |
| Thurs 8 th | P&C Mothers Day Stall |
| 9 th - 11 th | Hawkesbury Show |
| Thurs 15 th | PSSA Soccer knockout vs Regentville |
| Mon 19 th | Gotcha4Life student assembly |
| Tues 20 th | Kurmond Connect – Soundwaves May P&C meeting |
| Thurs 22 nd | AECG awards - Western Sydney University |
| Fri 23 rd | Zone Cross Country |

| June | |
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| Tues 10 th | School photos |
| Fri 20 th | Stage 1 Futsal gala day |
| Fri 27 th | Stage 2 & 3 Oz Tag gala day |

| July | |
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| Tues 1 st | Athletics Carnival |
| Fri 4 th | Last day of Term 2 |
| 21 st - 22 nd | Staff development day |
| Wed 23 rd | 1 st day of Term 3 for all students |

Note: These dates may be subject to change. Don't rely on previous newsletters for correct dates. Always check latest newsletter or note on website for most up to date information.

Teachers will do their best to respond to any questions in a timely manner but please be mindful that while they are on class teaching, they cannot meet with parents or take calls. Similarly, before school is when teachers are busy preparing for the day ahead. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please contact them through Class Dojo to make an appointment or contact the office to pass a message on to them, that way a mutually suitable time can be arranged.

Student learning at Kurmond ...

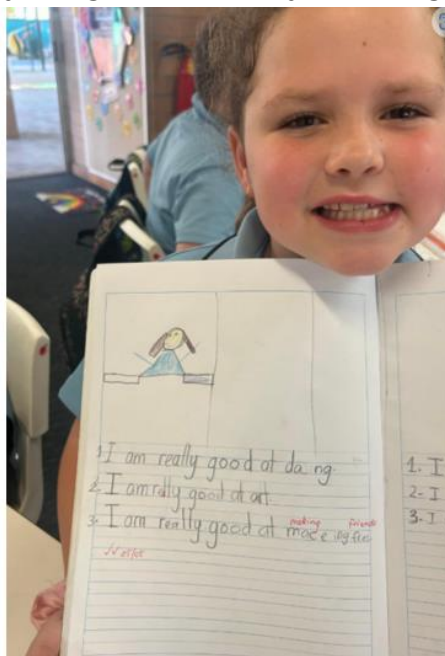
K/1 Rockets

The Rockets have settled right back into learning this term. This week they have been impressing Ms Foster with their super reading and writing skills. They showed off their mathematics skills when I visited their class earlier this week with speedy and accurate mathematics warmups and squeezed in some games with Ty as a catch-up session from a washed-out week last term. Way to go, Rockets!



1/2 Light Years

The 1/2 Light Years have had a settled start to Term 2. Reading groups are off and running, mathematics warmups are quick and accurate, and their motivation is marvellous. This week they started their mental fitness journey through the Gotcha4Life program. They reflected and wrote about all the things they are good at. Lovely work, Light Years!



1/5 Meteors

The marvellous Meteors welcomed Finn back this week and heard all about his camping trip. They have started to cook foods from around the world and this week they made yummy damper. The Meteors were careful listeners during the CPR Help course last week and really enjoyed their last session with Ty this week as a surprise make up session. They also managed to squeeze in some dancing with Mrs Holt. Welcome back, Meteors!



3/4 Galaxies

The Galaxies class has been hard at work with their learning routines. This week, they had a very active maths lesson utilising the outdoors. Students had to collect bean bags which had different fraction values and then add them. The Galaxies had lots of fun combining mathematics and movement. Well done, Galaxies!



4/5 Shooting Stars

The 4/5 Shooting Stars have had a busy start to the term. They have continued their mathematics warmups each day and have used lots of energy with their last session with Ty playing various games and also building on their soccer skills with the Western Sydney Wanderers on Thursdays. Super work, Shooting Stars!



Staff learning

Last week, during the staff development days, we spent time working on the Department of Education's High Potential and Gifted Education suite of professional learning sessions.

We explored the following four areas:

- Finding high potential in the creative, intellectual, physical, creative and social and emotional domains.

This professional learning is in line with our School Excellence Plan. If you would like to view our 2023 - 2026 School Excellence Plan, it can be accessed on our website [2023-2026 Kurmond Public School SIP](#).

Our 2024 Annual School Report was completed at the end of last term and can also be accessed on our website [2024 Kurmond Public School Annual Report](#).

April Kurmond Connect – Parent, student, teacher goals meetings

We appreciate your participation in the three-way conferences during the last week of Term 1, where parents, students, and teachers came together. This year, we achieved a record number of meetings, both in person and by phone. By collaborating closely with parents and carers, we enhance the success of our students. Thank you for your support!





