

NEWSLETTER 29 - 2023

Thursday 14th September, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

And just like that, the term is over! Can you believe it? Whilst we have certainly had a productive and enjoyable term, it has certainly been a challenging one as we have battled high levels of staff and student absences due to a range of different illnesses across the school. Just a reminder that we finish at 2:10pm tomorrow!

I would like to express my gratitude to the dedicated staff members who accompanied our Year 5/6 students on this week's camp.

I know that all the students returned home from camp feeling tired but with lots of fond memories. From bike riding to Point Lonsdale, making wood fire pizzas, archery, canoeing on the foreshore, beach exploration / games, Queenscliff walk, Queenscliff Fort Tour and the highlight being the camp fire and eating S'mores!

The students who were at school enjoyed doing individual projects, cooking, a movie afternoon and mixing with other students from the 5/6 cohort.

As per last week we have discovered some lost property from both camps 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 tomorrow afternoon. We want to ensure that these items find new homes and continue to be useful to others in our community.

Well done to the Year 1/2 team who slept over at school last Friday. The students had a ball at the Big Night In. They enjoyed games, pizza, ice-cream, popcorn and movies, with the Year 2 students sleeping over.

RUOKDAY

Today is R U OK Day across Australia. We had thirty Year 5/6 students represent our school in the Dream Big Music Festival. R U OK Day is a national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. Research has found four in ten Australians feel asking someone "are you OK?" is a conversation better had with an expert. However, R U OK? want you to know you don't need qualifications to have an R U OK? conversation. The work of health professionals is vital, and their value cannot be

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underestimated however we can all play a role in supporting the people in our world.

You don't need to be an expert to have an R U OK? conversation. Listening and giving someone your time might be just what they need to help them through.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Estelle who has been nominated for 'Outstanding Mentor Teacher'. Estelle will be heading off to Monash University early next term to be treated like the star she is with other mentor teachers. We wish her all the best with her nomination.

RELAY 4 LIFE

Tomorrow we are having an out of uniform day to raise money for the Cancer Foundation.

I would like to acknowledge the staff who walked and ran over the 24 hour Relay 4 Life last weekend. As a team, 444 laps were completed with \$3750 being raised. I know that I had extremely sore feet on Saturday night.

LOOKING AHEAD

As you will know, we have a couple of really exciting events coming up on our school calendar. We start off with our Colour Spectacular on the 13th October. We will be holding an Arts Festival on Friday 8th December, where students will be performing / singing and selling items at their stalls. Our Year 6's will be busy preparing for Graduation and their Big Day Out at Melton Wave Pool.

ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow we will have assembly over the PA system starting at 2:00pm.

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.

As Term 3 comes to a close, I want to reiterate the importance of supporting your children to rest and relax. For many reasons, it was been a massive term and I have certainly noticed a lot of lingering fatigue within our school 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.

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Term 4 is notoriously the busiest term of the school year, so I encourage you all to allow your children some activities that support rest and relaxation.

Finally, can I say a huge thank you to our dedicated staff and wonderful parent community for a positive term. Our students have thrived in many ways and I am so proud of them all. Have a fantastic break.

Regards,

Tom

~ Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

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

Friday 3rd November

Foundation Breakfast

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

Saturday 11th November

• Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

Wednesday 29th November

• Mini Athletics Carnival ~ Foundation – Year 2

Friday 8th December

Arts Festival

Monday 11th December

• Year 6 Students Big Day Out ~ Melton Waves

Tuesday 12th December

 Statewide Orientation Day ~ Year 6 students attend their Secondary School and Foundation 2024 students attend their Primary School

Thursday 14th December

• Year 6 Graduation ~ Tabcorp Park

Friday 15th December

Class Parties

Tuesday 19th December

• Last Day Term 4 ~ 12.30pm Dismissal

Wednesday 20th December

Curriculum Day ~ Students not required at school

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

WESTERN RANGES TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our students shone at the Western Ranges Track and Field Championships held on Thursday 7th September at Bridge Rd Recreation Reserve.

