



NEWSLETTER

7 - 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope that you have all had a great week and that you enjoyed the long weekend last weekend. This week does feel like it has flown by which is one of the benefits of having a long weekend earlier in the week. This week, our Grade 3 and 5 students have begun their 2023 NAPLAN assessments having completed their Writing assessment on Wednesday and their Reading assessment earlier today. I have been so proud of the way in which our Grade 3 and 5 students have approached these assessments so positively, and how they really have tried hard to do their very best! On behalf of us all, I would like to congratulate every student who has participated in NAPLAN this week and wish them all the very best as they participate in the Numeracy and Language Convention assessments next week.

As always is the case in schools, we still have a number of key dates and events happening throughout term 1. To help with your planning for the term ahead, here are some important dates for you to put in your diaries or on your calendars:

- Wednesday 15th March – Friday 24th March: 2023 NAPLAN assessment period
- Monday 20th March – Thursday 30th March: Grade 2 swimming program
- Tuesday 21st March – 2023 AGM: 5pm – 5.30pm: all welcome
- Tuesday 4th April – House colours Easter Activity Day
- Thursday 6th April: F-2 Easter Bonnet Parade
- Thursday 6th April: End term 1 – 2.10pm finish

As the weather has begun to cool down and we have had some cooler mornings, we have seen an increase in students wearing their school jumpers to school which is great. Unfortunately though, this has already resulted in an increase of jumpers appearing in lost property. Can I please ask that everyone takes a minute to clearly label your child's school jumper as you pull it out of the cupboard again and before your child starts wearing it to school, as this will mean that if your child does lose or misplace their jumper, it is far more likely that we will find it and be able to return it to you.

Next Tuesday is Harmony Day and students across our school will be learning about and participating in some different activities throughout the week. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Held every year on 21st March, the Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the

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Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Since 1999, more than 70,000 Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and Federal, State and Local Government agencies across Australia. To participate, you can wear orange to show your support, or you can attend a community Harmony Week event.

We still have 3 School Council parent vacancies available for 2023 and are looking for parents who may wish to join our dedicated School Council and help shape our school in 2023. All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school. In doing this, a School Council can directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Our School Council meets once a month to discuss matters relating to school programs, budgets, resourcing, and policies. You don't need to have any experience – just a passion for making the school be the best it can be! There is training available, and we have experienced parents to support you along the way. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please don't hesitate to contact me or pop in and see me and we can discuss this opportunity and what is involved in a little more detail.

Our 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Tuesday 21st of March at the school at 5pm. This meeting goes for no longer than 30 minutes and is where we present the 2022 annual report and elect our School Council office bearers for the 2023 school year. The AGM is an open meeting and any school community member is welcome to attend. If you are planning on attending, can you please let me know by sending me a brief email to maree.moyle@education.vic.gov.au so we know to expect you.

Every 4 years all schools participate in what is known as a school review. During this review, a school reflects upon the goals and targets it set 4 years ago in the last strategic plan and assesses its performance in order to identify the next steps in the school's improvement plan, and also to help guide the development of the next 4 year strategic plan. Our school review will be taking place during term 4. Part of the pre-review work involves writing a pre-review self-evaluation, and this is where we need your help. A key component of this self-review is providing an opportunity for parents to share their opinions on our school, including what is working well as well as some areas for improvement. So, in order to provide you with an opportunity for feedback, we will be holding some parent forums in the terms ahead to give you an opportunity to provide some feedback.

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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During these forums, you will be provided with some prompts and key talking points and can chat with us about your thoughts and opinions. Your feedback is welcomed and valued, so please keep an eye out for further information in the months ahead.

In 2023, we are once again running our much loved Easter raffle and are now calling for donations of Easter Eggs to be included in the raffle prizes. Last year, the Easter raffle was a very successful fundraising event and we were able to hand out a number of prizes. If you can and would like to donate to this year's Easter raffle, please either drop your donations off to the office or send them in with your child who can give them to the office. Your donations are very much appreciated as is your support of our 2023 Easter raffle.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be sharing with you more information about our Child Safe standards in the newsletter each week. This week, we are looking at Child Safe standard 5, which is Diversity and Equity.

This standard focuses on creating environments where all children and young people feel welcome.

Equity is a state of fairness in which all children and young people can participate freely and equally in areas of life, regardless of their background, characteristics or beliefs. This means their safety is not dependent on their socio-economic, family or personal circumstances.

