



# NEWSLETTER

## 32 - 2023

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a fantastic week we have had here at Kurunjang. The phrase 'It takes a village to raise a child' comes to mind this week as we completed our Year 1 Swimming Program. No doubt, you have some very tired little ones at home this evening. There is also little doubt that our staff are a little tired, too. In saying that, I really appreciate the efforts of our staff over the past two weeks to ensure that all students who participated, had the best level of support and supervision. There were a few parents who took time out of often busy schedules, to watch and support our young people. There are simply too many staff to mention; however, I really do wish to pass on my most sincere appreciation to everyone who helped our Year 1 Swimming Program be such a success.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Well done to our athletes Indiana H, Bior P and Lotufou S who all participated in the Western Metropolitan Primary Track and Field Championship on Tuesday. They all did an amazing job and should be super proud of themselves.

#### **COLOR SPLATACULAR**

I want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone for last Fridays Colour Splatacular, the sun shone and the rain clouds opened up yet the students had a fantastic time (so did the staff!). I am pleased to announce that this was our biggest ever fundraising event in the history of the school with just over \$15,000 raised. All money raised will go towards equipment in the yard - what an amazing effort!

#### **SUBSTANTIVE PRINCIPAL POSITION**

Tony Simpson our Senior Education Improvement Leader met with School Council on Tuesday evening to discuss the process of appointing a substantive principal at Kurunjang Primary School. The position will be advertised shortly. School Council will keep you updated on the outcome of the process and appointment of the substantive principal.

#### **APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR**

I placed this in an earlier newsletter and now as a reminder. Concerns have been raised around parents swearing in the school yard, approaching other parents about their children, seeing an issue and deliberately not advising a member of staff, ignoring teacher instructions to leave the classroom and smoking within more than 4 meters of the school fence. Not only are parents and staff witnessing this, so are our students, and it is not appropriate! If your child has an issue with another child, then please speak to your child's teacher, do not approach other parents.

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Behaviours not okay in our school community are threats, harassment, violence, rudeness, discriminatory and derogatory comments, aggression, intimidation and threatening gestures. Government schools are not public places and there is no general right for the public to enter school land at any time. Parents and carers ordinarily have an implied licence to enter school land, but that might be temporarily withdrawn if their behaviour threatens the safety of staff or students. To protect the safety of staff or students at the school, a principal may provide a verbal warning directing someone to leave the school or issue them with a trespass notice prohibiting them from entering the school grounds.

#### **SCHOOL REVIEW**

We have just completed the School Review process. This comes around every 4 years and is an exciting opportunity to review and celebrate the last 4 years of success and achievement at Kurunjang PS whilst starting to plan for the next 4 years. All data sets, classroom observations and conversations (staff, students, parents) are considered in the planning. It was a very rigorous and formal process with the panel made up of: Independent Reviewer, Senior Education Improvement Leader, DSSI leader, Two Principals from other schools (challenges partners), myself and Wendy, Toni and Miss Ryan from Kurunjang Primary School. The final School Strategic Plan will be published and shared with the Kurunjang community.

#### **FOUNDATION ORIENTATION SESSIONS**

If you know someone who will be starting Foundation next year, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible as our transition sessions will be taking place soon. All sessions will run for 90 minute from 9:30am to 11:00am. These sessions provide an opportunity for the teachers to get to know the students and for the students to begin to connect with school and their peers.

Session 1 – Wednesday 22nd November

Session 2 – Tuesday 28th November

Session 3 – Tuesday 5th December

Session 4 – Tuesday 12th December

\*Please note: we aim for this 4th session to be held with the 2024 classroom teacher in the 2024 classroom.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Good communication between home and school is essential and we value a close working relationship. There are many forms of communication that foster strong relationships. These include weekly assemblies, weekly e-newsletter, communication via our Compass parent portal and Parent

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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Teacher conferences in terms 1 and 3. All members of our community are welcomed and encouraged to provide feedback to ensure an outstanding learning environment for our students.

### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

On Thursday the 14th December, Grade 6 families will be invited to celebrate our Grade 6 students as they prepare to leave Kurunjang Primary School and move on to Secondary School.

