

NEWSLETTER 16 - 2023

Thursday 1st June, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tomorrow we will be having an out of uniform day to raise money for the students and families at Exford Primary School. Students will require a gold coin donation to come out of uniform

Congratulations to Abeny K and Joshua B who are going on to the regional cross-country event. We wish them all the best.

LIGHTENING PREMIERSHIP

It is great to receive positive feedback about our wonderful students at the 5/6 Football last Friday, one of the opposing teams' players was accidently hit/kicked by one of our players. Three of our players stopped playing to ensure that they were ok, stayed with the opposition player while their teacher came over and even walked off the ground with them. Our team were anxious when they found out that other teams had players who were experienced footy players, but they got out there and it was amazing to see their confidence grow with each game.

T-Ball Report - Boys Team - The first game they played was against Coburn. Their team only had 7 against our 9 but both teams played their best and it came out to a draw. The second game was against Eynesbury. Both teams had some great home runs, but our boys made some excellent choices, and we took the win. Third game was against Wedge Park. We did our best and communicated well, but a few great catches from Wedge Park got our team out very quickly and we unfortunately lost. We made it to the playoffs against Melton South. Some great plays from both sides but we missed a few key shots and catches, letting Melton south take the game.

Girls Team - The first game was played against Wedge Park. Some excellent fielding and strong batting helped our girls get a clean victory. The second game was against Eynesbury. Great communication and some good tags helped our girls score enough runs for another win. The third game, our girls played against Coburn. They were all excited after two great wins but a few errors while fielding led to a loss. We made it to the playoffs and after an exceptional first innings, Melton South came back with some great hits and excellent catching. Unfortunately, we missed first place but came runners up for the lightning premiership.

Football Report – In football, Kurunjang played against Wedge Park, Coburn, Eynesbury and Heathdale. The day was filled with standout performances and memorable highlights, which for many participants was their first AFL game.

Highlights included Jack D scoring the first goal of the day which boosted the confidence of KPS. His impressive skills led to another goal later in the day. Jacob S kicked an excellent goal

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and showed valuable leadership in helping direct other players. Denvah C-P demonstrated defensive prowess, displaying impressive marking and kicking abilities that helped prevent several opposition goals. Noah N showed excellence by making many strong tackles and winning several ruck contests against much taller players. Amelia G showed excellent effort and resilience in her effort in defence. Everyone had fun and the team greatly improved their confidence over the day.

Sportsmanship was excellent with KPS helping up fallen opposition players on several occasions.

Mr Webb was very tired after running around umpiring all day, getting over 19,500 steps. ≅

SEMESTER 1, STUDENT REPORTS

Staff have begun working on the students' Semester 1 academic reports. These will be available on the first day of term 3 because Term 2 is a short term (only 9 weeks). Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during week five of term 3. Information about booking a time will be available shortly.

RUNNING LATE

If you are running late to pick your child up, please ensure that you contact the school so that we can inform your child. This often relieves any stress or anxiety that they may feel with you not being there at 3:10pm.

HOMEWORK

We are continuing with fortnightly spelling words and nightly reading. If your child has been split for the day, please ask that teacher for a take home book. 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. Next term will be going back to the fortnightly activity matrix.

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 8:30am.

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.

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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ROAD SAFETY

A reminder that the speed limit around the school is 40km per hour and that this is routinely monitored by the law enforcement throughout the year. This week we had a close call on Nimmo Crescent where a student was almost hit by a car. This student exited the car in the middle of the road. Please let your children out on the gutter side.

We invited Melton Council traffic engineers to come and meet with us about the daily traffic challenges. Council will work with us to find improvements, however, in the interim, it is really important that all vehicles are driven slowly and courteously.

SCHOOL VALUES

Over the next fortnight we will be focusing on the school value RESPECT

- We all respect others (students, teachers and parents)
- We are polite.
- We are friendly, honest and caring.
- We are accepting and inclusive.
- We have self-control.
- We listen to others and use words that show respect.
- We follow rules and accept outcomes for our behaviours.
- We remain calm and use appropriate tone and language.