To comply with this standard at Kurunjang Primary School, we:

- recognise and respond to students' diverse circumstances.
- understand that some students are at higher risk of harm than others.
- provide easy access to information.
- adjust procedures to respond to different needs.
- make sure complaints processes are child-friendly, culturally safe and easy to understand.

Children have better opportunities to fulfil their potential when diversity is valued. Negative experiences like exclusion and discrimination can be harmful. They increase the risk of harm and abuse to a child and decrease the likelihood of them telling someone and receiving an effective response.

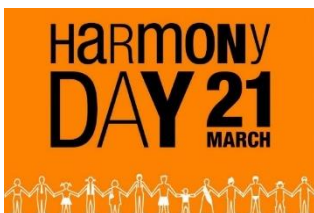
Upholding equity and respecting diverse needs are relevant in implementing all the Child Safe Standards.

Finally, please remember, I always welcome and would love to hear any feedback you have about our school, so please feel free to email me at ANY TIME at maree.moyle@education.vic.gov.au with any thoughts, concerns, feedback or suggestions that you may have to continue to make our school a wonderful place to be and to learn. I will get back to you as soon as I can and really do appreciate any feedback that you have to share.

Have a great week everyone!

Maree

~ Learning Together



HARMONY DAY

Just a reminder that **Tuesday, 21 March**, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students are invited to come to school **with a splash of orange** to celebrate the theme: **'Everyone Belongs!'**

Students will be participating in year level activities during the week and then displaying their work throughout the school for Harmony Day. Remind each other to wear **ORANGE!**



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. Parents are most welcome to attend.

3/4 Tony ~ Ashy Hayward
3/4 Tony ~ Tamara Rapaic
3 Columbus ~ Scarlett Holt
3 Columbus ~ Jordan Aitken
3 Danielle ~ Joshua Litchfield
3 Danielle ~ Milla Keys
4 Lo Nigro ~ Blake Mamo
4 Lo Nigro ~ Briana Losco
4 Gatt/Emma ~ James Rajek
4 Gatt/Emma ~ Noah Szydlowski
5/6 Layton ~ Seth Addis
5/6 Layton ~ Joanne Bullecer
5 Lo Giudice ~ Bella Harris
5 Lo Giudice ~ Logan Diprose
5 Blake ~ Logan Hunt
5 Blake ~ Mikayla Holt
5 Bella ~ Karen Tran
5 Bella ~ Eaknoor Sahota
6 D'Elia ~ Benson Vitale
6 D'Elia ~ Alyssa Farrugia

**** IMPORTANT ****

APPLICATIONS FOR CSEF CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND FOR NEW STUDENTS/FAMILIES

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless you have additional children attending school this year or there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time at Kurunjang Primary School, please come into the school office to collect an application form.

Please check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.



FORWARD PLANNING

Wednesday 15th March ~ Friday 24th March

- NAPLAN Assessment Period

Friday 17th March

- Book Club ~ Orders Due

Monday 20th March ~ Thursday 30th March

- Year 2 Swimming Program

Tuesday 21st March

- Harmony Day ~ Wear a splash of **Orange**
- School Council

Friday 24th March

- Year 3/4 Swimming Program ~ Permission Close

Tuesday 4th April

- House Colours Easter Activity Day

Thursday 6th April

- Foundation – Year 2 ~ Easter Bonnet Parade
- Last Day Term 1 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 24th April

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 25th April

- ANZAC Day ~ Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April

- First Day Term 2 ~ 8.50am Start

Monday 1st May ~ Wednesday 10th May

- Year 3/4 Swimming Program

Monday 12th June

- King's Birthday ~ Public Holiday

Thursday 22nd June

- 2023 CSEF Applications Close

Friday 23rd June

- Last Day Term 2 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 10th July

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 11th July

- First Day Term 3 ~ 8.50am Start

Friday 15th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 6th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 7th November

- Melbourne Cup Day ~ Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school



WEARING OF SCHOOL HATS

Please note that the wearing of school hats is compulsory in Terms 1 & 4. Please make sure your child has a Kurunjang Primary School embroidered hat for Term 1. School hats are only available from Buxwear, Bakery Square Melton.



CANTEEN

Please note that on-line canteen orders can be placed up to 2 weeks in advance however, they must be placed prior to **9.00am** on the day of wanting the order processed.



UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that it is not necessary to make an appointment at the uniform shop at this time of year.

