

NEWSLETTER 17 - 2023

Thursday 8th June, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the families who helped their children participate in the fundraiser last Friday to raise money for the Exford PS Community. We took a total of \$806.10, which we will pass onto the school. I was really impressed with the children's involvement and the generosity of our school community in supporting another school in need. The road ahead for the children, and their families affected is long, as is the impact on the rest of the school community. I know they will be very grateful for our school's contribution.

As the Acting Principal of your children's school, I strive to maximise my connections with the students, and like the staff at the school, pride myself on the care and concern that I have for each and every student and family. Students visit my office regularly to share their successes and things they are proud of; last week George from grade 2 was excited to share his writing and Blake from year 4 showing his karate medals to me. I also receive visits from students to say hi or share things that they may be worried about. I encourage students to see me or other members of staff if they are worried about anything. Students feeling confident to speak up about how they feel or something that has happened to them at school is an important step in the process to resolving incidents or managing any bullying that may occur.

For the Parents and carers at school, the same applies to you. Please share your successes and the things you are proud of about our school and also reach out to me or your child's teacher if there are any matters that you feel we need to know about. A community wide approach is crucial.

A massive thank you to the entire school community for being so understanding about staff and student absences. COVID 19, gastro, chicken pox and the emerging flu season are certainly causing a number of staff and students to be absent. There is also a shortage of replacement teachers and education support staff. This certainly causes disruptions but with patience and a willingness to work together we can certainly ensure that the day runs as smoothly as possible.

National Consistent Collection of Data for Students with a Disability (NCCD): Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the

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school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

ROAD SAFETY

Bikes and Scooters - Riding to School

We support and encourage students to ride their bikes and scooters to school as it is a healthy and environmentally conscious choice, but note that:

- Bikes and scooters must be in a condition that complies with safety expectations (e.g. size, brakes, tyres).
- Students must wear a helmet when riding a bike and are strongly encouraged to do the same when riding a scooter.

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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- Students are strongly encouraged to lock their bikes and scooters in the bike enclosure.
- Bikes and scooters must be 'walked' within the school grounds when entering and exiting the school.

SCHOOL VALUES

This week we continue to look at the school value **RESPECT**. Displayed in every classroom is an expected behaviours matrix. The matrix has expectations for each of the school values. Please see values below.

This year we have been part of The Resilience Project's program. The aims and objectives of this program is to build an understanding of positive emotions and resilience. We have focused on the three key pillars that have been proven to cultivate positive emotion: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM), with Emotional Literacy being a foundational skill to practise these strategies.

A reminder to our whole community that acts of kindness go along way. We encourage everyone to support and encourage all members of our school community and this includes students, teachers, staff and families. Everyone is working hard to do their best and deserve respectful and thoughtful behaviour.

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Gratitude - Paying attention to the things we have right now and not worrying about what we don't have. We practise gratitude by noticing the positives around us.

Empathy - Putting ourselves in the shoes of others so we feel what they are feeling. We practise empathy by being kind and compassionate towards other people.

Mindfulness - Our ability to be calm and in the present moment. We practise mindfulness by slowing down and concentrating on one thing at a time.

Emotional Literacy - Our ability to label our emotions, which helps us to soften negative emotions and find positive emotions. We practise emotional literacy by labelling our emotions as we experience them.

ASSEMBLY

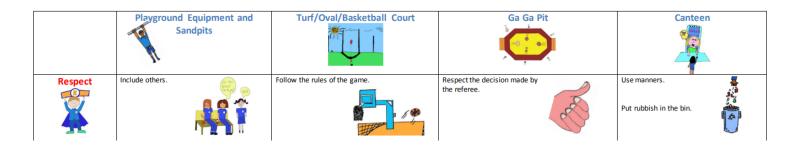
Looking forward to seeing you all at the Year 3 to 6 assembly tomorrow. See you then. Finally, I am looking forward to seeing you all refreshed after the long weekend.

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.

3/4 Tony ~ Amelia O'Neill
3/4 Tony ~ Moiz Cheema
3 Danielle ~ Naomi Setema
3 Danielle ~ Mason Stevens
4 Lo Nigro ~ Leah Nguyen
4 Lo Nigro ~ Lea Jovkovska
4 Gatt/Tanya ~ Ayanna Roughley-Kuila
4 Gatt ~ Pahul Bal
5 Bella ~ Delnia Darabi
5 Bella ~ Annika Odewahn
6 D'Elia ~ Rayyan Alameh
6 D'Elia ~ Jazyah Simoo



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.



