We have been writing some expositions – here are a couple for you to read.

**People Should Not Smoke**
Smoking is something that some people choose to do. Here are some reasons why people shouldn’t smoke.
Firstly, smoking can give you cancer.
Secondly, smoking can damage your heart. Finally, adults who smoke around children can be a bad influence because then the children think it is good to smoke.

We firmly believe that children should not smoke because smoking can give you cancer, it can damage your heart and adults who smoke are a bad influence to children.

Luke, Charlotte, JHA, Noah and Brianna

Children should wear uniforms to school. A uniform is clothing worn by children to make them look the same. At our school children wear a school uniform. Here are some reasons why children should wear uniforms to school.

Firstly, school uniforms are good for sun protection.

Secondly, it lets people know which school children go to if they are not at school. This can be helpful if you become lost or if someone sees you out of school when it is school time.

Finally, if children have a uniform they don’t have to wear their good clothes to school and get them dirty and wrecked.

We firmly believe that children should wear uniforms to school, because they are good for sun protection, it lets people know what school they go to and it is easier for the Mums because children wear the same thing every day.

Bella, Kyle, Hayden and Riley

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

We have several students with allergies whose reactions range from mild to anaphylactic. We ask that families are mindful when packing food for students. Some reactions can occur from being near products such as peanut butter or egg.

ASTHMA ACTION PLANS

We are updating our Student Asthma Action Plans for this year. A 2013 plan, printed on yellow paper, will be sent home to students who are currently identified as students with asthma. Please complete and return these plans as soon as possible.

If you did not receive a plan and need one, please ask at the office.

PLEASE HELP—READING PROGRAM

Parents/Grandparents are in great need to assist some of our students in a reading program. If you could spare half an hour to an hour on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9am onwards it would be greatly appreciated.

You would be listening to children read from a given text.

Please leave your name and contact details at the office, with your child’s class teacher or Mrs Hunter.

The program would begin in the second week of Term 2.

Thank you for your assistance.

READING BUG AWARDS

Chelsea, Charlotte J, Flynn, Cooper, Todd, Ella D & Zoe

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KC Awards
Jack D, Jett, Jack H & Emmelie

K/1R Awards
Kayla, Byron & Aiden

1/2L Awards
Taliqua, Van, Madison & Zac

2/3CH Awards
Jayden G, Jordan M, Flynn & Callum

3/4M Awards
Kailey, Kevin, Paul & Braedan

5/6T Awards
Jake, Alana & Xac

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013

WIN A $4000 HOLIDAY - to a destination of your choice!

Please remember to return envelopes to school by Stewart House Day on 10 May 2013.
Easter Harmony
Eggstravaganza and
Grandparent Day

Thursday 28th March 2013

9:05 – 9.30  Book fair to operate all day. Classroom Visits and portrait viewing.

9.30-11.05  Easter Hat Parade
(Hats to be made at home)

11.00 – 11.30  Recess & ice block sales

11.30-12.30  Harmony Day games

12.30-1.30  Family Lunch BYO picnic and iceblocks for sale

1.30 -3.05  Book fair

Things for parents and grandparents to bring:
BYO picnic
Chair
Hat and Sunscreen

Grandparents are invited to come along and celebrate their special day with the children. All classrooms and the Library will be open for a visit from 9.05 – 9.30 am for grandparents and parents to view artwork and class displays that the children have made especially for them.

The Easter Hat Parade will follow where we will gather in the playground as children celebrate Easter with a parade. The children will be sitting in the middle with parents and grandparents seated around the outside of the parade route.

Iceblocks and cakes will be available for sale at each break.

Students, parents and grandparents are encouraged to wear orange as we join together to celebrate Harmony Day.

Everyone is invited to join in the dancing and Harmony Day games with the students. The students love playing and dancing with their grandparents and parents.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

BOOK FAIR
Our Library will be having a book fair this Thursday from 9am to 3pm. Quality books from well-known authors are available for families to buy and keep or buy and donate to our Library. The books range from $7 to $30.

P & C Information

MEETING
The next meeting will be Thursday 11th April at 9:10am.

GUESSING COMPETITION & CAKE STALL
Please remember to return ALL tickets and money to the office by Thursday. (even if you haven't sold any).

Tickets will also be on sale at the school office and on the Eggstravaganza Day.

Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. Great Easter Prizes to be won!

DISCO
The P&C are organising an event for the children, as a fundraiser.

For all K-6 children who attend Gillieston Public School

Venue: Our school hall.
Date: Thursday 11th April.
Time: 6-8pm.
Cost: $5 (will include entry, an iceblock, pack of chips and glowsticks).

Tickets for sale at office, or please send money in sealed envelope (ticket will be sent home with child).

NOTE:
*We are asking parents to drop off and pick-up on the night. There will be strict supervision all evening. (Please bring your child/ren directly to the hall entrance.)