The app to make an appointment has been cancelled until next back to school.

Parents can ring 8746 2142 to make an appointment or at this time of year as it is quieter, they can come in without an appointment.

LIBRARY

If you found any school library books at home, could I ask that these be returned to our library as soon as possible.

Thankyou
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 was handed out this week and will need to be returned by **Friday the 17th of March** for processing. Whether your child is at school, or at home, you can place your order on LOOP as normal. **Online orders will close on this date for delivery at school.** Please make sure all orders have the child's name, grade and correct money placed in a sealed envelope/bag.

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.



LATE ARRIVALS:

If your child is running late for any 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.

MELTON AUSKICK: FOOTY4FUN COME & TRY EVENT (FREE)

Date: Saturday March 25th

Time: 10.00am-11:30am

Venue: MacPherson Park, Toolern Vale

Information: This is a free event designed for children aged 5-12 to experience fun football activities, skill sessions and modified games! This will be a perfect opportunity to have a free trial of what an Auskick session looks like. All registered participants will receive free AFL giveaways on the day!

Contact information - please contact Sam Pfeiffer for further information - sam.pfeiffer@afl.com.au

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/323d82>

SLEEP HEALTH

While we know sleep is essential for good health, research shows that many children and young people are not getting enough sleep on school nights. This can affect thinking, concentration, memory, reaction times and mood.

Research shows about 12% of primary school-aged children, a quarter of 12 to 15-year-olds and half of 16 to 17-year-olds don't get enough sleep on school nights. The recommended amount of time to sleep for primary school-aged children is 9 to 11 hours. For teenagers, it's 8 to 10 hours.

Signs that your child is not getting enough sleep can include:

- low mood and irritability during social interactions
- reluctance or arguing about getting off devices and going to bed
- falling asleep during the day
- difficulties waking up for school and sleeping in late on weekends to catch up
- changes to communicating or interacting at home.

You can help your child to improve their sleep by:

- establishing a regular sleep pattern and consistent bedtime routine
- supporting them to avoid using electronic devices such as smartphones before going to bed and in bed
- encouraging your child to exercise and spend time outside in daylight, steering clear of vigorous activity in the hour before sleep
- encouraging them to wind down and relax before going to bed

If your child is still having trouble sleeping, has persistent problems with low mood, excessive daytime sleepiness, restlessness in bed, severe snoring or waking unrefreshed, despite getting adequate length sleep, they should see a doctor.

For more information on sleep health, you can refer to:

- [Sleep tips for children](#) and [Facts about sleep for parents and school staff](#), from the Sleep Health Foundation
- [Why sleep is so important](#), from the Kids Helpline's
- [Sleep explained](#), from the Better Health Channel.

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: Nick Gonzalez; Year 2 Ana Kralj; Year 3: Tony Fraietta; Year 4: Damiano Lo Nigro; Year 5: Margherita Lo Giudice; Year 6: Rob D'Elia; Specialists: Lidia Woolley

Leadership Team Members – Toni Havers: Numeracy; Lisa Condon: Literacy; Danielle Sheedy: Wellbeing

