



# Kurunjang Primary School

*'Learning Together'*

## Grade 2 Newsletter – Term 4 2023

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

### **Learning Together:**

We would like to welcome all of our amazing families back to school for what is going to be a really long and busy term. We are all so amazed at how fast the year is moving and cannot believe that we are now in Term 4! We hope all of our students enjoy a wonderful term and have lots of fun as we progress toward the end of the final year in the Junior School before moving up in the Middle School year levels.

### **What's New in Term 4:**

Term 4 always proves to be a very busy Term with lots of wonderful things happening and this year will not disappoint. We had our Slime/colour Fun Run in Week 2, our Grade 1/2 excursion to the Melbourne Museum, Melbourne Cup week (including two school curriculum days, and many other events leading into Christmas. Then, we begin our end of year assessments and start our countdown towards the end of year preparations. It will be busy, but it is sure to go very fast. We encourage students to continue to make good choices and follow the school values as they progress towards becoming Grade 3 students next year.

### **Important Reminders:**

#### **Hats:**

Please remember that as the weather warms up, the risk of sunburn and heat related illnesses is high. As a sun-smart school, we expect all students and teachers to wear hats when outdoors, that includes at playtimes, during PE and Sports and for any outdoor activities we hold. Please ensure your child has a hat each day and that their name is on it. We thank you for your support in keeping your children safe.

#### **Drink Bottles:**

Drink bottles filled with water are an important part of your child's day, as students are able to sip water when they get thirsty. This keeps them hydrated and prevents interruptions to their learning time.

**Fruit Snack:**

Just a reminder that students have a fruit break each morning, so please supply your child with a piece of fruit to enjoy.

**Library:**

Students should bring a library bag on their library day; library days are listed below. These bags can simply be a plastic bag from home or a previously used canvas bag. This year students can borrow up to three books per fortnight and can be changed each week if they like.

**Home Reading/ Homework:**

Thank you to all of the parents who have ensured that their children read each night and then sign the Student Reader. The beginning of a new term is always an opportunity to pick this up if it is something you or your child has struggled with. It really is so important that students practise their reading at home with you. Ask them about their reading goal and get them to show you how good they are. Students will also continue to receive a Homework Matrix every 2 weeks (as in Term 3).

**What are we learning in Term 4?**

In **Reading**, students will begin the term with summarising where they will identify important information within a text. They will move into inferring the big idea of a text, using text evidence. The remainder of the term will focus on exploring a variety of comprehension strategies including synthesising, questioning, and searching for information.

In **Writing**, students will begin the term exploring procedural texts focusing on sequencing steps. The remainder of the term will see students researching a topic of their choice and creating an information text.

In **Mathematics**, students will begin the term by collecting and representing data. They will then move into fractions and decimals. The remainder of the term will see students investigating mapping, transformation, financial maths and the four operations.

In **Inquiry**, students will investigate personal and community histories based on family life and how it has changed or remained the same over time. They will explore different family dynamics, cultures, technology use and various family activities.

In **SEL**, students will investigate fair play and teamwork. They will review what gratitude means and why it is important to thank the special people in our lives. The remainder of the term will see students exploring cooperation, emotions, and kindness.

**Specialist Timetable:**

Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Ana	Performing Arts Kitchen Garden		PE Auslan	Library Visual Arts Science	
2 Estelle	Kitchen Garden	Visual Arts	Science Performing Arts Auslan	PE	Library
2 Kirk	Kitchen Garden	Visual Arts	Performing Arts Auslan		PE Science Library
2 Kaitlin	Kitchen Garden	Performing Arts	Visual Arts Auslan	PE Library	Science

**Specialist Program:**

In **Performing Arts**, students will be learning to dance and sing many familiar and new songs. They will play percussion instruments and compose simple tunes.

In **Physical Education**, students will revise the fundamental motor skills of overarm throw and catching with the hands. They will continue to apply their skills in minor team games with a focus on following the rules, playing fairly and working cooperatively with others. Students will participate in a modified athletics unit with a focus on learning some basic techniques of running, jumping and throwing.

In **Science**, students will investigate chemical science and be investigating mixtures and their separation. Students have a new science teacher this Term, so they will be lucky enough to work with Padma again.

In **Visual Arts**, students will be working on their collage artwork focussing on the collage paper techniques of tearing, fringing, folding, flanging and scrunching. Students will also be building on their knowledge of modelling through the use of air-dry clay and will learn how to add texture to their model with patterns and drawings.

**Important Dates:**

**Term 4 dates:**

**First day of Term 4:** Monday October 2nd

**Last day of Term 4:** Tuesday December 19th

**Week 1: (Beginning October 2)**

**Expectations:** Students will complete 'Switched On' activities and revise rules and expectations.

**Week 2: (October 9)**

**Slime/ Colour-Run Spectacular Fundraiser:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Week 3: (October 16)**

Normal week.

**Week 4 (October 23)**

**Payment Due - Melbourne Museum:** Wednesday October 25th.

**Week 5: (October 30)**

**Excursion to the Melbourne Museum:** Thursday 2nd November.

**Week 6: (November 6)**

**Student Free Day:** Monday 6th November

**Melbourne Cup:** Tuesday 7th November (**Public Holiday**)

**Student Free Day:** Wednesday 8th November

**Djerriwarrh Festival Parade:** **Saturday** 11th November

**Week 7: (November 13) and Week 8: (November 20)**

Normal weeks.

**Week 9: (November 27)**

**Mini Athletics Carnival - Foundation – Year 2:** Wednesday 29th November.

**Week 10: (December 4), Week 11: (December 11)**

Normal weeks with some Christmas love!

**Week 12: (December 18)**

Students' last two days - Monday and Tuesday.

**The Grade 2 Team:**

Ana Kralj (Team Leader), Estelle van Sittert, James Kirk and Kaitlin McCall