Collectively a great team effort with every event strongly contested. All students competed with determination and great sportsmanship. Well done team!

Best Performances

12yrs Abeny Kur - 1st 200m, 1st 80m hurdles

12yrs Indi Hamilton - 2nd high jump

12yrs Maile Fangaake - 3rd discus

11yrs Lotufou Samu - 2nd shot put

11yrs Ayla Sood - 3rd discus

10yrs Bior Panthum - 2nd high jump

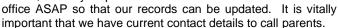
Abeny, Indi, Lotufou and Bior have now successfully qualified to progress onto Regional Athletics Championships to be held in Keilor on Tuesday 17th October. Good luck to all competitors.

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

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the 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 next term.

Thank you Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



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.

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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.

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.



Kurunjang Primary School

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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
- 2. 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 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

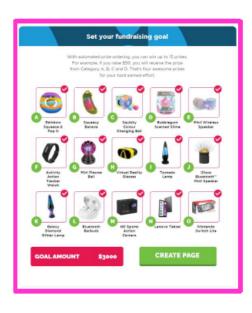
Can I create more profile pages?

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

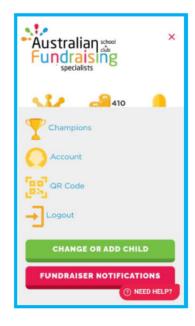
- Simply click the 2 horizontal lines top right if using a mobile device.
- 2. Click the Change/Add Child Button
- Complete the Create a Profile Page again

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 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 childs school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via Compass.

Compass.
f 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: 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN



Ashy





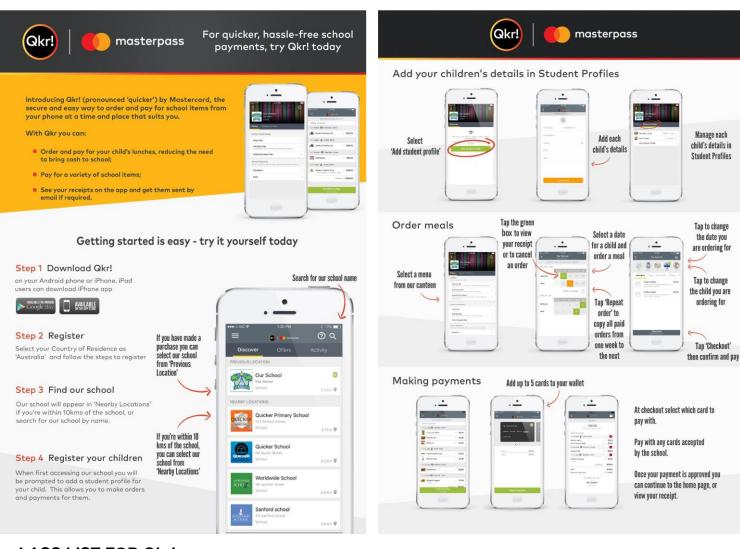


Harleen

Congratulation	s to our amazing SILV	VER Excellence winners!			
Ej	Thomas	Beau			
Deng	Bior	Maia			
Congratulations to our amazing <u>BRONZE</u> Excellence winners!					
Amber	Aila	Seth			
Eaknoor	Archer	Chase			
Kieran	Nalayni	Isaac			
Nicholas	Tythan	Deysha			
Nick	Noah	Sebastian			
Deborah	James	Hine			
Carly	Blaice	Peyton			
Ryder	Mia	IJ			
Graham	Zac	James			
Taleah	Abigail	Zac			
Mason					
Each of the following students have received an excellence wristband, we are so proud of you! Arach Tyler Havana					
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Indianna	Tyler Aaliyah	Havana Rlake			
Indianna	Aaliyah	Blake			
Jaylani	Aaliyah David	Blake Niki			
Jaylani Mikayla	Aaliyah David Zainab	Blake Niki Jahlakai			
Jaylani Mikayla Benjamin	Aaliyah David Zainab Jaiyken	Blake Niki Jahlakai Kye			
Jaylani Mikayla Benjamin Sofia	Aaliyah David Zainab Jaiyken Hazel	Blake Niki Jahlakai Kye Noah			
Jaylani Mikayla Benjamin Sofia James	Aaliyah David Zainab Jaiyken Hazel Xavier	Blake Niki Jahlakai Kye Noah Bior			
Jaylani Mikayla Benjamin Sofia James John	Aaliyah David Zainab Jaiyken Hazel Xavier Jarni	Blake Niki Jahlakai Kye Noah Bior Indy			
Jaylani Mikayla Benjamin Sofia James John Aiden	Aaliyah David Zainab Jaiyken Hazel Xavier Jarni Bella	Blake Niki Jahlakai Kye Noah Bior Indy Tyler			
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Gemma

