



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 2nd November, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Friday was World Teachers Day and I would like to thank our wonderful staff for all they do for the school and the young people in our care. While we did manage to indulge in some 'sometime food' as a celebration, if you have a chance in the yard, please thank them, it is a small gesture, however it goes a long way.

As you may have heard, yesterday we had a kangaroo in the adjacent property. As he was distressed and trying to make his way out via our school, we did restrict the play area for the students.

Afterschool last night he was collected by wildlife volunteers and taken to a facility where he will be looked after until he can be released back into the wild. The leadership team would like to thank the staff and students for their care and patience throughout the day.

As mentioned in our list of key dates, our students will all be having a long weekend THIS WEEKEND. This 5 day weekend means there will be no school for students, 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. We hope you all enjoy a much-deserved long weekend!

MOBILE PHONES

As per the current Ministerial Order, students are NOT permitted to have a mobile phone at school. If phones are deemed necessary by parents for travel to and from school, they must be stored at the office on arrival and can be collected from the office at the end of the school day. Most of our students who bring phones to school do an excellent job of following this process. However, on occasion we are made aware that a student isn't dropping their phone into the office and therefore need to be reminded. In addition to ensuring we are complying with this order, having phones stored in the office ensures that phones are kept safe and are not misused throughout the day.

SAFETY REMINDERS ROAD & TRAFFIC SAFETY

Many staff and parents are concerned about dangerous drivers, bike riders and pedestrian behaviour on the roads around our school before and after school. Please ensure that:

- Helmets are worn at all times when riding a bike.
- School crossings that are near our school are used. (Sometimes this means walking a few extra metres).
- Cars are parked legally before children get in or out of them.

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On Tuesday we met with Melton City Council about the issues of traffic around the school and the one entry into the estate, I will present the minutes of the meeting at our next School Council meeting and then make a Compass notification for your appraisal.

2024 PARENT PAYMENTS

The 2024 Parent Payment information has been uploaded to Compass for all students in Foundation to Year 5. Please read the notice carefully and if you have any questions, please contact the office.

WELLBEING @ KPS

At Kurunjang PS we use a number of Wellbeing interventions for all of our students to help them to feel more comfortable and supported to express and regulate their emotions. These interventions include the Zones of Regulation, Berry Street Education Model - Greeting circle time, ready to learn scales in every learning space, individual regulation plans and more. Ask your children about how these interventions work to help them feel safe and connected at Kurunjang. For more information on student wellbeing and how you can incorporate these supports at home too, you can email or call the school and speak to Wendy or Danielle.

RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

We are working hard to encourage all students to always use respectful language at school. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and Respectful Relationships programs ensure we are consistently addressing the issue and ensuring the whole school community understands that swearing is not an appropriate way to express emotions at Kurunjang Primary School. We are asking our families to help us and encourage respectful language in our community. Ways we can help our children is to discourage swearing. It's also a good idea for the adults in families to discuss and agree on acceptable language and discuss this with children. We cannot stop people swearing around our children when you're out and about, but we can help our children to learn what's acceptable in our school. Families can establish rules about respectful language as this makes it easier to point out when children are using unacceptable language. It's less confusing for children if the rules about swearing apply to adults as well as children. If we want children to avoid swearing, we need to ensure we are setting good examples. Children can learn quickly with support and encouragement.

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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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.

ASSEMBLY

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

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.

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.

3/4 Tony ~ Ivan Charry-Cuero

3/4 Tony ~ Sophie Williams

3 Christina ~ Olivia Alberto Godsell

3 Christina ~ Mason Bannister

3 Danielle ~ Blake Cameron

3 Danielle ~ Sienna-Skye Camilleri

4 Mason ~ Oliver Daly

4 Mason ~ Deklan Micallef

4 Gatt ~ Hayden Brown

4 Gatt ~ Pahul Bal

5 Micallef ~ Taleah Pollett

5 Micallef ~ Isabella McDonald

5 Micallef ~ Bella Hines

5 Blake ~ Nuh Mohammed Naveed

5 Blake ~ Koby Sciberras

6 D'Elia ~ Abeny Kur

6 D'Elia ~ Bella Schwabe

6 D'Elia ~ Jovan Vojnovic



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

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

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 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: _____



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

FOUNDATION ~ YEAR 2 MODIFIED ATHLETICS HOUSE SPORTS



Foundation – Year 2 Modified Athletics House Sports Day will be held on Friday December 1st at Kurunjang Primary School from approximately 9.15am until 12:30pm.

