



NEWSLETTER

15 - 2023

Thursday 25th May 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a shocking week the Melton community has had with the Exford Primary School bus accident and the death of a student from Staughton College. The KPS community would like to send our thoughts and well wishes to the students, families and our colleagues at Exford PS and Staughton College.

EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL "Where Children Count" (school motto)

All Melton / Brimbank schools will be organising different fundraising events to support the Exford School community. We will be running a raffle over the next few weeks and will be having an out of uniform day on Friday 2nd June, gold coin donation to come out of uniform.

PUPIL FREE DAY

As part of the VGSA all teachers are entitled to two Professional Practice Days this year. With the shortage of CRTs, School Council has approved a common Professional Practice Day on Wednesday the 21st June. Students do not attend school on this day.

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

Classrooms were buzzing last week as families joined us for Education Week. We had singing, dancing, sport, Art, Library, Maths, Chinese, Social Emotional Learning and coding on display as families participated in classrooms as our students demonstrated their learning here at school. Thank you to everyone who was able to come in and celebrate Education Week with us.

SPORTING EVENTS

Congratulations and good luck to Joshua B, Amelia G, Abeny K, Lueth P, Bior P and Noah S who are representing our school today in the Western Ranges Divisional Cross Country.

TEACHER REPLACEMENT

Our teacher replacement agencies are already reporting that they are struggling to fill demand. Please be aware that as the Winter season approaches, replacing staff may prove as challenging as it was last year.

The Leadership team are taking classes where we can. The flip-side of our Leadership team taking classes is that we may not be available and will not be able to do our usual tasks. We may not always be available for a quick chat, an impromptu meeting, a phone call, Compass message or a quick email response. We will always respond to you, of course, but we ask for your understanding if it takes a day or even two for us to do so.

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TOILETS

A reminder to our families that due to OHS and child safety any visitors to the school cannot use the student toilets and that these are only for students who attend our school. If any parents/carers or siblings need to use a bathroom they can visit the office and use the visitor bathrooms.

ATTENDANCE

Stacey Williams is our attendance officer. Each day she will make contact with families of students who are absent where the school has not been notified in relation to a reason for their absence. She will also work with families whose children have an excessive number of absences. School attendance is important. If your child/ren are not at school, we are unable to teach them.

How many days is regular attendance, below average attendance and poor attendance in a semester (over 2 terms)?

- 0-6 days - This is within the normal range. A child with this attendance is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning programs available to them.
- 7-10 days - This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Foundation and Year 10.
- 11 – 20 days – This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and a half years of schooling between Foundation and Year 10

ROAD SAFETY

All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria.

Mandatory bicycle helmet laws were introduced in July 1990.

This applies when riding:

- on roads and road-related areas
- on bike and shared paths
- in bike lanes
- in recreational parks
- in car parks
- on footpaths

Police can stop bike and scooter riders and issue a fine or a warning for not wearing an approved bicycle helmet.

School Council met on Tuesday evening and are in the process of writing to Melton City Council and Steve McPhie our local MP, I will upload the letter on Compass when it is written.

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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e-SAFETY

The online world is an awesome place this is where our children talk to friends, play games and watch videos, all of which can be so much fun!

Staying safe online is like learning to ride a bike. There are some things we need to remind them so they can stay safe and have fun.

Remember, when we explore any place, we need to stay safe. This goes for when we are online too. Explore together with an adult and ask for help.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid/being-safe-online>

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS and SCHOOL VALUES

We have shared the 11 Child Safe Standards with the community and for the next six weeks will be sharing our school values.

Our school values are: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Empathy, Excellence and Effort.

These values are the foundation for building a resilient and effective school and community environment and form the basis of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support matrices. It is crucial our entire school community help build a culture whereby every student, staff member, family and community member feel valued and respected. We cannot assume that all students come to school already knowing how to demonstrate these values and so they are not only encouraged, but they are also explicitly taught and promoted in everything we do. Please do your part at home to support the school in building a positive learning environment at our school.

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Year 3 to Year 6 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.

- 3/4 Tony ~ Levi Shaw**
- 3/4 Tony ~ Nathan Nguyen**
- 3 Christina ~ Fateh Kahlon**
- 3 Christina ~ Ethan Sheehan**
- 3 Sophia ~ Gurkeerat Hans**
- 3 Danielle ~ Myla Fifita**
- 3 Danielle ~ Emilia Rudd**
- 4 Lo Nigro ~ Charlotte Hovard**
- 4 Lo Nigro ~ Sukreet Kaur**
- 4 Gatt/Tanya ~ Matilda Cussen**
- 4 Gatt/Tanya ~ Xavier Slee**
- 5 Blake ~ Braydon Williams**
- 5 Blake ~ Samantha Toora**
- 6 D'Elia ~ Aleasha Hocking**
- 6 D'Elia ~ Olivier Penina**
- 6 Webb ~ Ryan Firth**
- 6 Webb ~ Jakob McLaughlin**

FORWARD PLANNING

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
- Out of Uniform Day ~ Donations to Exford PS

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

Wednesday 21st June

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

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

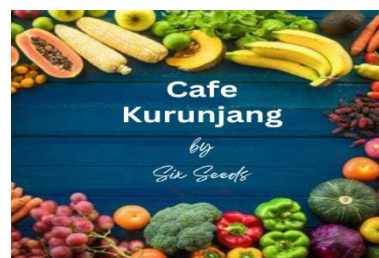
- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 7th November

- Melbourne Cup Day ~ Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school



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.

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 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 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.

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.

**** 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.



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.



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: _____

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



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.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.



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:

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 2 Register

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Step 3 Find our school

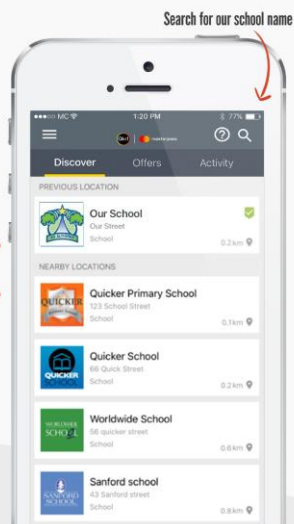
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

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'

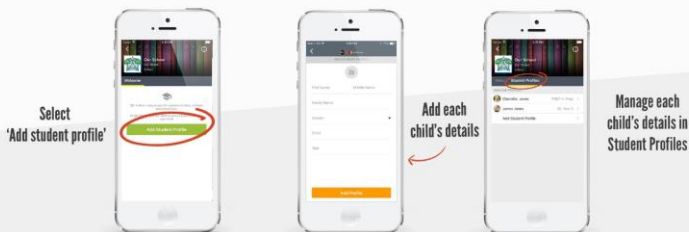


Search for our school name



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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
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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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