



NEWSLETTER

25 - 2021

Thursday 19th August, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Following my letter to the you yesterday regarding the further restrictions and lockdown due to COVID- 19, I thought I would share with you an image which the staff reflected on last week and discussed what memories or thoughts it evoked. It is an image by Barbara Kelley, created to accompany a poem published in the 2020 Wall St Journal by Damian Barr.



We are not in the same boat:

A poem about COVID-19

I heard that we are in the same boat.
But it's not like that.

We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat.
Your ship can be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal: a moment of reflection, of reconnection.

For others, this a desperate crisis.

For others it is facing loneliness.

For some, a peace, rest time, vacation.

Yet for others, Torture: How am I going to pay my bills?

Some were concerned about a brand of chocolate for Easter.

Others were concerned about the bread for the weekend, or if the noodles would last for a few more days.

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Some were in their "home office".

Others are looking through trash to survive

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it, some are not sure their loved ones are going to make it, and some don't even believe this is a big deal.

Some of us who are well now may end up experiencing it, and some believe they are infallible and will be blown away if or when this hits someone they know.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat.

We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

And each one will emerge, in his own way, from that storm. Some with a tan from their pool. Others with scars on the soul (for invisible reasons).

It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking. More and looking...

Seeing.

See beyond the political party, beyond religion, beyond the nose on your face.

Do not underestimate the paid of others if you do not feel it. Do not judge the good life of the other, do not condemn the bad life of the other.

Don't be a judge.

Let us not judge the one who lacks, as well as the one who exceeds.

We are different ships looking to survive.

Let everyone navigate their route with respect, empathy and responsibility.

Author – unknown

Take care and stay safe,

~ Learning Together

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.





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 ~ Ayak Yony
Foundation Lisa ~ Malahim Hassan
Foundation Ryan ~ Rudraksh Mishra
1/2 Havers ~ Tamara Rapaic
1/2 Patton ~ Elise Andrews
1/2 Gonzalez ~ Katherine Tickner
1/2 Jane ~ Layla Thomas
1/2 Chalmers ~ Anir Said
1/2 Dovaston ~ Heidi Crabtree
1/2 Estelle ~ Blake Cameron
3/4 Louise ~ Bella Harris
3/4 Mel ~ Jason Ansebury
3/4 Lisa ~ Ejay Taealli
3/4 Blake ~ Nyanayul Yony
5 Kirstin ~ Scarlett Desmond
6 Ana ~ Nancy Martinez
6 D'Elia ~ Sofia De Carvalho

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

For my celebration of learning I'm going to talk about students' successes in Kitchen Garden this year for both onsite and remote learning.

Healthy eating underpins our kitchen Garden Program and this year for the first time students have been able to use vegetables harvested from our garden. They have been part of the growing, nurturing and harvesting of corn, lettuce, silverbeet, zucchini and kale and made their own kale and zucchini chips in the kitchen.

A highlight has been watching the excitement of students finding worms, lady bugs and other spiders and insects in the garden while preparing the garden beds for planting. They will often compare sizes of worms to see who can find the biggest.

It's been amazing to see the learning that has taken place in the kitchen this year and the array of important life skills that students will now carry on into the future. It has been rewarding to see students learning how to use knives safely and to slice and dice their own fruits and vegetables as well as making their own pizza and pasta dough.

Students have learnt how to properly prepare and use their sinks for washing and drying dishes and many of them really enjoy doing this every week. They know how to be safe when working in a kitchen and to take care while preparing food and using gas stovetops and hot ovens.

In the kitchen classroom which also doubles as a restaurant, Students have been willing to try new healthy foods on a regular basis. They have also learned how to use their manners while eating together and some students have learned to use a knife and fork properly for the first time.

During remote learning it has been wonderful to see the number of students using their new life skills at home. I have received many photos of students setting tables at home washing dishes and helping to cook and prepare meals for their own families. The feedback from parents during remote learning and teacher interviews has been extremely positive with lots of comments about how much their children are enjoying the Kitchen Garden Program.



YEARS 3/4 PAYMENTS

Camp payments are now overdue. 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 ~ **PAYMENTS OVER DUE**

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 Castellias; 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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