Kurmond students are attendance champions

Congratulations to our Week 2 attendance champions. In first place K/1Rockets with 92.73%, Comets in 2nd place with 90.8% and in 3rd place with 88.57% the Meteors. Unfortunately, with the start of the term, there has been an increase in student absences, primarily due to families taking holidays. I kindly encourage our parent community to carefully consider travel plans during school terms. Attendance is crucial for students, as absences can lead to missed academic and social learning experiences that are vital for their development.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | they miss weeks per year | and years over their school life |
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| 1 day per fortnight  | = 4 weeks | = Over 1 year missed |
| 1 day per week  | = 8 weeks | = Over 2.5 years missed |

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ANZAC Day

Our leaders proudly represented our school community at the Richmond RSL ANZAC march and the ANZAC Day Dawn Ceremony. This year marks the 110th year, since Australian and New Zealand soldiers first landed at Gallipoli in Turkey, during World War I. Since then, more than 100,000 Australians have died in wars for our country and the world. Each year on ANZAC Day, we honour their sacrifices. As a school, we commemorated ANZAC Day at our Week 11 assembly hosted by the SRC and as a school community we were represented by our school leaders at these community events. Thank you to our leaders' parents and to Ms Foster for supporting our students to attend these events.



CPR Help

Our students took part in the extremely important CPR Help program last week. They learnt what to do if there is an emergency and how to provide assistance if there is a casualty, whilst remaining calm and keeping themselves safe at the same time. We are appreciative of the school's P&C who subsidise the program each year so that all our students can attend.



Debate workshop

Mrs O'Connor accompanied Jasper, Holly, PJ and Eloise to a debating workshop today. The students did a remarkable job at representing Kurmond Public School by actively participating throughout the day and ultimately refining their debating skills whilst unpacking the three m's-matter, manner and method. The students are looking forward to sharing everything they learnt with Jacob once he returns.



Synergy Dance Festival 2025

I am thrilled to announce that the 2025 Dance Group has successfully auditioned for the Synergy Dance Festival, taking place next month. They will showcase their talents at the Evan Theatre in Penrith on Tuesday, June 17th, at 5:30 PM. Please save the date if your child is part of this year's dance group.

Additionally, congratulations to Lucien and Willow B for their success as members of the inaugural 2025 Hawkesbury Dance Troupe, who have also secured a spot in the Synergy Dance Festival. They will be performing on the same evening as our dance group at the Evan Theatre.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of all our talented dancers!



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Liam C from the K/1Rockets who was named as May Aussie of the Month. Liam is a kind, caring and courteous member of our school who demonstrates outstanding effort in his learning and is a collaborative Kurmond student displaying fair play and cooperation with his peers and teachers. Liam is an extremely worthy recipient of the Aussie of the Month Award!



P&C Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to Mrs Martin for organising this year's Mothers Day Stall for our students. There were lots of thoughtful gifts for children to purchase. Thank you to all helpers on the day Kylie, Elaine and Leah for giving up your time to be at school and making this possible for our community.



Good luck to our Kurmond G.O.A.T.S

Our students worked very hard to create amazing GOATS for the Hawkesbury Show this year. We love them and we hope you do too! Be sure to check them out when you visit the show this coming weekend. Thank you to our teachers, students and to our amazing Mrs Morgan for supporting our students with their ideas. Thank you to Mrs O'Connor for organising the students' art entries and the Goats entries for our school.



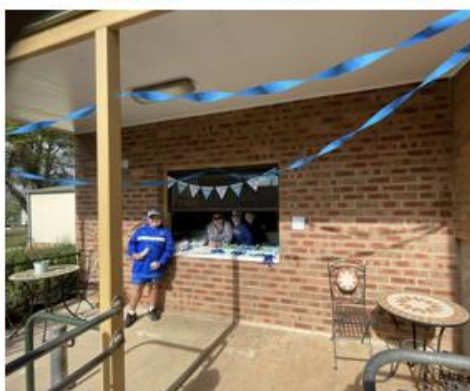
Good luck to our Guitar Group and Dance Groups

Our guitar group has submitted their audition for the 2025 Hawkesbury Performing Arts Festival this week. This is the largest guitar group we have ever had at Kurmond. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Rowan have been working very hard giving up their lunchtimes to provide this opportunity for our students. Similarly, the Boys Dance Group and the Kurmond Dance Group will also be trying out for this festival which will be held in Week 2 of Term 3.



Do It For Dolly Day at Kurmond

Thank you to Amber for organising 'Do It For Dolly Day' through the canteen today for our school. We had a wonderful sea of blue with our mufti, and the food served through the canteen was a hit. In our classes, we took the time to discuss the significance of this day, focusing on the importance of being kind and using our words to uplift others rather than hurt them. It was a valuable lesson for everyone, reminding us that our words can have a powerful impact. We truly appreciate our community's support of this very important cause, and your efforts have made a meaningful difference in promoting kindness and compassion among us all.