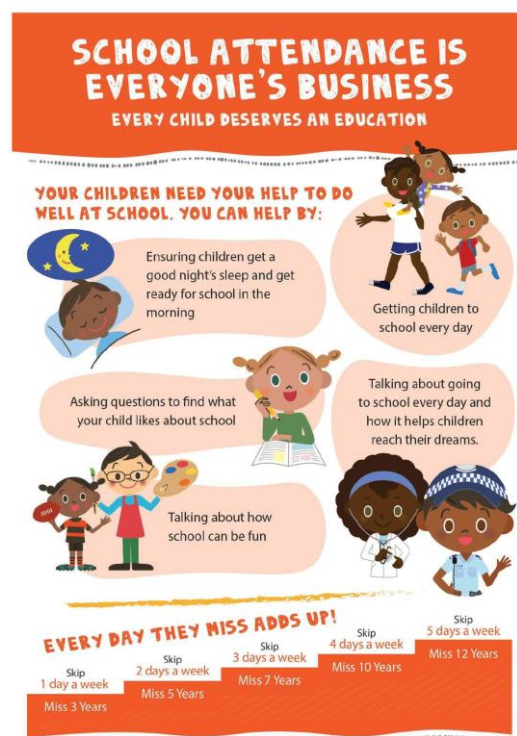
It would be appreciated if children could wear at least one item of clothing in the colour of their house to add to the atmosphere of the sports:

**Waratah-RED, Melaleuca-GREEN, Acacia-YELLOW,
Caladenia-BLUE**

WE STRESS THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR A SUNHAT AND SUNSCREEN AND BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER FOR THIS EVENT

Parents are most welcome to attend.

PE Department



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.

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.

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.



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 SILVER Excellence winners!

Nuh	John	Joshua	Jayden
Amy	Siddak	Pukhraj	Sarah

Congratulations to our amazing BRONZE Excellence winners!

Tythan	April	Madison	Delnia
Cooper	Havana	Max	Mason
Lotufou	Ethan	Zavier	Ivanah
Nabir			

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

Saeed	Tythan	Mikayla	Hudson
Leon	Yasar	Eaknoor	Chris
Selihom	Zoe	Saga	Chloe
Archie	Koby	Fabien	Tyler
Arach	Sienna	Ethan	Vishav
Hannah	Samantha	Annika	Skylar
Ilin	Tyler	Muhammad	Logan
Akuot	Amber	Chase	Mila
Livinio	Hayden	Adut	Liliana
Sukhreet	Michael	Chanel	Mason
Shaquille	Karen	Blake	Ann
Graham	Melodee	Brooklyn	Divisha
Joanne	Ekam	Willow	Harleen
Sharleinah	April	Tawhiri	Milla
Meldon	Ryder	Will	Mateo
Oliver	Ampujan	Shannan	Rhys
Markus	Alexis	Lachlan	Zainab
Riley	Katya	Eisha	Jeremy
Charlotte	Levi	Fatehveer	Alexi
Olivia	Isla	Teghdeep	Jaeliana
Ace	Nj	Zac	Ava
Mikey			



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WELCOME TO KURUNJANG SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear Parent / Guardian,

On behalf of Kurunjang Secondary College, I would like to welcome you to the college community. The college is looking forward to an enjoyable and rewarding relationship in 2024 and the ongoing years. To make your Orientation Day experience one to remember please read the information below.

Tuesday 12th December – Orientation Day for Year 6 Students (All Day) (9am – 2:45pm)

Please arrive at front gate by 8:45am

Staff will be present at front gate to help students make their way to the gymnasium.

Please bring your lunch and bottle of water

On this day, students will meet their Home Group Teachers, new class members and subject teachers. Activities on the day will include a tour of the college to help your child become familiar and comfortable with our school environment. We ask that your child bring a pen, exercise book, lunch and that students wear their primary school uniform.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the school on 9743 9211 and leave a message with the student name and school.

A reminder to families that have not yet booked into the Year 7 Pre Enrolment interviews for 2024, this will help to finalise your enrolment before Orientation Day and to have up to date details included in our system for emergency purposes.