*If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Belinda-0499517708 or Andrea-0409317028.
School Uniforms

Winter uniforms may now be ordered from the office. Orders need to be placed and paid for by Friday 5 April. This will be the only opportunity to order. Uniforms should be available for collection before the end of term.

The prices are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Sizes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fleecy Zip Jacket</td>
<td>$16.00</td>
<td>3—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V Neck Jumper</td>
<td>$14.00</td>
<td>4—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crew Neck Jumper</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
<td>3—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Track Pants</td>
<td>$14.00</td>
<td>4—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dbl Knee Track Pants</td>
<td>$17.00</td>
<td>4—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ponte Pants</td>
<td>$18.00</td>
<td>4—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flying Jacket</td>
<td>$26.00</td>
<td>4—16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dry &amp; Cosy</td>
<td>$28.00</td>
<td>3—16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For parents and carers in the Kurri Kurri local area.

Is your child on a waitlist to see a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist or Paediatrician? Do you have some concerns about your child's overall development?

Do you have ideas about what should be available in our community to ensure the health and well being of all our children in Kurri?

Then please join us on:

Tuesday 9th April 2013.

From 9.30—11am

At Kurri Kurri Library, Allworth St, Kurri Kurri.

To brainstorm and discuss how families and services can work together to gain timely access to health, education and social networks for young children and their families in our community.

For further information contact: Janelle Gallagher on 49372110 or kurripreschool@bigpond.com

RSVP to Hunter Prelude on 49374549 or email rani.d@hunterprelude.org.au

Before Thursday 4th April 2013.

Embellish your child's overall development with fun and indulgence.

2 hours of fun & indulgence.

School holds 9.30 – 4pm

Sat 8 Sun 9.30 – 5pm

Tues – Fri 9.30 – 2pm

Play 4 Kids

(Kids behind Eagles Plumbing)

Highway Roadfront

3/321 New England

Ph: 4932 9862

Pamper Parties $29 per diva for kids.

Hosted kids parties

Play4Kids.com.au

Is your child on a waitlist to see a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist or Paediatrician? Do you have some concerns about your child's overall development?
Maitland City Library April Holiday Fun

Investigate your world

RoboCup heroes - meet the Newbots
Join Newcastle University Robotics for an explanation of RoboCup and demonstration of their amazing soccer playing robots!
Date and time TBA
Maitland Library
8-14yrs $5

Microcosmic!
Bug and spider stories, games and activities.
Wednesday 17 April
Rutherford Library
11am – 12 pm
5-8yrs Free

Super Microcosmic!
Discover rare insects and arachnids through a scavenger hunt and make your own magnifying glass to spot insects at home.
Thursday 18 April
Rutherford Library
2 – 3 pm
9-12yrs Free

Robot World
Learn robot stories and songs and then make a cool robot from recycled material.
Friday 19 April
East Maitland Library
11am -12pm
4-7yrs Free

Create a nature journal
Channel your inner naturalist and make a journal to keep track of exciting changes in the seasons.
Friday 19 April
Thornton Library
10am - 12 pm
9-14yrs Free

Become an author – comic book style!
Create a comic online and take it home to impress your friends and family!
Saturday 20 April
Maitland Library
12 – 1pm
8 – 14 yrs Free

Ananse stories – the music and stories of Ghana
Sing, drum and chant as you learn the story of Ananse the spider from a master African storyteller.
Monday 22 April
East Maitland Library
11 am – 12 pm
5-12yrs $5

Construct a Paperbot
Make your own movable paper robot!
Tuesday 23 April
East Maitland Library
2-3pm
9-12yrs Free
Build your own bug story
Create a mini bug world and share stories about your bugs with the group
Tuesday 23 April
Thornton Library
10.30 – 11.30 am
4 – 8yrs Free

Library detectives
Unleash your inner investigator with fun games and activities in the library! Can you help the librarians with your super sleuth skills?
Wednesday 24 April
Maitland Library
11 am – 12 pm
8 – 14 yrs Free

Marvellous mummies –
Ancient Egypt discovery workshop
Piece together ancient artefacts and create a take-home cartouche with your name written in hieroglyphs on real Egyptian papyrus!
Friday 26 April
Thornton Library
11 am – 12 pm
5 -10 yrs $5
Friday 26 April
Rutherford Library
2 pm – 3 pm
5 -10 yrs $5

Booking and payment for events is essential and can be made in person at any Maitland City Library branch, or by phoning 4933 6952.
2012 Christmas Guessing Competition Sponsors

Jim’s Cleaning (Maitland)
Telephone: 0466 089 904
Call Centre ph: 131 546
E-mail: evie@jimsclensing.net.au
www.jimsclensing.net.au

Harvey World Travel
Shop 2, 5-9 Mitchell Drive
(Opposite Pizza Hut)
East Maitland NSW 2323
Tel 61 2 4931 0300
4936 6162
No lock in contracts
Personal coaching included
FREE Week Pass
www.curvesgreenhills.com.au

www.curvesgreenhills.com.au

Phone: 0417 683 477, 106 Hopetoun St, Kurri Kurri