



NEWSLETTER

30 - 2023

Thursday 5th October, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope that you were all able to take the time to enjoy a change of pace over the last couple of weeks. I know that the students were well and ready for a break. In saying that, I was impressed at just how well they transitioned back to school this week. Our classrooms and playgrounds were hives of busyness and positivity. Let's all make a commitment to continue this over the course of the term.

I would like to congratulate the following students who have had 100% attendance in term three: Mia A, Rhys D, Harrison S, Roman F, Alexia H, Ekam S, Peyton D, Isabelle D, Taylem R and Peter T.

As I look forward to Term 4, I am feeling very excited at many of the amazing learning experiences we have planned. We have Foundation visiting Animal Land Farm. In Week 2 and 3, we have our Year 1 Swimming Program. In Week 9 we have an Arts Festival, which I know will be a major celebration of our students' talents here at Kurunjang. Some other events that come to mind are: Foundation to 2 Mini Athletics Carnival, 5/6 Rugby Union, Foundation Breakfast, 3/4 T-20 Cricket, Djerriwarrh Festival, Year 6 Big Day Out and Graduation, Meet Your 2024 Teacher, Class Parties ...phew! It is certainly going to be a busy, yet productive term.

MISSING CAMP ITEMS

As per our last newsletter, 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.

CLASSES FOR 2024

I am now asking all parents for any preferences for the year ahead. These preferences should be based on social and emotional needs only, and will not be guaranteed for the year ahead however all requests will be considered. If you have a request for your child's placement for 2024, please put this request in writing and either drop it into the office or email it to me directly at kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au no later than Friday the 13th of October. I know that parents will be very keen to know our Staffing Profile for 2024. The mammoth task of ensuring that we have the right people in the right places has begun and I will notify the community via this newsletter as soon

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as possible. I thank you all for your patience whilst we work towards this.

HATS

A reminder to all students and families that broad brim school hats are compulsory in term 4. Please ensure that your child has a hat that is clearly named and that they bring it to school each day. Hats can be purchased from our new uniform shop in Bakery Square in Melton. Students without a hat will be required to play in undercover areas whilst outside at school.

STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Cole unfortunately broke her foot during the holidays and has had surgery this week. She will be absent for the next couple of weeks. Mrs Cattnach will be covering 1 Cole on a Monday and Ms Cindy Sutton will be in the grade for the rest of week.

Miss Adriana also had surgery during the holidays. We wish them both a speedy recover.

SCHOOL REVIEW

On Tuesday we started the review process, as mentioned in previous newsletters The Department of Education conducts a thorough and independent review of each Victorian government school once every four years. This year our school is being reviewed on all of the data collected from 2019-2022, students, staff and parents will be taking part in various panels to discuss the past 4 years and moving into the next 4 years. Part of the process is to develop our new School Strategic Plan outlining goals and targets for 2024 to 2027.

ASSEMBLY

There will be no assembly tomorrow or on the 13th October. The first assembly will be Year 3 to 6 on Friday the 20th October.

Regards,

Tom

~ Learning Together

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.



FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 13th October

- Slime / Colour Spectacular Fundraiser
- Book Club ~ Orders Due
- Parent Requests 2024 Classes ~ Due

Wednesday 25th October

- Year 1 & 2 Melbourne Museum ~ Payments Due

Thursday 2nd November

- Year 1 & 2 ~ Melbourne Museum

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

Thursday 9th November

- Foundation ~ Animal Land Payments Due

Thursday 23rd November

- Foundation ~ Animal Land

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



BOOK CLUB

The 7th issue for the 2023 year was handed out this week and will need to be returned by **Friday the 13th of October** 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.



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



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 Kurunjang 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: _____

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.

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.



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.

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.



DOUBLE THE FUN!

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 to 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.

