



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 12th August, 2021

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Yesterday came the news that the current restrictions for Victoria will be extended for another seven days, until 11.59pm next Thursday 19th August. All schools in metropolitan Melbourne will continue to provide a remote learning program for students and on-site supervision program for eligible families.

Although we are becoming increasingly familiar to lockdown and the routine of restrictions, this is the first time that Melton has had such a high profile in the media with the number of exposure sites and contacts of concern.

We are so appreciative of the repeated support of all our families who join the KPS staff and the whole community in doing all that we can to reduce the likelihood of contracting the Corona Virus or its Delta variant. In the midst of this week's media profile, it was great to see Melton being recognised for being the first drive through vaccination hub in Australia, located in the previous Bunnings building, adjacent to Melton Health.

This is my first week back at school this term, following Long Service Leave. My husband Paul and I have enjoyed a month caravanning in very sunny and at the time, non-restricted, Cairns. With the events in NSW and possibility of border closures and quarantine we made the decision early on that I would fly home rather than drive, which I did last Thursday, coinciding with the announcement of the Victorian lockdown and very luckily prior to the Cairns 3 day lockdown which ended yesterday afternoon. Paul (retired) is commencing today, the long trek home with the caravan, keeping up with the latest restrictions for the transit through NSW and the necessary quarantine when he arrives back.

I would like to thank Tom Goddard and Wendy McCall for acting as Principal in my absence, Kim Mitchell who supported them as Acting Assistant Principal and all school staff - Leadership, Teaching and Education Support staff for their continued dedication and work in managing the school including during 2 announcements of lockdowns and the subsequent disruption to onsite learning and planned units and activities.

Although delayed by 10 days - the Foundation students celebrated their 100 (+10) days of school, albeit not in the fashion which we would prefer (face to face). It was wonderful to see the efforts children and staff had made in dressing up and participating in activities involving the number 100. There has been discussion this week including with school council, about the forthcoming school camps for Years 5/6 in week 7 (we are currently in week 5) and the 3/4s in week 9. Of course, during any of the lockdowns, school camps are not permitted, however

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we are hoping that the camps will still be able to go ahead if we are out of lockdown and the guidelines allow. Fingers crossed!

Also disrupted has been our scheduled student learning conferences which we had hoped would be face to face, but which have been changed to contact by phone. Although another disruption from the norm, we thank you for your flexibility in conducting the conferences over the phone. We certainly encourage you to visit when restrictions are lifted, and we are permitted to have you on site again.

Tuesday night was the national census, conducted every 5 years to inform decisions about transport, schools, health care, infrastructure and business. We all answered questions about the people staying at our home addresses on the night of the 10th August.

Similarly, this week, we are providing information to the Department of Education regarding student enrolment and program delivery in the annual August census; the results of which determine the projected funding allocation and our planning for 2022.

Although it is not always possible to know in advance transfers from within the state and interstate; knowing the number of local enrolments/transfers, places us in a better position for being able to determine the number and classes distribution of year levels and rooms and the appointment of staff for the subsequent year. Please let anyone you know who has children they will be enrolling next year, to enquire at the office for a tour (even it is our virtual alternative if restrictions are continuing) and completion of an enrolment form. Children already at the school with younger siblings also need to be enrolled as soon as possible.

In addition to the national and school census, you all received information about the annual Parent Opinion Survey by the Department of Education. Thank you very much to the parents and carers who have already responded. We have included the link again and invite you to share your opinion about your school.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

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.



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School Name: **Kurunjang Primary School**

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: **783066**

4. When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

I remind everyone that the survey is confidential and there is no identification of individuals who have participated in the survey. Due to the current lockdowns and disruptions, the closing date of the survey has been extended to September 3rd.

Take care and stay safe,



~ 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 ~ Isaac Cornell
Foundation Amy ~ Gabriel Marevic
Foundation Ryan ~ Gurnoor Badesha
1/2 Havers ~ Noah Szydlowski
1/2 Patton ~ Sarah Redman
1/2 Gonzalez ~ Amy Ho
1/2 Jane ~ Maia Phillips
1/2 Chalmers ~ David Tran
1/2 Dovaston ~ John Felix
1/2 Estelle ~ Kuot Kuot
3/4 Blake ~ Siddak Randhawa
3/4 Mel ~ Ameir Weiu
3/4 Marks ~ Isabella Chukka
5 Layton ~ Geu Agang
5 Broadbent ~ Friday Sebit
5 Kirstin ~ Charlie Galea
6 Ana ~ Xavier Tellis
6 D'Elia ~ Jamie Hoskin



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.



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 as soon as we are back on-site.

Thank you
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician

FORWARD PLANNING

Monday 19th July ~ Friday 3rd September

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

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



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.

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.

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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