



NEWSLETTER

11 - 2023

Thursday 27th April 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It with great excitement that I write this first newsletter for Term 2. Before I write further, I would like to acknowledge that, in beginning the role of Acting Principal at our school, I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn, grow, live and play; the Wurundjeri people. We thank you for taking care of the landscapes, accepting us, and sharing your land. We appreciate your care of the flora and fauna and allowing us to use your language and history as part of our school and learning. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

I hope that you were all able to take the time to enjoy a change of pace over the last couple of weeks. I know that the students were well and ready for a break. In saying that, I was impressed at just how well they transitioned back to school this week. Our classrooms and playgrounds were hives of busyness and positivity. Let us all make a commitment to continue this over the course of the term.

STAFFING UPDATE

Toni Havers will be the Acting Assistant Principal of Years 3-6, I know that you will welcome Toni into this role.

We welcome to our staff, Belinda Rimmer who will be joining the Education Support team and Kaitlin McCall who will be joining the Foundation team. I know that you will welcome them into the KPS work family.

Welcome back to Kelly Gabriel who will be running the Early Years Koorie Literacy Numeracy Program (F-3) and the Extended Koorie Literacy and Numeracy Program.

Lisa Condon and Natalie Micallef will be grade sharing in Grade 5 (previously 5 Lo Giudice).

Laurence Gatt and Tanya Osborne will be grade sharing in Grade 4 (previously 4 Gatt/ Emma).

Sophia Alex will be the classroom teacher in Grade 3 (previously 3 Columbus).



ANZAC DAY

Thank you to Mr Kirk for his hard work setting up the ANZAC displays around the school and the service which was held yesterday afternoon for our staff and students to pay their respects. The students presented wreaths they had made in class.

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Thank you to Mr Kirk and Toni for attending the Melton dawn service on Tuesday with the following students who represent our school - Winter B, Ann B, Isabella Mc, Jared Z, Thomas D, Zainab M, Gemma D, Gurkeerat H and Jack D.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Lots of work has taken place over the holidays with tree lopping, drainage pipes cleaned and finally a start to the Personal Learning Studio. Plaster arrived last Friday, and we have our fingers crossed that the PLS will be ready by the end of May!

You will notice the Shade Sail Learning Space behind 5 Blake and 5 Bella's rooms, this space will be used as an outdoor learning space, a quiet space where students can sit and chat at recess and lunch, concreting and seating still needs to be installed. The rotunda in the 1/2 area has been concreted, we are just waiting for the seats to arrive.



HOMEWORK

This term we will continue with fortnightly spelling words and nightly reading. Please continue the amazing work you have been doing at home regarding nightly reading. It is recommended that your child reads for at least 20 minutes a night. When possible, this should be reading aloud to an adult. Reading to your child also helps develop a lifelong love for literature.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club will continue to happen every Monday and Friday, from 8.25am - 8.45am. The benefits of Breakfast Club Apart from eating a nutritious breakfast and getting a great start to the day, Breakfast Club is a wonderful opportunity for children to socialise and form new friendships. It is also a great opportunity for students to build their communication and organisational skills such as:

- Ordering their own meals
- Using greetings, such as 'good morning' and 'how are you?'
- Using their manners

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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- Cleaning up after themselves, by returning their cups, bowls and plates to the kitchen area

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Days stall will be held on Thursday 11th of May. Gifts will range from \$1.00 to \$10.00. It is a great chance for our students to purchase a gift, surprise their mum or other special person and to raise money to support the school. Please bring a bag to take your purchases home in.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Families, just a friendly reminder that drop off time for students each morning is from 8:40am – 9:00am. Drop off prior to 8:40am or bike riders arriving early means students are unsupervised. Staff are on active supervision from 8:40am onward each morning and the gates are open at 8:40am.

After school staff are on active supervision from 3:10pm to 3:25pm, gates are locked at 3:20pm to allow staff to return for meetings.

ROAD SAFETY

The importance of road safety, and lawful parking practices continues to be an issue before and after school along Nimmo Crescent and Mowbray Crescent. The safety of all our children is paramount to us. We ask that all drivers, and adult pedestrians, ensure that they are abiding by, and demonstrating, safe practices always around our school.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be sharing with you more information about the Child Safe Standards in the newsletter each week. This week, we are looking at Child Safe Standard 8 – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training. In complying with Child Safe Standard 8 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

- 8.1 Staff and volunteers are trained and supported to effectively implement the organisation's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy.
- 8.2 Staff and volunteers receive training and information to recognise indicators of child harm including harm caused by other children and young people.
- 8.3 Staff and volunteers receive training and information to respond effectively to issues of child safety and wellbeing and support colleagues who disclose harm.
- 8.4 Staff and volunteers receive training and information on how to build culturally safe environments for children and young people.

ASSEMBLY

There will be no Year 3-6 this week.

