



NEWSLETTER

23 - 2021

Thursday 5th August, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I want to thank the school community for their support in ensuring we are following the Government guidelines and adhering to our staggered drop offs and pickups. The children have continued to take it in their stride and shown resilience and independence as they walk themselves into class ready to start their school day.

Unfortunately as of today, Thursday 5th August the West entrance - Kurunjang Secondary College gate/Public athletics oval gate will no longer be open for entrance to our school to protect staff and students from swooping magpies. This year the Magpies are out particularly early and have been swooping all term, they are getting more aggressive each day and to maintain safety for all we have had to make this decision. We are looking to re-open when it is safe to do so, until that time the 3 entrances open for staggered starts and finishes are:

Front entrance - Mowbray Cres
East entrance - Raglan Court (Community Hub)
South entrance - Nimmo Cres

You will have received a note on Monday inviting you to book a Student Learning Conference with your child's teacher. This can be done on the COMPASS App under the 'conferences' section. It is important to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and how we can work together to meet their learning and social needs at school.

This year we will hold these in an online format due to the restrictions of COVID 19.

Families will be sent a note to take home and an email via Compass alerting you to the WebEx details for your online interview space, this will be similar to the recent learning from home class circle format. Your child's teacher will let you into the meeting from the lobby/waiting room as soon as the previous interview has been completed. If you have booked a time with a specialist teacher, you will receive a separate log on for their online meeting space. If you have not yet done so, please jump on to Compass and book a time to meet with your child's teacher. If you require a Compass log on or resetting of your password, please contact Stacey Williams in the office.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Thursday we were delighted to be able to continue with the KPS Potato Olympics on our return to onsite learning which coincided with the Tokyo Olympics. It was a fantastic way to celebrate returning to school and great to see students working together, representing a chosen country.

Well done to all students and staff who participated and joined in the fun of decorating their potato athletes, creating biographies and learning about the country their classes are representing. A wonderful time was had by all. Throughout this week, during maths lessons, students completed Olympic themed events with their potato athlete, for example, diving, potato and spoon race and shot put.

I wish to thank all the families who have already participated in the online Parent Opinion Survey, the Department of Education has extended the timeframe for this until September 3rd, if you have not yet done so it would be great to get your feedback.

Wendy
Acting Principal

~ Learning Together

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



Student of the week awards are made each week and announced in the newsletter on a Thursday. The awards are presented to the students at assembly on Friday at **2.30pm** in the Gym.

Foundation Potts ~ Fabien KB Cheshi
Foundation Lisa ~ Havana Volkanovski
Foundation Amy ~ Kpana Jibba
Foundation Ryan ~ Rydah Wells-Viola
1/2 Havers ~ Isabel Procopiou-Steet
1/2 Patton ~ Taeaolasi Vaai
1/2 Gonzalez ~ Gideon Naikovu
1/2 Chalmers ~ Cordel Nepia
1/2 Estelle ~ Charlotte Hovard
3/4 Mel ~ Chanel Pace
3/4 Marks ~ Layne Page
5 Kirstin ~ Hiannase Ikenasio
6 Ana ~ Ayden Brooke
6 D'Elia ~ Bethany Greenland

Kurunjang Primary School is committed to being a child safe organisation and embedding a child safe culture into our practices and processes to ensure all children who attend the school are safe at all times.



FORWARD PLANNING

Monday 19th July ~ Friday 3rd September

- Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey ~ On-line

Tuesday 10th August & Wednesday 11th August

- Student Learning Conferences

Thursday 12th August

- Year 3/4 Camp ~ Final Instalment Due
- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Final Instalment Due

Wednesday 25th August – Friday 27th August

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Urban Camp Parkville

Wednesday 8th September – Friday 10th September

- Year 3/4 Camp ~ PGL Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp

Friday 17th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ 3.10pm Dismissal

Monday 1st November

- Curriculum Day ~ Student Free Day
Melbourne Cup Eve

Tuesday 2nd November

- Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 17th December

- Last Day Term 4 ~ Early Dismissal 1.10pm

3|4 MEL IS TEAM ITALIA



Carnivale Masks prior to making our own unique and colourful versions. Although we couldn't join our Buddy class of 1|2 Havers,



other. Our European rivals were Team Germany (3|4 Marks) who we competed against in the Potato Olympics, where we scored a bronze in the potato and spoon race and 2nd in the shotput. We've had an amazing time working with other grades - COVID cannot stop us!!

