



NEWSLETTER

14 - 2023

Thursday 18th May 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Firstly, I hope you all had a great Mother's Day!

I have spent the past few days in Canberra with family exploring the sites of our nation's capital and a quick trip to Eden to scatter a family members ashes. This leave was approved last year and I am looking forward to returning tomorrow.

Last week I mentioned that the cold and flu season is back. We have had a few cases of COVID reported to the school. While we encourage students to stay home when unwell in order to stop the spread of germs and to aid the recovery process, we also think it is a good time to remind our students and parents that regular attendance at school is important and that a day off here and there for non-health related issues can add up and does have an impact on student learning. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day.

Attending and participating in school will help your child develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn; and also social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work. There is no safe number of days for missing school. A reminder to parents and carer's that if your child is going to be absent from school that we ask that you notify the school ASAP. If you know your child is going to be away, you can notify the office or your child's teacher in advance. The mobile phone number for attendance is no longer in use. Absences can be notified via the Compass App or by phone on 9743 0633 on the morning of the absence. We are required to follow up any unexplained absences with a phone call on the day of the absence.

WRITING COMPETITION

World-Famous PupStar



- What is the dog's name?
- What made this dog famous?
- Why is he taking the photo?

It has been a fantastic effort from our students from Grade 2 to Grade 6 with numerous budding writers entering this year's writing competition. The picture has been used as the writing prompt for this. The winners will be announced next week. The winners will spend a day with

Lisa, Toni and myself at Dromkeen Gallery in Riddles Creek.

EDUCATION WEEK

From all reports Education Week and our open afternoon have been a great success. Well done to Estelle and her team for organising the activities throughout the week. Please see photos attached to the newsletter.

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GATES

As of Monday 22nd June, we will be opening the Kitchen Garden, Nimmo Cres and front gates from 8:30am. This will hopefully assist with drop off times, however this will mean that the students will be unsupervised until 8:40am when staff are rostered on for Active Supervision. All gates are locked at 3:20pm to allow staff to return for meetings.

ROAD SAFETY

When crossing the road -

STOP one step back from the kerb or shoulder of the road if there is no footpath. **LOOK** in all directions for approaching traffic. **LISTEN** in all directions for approaching traffic. **THINK** about whether it is safe to cross the road - when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped. Further resources to help teach your child road safety can be found at: <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/>

Thank you to the school community who have responded with suggestions on ways to improve the drop off / pick up areas around the school. Next Tuesday as a School Council we will once again write to Melton City Council and Steve McGhie our local MP.

e-SAFETY

Cyberbullying of children is when someone uses online content or communication to seriously humiliate, seriously harass, seriously intimidate or seriously threaten a child or young person under the age of 18.

It can take many forms including sending abusive messages, hurtful images or videos, nasty online gossip, excluding or humiliating others, or creating fake accounts in someone's name to trick or humiliate them.

Online bullying can have a devastating impact on young people, whose online life is a key part of their identity and how they interact socially. The link will assist parents with strategies on cyberbullying <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/cyberbullying>

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 is the final Child Safe Standard - Number 11 - Policies and procedures - how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

11.1 Policies and procedures address all Child Safe Standards.

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.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 11.2 Policies and procedures are documented and easy to understand.
- 11.3 Best practice models and stakeholder consultation informs the development of policies and procedures.
- 11.4 Leaders champion and model compliance with policies and procedures.
- 11.5 Staff and volunteers understand and implement policies and procedures.

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Foundation to Year 2 assembly. See you then.

Regards,

Tom

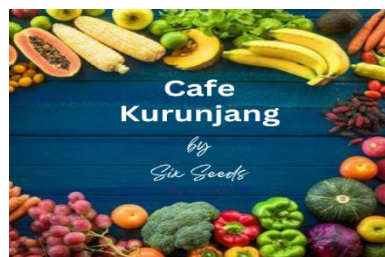
~ Learning Together



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 ~ Lachlan McCallum
Foundation Potts ~ Ace Toskas
Foundation Ahern ~ Kiana Sena San Martin
Foundation Ahern ~ Archer Newbery
Foundation Jane ~ Charlotte Litchfield
Foundation Jane ~ Myra Hines
Foundation Amy ~ Will Thomas
Foundation Amy ~ Ayla Hine
Foundation Ryan ~ Ryan Sim
Foundation Ryan ~ Deborah Abraha
1 Gonzalez ~ The Whole Grade
1 Cohen ~ Nehal Sardar
1 Cohen ~ Abigail Szydlowski
1 Cole ~ Jemimah Tshomba
1 Cole ~ Sonny Webb
1 Dovaston ~ Amielia Lucas
1 Dovaston ~ Franklin Cheshi
2 Ana ~ Grace Lyons
2 Ana ~ Felix Daly
2 Kirk ~ Paige Ali
2 Kirk ~ Thomas Derubeis
2 Kirk ~ Bilal Esen
2 Kirk ~ Skylar Dunstone
2 Estelle ~ Ajok Ayol
2 Estelle ~ Tyler Baldacchino



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.

