



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 26th October, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DREAM BIG

It is extremely exciting that 6 of our Year 5/6 students will be participating in the 'Deadly Dreamin' program next month. The program is to increase opportunities for Aboriginal children and young people in Melton to connect to each other through contemporary and traditional cultural expression, to learn new skills and build cultural courage. I am looking forward to hearing from the students about the day.

MELBOURNE MUSEUM

The Year 1/2 students are getting all excited with their upcoming excursion to the Melbourne Museum. The students have been learning about "Changes Over Time". At the museum they will have the chance to see many different exhibitions including 'The Melbourne Gallery' which will give the students a chance to learn about the history of Melbourne and how it has changed over time. This will include looking at changes in the city itself as well as changes in technology and transport.

SUNSMART

We are a SunSmart school and hats must be worn outside during terms one and four. We also recommend that hats are worn outside in terms two and three but this is not compulsory. Hats need to cover children's ears and should therefore be either wide brimmed or legionnaire style. We do not provide sunscreen for the children due to possible allergies but advise parents to apply sunscreen before school. This is likely to be sufficient for the day. We are also considerate of the children's needs on hot days and monitor the outside temperature, keeping children indoors at break times if necessary. Generally, children will have a thirty minute break in the morning when it's not so hot and will stay inside at lunchtime.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA – be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening. At Kurunjang PS we implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases. We monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk. During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

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If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.

If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.

If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.

Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters. For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the Better Health Channel website.

RIDING TO SCHOOL

Many of our students ride either bikes or scooters to school. By law anyone riding a bike or scooter must wear a helmet. It is a rule that bikes and scooters cannot be ridden on school grounds and that bikes and scooters must be walked from the school gate to and from the bike cage. Most of our primary school students do an excellent job of following this rule. Students who do not follow this rule will be followed up and a phone call will be made to the parents or carers. Please note that our bike shed is for primary school students only.

CHILD SAFE

Kurunjang PS is a Child Safe school and complies with all the requirements of the Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order 1359. As parents/carers, you play a major role in identifying and responding to child abuse within our school community. If you suspect that your child has been a victim of abuse, please contact the Victoria Police immediately. The phone number for the Melton Police Station is 9747 7999. If it is an emergency then contact 000. If you have concerns about another child's safety or wellbeing, please report this to Child Protection on 1300 664 977. All calls are completely confidential.

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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UPDATING DETAILS

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of ensuring the school always has the most up to date contact details. In the case of an emergency, it is imperative that we are able to get in contact with parents without delay. If your contact details have changed, please advise the office as soon as possible. Please also remember to advise the school of any Intervention Orders or Court Orders that may be in place relating to your children. A copy of the relevant orders must be provided to the school to enable us to follow the orders.

UNIFORM

Students need to wear full school uniform. A reminder to name all items of school uniform. Jumpers and jackets are removed during the day and can be left behind in the playground or another classroom. If they have a name on them we can return them to the child when they are found.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Throughout this term, we are going to be continuing with our focus and spotlight on student behaviour. We have been really impressed with how our students have been responding to the increased expectations and consistency in consequences and are incredibly proud of the obvious improvements in both the yard and the classroom. Obviously, teaching the right behaviours to students, including effective conflict management strategies, is part of all children's development and growth, and we will continue to provide the support required to ensure that the positive changes we are seeing become part of our normal day to day operations. I thank each and every one of our parents and carers for your support as we really focus in on student behaviour and continue to support our students to be caring, kind, polite and considerate members of our school 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 minutes 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.

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 Foundation to Year 2 assembly 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.

Foundation Potts ~ Angus Bissell
Foundation Potts ~ Milena Graca
Foundation Potts ~ Lachlan McCallum
Foundation Potts ~ Milan-Monroe Tamamasui
Foundation Ahern ~ Nadia Gray
Foundation Ahern ~ Reet Kaur
Foundation Ahern ~ Elijah Sheehan
Foundation Ahern ~ Leigh Oakley
Foundation Jane ~ Charlotte Spencer
Foundation Jane ~ Samin Faizi
Foundation Jane ~ Myra Hines
Foundation Jane ~ Daniel Kamber
Foundation Amy ~ Matilda Attard
Foundation Amy ~ Oliver Braddish
Foundation Ryan ~ Ryan Sim
Foundation Ryan ~ Shona Singh
Foundation Ryan ~ Peyton Glover
Foundation Ryan ~ Valerie Howe
1 Sophia ~ Reyhaneh Valiolahpor
1 Sophia ~ Nouraiz Qureshi
1 Cohen ~ Nicholas Harding
1 Cohen ~ Annalise Raymond
1 Cohen ~ Nick Patel
1 Cohen ~ LJ Milo
1 Cole ~ Liliana Crnojevic
1 Cole ~ Telli Maker
1 Dovaston ~ Alek Jovkovski
1 Dovaston ~ Emaleigha Leapai
2 Ana ~ Grace Lyons
2 Ana ~ Nadia Feely
2 Ana ~ Exavia Muavaa
2 Ana ~ Cooper Van Someren
2 Kirk ~ Vishav Randhawa
2 Kirk ~ Gabriel Marevic
2 Kirk ~ Skylar Dunstone
2 Kaitlin ~ Grace Bennett
2 Katilin ~ Mackenzie Webster
2 Kaitlin ~ Sospeter Fredrick
2 Estelle ~ Jax Falla
2 Estelle ~ Chase O'Brien



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

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

Thursday 9th November

- Foundation ~ Animal Land Payments Due

Friday 10th November

- T20 Cricket Blast Gala Day ~ Year 3/4

Saturday 11th November

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

Tuesday 21st November

- Deadly Dreamin' ~ Selected Year 5/6 Students

Wednesday 22nd November

- Foundation 2024 ~ 1st Transition Day

Thursday 23rd November

- Foundation ~ Animal Land

Tuesday 28th November

- Foundation 2024 ~ 2nd Transition Day

Friday 1st December

- Mini Athletics Carnival ~ Foundation – Year 2

Tuesday 5th December

- Foundation 2024 ~ 3rd Transition Day

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December

- Foundation ~ Year 6 Concert – 1.00pm ~ 3.00pm
- Arts Festival ~ Personal Learning Studio 3.00pm~ 4.30pm

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



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 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

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.



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.

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. 		
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All about me			
Teddy Bear Picnic			
Halloween			
Minibeast			
Superheroes			
Space			
Cooking			
Christmas			



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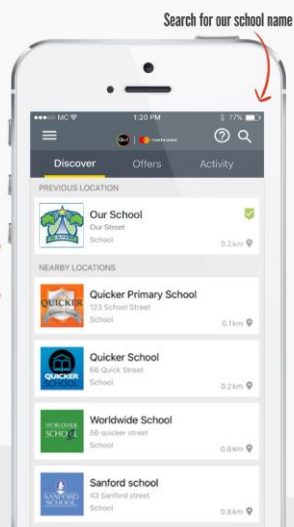
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

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Search for our school name



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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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3 Danielle
4 Tanya
4 Mason
4 Gatt

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