



NEWSLETTER 41 - 2017

Thursday 21st December, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yesterday was Step Up day in preparation for 2018. Your child/ren received the building/room number and notification of their teacher for next year. As previously discussed every effort has been made to fulfill all written requests and has resulted in the majority receiving at least one request unless eg when staff were requested who are not teaching in the year level next year. All students received one or more of their identified peers while factoring all of the aspects for creating classes.

Below is a list of all staff at Kurunjang Primary School for 2018. (Please note, staff who do not have a title preceding their name will be known by their first name.)

Year Foundation:

Mel Sands/Still To Be Appointed, Mr Edison Potts, Ms Shantelle Hall, Ms Trudi Williams

Year 1/2:

Mr Brady Castellas, Ms Natalie Micallef, Ms Angella Templeton, Ms Fiona Hayden, Estelle Van Sittert, Ms Toni Havers, Mr Glen Ransome

Year 3/4:

Ms Lyndal Ryan, Ms Megan Eudey, Ms Emily Oliver, Mrs Lisa Condon, Mr Rob D'Elia, Kirstin Wilkinson

Year 5/6:

Krystyna Edwards, Ms Roisin McGettigan, Still To Be Appointed, Sharon Cody, Stephanie Gilmour, Mr Craig Price

Specialists:

Adriana Velencei (Performing Arts 3-6), Mrs Kelly Gabriel (Performing Arts F-2), Mrs Helen Craig (P.E. 1/2 and 5/6), Ms Alicia Goodes (P.E. F and 3/4) Mrs Ana Havran (Visual Art 3-6), Mrs Lidia Woolley (Visual Art F-2) Ms Christine Butcher (Library), Mrs Cathy Burton (English as an Additional Language).

Education Support Staff:

Mrs Kathleen McInnes, Mrs Mary Bailey, Rosemary Donald, Mrs Kim Hodge, Mrs Sue Leahy, Mrs Corrie Maitland, Melissa Mourkakos, Mrs Leonie Perry, Deniz Sabri, Mrs Ann Stewart, Mrs Kathy Stewart, Mrs Karen Stretton. Ms Michelle Tickner, Ms Joanne Vella

Office, Resource and Technical Support:

Mrs Susan Carpenter (Business Manager), Mrs Vee-arnie Howson (Reception/Administration), Stacey Williams (Administration Assistant/First Aid), Mrs Lynne Notman (Library), Mr David Groom and Mr John Glossop (I.C.T)

Leadership:

Jenny Robinson (Principal), Wendy McCall (Assistant Principal P-2), Tom Goddard (Assistant Principal 3-6), Kim Mitchell (Leading Teacher- Curriculum and Pedagogy), Ms Deb Munoz (Leading Teacher-Engagement and Inclusion), Mr Brady Castellas (Learning Specialist).

We are fare-welling teaching staff Mrs Melinda Price, Mrs Susan Edward, Ms Sally Otto who have completed their respective fixed term contracts, Mrs Lucy Steele who is transferring to Eltham Primary School, Ms Skye Cook who is moving to St Leonards, and Ms Nicole Mill who has resigned her position with

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the Department of Education. We thank each and every one for their individual and collective contributions to Kurunjang Primary School. They will be sorely missed, not only by the staff, but I know also by many of you who have expressed verbally or in written requests for next year, how valued you consider their teaching and programs.

As discussed previously with regard to the organization of classes for subsequent years, changes to staffing as above can occur very late in the year. Although every effort is made to finalise staffing prior to Step Up day, there is always the risk that late changes will affect the plan. This is what has occurred in the last fortnight and hence we have a fulltime 5/6 class and a part time grade share for Foundation, for whom teachers still need to be appointed. An increase in enrolments of students F-6 with additional needs has necessitated 3 advertised vacancies for Education Support staff (Integration). Through the recruitment process and interviews today, we will appoint the best applicants for the teaching and Education Support positions but these will not be known prior to the end of the day. We thank you for your understanding in this situation.

Six staff will be working part-time in 2018 and we welcome five new staff to the school – Ms Trudi Williams, Mr Brady Castellas, Ms Lyndal Ryan, Kirstin Wilkinson, and Sharon Cody, who are currently teaching in Lalor East, Tullamarine, Manor Lakes, Wyndham Park and Mossfiel Primary schools.

We farewell a number of students who are transferring to other schools in Melton, Victoria and overseas. We wish them all the best for the future. New enrolments also from Melton, Victoria and overseas are increasing our population by 2 classes, a year 3/4 and a year 5/6.

We look forward to a very productive year for all classes F-6 in 2018. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support of your children's learning and the school in 2017 and we value the continued partnership for your children's education.

Please remember that the last day of school tomorrow, has an early dismissal time of 12.30pm. Unless the weather prevents it, our end of year assembly will be held on the basketball court adjacent to the school oval commencing at 12.15pm. The children will be dismissed directly from the assembly at 12.30pm. We look forward to having as many parents who are able, to join us, in our farewell to staff and to celebrate the achievements of the year.

On behalf of all the staff at Kurunjang Primary School, I wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas holiday period, while remembering a number of our students and families who suffered enormous grief and loss during 2017.

~ Learning Together



CANTEEN REMINDER

The canteen will not be open on the last day of Term Friday 22nd December. The canteen will resume operation on the first day of Term 1 2018 – Tuesday 30th January 2018

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 22nd December

- Canteen Closed
- **LAST DAY TERM 4 ~ 12.30pm DISMISSAL**

Tuesday 30th January 2018

- First day Term 1 ~ Years 1-6
- Canteen Open As Normal

Monday 5th February

- Foundations students commence full time

Monday 26th February

- Curriculum Day ~ Students not required at school



WEARING OF SCHOOL HATS

Please note that the wearing of school hats is compulsory in Terms 1 & 4. Please make sure your child has a Kurunjang Primary School embroidered hat for Term 1 2018. School hats are only available from PSW in Deer Park.

WEDNESDAY'S MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP AT KPS

Children 0-5 years are offered the opportunity to join Playgroup with VICSEG.

PLAYGROUP AT KPS ~ FRIDAY'S 9-11AM

Children from 0-5yrs. Come along and meet new people while your child learns through play experiences.

New members welcome however, you must phone to register. For further information on any of our playgroups, please contact Kathleen McInnes on 9743 0633.

OSHCLUB NEWS

OSHClub Kurunjang BSC: 6:50am-8:50am & ASC: 3:10pm-6:30pm each day during the school term. We are operating in Room MB(E)3, the room next to the playroom.

Our program provides a healthy breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Permanent and occasional vacancies are available for Before School & After School Care.

Please feel free to come in and see our program and the fun activities our staff provide!

Program Phone: 0400 028 149

Coordinator: Brittany

Assistant: Danielle

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details in order to call parents.



LOST LIBRARY BOOKS



We still have a large number of overdue library books. Could I ask all parents and carers to help their children look for books that belong to our school over the holidays and return them to the library at the beginning of next year.

Thankyou
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



STUDENT MEDICATIONS FORMS

A reminder for all Parents and Carers to please collect all medication from sickbay tomorrow Friday 22nd December. We are unable to send any medication home with students.

Thank you ~ Stacey Williams



School success starts
with attendance

ABSENCES:

Did you know? If a child misses over 20 days every half year, this equates to 2 ½ years of learning between Foundation and Year 12.

LATE ARRIVALS:

If your child is running late for any particular reason, please take them to the office to be signed into school. A late pass will be issued to your child to be given to the teacher


Princess Events
Family Market Day
11am till 4pm
Sunday 2nd July
Sunday 3rd September
Sunday 29th October
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