FORWARD PLANNING

Sunday 14th May ~ Saturday 20th May

- Education Week

Friday 18th May

- Year 3/4 Camp ~ Expression of Interest Due

Friday 19th May

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Non Refundable Deposit Due
- Book Club ~ Orders Due

Monday 22nd May

- Melton Walk ~ 3 Christina, 4 Mason, 3/4 Tony

Tuesday 23rd May

- Melton Walk ~ 3 Danielle & 4 Lo Nigro
- School Council Meeting ~ Online at 5.30pm

Thursday 25th May

- Melton Walk ~ 3 Sophia(Columbus), 4 Gatt/Tanya

Friday 26th May

- Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion

Friday 2nd June

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 1st Instalment Due
- Year 3/4 Camp ~ Deposit Due

Monday 12th June

- Monarch's Birthday ~ Public Holiday
- Alpha Show ~ Compass Payments Close

Thursday 15th June

- Alpha Show ~ Whole School Incursion

Friday 16th June

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 2nd Instalment Due
- Year 3/4 Camp ~ 1st Instalment Due

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 21st July

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 3rd Instalment Due
- Year 3/4 Camp ~ 2nd Instalment Due

Friday 4th August

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Final Instalment Due

Friday 11th August

- Year 3/4 Camp ~ Final Instalment Due

Friday 15th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 2nd October

- First Day Term 4 ~ 8.50am Start

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

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



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.



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.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club was handed out this week and will need to be returned by Friday the 19th May 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.



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

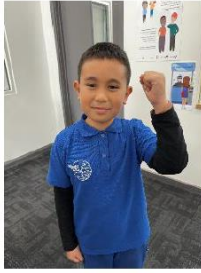
All advertisements placed in this newsletter and flyers sent home on behalf of sporting groups and auxiliaries are done so in good faith. It should not be assumed that Kurunjang Primary School is recommending these activities. Parents have a responsibility to make sure that activities are suitable and safe for their children.

Education Week At KPS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN

EXCELLENCE @KPS THIS TERM !



Congratulations to our amazing BRONZE Excellence winners!

<i>Jakob</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Maker</i>
<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Gemma</i>	<i>Chloe</i>
<i>Isabella</i>	<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Mason</i>
<i>Wemor</i>	<i>Milly</i>	<i>Annie</i>
<i>Naomi</i>		

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

<i>Manu</i>	<i>Sera</i>	<i>Khloe</i>
<i>Kaysin</i>	<i>Cruz</i>	<i>Gloria</i>
<i>Alya</i>	<i>Jarron</i>	<i>Scarlett</i>
<i>Harjot</i>	<i>Ajok</i>	<i>Zainab</i>
<i>Abuk</i>	<i>Nj</i>	<i>Indi</i>
<i>Myra</i>	<i>Brianna</i>	<i>Mia</i>
<i>Rubani</i>	<i>Emilia</i>	<i>Hafsa</i>
<i>Graham</i>	<i>Rylan</i>	<i>Bella</i>
<i>Ayanna</i>	<i>Scarlett</i>	<i>Abigail</i>
<i>Keys</i>	<i>Paige</i>	<i>Jye</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>Bahati</i>	<i>Leigh</i>
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Jarni</i>	<i>Johnny</i>
<i>Nafase</i>	<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Zion</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Damien</i>	<i>Kulang</i>
<i>Noah</i>	<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Samuel</i>
<i>Tatum</i>	<i>Joshua</i>	<i>Bailee</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Ethan</i>	<i>Pukhraj</i>
<i>Isabel</i>	<i>Colton</i>	<i>Maya</i>
<i>Cartel</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>Gabby</i>
<i>Yindi</i>	<i>Myla</i>	<i>Chloe</i>
<i>Kavya</i>	<i>Mateo</i>	<i>Isabella</i>
<i>Zara</i>	<i>Taysia</i>	<i>Elvah</i>
<i>Denvah</i>	<i>Tyson</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Fateh</i>	<i>Eaknoor</i>	<i>Havana</i>