Looking forward to seeing you all at next week's Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 assembly. See you then. Finally, I wish you all fantastic weekend.

Thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome into my new role. I look forward to continuing to work with you. Please remember that my door is always open.

Tom

~ Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

Monday 1st May ~ Wednesday 10th May

- Year 3/4 Swimming Program

Monday 1st May ~ Thursday 4th May

- Book Fair ~ School Library 8.10am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 4.15pm

Thursday 11th May

- Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 23rd May

- School Council Meeting ~ Online at 5.30pm

Monday 12th June

- Monarch'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

**** 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.



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.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please remember to collect your plastic bread tags and soft plastic bread bags over the holiday.

The soft plastic bread bags collection point is the large box near Lost Property - this can be any soft plastic bag used for bread.



LIBRARY

We currently have a large number of overdue library books. Could I ask that any library books found at home over the holidays that belong to our school, please be returned to the library ASAP.

Thank you
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



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.

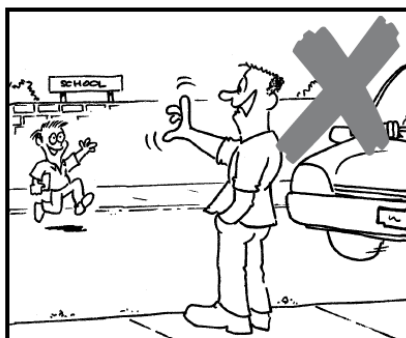


LATE ARRIVALS:

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.

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.



Don't risk your child's life

Never call your child from across the road. Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for traffic. Children **cannot accurately judge traffic speed.**

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



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.



Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!



* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](https://www.wonderbread.com.au) #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



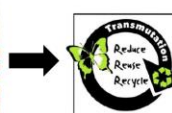
BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.



Re-made in Robe!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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Local Contact:



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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

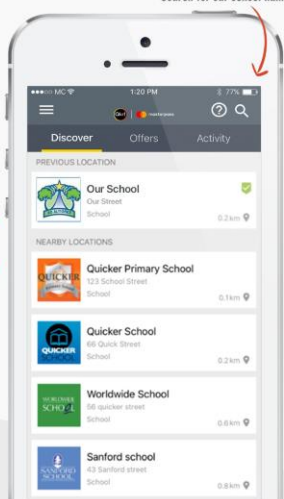
Step 4 Register your children

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

Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details



Manage each child's details in Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen



Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order



Select a date for a child and order a meal



Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

CLASS LIST FOR Qkr!

CLASS NAME

Foundation Potts
Foundation Ahern
Foundation Jane
Foundation Amy
Foundation Ryan

1 Gonzalez
1 Cohen
1 Cole
1 Dovaston

2 Ana
2 Kirk
2 Hannah
2 Estelle

3/4 Tony
3 Christina
3 Columbus
3 Danielle
4 Lo Nigro
4 Mason
4 Gatt/Tanya

5/6 Layton
5 Lisa/Micallef
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AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where:

Kurunjang Primary School

Library

Date:

Mon.1st May to Thurs.4th May

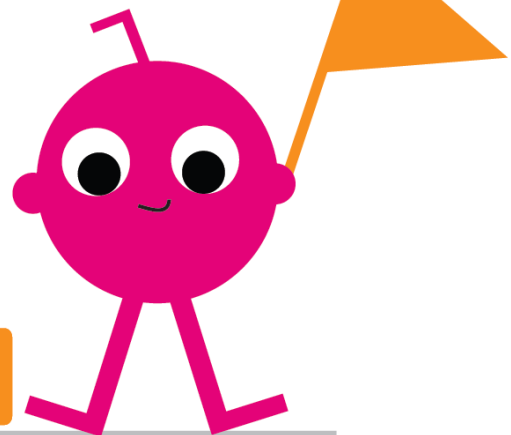
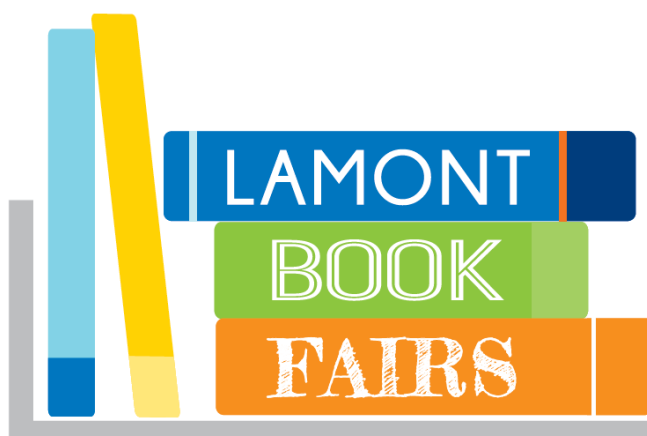
Time:

8.10 - 9.00am & 3.00 - 4.15pm



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