



NEWSLETTER

8 - 2023

Thursday 23rd March 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was wonderful to see a splash of orange around our school as we recognised and celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday and Cultural Diversity Week throughout the week. But what does Harmony Day mean? Simply put, it's a day for us to come together and celebrate all of our differences and diversity in Australia as well as across the world. Australia has a rich and varied culture, and every year there's a theme to help further unite everyone. The theme for Harmony Week 2023 is: "Everyone belongs". Throughout this week, students across our school have participated in different activities that have supported our united understanding and appreciation for all the different cultures and histories that make Australia the wonderful place it is today!

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:

- Friday 24th March – National Ride to School Day
- Monday 20th March – Thursday 30th March: Grade 2 swimming program
- 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
- Monday 24th of April: Curriculum Day – students do not attend school today
- Wednesday 26th of April – First Day of term 2 for all students

Today I have some staffing updates to share with you all that will take effect from the beginning of term 2. They are as follows:

- Emma Grimaud, who is currently our Leading Teacher for Inclusion and Engagement, has accepted a position outside of the Department beginning from the start of term 2. Emma has also been teaching in 4 Gatt on Thursdays and Fridays. We wish Emma well in her new position and thank her for her work at KPS over the past 15 months.
- Margherita Lo Giudice has also accepted another position as a Learning Specialist at Mount Ridley P-12 College beginning at the start of term 2. Margherita has been with us for the past few years as our Leading Teacher for Literacy and more recently, teaching fulltime in one of our Grade 5 classes. We wish Margherita all the very best as she begins her new role next term.
- Finally, I need to inform our school community that I have been appointed to another Principal position in a different government school also commencing from the beginning of term 2. As I reflect upon my time at KPS I am so very proud

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of all the positive changes we have put into place, and in particular the significant improvements in student behaviour both inside and outside the classroom that are now evident across the school. We really do have a great bunch of students here at KPS and I know I will miss them dearly as I begin my new role in term 2.

Updates regarding the filling of the positions mentioned above will be provided as information comes to hand, so please keep an eye on Compass and the newsletter for further information.

Tomorrow Friday 24th of March is National Ride2School Day. National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel and one of the best days on the school calendar. It is a day full of fun and colour where students, teachers and parents discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future. We are encouraging as many students as possible to either ride, walk or scoot to and from school tomorrow.

We still have 1 School Council parent vacancy available for 2023 and are looking for a parent 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.

I am thrilled to announce that in 2023 we welcome 2 new parent representatives to School Council: Rachel Riordan and Yvette Hodge. I am sure they will make some valuable contributions to our school in 2023. I am also thrilled to announce that Megan Djugum will remain School Council President in 2023, with Christine Sacco to take on the Vice President role this year. Deb McDonald will take on the role of Treasurer and I am sure that collectively they will all do a fabulous job helping to lead and guide our school.

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.

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

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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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 6, which is **Suitable Staff and Volunteers**.

This standard focuses on ensuring that people who work with children and young people are suitable and supported to act in a child safe way. Schools should make child safety and wellbeing a key consideration when recruiting staff and volunteers.

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

- make sure job advertisements have clear statements about
 - the job's requirements, duties and responsibilities regarding child safety and wellbeing
 - the job occupant's essential or relevant qualifications, experience and attributes in relation to child safety and wellbeing.
- advise job applicants about the child safety practices of the school, including the Code of Conduct
- make volunteers aware of the school's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct
- screen school staff applicants:
 - sight, verify and record a Working with Children clearance if they person is required to have one or any equivalent background checks such as Victorian Institute of Teaching registration
 - collect and record proof of identify, qualifications, history of working with children and references
- screen volunteers:
 - sight, verify and record a Working with Children clearance if they person is required to have one of any equivalent background check
 - consider the child safety risks relevant to the volunteer's role and, if reasonable and appropriate collect and record proof of identify, qualifications, history of working with children and references
- provide an induction to staff, volunteers and contractors engaged in child-related work, regarding child safety and wellbeing that is appropriate to the nature of the role
- ensure that induction addresses the school's:
 - the Child Safety Code of Conduct
 - the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
 - procedures for managing complaints and concerns related to child abuse
- make sure staff, governing body members, and volunteers engaged in child-connected work, are aware of their responsibilities for:
 - children and students
 - information sharing and reporting obligations
 - recordkeeping obligations
- provide supervision and people management of staff and volunteers that focuses on child safety and wellbeing.

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



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.

Foundation Potts ~ Angus Bissell
Foundation Potts ~ Milena Graca
Foundation Ahern ~ Thomas Newey
Foundation Ahern ~ Reet Kaur
Foundation Amy ~ Arlo Fastuca
Foundation Amy ~ Anastasia Tsirmiris
Foundation Ryan ~ Sione Samu
Foundation Ryan ~ Galina Giri
1 Gonzalez ~ Reyhaneh Valiolahpor
1 Gonzalez ~ Hoorain Rasool
1 Cohen ~ Mason Papworth
1 Cohen ~ Jasreen Pannu
1 Cole ~ Kaden Hines
1 Cole ~ Kalahnee Tauali'i-Sialatu
1 Dovaston ~ Nikola Janjic
1 Dovaston ~ Emaleigha Leapai
2 Ana ~ Skylette Grech
2 Ana ~ Chace Dean
2 Kirk ~ Winter Brocklesby
2 Kirk ~ Tatum Forward
2 Hannah ~ Colton Nepia
2 Hannah ~ Ella Diko

**** 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.

FORWARD PLANNING

Wednesday 15th March ~ Friday 24th March

- NAPLAN Assessment Period

Monday 20th March ~ Thursday 30th March

- Year 2 Swimming Program

Friday 24th March

- Year 3/4 Swimming Program ~ Permission Close
- Ride2School Day

Monday 3rd April

- Easter Raffle Tickets ~ Due, no late tickets accepted

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

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.



LIBRARY

If you find 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

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.

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.



RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Kurunjang Primary School is excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 24 March 2023.

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to establish new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel.

On Friday 24 March, we encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

Kurunjang Primary School is helping students and their families to ride to school by rewarding the "most active" classes in the school, one class in F-2 and one from grades 3-6.

For more information about the day and its benefits, search National Ride2School Day or visit the Parent Portal at <https://bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride2school/get-involved/parent-portal/>

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.



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

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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Step 3 Find our school

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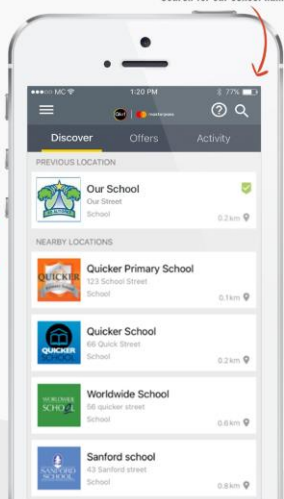
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

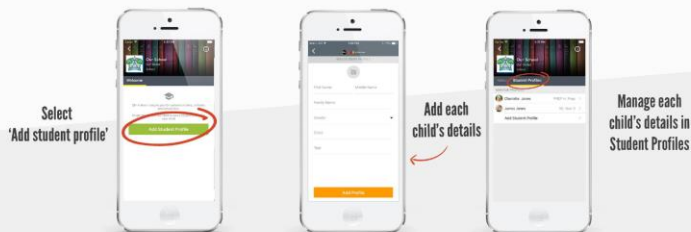
If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



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Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Order meals



Making payments

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CLASS NAME

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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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