YARD EXPECTATIONS

Please do not approach other students in the yard – students feel intimidated and unsafe when approached by a strange adult. If you see an incident or you have a concern with any child other than your own, please do not approach them, please notify the teacher on yard duty or your child's classroom teacher.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

This year we have been working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and weekly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

View the first presentation of the series here:

Part 1: Meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project - https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-inspire-hugh/

In this presentation, Hugh shares a personal experience about his sister's battles with Mental Illness.

Note: This video contains a story about an Eating Disorder that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit The Resilience Project's Support Page.

ASSEMBLY

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

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 ~ Alexander Verdura Foundation Potts ~ Melchizedek Yeanav Foundation Ahern ~ Addy Hogan Foundation Ahern ~ Jeremiah Baravilala Foundation Jane ~ Adut Panthum Foundation Jane ~ Braxton Woolley Foundation Amy ~ Matilda Attard Foundation Amy ~ Melody Krizmanic Foundation Ryan ~ Nabir Sardar Foundation Ryan ~ Rivah Gatt 1 Sanju ~ LJ Cheung Pun 1 Sanju ~ Joanna Gbenima 1 Cohen ~ Aaliyah Downie 1 Cohen ~ Atticus Dunn 1 Dovaston ~ Roman Fletcher 2 Ana ~ Akuot Gor Deeng 2 Ana ~ Exaviah Muavaa 2 Kirk ~ Gabby Tauvao 2 Kirk ~ Jye Benedict 2 Kirk ~ Benjamin Mejai-Hernandez 2 Hannah ~ Jahlakai Hill 2 Hannah ~ Ella Diko 2 Hannah ~ Grace Bennett 2 Hannah ~ Colton Nepia 2 Estelle ~ Mia Lizama 2 Estelle ~ Zoey Paseka



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.

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

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 2nd June

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 1st Instalment Due
- Year 3/4 Camp ~ Deposit Due
- Out of Uniform Day ~ Donations to Exford PS

Tuesday 6th June

 Dromkeen Picture Book Art Gallery ~ Selected Students

Monday 12th June

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

Wednesday 14th June

Foundation 2024 Open Night ~ 5.00pm

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

Monday 19th June

• Foundation ~ Cultural Day

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

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.

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.

** 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.



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.

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.



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 <u>COMPASS</u>.

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 childs 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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Compass
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.



2024 FOUNDATION OPEN EVENING

Our Foundation open evening will be held on Wednesday 14th of June at 5:00pm. During this time, you will be able to meet some of our current Foundation teachers and leadership team and ask any questions you may have. We will provide you with some information regarding what Foundation will be like at KPS for you and your child.

Please call the office on **9743-0633** or email us at **kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au** if you would like to enrol or attend our open evening.



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www.kurunjangps.vic.edu.au

KurunjangPrimarySchool

kurunjang.ps@education.vic. gov.au Hello Families, This Term at KPS, we have ran a Writing Competition for students to showcase their writing talents. We were very happy with the entries and wanted to share them with you. So please enjoy reading the fantastic stories our students from grades 3 to 6 have written over the next couple of weeks. The picture prompt is included so you can see their inspiration. Enjoy!





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

Kaya and the Super Star Dog

Once upon a time there was a famous superstar dog. Her name was Kaya. Kaya had an owner. Kaya's owner's name is Melissa. Melissa is very kind to everyone. But Kaya is not nice to anyone.

By Ayor Maker

Rusty the Dog

Once upon a time there lived a dog named Rusty. Rusty was a good dog. He helped people who need help and he even helped a lady who dropped an apple. One day Rusty saw a dog trying bite a baby then Rusty got up and tried to help. When he was done, everybody started to clap and cheered, saying you're a superhero dog. Then he became the most famous dog in the world.

By Bahat.

The Famous Dog

Miss Appletail is a poodle with rainbow fur. She is the queen of dog land, but they are in a war with cat land.

Meet Miss Noo-Noo, the queen of cat land.

She is the worst cat in the world. In the middle of war, the most famous dog in both lands walked by. He had 10 million dog and cat followers on Tic Toc. No one knows how he became so famous though.