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

Principal – Maree Moyle

DET – Department of Education & Training – Regional Office

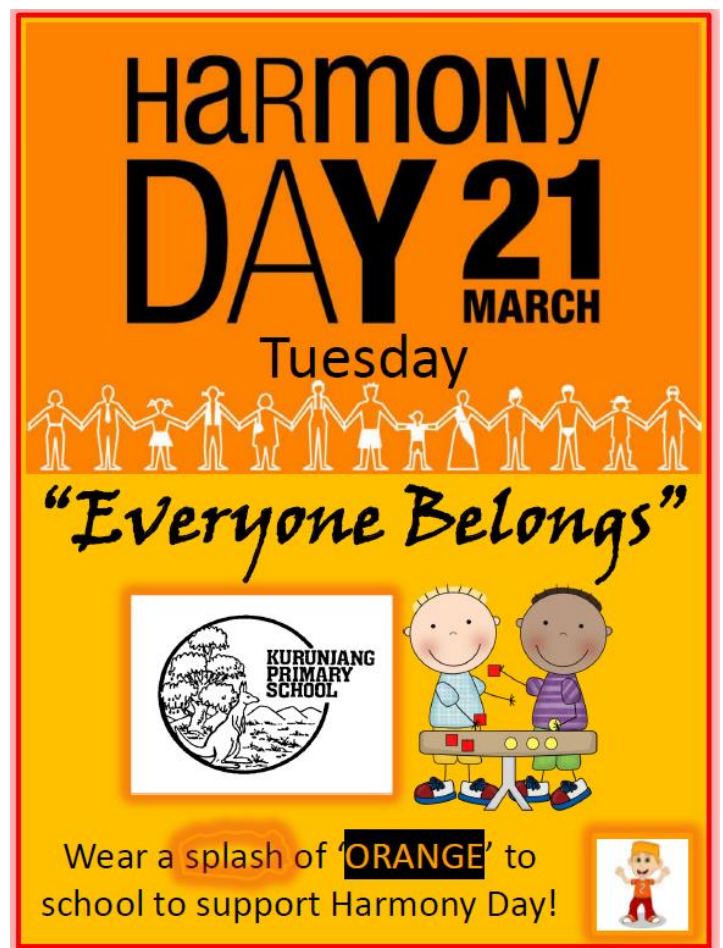


**EASTER
HOUSE CHALLENGE DAY**

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL

Come dressed in your house colours, ready to complete a range of Easter themed STEM Challenges!

PLEASE SEE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



**HARMONY
DAY 21
MARCH**

Tuesday

"Everyone Belongs"

KURUNJANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wear a splash of **ORANGE** to school to support Harmony Day!



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

HARMONY WEEK

INCLUSIVE FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES & ALL ABILITIES

**SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2023
11AM-3PM**

THE WILLOWS HISTORICAL PARK RESERVE ROAD, MELTON

- INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES
- KIDS' ACTIVITIES
- CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
- MULTICULTURAL FOOD
- CHILL OUT/QUIET SPACE FOR PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS & FAMILIES WITH BABIES
- AND MUCH MORE...

The theme of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Harmony Day is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the Traditional Owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

For more information visit melton.vic.gov.au/harmonyday or call 9747 7200

CITY OF MELTON

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN



EXCELLENCE @KPS THIS TERM !



Each of the following students have received an excellence wristband, we are so proud of you!

Noah	Kaysin	Reis
Prabal	Irfan	Lilian
Isaac	Brianna	Ace
Manu	Jackson	Nehal
Kevin	Valentino	Wemor
Karen	Alya	Annika
Jacob	Denvah	Chloe
Annalisa	Nuh	James
Harjot	Matilda	Anastasia
Mason	LJ	David
Tatum	Nadia	Xylah
Riley	Selihom	Sienna-Skye
Jordan	Alexander	George
Jeremy	Cooper	Milly
Sophie	Tyson	Divisha
Cordel	Taysia	Dion
Leah	Tiahna	Ezra
Braydon	Logan	Levaai
Nouraz	Jesse	Chloe
Katya	Numi	Alek
Exaviah	Jahlakai	Alexia
Tayte	Jaiyken	Kaiden
Reyhaneh	Tyler	Elijah
Jakob	Will	Ryda
Elaina	Xavier	Nalayni
Ilin	Ann	Livinio
Gabriel	Charlotte	Ampujan
Harleen	Arianna	Delnia
Ace	Willow	Sospeter
Hine	Blake	Esther
Tyler	Ethan	Cartel
Ava	Deklan	Oliver

Arneet	Riley	Garang
Ella	Rydah	Grace
Colton	Samantha	Nebras
Riak	Saeed	Skylar
Tamara	Ethan	Luke
Nj	Kpana	Zavier
Zoe	Briana	Taylah
Jaeliana	Hunter	Madison
Loturou	Saiarena	Aarvi
Zoe	Livinia	Max
Isabella	Cooper	Rohail
Amilash	Samuel	Yasar
Mia	Alexis	Bella
Joshua	Cooper	Keys
Alex	Cyrus	Blake
Annalise	Joanna	Liliana
R-Jay	Winter	Vishav
Yindi	Lachy	Jayden
Lucy	Milena	Ramneek
Roman	Leo	



Buckle them in every time

Your child needs to be correctly restrained even when travelling a short distance. Most crashes happen close to home!

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH **YOU!**



Don't use the wrong restraints

Children need different restraints as their bodies grow. The restraint that you use for your child must be suitable for their weight and the size of your child.