Parent/Guardian Registration

<input type="text" value="Parent's First Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Parent's Last Name"/>
<input type="text" value="Parent's Email Address"/>	<input type="text" value="Confirm Parent's Email Address"/>
<input type="text" value="Password"/>	<input type="text" value="Confirm Password"/>

☐ I agree to the My Profile Page's [Terms & Condition](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

☐ I agree to GoFundraise [Terms and Condition](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Data Collection and Privacy](#)

☐ I would like to receive a monthly newsletter

REGISTER



4. Create a Profile Page

1. 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.

3. Select Class

4. Click Next Step

Create a profile page for your child

<input type="text" value="Student First Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Student Last Name"/>
<input type="text" value="Search by School Name - Type Here"/>	

NEXT

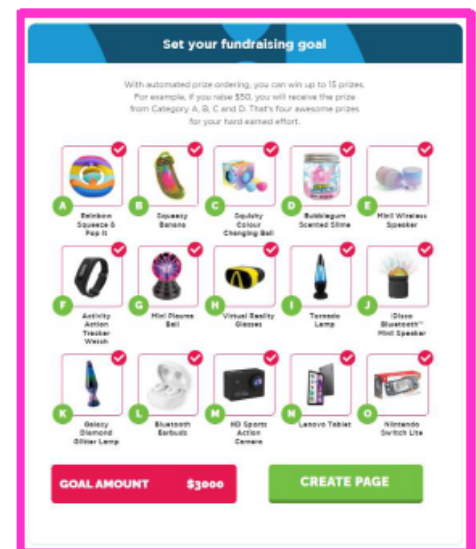
5. Select your fundraising goal by choosing the prize you wish to reach! You can aim high to collect all 15 or set it low and update throughout the fundraiser!

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!

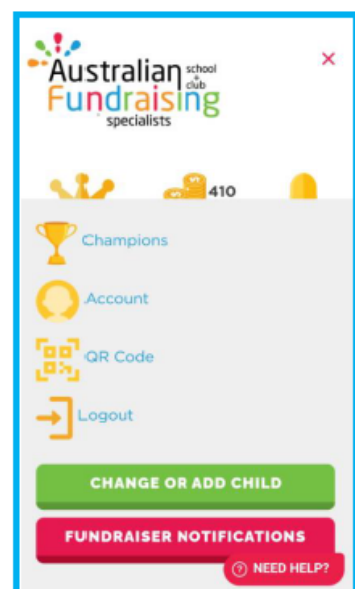
1. Create a Profile Avatar
2. Edit your fundraising story
3. Check out how you can earn bonus donations by clicking the coin chest
4. Share your page to friends and family! This is the only way to obtain donations for your group.
5. Self-Donate! This is submitting an online donation yourself to the profile



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.

1. 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.

HAPPY FUNDRAISING!



Have you signed up to the Compass App?

In order to keep you up to date with important information Kurunjang Primary School is part of a portal system called COMPASS.

Through Compass, you will be able to update personal details such as phone numbers and be kept up to date with important dates, whole school events, excursions, book parent teacher conferences, contact teachers and more.

You will be able to view your child's school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via Compass.

If you have not yet signed up, please return the slip below for you to receive your personalised login details.

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I would like to receive my COMPASS APP details to be kept updated with my child's reports, school events, reminders and calendar items.

Name: _____

Student name/s: _____

Class: _____

Parent Communication and Concern Process

If you have a query or question about your child or the school we encourage you to seek assistance.

It is important to us that you have your concerns answered.

Listed below are the people within the school community who can assist you.



Team Leaders - Foundation: Edison Potts; Year 1: 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









Learning and Playing Together Playgroup

Term 4, 2023

Kurunjang Primary School, Mowbray Cres, Melton 3337.

Friday 9-11am. Parents must stay with their child/children.