<i>Deklan</i>	<i>Blake</i>	<i>Brittney</i>
<i>Saeed</i>	<i>Sonny</i>	<i>Ann</i>
<i>Gabriel</i>	<i>Kalahnee</i>	<i>Briana</i>
<i>Levi</i>	<i>Betty</i>	<i>Ethan</i>
<i>Sukhreet</i>	<i>Bella</i>	<i>Saiarena</i>
<i>Seth</i>	<i>Aarvi</i>	<i>Will</i>
<i>Noah</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Arach</i>
<i>Tayte</i>	<i>Xavier</i>	<i>Dion</i>
<i>Jaeliana</i>	<i>Nate</i>	<i>Roman</i>
<i>Aria</i>	<i>Xavier</i>	<i>Ampujan</i>
<i>Felix</i>	<i>Karen</i>	<i>Annika</i>
<i>Riley</i>	<i>Trueman</i>	<i>Ivanah</i>
<i>Ema</i>	<i>Abigail</i>	<i>Mikey</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Alexia</i>	<i>Alek</i>
<i>Liliana</i>	<i>Rebecca</i>	<i>Markus</i>
<i>Kavya</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Jax</i>
<i>Samantha</i>	<i>Jaxon</i>	<i>Nicholas</i>
<i>Layla</i>	<i>Taleah</i>	<i>Saga</i>
<i>Mia</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Kaden</i>
<i>Benjamin</i>	<i>Isaak</i>	<i>Yahya</i>
<i>Abhi</i>	<i>Zion</i>	<i>Aubrey</i>
<i>Skylar</i>	<i>Archer</i>	<i>Alexander</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>Jennifer</i>	<i>Angel</i>
<i>Siddak</i>	<i>Fatehveer</i>	<i>Harleen</i>
<i>Addy</i>	<i>Jett</i>	<i>Numi</i>
<i>Hine</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Chace</i>
<i>Logan</i>	<i>Hudson</i>	



Have you signed up to the Compass App?

In order to keep you up to date with important information Kurunjang Primary School is part of a portal system called COMPASS.

Through Compass, you will be able to update personal details such as phone numbers and be kept up to date with important dates, whole school events, excursions, book parent teacher conferences, contact teachers and more.

You will be able to view your child's school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via Compass.

If you have not yet signed up, please return the slip below for you to receive your personalised login details.

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I would like to receive my COMPASS APP details to be kept updated with my child's reports, school events, reminders and calendar items.

