

NEWSLETTER 28 - 2023

Thursday 7th September, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to the dedicated staff members who accompanied our Year 3/4 students on this week's camp. Their hard work and commitment made the experience not only educational but also incredibly enjoyable for our students.

I know that many of us returned home from camp feeling tired but with hearts full of fond memories. From the exciting canoeing games to the thrilling archery session (my favourite activity) and the enlightening night bush walks. Our students had a fantastic time and learned valuable lifelong skills along the way. I would like to acknowledge all the students for their outstanding behaviour and would like to thank Finn G who took over the role as the main kitchen hand after each meal. I couldn't tell you how many plates, bowls, cups and cutlery Finn 'hosed down' before placing them in the dishwasher.

The students who were at school enjoyed doing individual projects, cooking, a movie afternoon and mixing with other students from the 3/4 cohort.

Now, I'd like to draw your attention to an important matter. We have discovered some lost property from camp that has made its way back to school. If your child is missing any clothing items or personal belongings, we kindly ask you to come and have a look. The lost property will be available for viewing at school this afternoon. Please note that any unclaimed lost property will be donated to the local Op Shop during the upcoming holidays. We want to ensure that these items find new homes and continue to be useful to others in our community.

MATHS GAMES DAYS

I would like to congratulate the following students from Year 3/4 who attended a Maths Games Day last week at Aintree Primary School. Well done to Jett D, Hayden B, Gurkeerat H, Selihom A, Damien S, Maia CP, Isla T, Archie R, Logan D, Sarah R, Siloam S and Harleen B who all had a fun working collaboratively in a range of games and problem-solving activities.

Tomorrow is a big day, and we want to wish Harry M, Jared Z, Seraphina T, Rayyan A, Raphael C, Alyssa F, Denvah CP and Elijah V all the best for their Maths Challenge Day at Point Cook. It's wonderful to see the student's enthusiasm and dedication to representing our school. As a team some words of advice to them — remember to stay confident work together as a team, and most importantly, have fun while solving those math challenges! We believe in your abilities and know you'll make us proud!

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STAFFING UPDATE

This week we welcomed Bec Day to our ES team. Bec is extremely excited to be joining us at KPS.

Mrs Kirstin Wilkinson will be leaving us next Tuesday to start at Strathtulloh Primary School. We thank Kirstin for her work and dedication to our students during her time at KPS. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

HATS

As we are now in September, it is our school's policy that students are once again always wearing hats when outdoors. Any child not wearing a school hat, will be asked and expected to play undercover when outdoors at recess and lunch time.

5/6 CAMP

On Monday our Year 5/6 students are heading to Camp Wyuna at Queenscliff! I know how excited our students are! Please rest assured, every element of care has been put into the planning and preparation for this camp and I am excited to be visiting them on Tuesday.

Can I please ask that if your child needs medication, if it can be dropped off to school in a zip locked bag tomorrow Friday 8th September from 2:10pm-3:30pm. This allows our first aide officers time to ensure all medication has been signed in and accounted for.

If this is not possible to do so on the Friday, on the Monday of camp from 8:00am – 8:30am. Staff will meet you in the Personal Learning Studio (building near the gym).

If your child/ren are attending camp, please ensure that all items have their name on it.

STUDENTS WALKING TO / FROM SCHOOL

We have seen an increase in students walking to / from school by themselves / with siblings or friends. While we encourage our students to enjoy the benefits of walking to / from school, we also want to emphasize the importance of responsible behaviour during these journeys.

Can you please discuss with your child/ren that it is essential that they do not touch or damage any properties along their way home. Remind them that respecting other's belongings is a vital aspect of being a responsible member of our community.

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

The safety of our students is always our number one priority and, below are some safety messages to share with your children:

- Always walk or ride directly to and from school and avoiding making stops or side trips along the way.
- Avoid walking or riding alone, whether it's with parents or friends always try to walk in a group.
- If there is anything that makes a student feel uncomfortable in any way, they should leave the area and report any concerns to a responsible adult.
- Avoid talking to strangers students should walk away from anyone they do not know and tell a responsible adult what happened.
- Avoid getting into cars, even if a student thinks they know someone in the car, unless the student has been told that someone known to them will pick them up.
- Remembering the number plate of a vehicle is of huge assistance to police, however should only be attempted if the student is safe.