Ethan	Tyler	John
Benjamin	Alexis	Bilal
NJ	Gurnoor	Hazel
Rubani	Xylah	Sarah
Jaeliana	Aboubaker	Teghdeep
Isaiah	Aleer	Galina
Jackson	Cormac	Charlotte
Jakob	Ramneek	Ryan
Brianna	Gavyn	Kevin
Gurpatap	Gabriel	Fiona
Isabella	Samantha	Adut
Kasileyah	Christopher	Alex
Milena	Akuot	Paige
Aubrey	Bella	Winter
Vishav	Skylar	Nathaniel
Tawhiri	Elijah	Seth
Caden	Anastasia	Aviraj
Amilash	Savannah	Jahlakai
Atticus	Bailey	Zainab
Exaviah	Mikey	Cassis
Kaynaat	Annalise	Nehal
Colton	Hafsa	Hector
Logan	Kamiah	Shannan
Fatehveer	Numi	Emilia
Fadlallah	Sarim	Devlyn



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CLASS NAME

Foundation Potts Foundation Ahern Foundation Jane Foundation Amy Foundation Ryan

- 1 Sophia
- 1 Cohen
- 1 Cole
- 1 Dovaston
- 2 Ana
- 2 Kirk
- 2 Kaitlin
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Local foster care agency, OzChild is looking for families who might be interested in opening their homes, and their hearts to provide local kids with forever homes

We recently learnt from local foster care agency, OzChild, that they are on a desperate search for individuals and families in Melbourne's western suburbs to consider becoming foster carers.

According to OzChild, there are children as young as eight who are currently living in group homes, with other children they don't know, and of varying ages, supervised by youth workers rather than having the attention of parental figures.

The agency is hoping to hear from anyone in a position to provide a child in Melbourne's west with stability, permanency, and love. With an increasing number of local children in need of forever homes, the organisation has reached out to us to put a callout for families who can help.

In Victoria there are almost 10,000 kids in care, some live with close family or next of kin, but many are placed into foster care. In fact, there might even be a child in your child's class who has, or still does live with a foster carer. Imagine the impact we could have as a school community if even a few families decide to become foster carers. We could offer a lifeline to children in need, giving them the chance to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Your decision to become a foster parent could shape the trajectory of a child's life and create a brighter future for generations to come.

Without the stability of a family home many kids become disconnected from school and the community leading to a lifetime of disadvantage. Foster carers play a pivotal role in providing children with a sense of belonging and the opportunity to thrive.

Carers receive initial training and ongoing education, along with financial assistance and access to a network of professionals and a village of carers who are there for one another, offering support and guidance, especially for new carers.

OzChild ensures that foster carers have the tools and resources they need to succeed, including access to school drop off and pickup services, babysitter reimbursements, school holiday programs and allowances to ensure caring for a child or young person can fit in with your personal circumstances. In addition, regular support groups and respite care options are available to help foster carers navigate the challenges and celebrate the joys of fostering.

Becoming a foster carer is a profound commitment that can change lives forever. Many foster parents find that fostering enriches their family life and teaches their children invaluable life lessons about empathy, kindness, and understanding.

To learn more about becoming a foster carer with OzChild interested individuals are encouraged to visit www.ozchild.org.au. The organisation's dedicated team is ready to provide information, answer questions, and guide potential foster carers through the application process.









Phone: Steve Kelly 0409 173 273

Free "Come & Try" Days