



NEWSLETTER

12 - 2023

Thursday 4th May 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe we are in week two and the start of May. The weather has certainly changed over the past few days and you can certainly feel the cooler weather kicking in.

You may have noticed today that some of the staff are wearing Star Wars clothing to celebrate the 4th of May 'May the force (4th) be with you!'

As of Monday 1st May, students were no longer required to wear hats when outside at school. We will encourage students to bring their hats home so they can be washed and put away somewhere safe until they will be needed again towards the end of term 3.

I also want to remind all students and families that it is part of our uniform policy that all students are to be in school uniform at all times, and this includes jumpers/jackets. Please ensure that all jumpers and jackets are also clearly labelled with your child's name so they can easily be returned to their rightful owner if they are lost or misplaced, which happens regularly at schools. We thank you for your support and understanding of our uniform policy.

Throughout term 2, we will be continuing with our focus and spotlight on student behaviour. We have been really impressed with how our students have settled back into school. Obviously, teaching the right behaviours to students, including effective conflict management strategies, is part of all children's development and growth, and we will continue to provide the support required to ensure that the positive changes we are seeing become part of our normal day to day operations. I thank each and every one of our parents and carers for your support as we really focus on student behaviour and continue to support our students to be caring, kind, polite and considerate members of our school community.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Sunday 14 May to Saturday 20 May. This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education.

To celebrate Education Week will be holding numerous activities for the students throughout the week. The school will have an open afternoon on Wednesday 17th May starting from 2:15pm.

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PRIME & SOFT DRINKS

There have been a few students bringing Prime and cans / bottles of soft drink to school.

Prime is not suitable for children under the age of 15. As of tomorrow, all cans / bottles of soft drink and Prime will be banned at school. Students can bring a water bottle and are free to fill these throughout the day.



AUSLAN



Last Friday, the students in Foundation Potts and Year 5 Bella were filmed doing an Auslan lesson.

Digit Pieces the filming company took general footage of the students doing the lesson with their teacher, students signing with a deaf person and an interview with a couple of students, Bella and myself.

The filming will be used by Auslan Education Services for promoting their business at other education settings, their Facebook page and other social media.

EMAIL from AES –

Thank you to Edison and Bella! The children were fantastic! Their behaviour and signing to Maddy and Elvin made us so proud.

We really appreciate it. Have a great weekend --

Kind Regards

Paula Grimmer

Auslan Education Services

Director



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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3/4 SWIMMING PROGRAM:

We are excited that our Year 3/4 Swimming program has started. The children are enjoying their 45-minute lesson each day. If you are a parent or carer of a child who is swimming you are welcome to come along and watch and can assist your child ONLY to get dressed if you feel they need help. Please do not assist other children. Our staff will be available to support children as required.

COVERING CLASSES

You may have had a conversation with your child/ren and wondered why they said ... "when Padma was teaching us", or "we were split today." That is because, like all schools, we are facing the challenges of a teacher shortage when replacing teachers. We know that we all get sick from time to time and that we have families that need our care. That can mean sometimes we are away from work and while we are trying hard to replace everyone, sometimes we need to make different arrangements to support this. Please note that at the heart of every decision is the students and their needs and thank you for your continued understanding.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, our MPSSA District cross country team went to Mason's Lane Reserve in Bacchus Marsh to compete against the best cross country runners from other primary schools in the Melton area. KPS finished 2nd overall behind Wedge Park in first. A big congratulations to Abeny K, Lueth P, Noah S, Bior P, Amelia G, Delnia D and Joshua B who all performed extremely well and are moving onto the Division stage after finishing in the top 10 in their events. A big congratulations also to Mataya D, Madison W, Tiahna B, April S, Alexi R, Brodie B, Jacob S, Indi H, Kye G and Jesse V who also represented KPS, demonstrating our school values of effort and resilience in their



event.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mothers 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.

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.

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ROAD SAFETY

At our next School Council meeting I will be asking members their thoughts and suggestions about improving the drop off / pick up areas around the school. We will once again write to Melton City Council requesting that Thrive Lane be opened for easier access to Coburns Road.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please email them to the school prior to our next School Council meeting.

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 9 - Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

- 9.1 Staff and volunteers identify and mitigate risks in the online and physical environments without compromising a child's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities.
- 9.2 The online environment is used in accordance with the organisation's Code of Conduct and Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and practices.
- 9.3 Risk management plans consider risks posed by organisational setting, activities and the physical environment.
- 9.4 Organisations that contract facilities and services from third parties have procurement policies that ensure the safety of children and young people.