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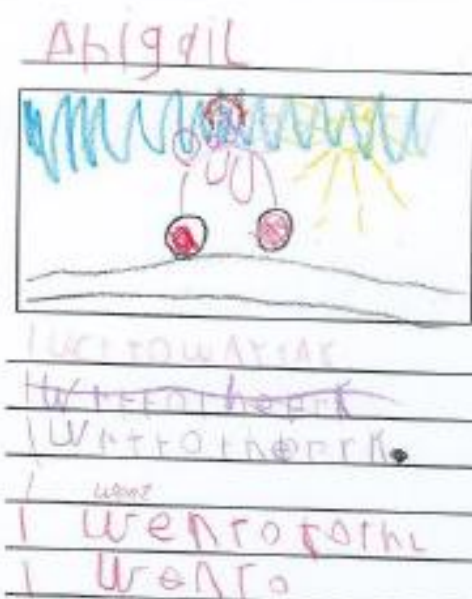
KPS Writing Champions

Welcome to our next 'Writing Champions' addition where we will celebrate the wonderful writing that our Foundation students are creating.

Mila from Foundation Jane



Abigail from Foundation Ahern



Scarlett from Foundation Potts



Today I went to
the Tebbey Bear
Palace.

In the next few weeks, we will be showcasing the amazing work that our youngest students are producing. We hope you enjoy sharing our pride when we consider these little people have only been at school for 5 weeks.

Congratulations to all of our writers this week!

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup

Term 1, 2023

Kurunjang Primary School, Mowbray Cres, Melton 3337.

Friday 9-11am. Parents must stay with their child/children.

Enquiries – 9743-0633

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme/Activity – Sessions may include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• literacy and numeracy activities,• playtime – developing friendships• story time• rhyme time, singing and dance• outside play – co ordination• craft time – fine motor skills• dramatic play• cooking• guest speakers and excursions will be organised.
Friday 17 th Feb	Family Fun   
Friday 24 th Feb	Summer    
Friday 3 rd March	Photo Day  
Friday 10 th March	Colours  
Friday 17 th March	Music Day  
Friday 24 th March	Letters & Numbers 
Friday 31 st March	Easter Hat Parade  



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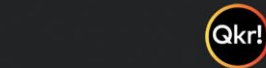
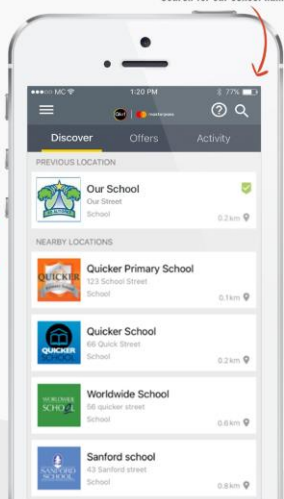
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Search for our school name

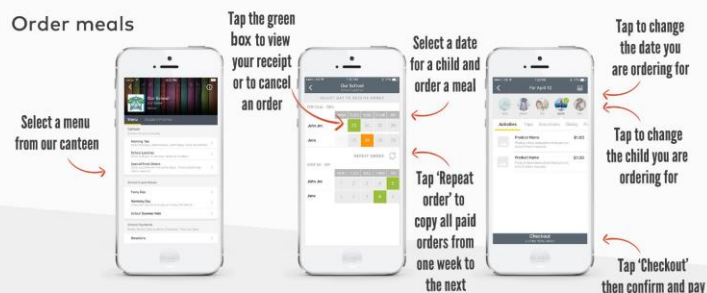


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Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Order meals



Making payments



CLASS LIST FOR Qkr!

CLASS NAME

Qkr! CLASS

Foundation Potts
Foundation Ahern
Foundation Jane
Foundation Amy
Foundation Columbus

Foundation Potts
Foundation Ahern
Foundation Jane
Foundation Amy
Foundation Columbus

1 Gonzalez
1 Cohen
1 Cole
1 Dovaston

1 Gonzalez
1 Cohen
1 Cole
1 Dovaston

2 Ana
2 Kirk
2 Hannah
2 Estelle

2 Ana
2 Kirk
2 Hannah
2 Estelle

3/4 Tony
3 Christina
3 Lo Giudice
3 Danielle
4 Lo Nigro
4 Mason
4 G/L

3/4 Tony
3 Christina
3 Lo Giudice
3 Danielle
4 Lo Nigro
4 Mason
4 G/L

5/6 Layton
5 Ryan
5 Blake
5 Bella
6 D'Elia
6 Ellie
6 Webb

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6 Webb

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