These conversations can help ensure that students feel safe and are confident to handle a difficult situation if it arises. I also encourage you to speak to your children and encourage them to report any concerns going to and from school or anything suspicious to you and the school. If you see something that looks suspicious or out of the ordinary please contact the Police.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Melton Men's Group for their generous donation of \$350.00 to our school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Year 3 to Year 6 assembly tomorrow. See you then.

Finally, as always I would love to hear any feedback you have about our school, so please feel free to email me at any time at kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au with any thoughts, concerns, feedback or suggestions that you may have to continue to make our school a wonderful place to be and to learn. I will get back to you as soon as I can and really do appreciate any feedback that you have to share.

Regards,

Tom

~ Learning Together

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

WEARING OF SCHOOL HATS

Please note that the wearing of school hats is compulsory in Term 1 & the start of September. Please make sure your child has a Kurunjang

Primary School embroidered hat for the start of September. School hats are only available from Buxwear, Bakery Square Melton.



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 Parker ~ Ege Elmas
3 Parker ~ Jaxon Hayward
3 Danielle ~ Katya Solopova
3 Danielle ~ Amy Ho
4 Tanya ~ Ava Mather
4 Tanya ~ David Tran
4 Gatt ~ Phoenix Thorne
4 Gatt ~ Leon Walters-Price Hetaraka
5 Micallef ~ Maker Maker
5 Micallef ~ Cartel Neho
5 Blake ~ Jackson Offer
5 Blake ~ Logan Curtis
6 D'Elia ~ Ty-Rhys Psaila

FORWARD PLANNING

6 D'Elia ~ Tristan Mallia

Friday 8th September

Year 1/2 Big Night In

Monday 11th ~ Wednesday 13th September

• Year 5/6 Camp ~ Queenscliff Camp Wyuna

Monday 11th ~ Thursday 14th September

Teeth On Wheels ~ Visiting KPS

Friday 15th September

- Out of Uniform Day ~ Donation to Cancer Council
- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 2nd October

First Day Term 4 ~ 8.50am Start

Friday 13th October

• Slime / Colour Spectacular Fundraiser

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

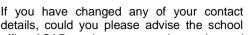


We currently have a large number of overdue library books. Could I ask that any library books found at home that belong to our school, please be returned to the library ASAP.

Thank you

Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician

CHANGE OF DETAILS





office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.

Cafe Kurunjang

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.



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.

SCHOOL LEAVERS & ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Any parents who have children that will not be returning to Kurunjang Primary School in 2024 are requested to let the school know as soon as possible. If you know of families moving to our school in 2024, who have not yet been to the school to enrol, we would greatly appreciate it if you could ask your friends to do so. We also ask any parents who have not enrolled their child in Foundation for 2024, to do so as soon as possible. Immediate action on this matter will ensure that we have adequate facilities and resources available for the beginning of the 2024 school year.

Please fill in and return to the school office as soon as possible:

STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING IN 2024

I would like to notify Kuruniana P.S. that my CHILD/REN

NAME/S:
GRADE/S
Will not be attending Kurunjang P.S. in 2024
NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2024:



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.

EXCURSION TO THE NGV

Last Thursday, some of our senior school students had the awesome opportunity to visit the NGV to see the Pierre Bonnard exhibition and to participate in a workshop. Here's what some of them had to say about their experience.





"I liked everything. I really enjoyed it." James

"I think it was very very cool and fun. It was also amazing. I really like the colourful ceiling. It was the best school day ever, and it was fun making the craft." Hargun

"I really enjoyed the art gallery experience. I really liked the paintings a lot and it was my first time going to the gallery and it was the best experience of the school year." Garima

"I really enjoyed my time being there with all my friends and I especially like the way the spaces were set up for the paintings. Overall, I felt great going to the art gallery and eating free food." Varshna

"For my first time going there I was amazed at the art and especially the glass ceiling with all it's patterns. It was a really good experience to go with friends. It's a day I'll remember for a long time." Vaidehi

"It was interesting. I saw a lot of paintings. I learnt about an artist. I learnt that he painted about life." Isabella

"It was interesting. I liked the hands-on workshop because we got to create our own wallpaper. I also liked the short movie because it was cool! The waterwall was my favourite part and the stained glass ceiling was relaxing to look at." Prabal "The bus ride was fun and we got to touch the water wall and even though I've been there before, it was still an exciting experience and I liked making the wall papers and seeing the Bonnard exhibit. The gift shop was fun to look through but very expensive." Semeen