Students in 3|4 Mel immersed themselves in Green, White and Red to represent Italy in the school's Potato Olympics. We used the opportunity created by staggered start times to make paper chains for our classroom. We also learned about Venice's



we stayed connected by hosting a Webex meeting. Each class introduced their Potato Olympian to each



YEARS 3/4 & 5/6 CAMP PAYMENTS

Final Camp payments are due on Thursday 12th August. Camp payments can be made by calling the school office on 9743 0633 and making a payment over the phone via EFTPOS.

NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL REGARDING EXTENDED ABSENCES FOR FAMILY HOLIDAYS OR EVENTS

We appreciate that families from time to time may be absent for family holidays or events. In the event that you know you will be absent please come to the office to collect a notification regarding extended absences for family holidays or events form for approval. This will enable the class and specialist teachers to be aware of the absence and for the absence to be recorded on compass



FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2022 ARE NOW OPEN

Parents who live within our school's designated neighbourhood area are invited to enrol their children for Foundation 2022 at the office. To be eligible to enrol for Foundation in 2022 your child must turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2022. You must provide proof of your child's age by presenting a birth certificate. For students who were born overseas you must present their passport and visa details. Immunisation certificates are also required and may be posted to you on request by calling 1800 653 809. As the immunisation and birth certificates may take a little time to arrive, we suggest you get organised early and phone for your certificate now.

Please contact the school office on 9743 0633 if you would like to arrange a tour of our school.

LOST LIBRARY BOOKS



We currently have a large number of overdue library books. Could I ask all Parents and Carers to help their children look at home for books that belong to our school and return them to the library ASAP.

Thank you
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



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3 Party Pies
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MESSAGE FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM- FOCUSING ON POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS



As adults, we can often feel conflicted about the “best way” to handle situations in which children aren’t acting in a desired way. Often, children’s behaviours can be triggering and we become reactive, rather than taking the time to respond. When we consistently respond in a positive way to the behaviours we want to see, children are more motivated to repeat them. Praising and rewarding children for “being good” can seem counter-intuitive, especially if they’re still leaving the room a mess, yelling at their siblings or ignoring your instructions! Here are some positive ways to re-frame the situation, so you can focus more time on CONNECTION and less time on CORRECTION.

Be the teacher:

We can incorrectly assume that children know how to perform a task or respond a certain way because “we’ve told them” or “shown them”. It can take up to 200 times to learn a new skill. Take pictures or break tasks into smaller steps to help students visualise what is expected of them. Praise all attempts!

Change your words

Our minds tend to lean towards the negative, so actively seeking out positive behaviours and choosing more positive ways to intervene, can lead to calmer conversations.

Instead of “what a mess”, try “It looks like you had fun! How can we help clean up?”. Instead of “Don’t talk like that” try “please use kind words.”

Be a behaviour detective

Negative behaviours are like an iceberg- we often only see some of the problem. We need to look under the surface to see what emotions could be triggering them. Perhaps your child is hungry, tired, lonely, angry, or sad. When you address the reason, you are in a better situation to try to address it and plan a different way to respond next time.

Separate the feelings from the actions:

Reinforce the message that feelings don’t need to lead to actions. This takes a lot of practise - and many deep breaths!! Some self-talk could be:

I can be angry without acting angry.

I can be upset without acting upset.



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.

DISCLAIMER

All advertisements placed in this newsletter and flyers sent home on behalf of sporting groups and auxiliaries are done so in good faith. It should not be assumed that Kurunjang Primary School is recommending these activities. Parents have a responsibility to make sure that activities are suitable and safe for their children.



Have you signed up to the Compass App?

In order to keep you up to date with important information Kurunjang Primary School is part of a portal system called COMPASS.

Through Compass, you will be able to update personal details such as phone numbers and be kept up to date with important dates, whole school events, excursions, book parent teacher conferences, contact teachers and more.

You will be able to view your child's school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via Compass.

If you have not yet signed up, please return the slip below for you to receive your personalised login details.

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I would like to receive my COMPASS APP details to be kept updated with my child's reports, school events, reminders and calendar items.

Name: _____

Student name/s: _____

Class: _____

Parent Communication and Concern Process

If you have a query or question about your child or the school we encourage you to seek assistance.
It is important to us that you have your concerns answered.

Listed below are the people within the school community who can assist you.



Team Leaders - Foundation: Edison Potts; Year 1/2: Toni Havers; Year 3/4: Brady Castellas; Year 5: Craig Price; Year 6: Ana Kralj
Specialists: Lidia Woolley

Leadership Team Members – Kim Mitchell: Mathematics; Deb Munoz: Engagement & Inclusion;
Margherita Lo Giudice: Literacy

Assistant Principal – Tom Goddard: Years 3-6; Wendy McCall: Foundation-2

Principal – Jenny Robinson

DET – Department of Education & Training – Regional Office

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