



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 9th September, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Today is RUOK day and its particular theme for this year is Are you really OK? It was great to see so many of the children in their Webex circle time this morning who were wearing a touch or a whole lot of yellow. You may have also seen the video of Kathleen and Monique from the Wellbeing Team who shared with the children the importance of recognizing our own state of wellbeing and the wellbeing of others around us. The importance of asking the question RUOK cannot be over-estimated, nor can the care and kindness shown by others when we are not feeling OK.

Last night was the second Parent information evening for our prospective 2022 Foundation students. As was the case last year, it was again conducted virtually, via ZOOM as a result of the current restrictions for gatherings. The current Foundation teachers and the Leadership Team shared an electronic presentation about our wonderful school and year Foundation at KPS; and provided opportunity to ask questions via the ZOOM chat feature and verbally.

Please know that if you are residing in the designated neighbourhood area for Kurunjang your child is assured a place at Kurunjang PS. Knowing as soon as we can however, allows us to plan the required staffing and room allocations, so if you know any families who reside in our schools designated area and will be enrolling in school for the first time please ask them to contact the school on 9743 0633 and we can assist them.

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Yesterday's announcement of the return tomorrow of F-2 and Year 12 students in regional Victoria (except Shepparton) is certainly welcome news for Victoria. You may remember that last year, 2020, the beginning of Term 4 commenced with continued remote learning for week 1, the return of F-2 students for weeks 2 and 3, and the return of 3-6 students in week 4. At this stage we do not know what the arrangements or model may be for Melbourne metropolitan schools' return in Term 4 2021, but we will let you know as soon as it is announced.

Recently you may have heard the media announcements regarding the NAPLAN results for Victoria for 2021. NAPLAN was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID but fortunately was able to be conducted this year for our Years 3 and 5 students.

Correspondence received from local member Steve McGhie and Education Minister James Merlino congratulated Victorian schools.

"Despite the challenges of the pandemic and remote learning, students across all of our government, Catholic and independent schools have recorded the nation's highest NAPLAN results and huge improvements on previous years.

This is a testament to the amazing resilience of our students, but also their families, teachers, support staff and principals".

We had waited for the announcement of a return to school for the decision regarding the best option for getting your child/ren's individual NAPLAN results to you. As the arrangements for our return to on site learning in Term 4 are not yet known, we will be posting the results to you tomorrow - Friday 10th.

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 ~ Cruz Damon**
- Foundation Lisa ~ Iman Azad**
- Foundation Amy ~ Colton Nepia**
- Foundation Ryan ~ Xylah Tahata-Bentley**
- 1/2 Havers ~ Fatehveer Bhargal**
- 1/2 Patton ~ Leighzelle Faafeu**
- 1/2 Gonzalez ~ Fadlallah Mohamed**
- 1/2 Jane ~ Ava Sell**
- 1/2 Chalmers ~ Naomi Setema**
- 1/2 Estelle ~ Deegan Fitzgerald**
- 3/4 Louise ~ Aysha Aljofan**
- 3/4 Mel ~ Degan Morgan**
- 3/4 Marks ~ Jacob Szydowski**
- 3/4 Lisa ~ Eaknoor Sahota**
- 3/4 Blake ~ Paigan Borg**
- 3/4 Ransome ~ Blake Sierzputowski**
- 5 Layton ~ Gursidak Kalsi**
- 5 Kirstin ~ Shahmeer Khan**
- 6 Ana ~ Raymund Cabigao**
- 6 D'Elia ~ Miranda Tynkkenen**
- 6 Templeton ~ Fatima Muskan**
- 6 Templeton ~ Tidus Hamilton**

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 17th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ 3.10pm Dismissal

Monday 4th October

- First Day Term 4

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



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



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.

SCHOOL LEAVERS & ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Any parents who have children that will not be returning to Kurunjang Primary School in 2022 are requested to let the school know as soon as possible. If you know of families moving to our school in 2022, who have not yet been to the school to enrol, we would greatly appreciate it if you could ask your friends to do so. We also ask any parents who have not enrolled their child in Foundation for 2022, to do so as soon as possible. Immediate action on this matter will ensure that we have adequate facilities and resources available for the beginning of the 2022 school year.

Please fill in and return to the school office as soon as possible:

STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING IN 2022

I would like to notify Kurunjang P.S. that my CHILD/REN

NAME/S: _____

GRADE/S _____

Will not be attending Kurunjang P.S. in 2022

NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2021:

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM – R U OK DAY

R U OK? is a charity which encourages people of all ages to ask this question and start conversations or check in with each other. This year, the theme is *Are they really ok? Ask them today.*

To raise awareness of R U OK? Day, students and staff were encouraged to wear yellow and to discuss in their webex sessions the 4 steps to starting a conversation and checking in with someone.

Step One: Ask R U OK?: If you notice that someone like a friend, relative or your child is appearing to not be feeling so good, you can start the conversation by asking them if they are OK and reassure them that you are there to listen to them.

Below are some questions that you can ask to help you start the conversation:

- Are you okay?
- Is everything okay
- How are you doing? /How are things?
- How are you travelling these days?
- What's been happening?

Step Two: Listen without judgement: Keep an open mind and listen patiently to the person and encourage them to explain how they may be feeling. Some statements/questions that you could use are:

- I have noticed that
- I'm worried about you
- Why don't you start from the beginning?
- How does this/that make you feel?

Step Three: Encourage Action: You can encourage the person to take-action to assist them to work through how they are feeling. You could use the following questions to assist them to map out a plan of action:

- How may I be able to help you?
- Where do you think you/we could go from here?
- How can I support you?
- What do you think is a good first step we can take?

Step Four: Check-in: Allocate time to check-in with the person after a few days or weeks.

You may ask questions like:

- How have you been since we last had a chat?
- How are things for you now?

For further information and resources on RUOK? Day, you can head to the website

<https://www.ruok.org.au/>

You can also contact the school on 9743 0633 and ask to speak to someone from the wellbeing team.



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