With kind regards,

Mr Matthew Bykersma
Assistant Principal – Transition
Operations

Ms Kelsey Ryan
Assistant Principal – Student

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are looking forward to meeting all 2024 Year 7 students at our Orientation Day on **Tuesday 12th December**. On the day, please plan for your child to arrive at 8.45am. We will have plenty of staff at the front of the school to help direct students to our gym where we will hold a welcome assembly. Students will be **dismissed at 2.45pm**.

Orientation Day allows your child to take part in typical classes and other important orientation activities designed to help them to get to know their teachers, classmates, and the school in general. We will provide an exercise book for all students on the day so students will only need to bring a pen. Please ensure your child wears their full primary school uniform and that they bring their own lunch and drink bottle as the canteen will be closed on the day.

If you are unable to attend please contact the school on 9743 4622 and leave a message with student name and school.

Other Reminders

- Please ensure that you have handed in your child's enrolment forms. Children will not be able to participate in Orientation Day if we do not have their enrolment form.
- 2024 Booklists will be sent home to families once they are available.

Looking forward to meeting you shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Kristy Herridge
Acting Principal

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🌐 <http://www.staughtoncollege.vic.edu.au>

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Year 7 Transition Dates 2023 - 2024

Student Buddy preferences

Let us know of up to 5 students who you'd like to be in a class with next year. We will try our best to make sure you are in a class with at least one friend. Students can access the forms through the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/PvPjFD6Mv6>

School Tours for Parents/Students

The college will be running school tours for Year 7 2024 students and their families so that they can familiarise themselves with MSC. These can be booked through emailing MSC at melton.sc@education.vic.gov.au or calling the school on (03) 9743 3322.

There will be two school tours;

Tuesday, 14th of November at 3:30pm

Tuesday, 21st of November at 3:30pm

Year 7 Information Evening: Tuesday 28th of November

There will be one session run for Parents to engage with and learn more about MSC as well as answer any questions they have about starting at MSC and the Year 7 program.

This will be held on the 28th of November starting at 5.30pm

Assisted Transition Day & Support Meetings: Tuesday 5th of December

Assisted Transition Day is an orientation day for students requiring additional support in their transition to Secondary School. If you believe that your student would benefit from this extra support, please speak to your Primary School.

State Wide Transition Day: Tuesday 12th of December

All 2023 Grade 6 students in Victoria attend their destination secondary school on this day. Students should meet at the REC (gymnasium) at 8:45am on this day. Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm. Students should bring their lunch, drink bottle and something to write with. They may order lunch from the canteen on this day. Students should wear their Primary School Uniform.

Ready to Learn Morning: Tuesday 30th of January 9am to 12pm noon

This is the morning that year 7 students will receive their locker, timetable, planners and meet their STARR connect teacher. It is an opportunity for students to practice navigating around the school before their classes start officially. Students will arrive at school and will speak to a staff member that will support them to find their locker. Year 7 students can attend alone, with an older sibling or support person, or with a parent or carer. Students should wear their MSC uniform.

First Day of School: Wednesday 31st of January


Head straight to your STARR Connect classroom at 9am, your teacher will then walk your class over to the REC (gymnasium) at 9:05 am ready for a 9:15am for an assembly. Students will sit in their class group. Classes will be displayed at the entrance to the REC.

If you have any questions about transition to MSC, email us at melton.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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.
Friday 13 th October	Spring 
Friday 20 th October	All about Me 
Friday 27 th October	Teddy Bear's Picnic 
Friday 3 rd November	Halloween 
Friday 10 th November	 Minibeasts
Friday 17 th November	Superheros 
Friday 24 th November	Space 
Friday 1 st December	Cooking 
Friday 8 th December	Christmas 



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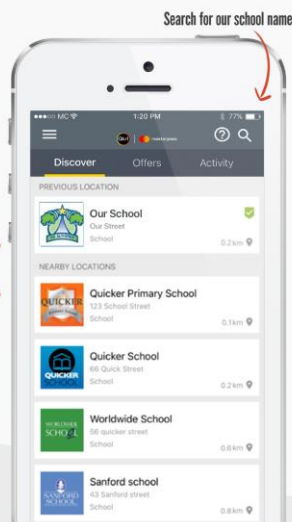
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

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Search for our school name



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

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

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

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3 Danielle
4 Tanya
4 Mason
4 Gatt

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

Farms to Families

Free food market

Day: Tuesday

Date: 21st November

Time: 10.30am – 12pm

This is an invite only event.

*Please contact Stacey Williams
for further details.*



*Please bring your own
shopping bags*



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