### **MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND**

A reminder that Monday 6th November is a Curriculum Day, Tuesday 7th November is Melbourne Cup and Wednesday 8th November is a common Professional Practice Day for staff. These days are student free days. No students are required at school these days and alternate arrangements will need to be made for their care.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Looking forward to seeing you at the Year 3 to 6 tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

*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 Danielle ~ Alina Gade**
- 3 Danielle ~ Fatehveer Bhargal**
- 4 Tanya ~ Lachlan Mayne**
- 4 Tanya ~ Tiahna Tahata-Bentley**
- 5 Micallef ~ Bailee Buckley**
- 5 Micallef ~ Ester Kelekolio Pula**
- 5 Blake ~ Migashani Kasome**
- 5 Blake ~ Mataya Demosani**
- 5 Bella ~ Xavier Knabel**
- 5 Bella ~ Max Davy**
- 6 D'Elia ~ Noah Niupau**
- 6 D'Elia ~ Peter Tran**



### **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.

### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.



## FORWARD PLANNING

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 1 & 2 Melbourne Museum ~ Payments Due

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

- Year 1 & 2 ~ Melbourne Museum

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

- Foundation Breakfast

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

- Melbourne Cup Day ~ Public Holiday

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

- Foundation ~ Animal Land Payments Due

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

- Foundation 2024 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Transition Day

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

- Foundation ~ Animal Land

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

- Foundation 2024 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Transition Day

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

- Mini Athletics Carnival ~ Foundation – Year 2

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

- Foundation 2024 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Transition Day

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- Foundation ~ Year 6 Concert – 1.00pm ~ 3.00pm

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- Arts Festival ~ Personal Learning Studio 3.00pm~ 4.30pm

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- Year 6 Students Big Day Out ~ Melton Waves

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- Year 6 Graduation ~ Tabcorp Park

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- Class Parties

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- Last Day Term 4 ~ 12.30pm Dismissal

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- Curriculum Day ~ Students not required at 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.



## **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_



### **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 next term.

Thank you  
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



### **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.



### **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.



### 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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN

EXCELLENCE @KPS THIS TERM!



*Congratulations to our amazing **GOLD** Excellence winners!*

**BELLA**

*Congratulations to our amazing **SILVER** Excellence winners!*

Paige

Esther

Kasileyah

Gurnoor

*Congratulations to our amazing **BRONZE** Excellence winners!*

Ella

Sospeter

Shannan

Ace

Adut

Samin

Karen

Kaiden

Jenya

Aaliyah

Alina

Angel

Mertcan

Tyson

*Each of the following students have received an excellence wristband, we are so proud of you!*

Andre

Myla

Bilal

Samantha

Jasreen

Ajok

Maia

Johnny

Ann

Vishav

Thomas

Jax

Riak

Rebecca

Cordel

Brittney

George

Kamiah

John

Jenny

Grace

Ella

Amilash

Jye

Gabriel

Lani

Hafsa

Naomi

Leon

Cooper

George

Gurpartap

Aila

Ryder

Charlie

Jessica

Hargun

Avreet

Seth

Jett

Isaak

Ilin

Ivaan

Jemimah

Ester

Seth

Caleb

Xavier

Blake

Bella

Sarah

Harjot

Finn

Chase

Nate

Tyler

Deysha











Peyton

Levaai

Winter

## 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"> <li>literacy and numeracy activities,</li> <li>playtime – developing friendships</li> <li>story time</li> <li>rhyme time, singing and dance</li> <li>outside play – co ordination</li> <li>craft time – fine motor skills</li> <li>dramatic play</li> <li>cooking</li> <li>guest speakers and excursions will be organised.</li> </ul>		
Spring			
All about me			
Teddy Bear Picnic			
Halloween			
Minibeast			
Superheroes			
Space			
Cooking			
Christmas			



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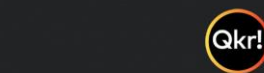
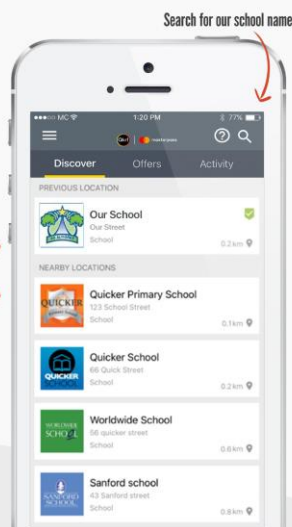
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

### 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



## CLASS LIST FOR Qkr!

### 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  
3 Christina  
3 Parker  
3 Danielle  
4 Tanya  
4 Mason  
4 Gatt

5 Micallef  
5 Blake  
5 Bella  
6 D'Elia  
6 Ellie  
6 Webb

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