The first issue for the 2023 year was handed out this week and will need to be

returned by this **Friday the 9th of June** 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.

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 9th June

Book Club ~ Orders Close

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

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

** 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.



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.



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.



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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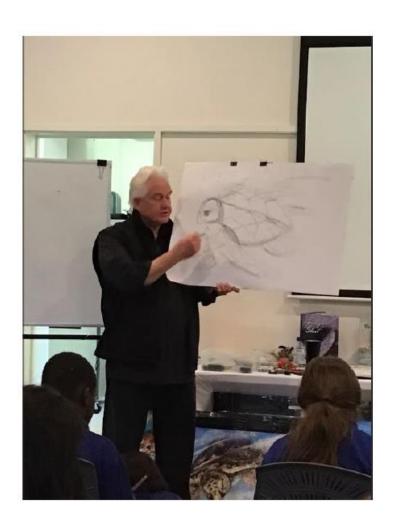
Dear Families,

Yesterday Miss Havers, Mrs Notman and myself- Lisa, took 38 students from across grades 3 to 6 to Dromkeen. Dromkeen is a picture book gallery in Riddell's Creek and show cases the work of local author / illustrator Mark Wilson. Mark has authored many books that are in our library, the most recent will be released in August this year, entitled 'Caroline'. This story is based on the story of Caroline Chisholm.

The students had a fantastic day where they met Mark Wilson, who shared his secrets about how he gets his ideas for his stories. He also explained that it takes him 10 drafts before his story is ready to go to the publisher, so that's a lot of work!

The students were also involved in a drawing class, where he taught them how to use shape to draw some fantastic illustrations.

It was a spectacular day for all and we look forward to seeing the amazing stories out students publish following this visit.



Hello Families, This Term at KPS, we 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 some more fabulous stories. The picture prompt is included so you can see their inspiration. Enjoy!



The Red Glasses

This is a story about how a dog became famous. It was the glasses that made the dog famous because of their bold red colour. The dog's name was Archie. Archie's owner's name was Zoe. Zoe was helpful to everyone, but Archie was a terrible maker.

Archie became famous because he troubled more than 10 thousand people. One fateful day at 12pm, Archie went into the woods and was swallowed up by a wolf. He was never heard of again.

The village people were happy and Zoe was relieved that she had no more complaints and the red on his glasses meant danger and the glasses were the last of him.

By Gurkeerat Hans

The Mean Dog

Today I saw a dog. It was chasing me, so I hit it. I dug a hole, and I hid in it.

"I'm safe now!" I heard the dog bark, then it ran away. So, I crept out of the hole.

The dog was eating my McDonalds. I was so sad, so I called KFC and ordered a Zinger box. I said, if you see a hole, that's where I'll be. Then the dog started chasing me, so I ran home and ate my KFC in peace.

By Trueman.

World Famous Pup Star

One day at the world famous pup star house, the was a dog named Tinjarni. She loves taking photos of things like herself or an apple. She wears a black collar and sunglasses and takes photos for her socials.

I have a story. Do you want to know what the story is? I shall tell you...

When I was a kid, I loved taking photos of things that were interesting.

When I got older, I started taking photos of people which is how I got famous. That's when I got a job as a photographer.

By Tinjarni.

World Famous Pup-Star

I have a story to tell. It's about how my dog became famous...

It all started when my dog was born in LA and in his first ever movie, 'The City of Pups'. It got 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. It also got a 5 star rating on Yelp.

My dog also wrote a song called Coconut. It has over 1 million views on You Tube. He is now walking the red carpet these days. He took a specific photo of himself that got him 100 million likes.

By Logan Diprose.

Marmaduke

Marmaduke is a spy. He has a fake profile. ps. Marmaduke is on break.

Whenever Milla (his owner), is not around, he always goes on Facebook and posts photos from his phone. He's not allowed to do this because he's only 8 years old.

One morning, Milla woke up early and hid cameras around the house. When she went to work, Marmaduke went on his phone to watch Facebook and post photos. Marmaduke didn't know that Milla had been watching him the whole time.

When Milla got home from work, Marmaduke saw that Milla was angry, so he had to stay off his phone for a month. One month later...

"Marmaduke!" Yelled Milla.

"Yes".

"Here, you can have your phone back on your birthday Marmaduke."

"I love you Milla!" So, Marmaduke had learnt his lesson and never did it again.