When we arrived at the gallery, we waited in the Great Hall, where we were taught about the glass ceiling which was over fifty years old. Later we were taught about Pierre Bonnard's paintings and inspirations. Not only did we learn about Pierre Bonnard, but we also learnt about India Mahdavi, who is an interior designer. She made furniture for the art gallery. After we learnt about Pierre Bonnard and India Mahdavi, we were split into two groups. The first group got to see Pierre Bonnard's paintings, India Mahdavi's furniture and also the gift shop. The second group got to do crafting, drawing, and recreated Pierre Bonnards, Japanese inspired artwork. After that, we had lunch and rested for a while. We were given a free art book and grey lead pencil. Once we were done, the groups switched activities and then we went home on the bus.

It was very interesting and fun. We enjoyed our time there. The food wasn't bad and the staff members were nice, but the artwork was *spectacular!*

By Sophie and Milly



Kurunjang Primary School

~Learning Together~

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting our school to be the best it can be, especially through fundraising. This term we are fundraising for outside play equipment and games with a Colour Splatacular School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising!

The Colour Splatacular School Fun Run will be on Friday 13th of October from 2:10pm to 3:10pm.

Entry fee: donations via your online profile- in order to participate in the colour splatacular all you need to do to make a donation via the online portal. Remember the more you donate the more prizes you can win!

- Please make sure students wear a WHITE shirt and closed in shoes.
- · Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- · Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe.
- Students will also be covered in non-toxic water-based slime as well!
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available
 upon request for Colour and Slime.

How Do We Fundraise?

Fundraising for our Colour Splatacular School Fun Run is entirely online. Follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile page at www.australianfundraising.com.au. At the end of our fundraiser, student's incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and Golden Coins. Students can earn up 15 unique incentive prizes!

Please note: all cash donations must be converted to online donations before Friday 13th October. We cannot accept any cash donations for this fundraiser.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student it could be you!
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For further information, please contact the school on 9743 0633.

Wendy McCall

(On behalf of School Council Fundraising Committee KPS)

HOW TO CREATE A MY PROFILE PAGE

1. Type http://www.myprofilepage.com.au into your internet URL search bar

www.myprofilepage.com.au

Tip: Google Chrome is the preferred internet browser for

the website.

2. Click Register to create a Parent log in

3. Create a Parent Log In

The parent/guardian sign up information to create a log into the website.





4. Create a Profile Page

- Enter First and Last Name
- Search your Group!
 You will need to type 4-5
 letters of the group's Name for the group to pop up for selection.
- Select Class
- 4. Click Next Step

Create	e a profile page for your child
Student First Name	Student Last Name
Search by School Name - T	ype Here •
	NEXT

5. Select your fundraising goal by choosing

the prize you wish to reach! You can aim high to collect all 15 or set it low and update throughout the fundraiser!

CLICK CREATE PAGE once goal is selected

Congratulations!

Your Profile Page is now created for your group! Check out your profile and make additional edits!

- 1. Create a Profile Avatar
- 2. Edit your fundraising story
- 3. Check out how you can earn bonus donations by clicking the coin chest
- 4. Share your page to friends and family! This is the only way to obtain donations for your group.
- 5. Self-Donate! This is submitting an online donation yourself to the profile

Can I create more profile pages?

YES! If you have more than 1 child, you can create additional profiles on the same parent log in.

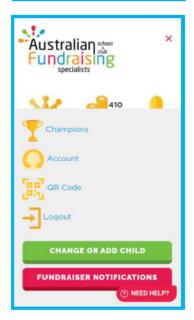
- Simply click the 2 horizontal lines top right if using a mobile device.
- 2. Click the Change/Add Child Button
- 3. Complete the Create a Profile Page again

Need Help? The team at Australian Fundraising can help between Monday-Friday 8am-4pm aest.

Simply click the NEED HELP button and pop through a ticket for help.











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.