Name: _____

Student name/s: _____

Class: _____

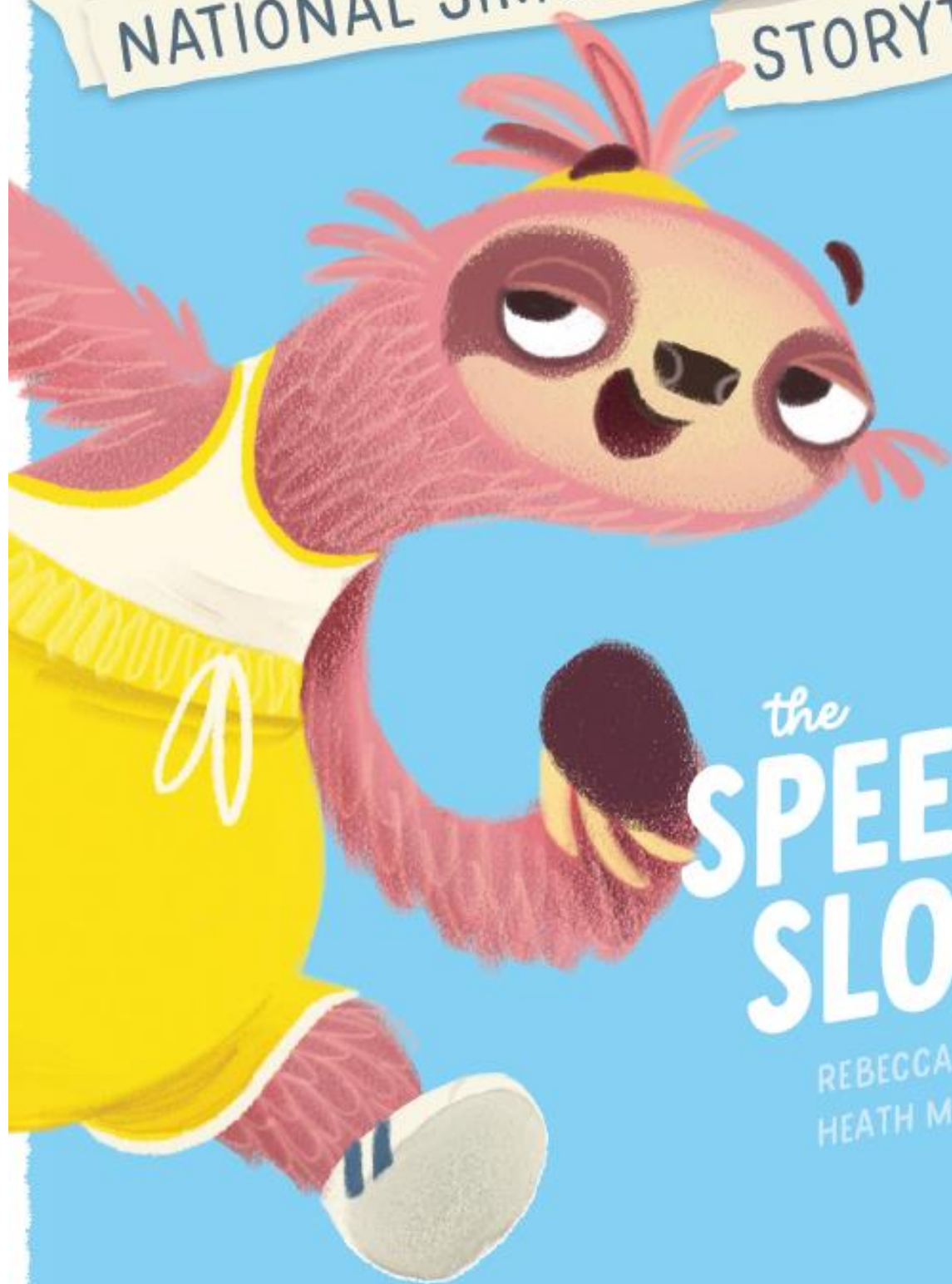


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24 May 2023

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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](#) #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



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.

aussiebreadtags@gmail.com
[@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

www.ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

Local Contact:

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

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup Term 2, 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 28 th April	Letters & Numbers 
Friday 5 th May	Autumn  
Friday 12 th May	Mother's Day 
Friday 19 th May	Water Play  
Friday 26 th May	Shops  
Friday 2 nd June	Shapes & Patterns 
Friday 9 th June	Me & My Family 
Friday 16 th June	Farm Animals  
Friday 23 rd June	Cooking Week  



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Step 3 Find our school

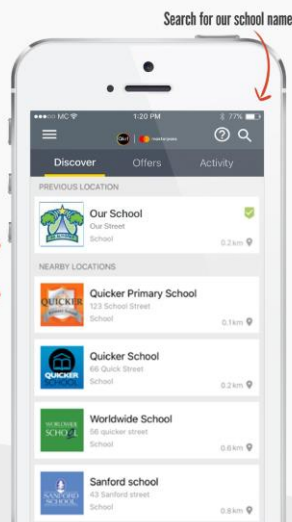
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

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'

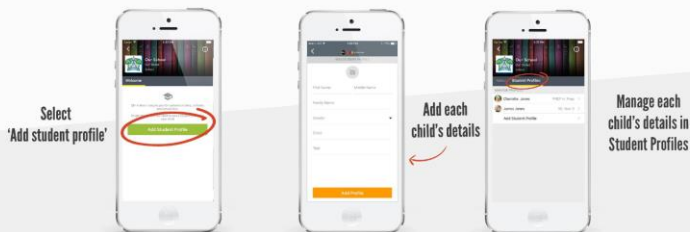


Search for our school name



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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

Foundation Potts
Foundation Ahern
Foundation Jane
Foundation Amy
Foundation Ryan

1 Gonzalez
1 Cohen
1 Cole
1 Dovaston

2 Ana
2 Kirk
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6 D'Elia
6 Ellie
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FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

NAIDOC WEEK 2023

Western Metropolitan LAECG

Share an Aboriginal Elders story and you could win an Aboriginal Dance Group or an Artist to visit for your school

This years NAIDOC theme is '**For Our Elders**' - across every generation our Elders have played and continue to play an important role in our communities and families. We all continue to pay respect to our Elders. So lets celebrate and recognise their stories.

Do you have an Aboriginal Elder in your local community that you would like to share their story. It might be your Aunt, Uncle, grandparent, or someone you respect within our community. Grab a phone, prepare some questions and interview your selected Elder. Videos should be around 2—5 minutes.

Please send your videos via email to **westernmetrolaecg@gmail.com** with your name, email address, year level and your schools details.

For further information please contact the Western Metro LAECG via email at **westernmetrolaecg@gmail.com** or ask a Koorie education contact in your area.

OPEN TO ALL KOORIE STUDENTS PREP TO YEAR 9—You can get help from your family or your teacher

Closing Date: Friday 23 June 5pm

The Winner will be notified by email and the school visit available in term 3 or 4



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