By Hollie Rawlings

Harry Kay

One day there lived a very famous rich pup named Harry Kay. He loved his friends and family, but he heard some sad news. His fiend Kelly was going back to America. So Harry threw a going away party for all his friends and family. After the party, he dropped her off at the airport and said "goodbye".

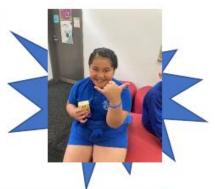
By Kulang

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN



EXCELLENCE @KPS THIS TERM!





Deng	Ejay	Logan
Tinjarni	Reyhaneh	Bior
Kasileyah	Hunter	Harley
Sukreet	David	
Each of the follow	ving students have received	an excellence wristband, we
	so proud of yo	u!
Amielia	Lucy	Rayfe
Mason	Milla	Kaysin
Jaiyken	Cyrus	Cruz
Chris	Divisha	Amber
Teghdeep	Katya	Zainab
Hector	Aaliyah	Abeny
Leilah	Naomi	Kaiden
Livinio	Zac	Cooper
Leighzelle	Isabelle	Victoria
W	Noah	Braxton
Amy	Nesrin	Tythan
Ashy	Deysha	Eaknoor
Lachlan	Xylah	Milan
Fiona	Bilal	Thomas
Mikayla	Mataya	Nathan
Hazel	Carly	Exaviah
Bailee	Isaak	Kuot
Zayden	Charlotte	Kevin
Ava	Addison	Isabelle
Zac	Jonathan	Angus
Annalise	Myla	Levi
Levaii	Ramneek	Brittney
Jemimah	Xavier	Mertcan
Tawhiri	Briana	Sophie
Lara	Harleen	Fadlallah
Levi	Mackenzie	Alexander

Gurpartap	Winter	Grace
Reis	Isaac	George
Chase	Leah	Tiahna
Johnzen	IJ	Fabien
Tyler	Lea	Jenny
Cassis	Aila	Elijah
Nathaniel	Gurnoor	Seth
Jack	Sebastian	Peyton
Galina	Katherine	Adut
Tyler	Rydah	Akout
Kamiah	Keys	Scarlett
Anastasia	Mia	Oliver
Nalayni	Matilda	Maia
Riley		



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 0 tonnes of soft plastic, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

Includes early learning centres and pre-schools

Wonder





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.









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



Local Contact:



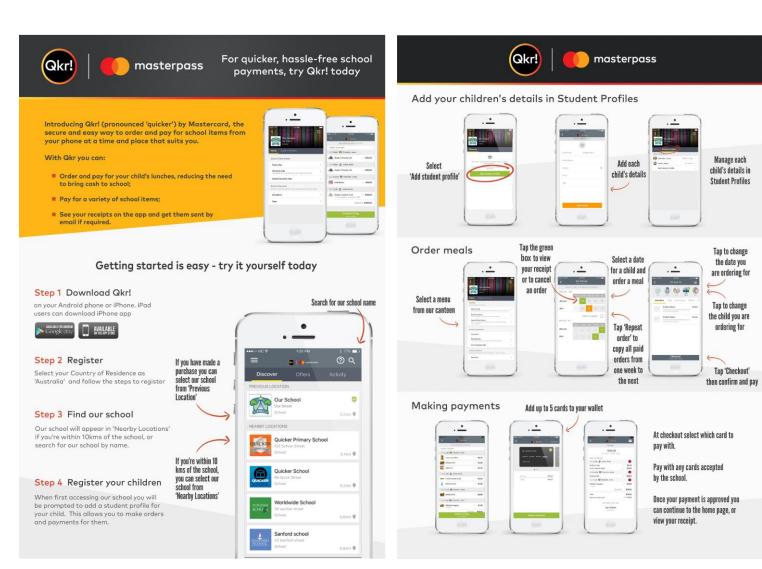
Learning and Playing Together Playgroup

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>	Theme/Activity – Sessions may include: • 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
Friday 28 th April	 cooking guest speakers and excursions will be organised. 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



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
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- 6 Ellie
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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