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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:		

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: Natasha Dovaston; Year 2 Ana Kralj; Year 3/4: Tony Fraietta; Year 5/6: Rob D'Elia; Specialists: Lidia Woolley

Leadership Team Members - Toni Havers: Numeracy; Danielle Sheedy: Wellbeing

Assistant Principal – Wendy McCall: Foundation-2
Acting Assistant Principal – Toni Havers: Years 3-6

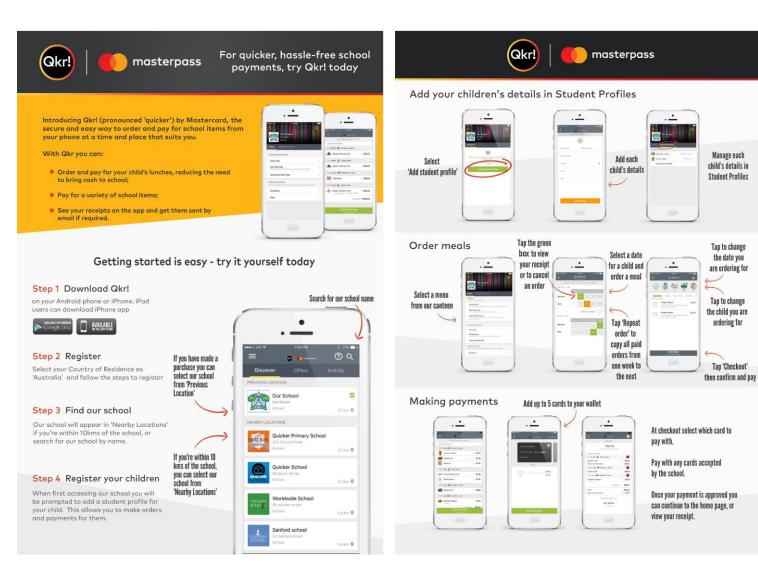
Acting Principal - Tom Goddard

DET - Department of Education & Training - Regional Office

<u>Learning and Playing Together Playgroup</u> <u>Term 3, 2023</u>

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 cooking guest speakers and excursions will be organised.
Friday 21 st July	Winter
Friday 28 th July	Transport
Friday 4 th August	Dinosaurs
Friday 11 th August	Tornadoes
Friday 18th August	Feelings
Friday 25 th August	Fairy Tales
Friday 1 st September	Father's Day
Friday 8 th September	Cooking



CLASS LIST FOR Qkr!

CLASS NAME Qkr! CLASS

Foundation Potts Foundation Ahern Foundation Jane Foundation Amy Foundation Ryan

- 1 Sophia
- 1 Cohen
- 1 Cole
- 1 Dovaston
- 2 Ana
- 2 Kirk
- 2 Kaitlin
- 2 Estelle
- 3/4 Tony
- 3 Christina 3 Parker
- 3 Danielle
- 4 Tanya
- 4 Mason
- 4 Gatt
- 5 Micallef
- 5 Blake
- 5 Bella 6 D'Elia
- 6 Ellie
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Farms to Families Free food market

Day: Tuesday

Date: 12th September

Time: 10.30am - 12pm

This is an invite only event.

Please contact Stacey Williams for further details.



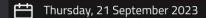
Please bring your own shopping bags







CAROLINE SPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE:



(Session 1: 10am - 11am

(I) Session 2: 11.30am - 12.30pm

\$ \$8 per child per 1 hour session*

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*Each child must be accompanied by an adult

COBBLEBANK INDOOR STADIUM:

Thursday, 28 September 2023

Session 1: 10am - 11am

(C) Session 2: 11.30am - 12.30pm

(\$) \$8 per child per 1 hour session*

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*Each child must be accompanied by an adult

COBBLEBANK INDOOR STADIUM 206 Ferris Road, Cobblebank

Keep the kids active these School Holidays in a BIG way!

Test your soccer skills against your mates on the HUGE 4m x 4m inflatable soccer dart kickball game. See if you can get the ball to stick on the dartboard, or maybe even score a bullseye!

Then see how many goals you can score in the MASSIVE 15m x 10m inflatable Soccer Pana Cage.

There will also be an array of oversized games, activities and sports that guarantees GIANT fun these holidays!

Tickets are limited, register online today.

For more information email:
leisurecentreprograms@melton.vic.gov.au

Register online: melton.vic.gov.au/giantgames





CAROLINE SPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE 9 The Parade, Caroline Springs







Phone: Steve Kelly 0409 173 273

Free "Come & Try" Days