ASSEMBLY

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

Tom

~ 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 ~ Baani Bhardwaj
Foundation Potts ~ Cyrus Tobaki
Foundation Ahern ~ Abigail Sacco
Foundation Ahern ~ Chol Nyuol
Foundation Jane ~ Rubani Chandi
Foundation Jane ~ Ace Orr
Foundation Amy ~ Oliver Braddish
Foundation Amy ~ Hayden Khan
Foundation Ryan ~ Peyton Glover
Foundation Ryan ~ Sebastian Guy

1 Gonzalez ~ David Yang

1 Gonzalez ~ Andre Gar

1 Cole ~ Telli Maker

1 Cole ~ Ivy Truong

1 Cohen ~ Noah Rankin

1 Cohen ~ Evie Riordan

2 Ana ~ Gemma Davis

2 Ana ~ Cooper Van Someren

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

Friday 12th May

- Year 2 Be a Meteorologist ~ Incursion
- Year 7 Application for Placement 2024 ~ Forms due

Sunday 14th May ~ Saturday 20th May

- Education Week

Thursday 17th May

- Education Week Open Afternoon ~ 2.15pm
- Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion ~ Payment Due

Tuesday 23rd May

- School Council Meeting ~ Online at 5.30pm

Friday 26th May

- Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion

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



FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2024 ARE NOW OPEN

Parents who live within our school's designated neighbourhood area are invited to enrol their children for

Foundation 2024 at the office. To be eligible to enrol for Foundation in 2024 your child must turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2024. 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.

**** 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.

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 plastic bread tags are being collected in each classroom. The soft plastic bread bags collection point is the large box near Lost Property - this can be a 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.

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



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.

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: Lisa Condon; Year 6: Rob D'Elia; Specialists: Lidia Woolley

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

Assistant Principal – Wendy McCall: Foundation-2

Acting Assistant Principal – Toni Havers: Years 3-6

Acting Principal – Tom Goddard

DET – Department of Education & Training – Regional Office

KPS Mother's Day STALL

We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall for students to buy something for that special someone in their lives to celebrate Mother's Day on Thursday May 11th.

Students wishing to purchase gift/s are advised to bring their money in a secure wallet or coin bag.

Students are also encouraged to bring a plastic bag, if possible, to carry their purchases home.

All gifts are priced from \$1.00 to \$10.00

Please be aware we have limited change.

Thank 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 RSHS sports 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.wonder.australia) #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



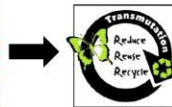
BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



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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[ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au](http://www.ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au)

Local Contact:



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on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



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.

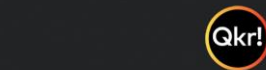
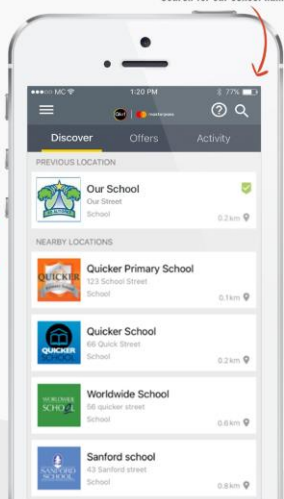
Step 4 Register your children

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



Order meals



Making payments



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
5 Blake
5 Bella
6 D'Elia
6 Ellie
6 Webb

Qkr! CLASS

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AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where:

Kurunjang Primary School

Library

Date:

Mon.1st May to Thurs.4th May

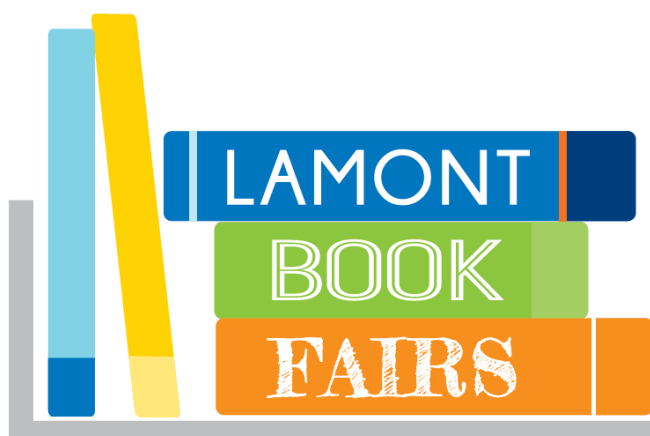
Time:

8.10 - 9.00am & 3.00 - 4.15pm



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