

KURUNJANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - October 12th

(Please note: This week's newsletter is being sent on Friday instead of the usual Thursday due to the move yesterday of administration from its temporary location in main building East classroom (1/2 Castellas) back to its permanent location. This resulted in the disruption of all electrical equipment and cabling, including the photocopier, Admin Computers and printers, the PA system and phones.)

Welcome back to everyone for the last term of the school year. I hope that you were able to enjoy some valuable time with your child/ren as they re-charged their batteries for returning to school. As notified at the end of term I am currently on leave following surgery and although I am still involved from home, Wendy McCall is Acting Principal in my absence on site. As always please don't hesitate in speaking to Wendy, Tom, or any member of the leadership team and teaching staff for any concerns.

Typical of Melbourne weather, the first day of term was 29 but then dropped on Tuesday to 17. Tuesday also saw the deluge of rain around dismissal time and although inconvenient in its timing, experiencing this volume of rain enabled us and Reliance Constructions to see the effectiveness of the rain garden in preventing flooding into the school building. We are very happy to announce that it proved very successful (as evidenced in the accompanying photos) with the water pooling in the retention basin and stream until being absorbed by the storm water drains.



Irrespective of the still varied temperatures during Term 4, the number of high UV days increases from now. We remind you that as a result, wearing the uniform broad brimmed hat is compulsory in term 4 and Term 1. The vast majority of students are well prepared for the forthcoming increase of heat and UV, thank you. Students who do not have a hat at school have passive play in the rotundas.

Another reminder is with regard magpie season. We currently have a resident magpie on the east boundary. Some students, parents and teachers have been swooped at times during the day when there is not a large group of people eg earlier/later in the day. There have been no swoopings as yet during recess / lunchtimes and other times when there is a large number of students in the yard/on the playground. Bri, one of our school cleaners, has unlocked the east gate in the morning, with an open umbrella and some children did the same prior to the holidays which proved effective.

Notice was given prior to the holidays and on the COMPASS newsfeed last weekend that the commenced building of the Community Hub on the east boundary reserve means that the east boundary gate is closed. Obviously this will be a benefit during the weeks of magpie season; however it does mean that direct access to and from Raglan Court is affected. There is no change to vehicle access to Raglan Court but pedestrian access to the school can be made via the north Mowbray Crescent gate and south Nimmo Crescent gate.

I look forward as I know you will to the events of Term 4 including, the Djerriwarrah Festival parade, the Foundation-2 sports, Foundation-2 concert, school fete, Foundation celebration and Year 6 graduation, to name a few. Please keep tabs on forthcoming events throughout the term through the list of dates in the newsletter so as to avoid disappointment in missing a special event.

We wish you and your child/ren a wonderful final term for 2018.

Jenny
Learning Together