PALS (Parents as literacy supporters)

PALS will start again in the library next week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you can pop in and help before school, we would love to see you. PALS starts at 8.50 and concludes by 9.10am.

May Kurmond Connect – Sound Waves Spelling and Phonics

We are looking forward to sharing how we teach spelling and phonics through the Sound Waves program at Kurmond. Please join us for this presentation on Tuesday 20th May at 6.30pm in the school library.

P&C – Save the date

The May meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 20th May at 7pm in the school library.

School reports news

From Term 2, we are introducing updated school reports. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand. Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with NSW Department of Education policy. The general comment for Kindergarten also covers all other key learning areas including, creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology. A new [**achievement scale and descriptions**](#) are included to provide a clearer picture of your child's progress. Parent-teacher-student interviews will remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail and we hope you take these opportunities with your child's teacher.

We will share what the new reports will look like at the May P&C meeting and welcome your feedback or questions about the new report format.

School hours at Kurmond

Our school hours at Kurmond are 9.10am – 3.10pm. Formal supervision at school starts from 8.40am. Prior to this time there is no teacher on duty to supervise children and therefore children should not be dropped off at school. If you require care before or after school hours, please contact Inspire, our Out of School Hours provider on 1300 665 275.

Sporting News ...

We have been successful at securing another Sporting Schools Grant for our school for this term. It will enable us to have qualified coaches come to our school and teach our students skills to play touch football. The program will be delivered each Monday starting Week 4 until the end of the term.

Cross Country Carnival (Week 11 Term 1)

We had an amazing day last term at our annual Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all students for your determination and endurance. Thank you to Ms Leishman for organising the day perfectly along with Mrs Wilkins and Mrs White. Good luck to our students who have qualified to attend the Hawkesbury Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday 23rd May. For all photos of the day, please visit our website: [**Cross Country Carnival - Kurmond Public School**](#)



Last session with Ty

This week, Ty from Ty's Fit Friends returned for a catch-up session for our students from last term's program. It was a fun filled session with even some 'tug of war' thrown in. Thank you, Ty!



Western Sydney Wanderers coaching

We have been fortunate to secure the Community Development Officers at Western Sydney Wanderers to come to Kurmond each Thursday morning to coach our students with some fabulous soccer skills. For the first three weeks of term, the 5/6 Coments and 4/5 Shooting Stars will receive the coaching sessions and then other classes will follow.



Canteen News...

Thank you to Leah, Adeline, Maree and Amber for volunteering in the canteen in the past fortnight. We are extremely grateful for your support of our school.

The Term 2 roster is attached at the end of the newsletter. If you can help, please contact Rachel Bennett 0425 101 475 or the school office 4573 1648. When the canteen is open, parents will be able to order using the following link: <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/kurmondps>.



School uniforms

All uniform orders are to be placed **online** through My School Connect. Please follow the link – [uniform orders](#). Orders will be filled by one of our P&C members, on Mondays and Wednesdays. Orders will be sent home with your child on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure uniform items are clearly labelled with names so we can return any found items promptly.

Parenting ideas article

At Kurmond, we have a subscription with Happy Families. They have free webinars for parents and school staff and a fabulous library of articles with parenting tips.

The link to access these is as follows: <https://schools.happyfamilies.com.au/login/kps>

The password is: happykps

This week, I have attached a podcast titled 'But Everyone Else Is Doing It'. It is all about how we can address when children say to us but "Everyone else can do it, why can't I?" It talks about children having a sense of fairness about what other children are allowed to do but they can't. I hope you enjoy it. https://happyfamilies.com.au/podcast/episode/921-but-everyone-else-is-doing-it?ts_post_id=79104&ts_track_num=1

Kind regards.

Mrs Patricia Beggs

Principal Kurmond Public School

Success through Endeavour



May Birthday Celebrations

Aurelia D

Mica E

Avery C

Juno O

Ivy-Lee S

Liam C

Aria Q

Willow V

Zara M



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Canteen Roster – Term 2 2025

Please add your name to the roster

Contact Rachel Bennett 0425 101 475

or School Office – 4573 1648 or kurmond-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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| Wednesday | 30 April | 7 May | 14 May | 21 May | 28 May | 4 June | 11 June | 18 June | 25 June | 2 July |
| | Leah M | Leah M | Louise F | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! |
| Friday | 2 May | 9 May | 16 May | 23 May | 30 May | 6 June | 13 June | 20 June | 27 June | 4 July |
| | Adeline | Amber R | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! | HELP! HELP! |

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS! 😊



Enrolment process for Yr 7 AgSTEM Specialty Class 2026

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Please email the College for an Enrolment Package. Enrolments for round 1 offers close 30/7/25.