Enquiries – 9743-0633

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme/Activity – Sessions may include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> literacy and numeracy activities, playtime – developing friendships story time rhyme time, singing and dance outside play – co ordination craft time – fine motor skills dramatic play cooking guest speakers and excursions will be organised. 		
Spring			
All about me			
Teddy Bear Picnic			
Halloween			
Minibeast			
Superheroes			
Space			
Cooking			
Christmas			



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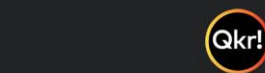
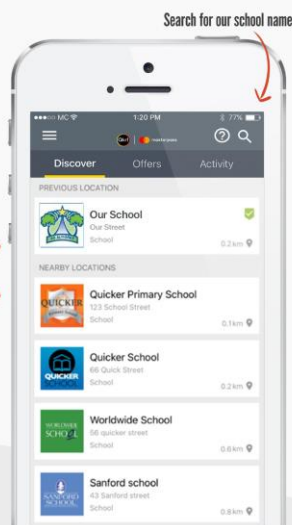
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

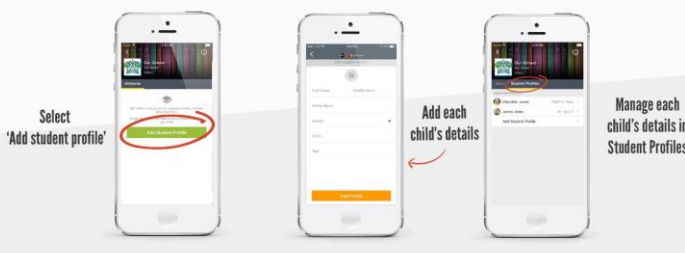
If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

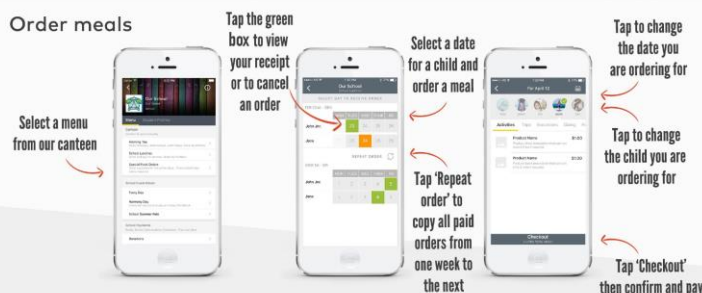


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Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Order meals



Making payments



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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
2 Estelle

3/4 Tony
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CARE Melton

CARERS
ACCESS
RESOURCES
EXPO

Expo

Free Entry

Over 45 exhibitors who deliver support and services to seniors, carers and people living with disabilities. The day will be filled with guest speakers, interactive workshops, entertainment, giveaways, showbags plus free refreshments.

FRIDAY
13 Oct
2023
10am - 2pm

Cobblebank Stadium

Corner Bridge Road & Ferris Road, Cobblebank

Mel Ref: 343 E5

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FRIDAY
13 Oct
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The Melton CARE Expo will be filled with:

GUEST SPEAKERS

(Located in the Multipurpose Room – Auslan Interpreter will be available)

10.15am – JULIE FISHER

Julie is an award-winning best-selling author of three novels, a TedX speaker, keynote inclusion & diversity speaker, radio host, advocate & carer. Julie shares her family's journey in a raw and real way with her honest insight into the world of disability.

11am – LES CHITTS

Les will talk about his community work in Melton for the inclusivity and accessibility of people living with disability. Les has established many groups and held board member positions within several disability services. A proud recipient of the City of Melton 2023 Citizen of the Year award and the COTA Senior Achiever Award in 2022.

WORKSHOPS

(Located in Meeting Room 2)

Don't miss out on the opportunity to try these workshops that will uplift your mind, body & soul

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|-------------|---|
| 11am | Tai Chi with Febie Cheng |
| 12pm | Cup-cake Decorating with Marisa from Cake Pops & More |
| 1pm | Laughter Yoga for all abilities with Merv Neal |

ENTERTAINMENT

(Foyer area)

12pm

Enjoy a special performance by the Mambourin Dance Group. Throughout the day celebrate the Expo with Henna by Zeena, music by Michelle Parsons and take home a special memory with a caricature by Phil.

SENSORY & CHILL OUT ZONE AVAILABLE ALL DAY

(Located in Meeting Room 1)

FREE ENTRY & REFRESHMENTS

For more information go to melton.vic.gov.au/CARE or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/832232448408884/>



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