By Maia

Photos for Mothers

One ordinary day, there was a cute, teeny, tiny dog named Jack. He was the only dog that liked taking photos in the whole world. On the 14th day in May, there was a photo competition at Jack's school for the mothers, because it was Mother's Day.

Jack brought his costume last week for the photo and tomorrow is the competition, but Jack has a problem, he can't find his costume. Then Jack's mum came and said, "What's wrong Jack?"

Jack said, "I lost my costume and tomorrow's the competition." Jack started to cry.

"Don't worry Jack, we will bring a new one." Said Jack's mum.

"No! I want the same one!" Yelled Jack.

"Okay, then we will bring the same one, but don't yell, it hurts my ears!" Said Jack's mum.

Then Jack's sister Bella came in and yelled, 'What is all this yelling for?"

"Jack lost his costume and tomorrow is the competition and we are going to the shops to get the costume." Said mum.

20 minutes later...

"We didn't find the costume!" Said Jack's mum.

"What shop did you buy the costume from?" Asked Bella.

"We bought it from the Dog Shop." Said Mum.

"I know my friend makes the clothes for the Dog Shop. Let's go to my friend's house." Said Bella.

After 20 minutes, Jack's costume was made.

"...And the winner is JACK!"

By Harleen B.



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





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.



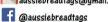




Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.







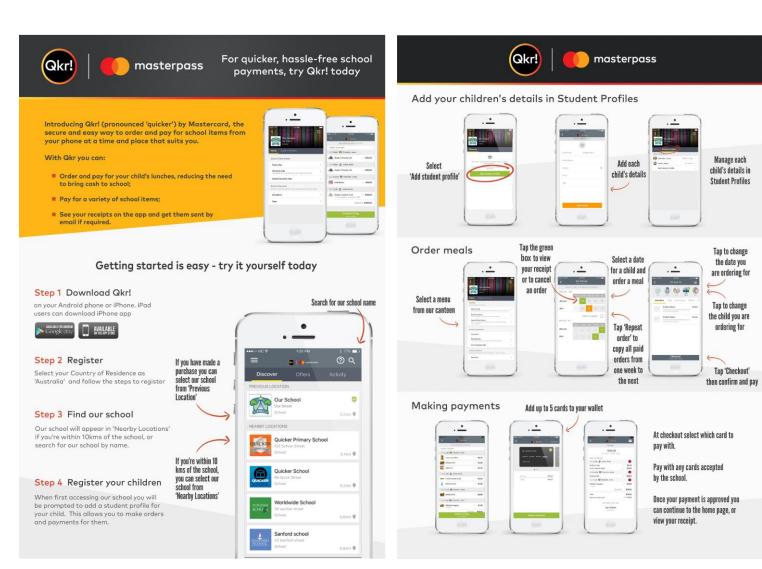
Learning and Playing Together Playgroup

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
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23 JUNE - 9 JULY



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETS TO OUR ICE SKATING RINK, VISIT EYNESBURYWINTERFESTIVAL.COM.AU

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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

23 JUNE - 9 JULY

SUN - THURS 10AM - 8PM FRI & SAT 10AM - 9PM

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23 SAT

FRI

DAY

Ice rink,

winter village

giant mars & more

From 5pm

OPENING

24 CIRCUS

From 12pm - 4pm

ENTERTAINERS

Fresh food, produce, arts & crafts From 9am

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SUN

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BAND/LIVE MUSIC From 2pm

MON

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COOKIE DECORATING CLASS Decorate a

snowman cookie At 11am & 2pm

KIDS EAT FREE AT MS PEACOCK From 12pm - 8pm

TUES

MAGIC SHOW With Eynesbury's vourite Micky Magic At 12pm & 2pm

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COOKIE CLASS

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DISNEY CHARACTERS

Roaming between 12pm & 4pm

WINTER THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT

At Ms Peacock From 6pm

REPTILE ENCOUNTERS Discover the

THURS

amazing world of reptiles From 12pm - 4pm

ICE HOCKEY MATCH



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PONY RIDES

Join in for some four legged fun From 12pm - 4pm SUN

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fire performancers & food trucks From 5pm

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NIGHT MARKET Fresh food rts & crafts

From 5pm

SAT

WINTER

Fireworks, bonfire, African drumming,

CIRCUS ENTERTAINERS From 12pm - 4pm

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BAND/LIVE MUSIC From 2pm

SUN

LAST DAY!

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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