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Mentally Fit Primary Schools



Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 of Mentally Fit Primary Schools 2025! We're excited to continue supporting your school's Mental Fitness journey with fresh insights, tools, and resources.

Here's what's happening this term:

Webinar: Family Wellbeing with Maggie Dent

You are invited to our free webinar on **Tuesday, 17 June at 7pm**, featuring Maggie Dent, a celebrated teacher, parenting educator, author, and public speaker. This webinar will explore how to better manage expectations, understand and connect with your kids and lean on your village for support.

[Book your spot](#)



Practical Strategies for Parents

In case you missed it: clinical psychologist Dr. Jodie Lowinger sat down with our CEO, Belinda Elworthy, to unpack simple yet powerful ways parents can support children's mental fitness and better manage anxiety. It's packed with takeaways you can start using right away.

[Read more here](#)

A New Way to Build Your Own Mental Fitness

The Gotcha4Life Mental Fitness Gym is now a free mobile app - designed for parents, carers, and school staff to build everyday mental fitness. Explore 100+ guided exercises, personalised tools, and workouts that help strengthen your wellbeing and relationships.

[Download here](#)



Term 1 Spotlight

At Herons Creek, Moorland, and Hannam Vale Public Schools, students, staff, and families came together to build a mentally fit school community. A standout moment was the Student Voice Project - where students took the lead in promoting mental fitness among their peers.

Let's build our mental fitness together

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Assembly Merit Awards

Effort, Safety, Responsibility, Courtesy and Achievement

Term 2 Weeks 1 & 2

White Class Merit Awards – Week 2

| Class | Name | Reason |
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| 1/5 Meteors | Jayden W | Responsibility: Achieving a smooth transition into Science, Geography and Sport with the 5/6 Comets. |
| K/1 Rockets | Kobi M | Achievement: Using his sounds to read and write words. |
| | Cooper F | Effort: Trying his best to not give up when faced with a challenge. |
| 1/2 Lights Years | Braxton B | Effort: Trying hard to be a responsible learner. |
| | Ashton V | Achievement: Outstanding effort in all learning areas. |
| 3/4 Galaxies | Marley M | Achievement: Outstanding results in her Sound Waves assessment. |
| | Ariana F | Achievement: Achievement in mathematics lessons when learning about fractions. |
| 4/5 Shooting Stars | Sophia O | Effort: Consistent effort in all sporting activities. |
| | Olivia B | Responsibility: Uses her time wisely to complete tasks to a high standard. |
| 5/6 Comets | Zara M | Responsibility: Demonstrating responsibility in all aspects of school life. |
| | Peter C | Courtesy: Always showing kindness and courtesy to both classmates and teachers. |

Learner Quality Awards Week 11 and Week 1

| Class | Name | Reason |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| 1/5 Meteors | Harrison T | Determination: Showing determination to complete writing tasks independently. |
| | Aria Q | Resilience: Showing resilience in sport and class activities. |
| K/1 Rockets | Ruairi O | Motivation: Always enthusiastic to be an independent learner during literacy groups. |
| | Lane B | Motivation: Starting the term with enthusiasm and motivation to do his best. |
| 1/2 Light Years | Nathaniel S | Curiosity: Demonstrating curiosity in Science experiments. |
| | Noah B | Motivation: Beginning the term with motivation and an eagerness to learn. |
| 3/4 Galaxies | Hayden C | Resilience: For being a resilient and determined learner in all areas. |
| | Minty R | Determination: Demonstrating determination during all class activities. |
| 4/5 Shooting Stars | Hudson O | Collaborative: For being a collaborative learner and helping others at school. |
| | Jack R | Determination: Embracing challenges and consistently seeking to improve. |
| 5/6 Comets | Bryce R | Determination: Showing determination to improve and consistently completing tasks on time. |
| | Sienna K | Motivation: Starting the term off motivated and with a positive attitude towards learning. |



Completed Premier's Reading Challenge

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| Weeks 1 and 2 | Lewis B, Chanelle V, Olivia B, Jack R, William R, Eloise M |
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Merits for Term 1 Week 11 and Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2

| Week 1&2 | 1/5 Meteors | K/1 Rockets | 1/2 Light Years | 3/4 Galaxies | 4/5 Shooting Stars | 5/6 Comets |
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| 50 Merits | | Leo B Cooper F | Eli B Zayne | Finnan O Imogen M Lily M Marley M | | |
| 100 Merits | Bradley L | Willow C Lacey B Ruby M | Syla B | | | Brooklyn B |
| 150 Merits | Harrison T Aria Q Halle L | | Amber C | | Hailey W | Peter C Mackenzie S |
| 200 Merits | | | | Aurelia D | Charlotte L | Jasper S |
| 250 Merits | | | | Malakye G | | Zara M Sienna K |
| 300 Merits | | Cormac S | | | Samara M Avery C | Sarayah T |