



NEWSLETTER

37- 2023

Thursday 23rd November, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents and community members for their congratulations and best wishes on my appointment as Principal. I am really looking forward to working with you all and going on our journey together as we implement the 2024-2027 School Strategic Plan.

Our Foundation students and staff headed off to Animal Land this morning. The students were extremely excited about their first school excursion and seeing the different farm animals. I think we will have some tired staff and students this afternoon.

FOUNDATION 2024

On Wednesday, our 2024 Foundation students had their first transition experience. It was great for our newest Kurunjang PS learners to build connections with each other, which will ultimately form their learning community for next year. Staff have commented on how settled the students were, which is fantastic. I am pleased to announce that our 2024 Foundation teachers will be Amy Leahy (Team Leader), Isabella Kamenjarin, Lyndal Ryan and Kaitlin McCall.

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 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.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff, and visitors. This can include mobile phones, bicycles, scooters, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. We advise that should your child bring their bike or scooter to school it is advisable to also send a lock with them as we have unfortunately had things stolen from the bike shed.

KURUNJANG ARTS FESTIVAL

This year KPS will be having a whole school end of year concert to be held at the school in the Gym. All students will attend school for the day as normal and will perform at their allocated time once the concert has begun. Your child will be performing and returning to class after their performance. Therefore, all children are required to remain at school for the whole school day. We ask that during the performance all audience members remain seated until the end of the concert. So that families can have an opportunity to be in the audience, we are asking that families of certain house colours attend on certain days.

- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - **RED & GREEN HOUSES**
- Thursday 7th of December 2023 - **YELLOW & BLUE HOUSES**

The concert will commence at 1pm sharp with students dismissed from their classrooms at 3:10pm.

Each day, after the concert the KPS Art Show will run in the Personal Learning Studio with artwork on display from the students. We ask that families from the house colour group on that day come visit the Art show to view their child's art pieces from 3:10pm to 4:30pm

If you require further information, please contact your class teacher.

YEAR 6 to 7 ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday 12th December, all year 6 students attending a government school in Year 7 will participate in the statewide Year 7 Orientation Day. However, some students may need additional time to help them feel ready for secondary school. If you feel your child needs additional support, please speak to your child's teacher and we will arrange additional visit as our transition sessions will be taking place soon

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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.



STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

It's not uncommon for students to exhibit changes in behaviour towards the end of the school year, and it's great that we have had parent support with consequences that have been put in place. These consequences could be recess/lunchtime detentions, after school detentions and worse case a suspension. Establishing clear consequences for inappropriate behaviour is an essential part of maintaining a positive learning environment.

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 must share.

Cheers,

Tom
Acting Principal
~ Learning Together

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 office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.



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.

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.



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.

FND Jane~ Eva Panaia
FND Jane ~ Mateo Tauvao
FND Ryan ~ Deborah Abraha
FND Ryan ~ Nabir Sardar
FND Ahern ~ Jensyn Sparrow
FND Ahern ~ Zion Volkanovski
FND Amy ~ Hayden Khan
FND Amy ~ Aleer Padiet
FND Potts ~ Baani Bhardwaj
FND Potts ~ Melchizedek Yeanay
FND Potts ~ Keiran Gatt
1 Dovaston ~ Abuk Nyuol
1 Dovaston ~ Aria Flanagan
1 Cohen ~ Jenya Solopova
1 Cohen ~ Aaliyah Downie
1 Cole ~ Andre Lam
1 Cole ~ Betty Ho
1 Sophia ~ Hoorain Rasool
1 Sophia ~ Ruaab Virk
2 Ana ~ Felix Daly
2 Ana ~ Gemma Davis
2 Estelle ~ Hannah Spencer
2 Estelle ~ Samantha Solomua
2 Kaitlin ~ Anaiyah Lam
2 Kaitlin ~ Ella Diko
2 Kaitlin ~ Colton Nepia
2 Kirk ~ Johnny Mohammed
2 Kirk ~ Gabby Tauvao
2 Kirk ~ Benjamin Mejia-Hernandez
2 Kirk ~ Mertcan Avcogullari
2 Kirk ~ Tatum Forward

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you at the Foundation to Year 2 assembly tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

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.



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:

FORWARD PLANNING

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

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 ~ 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

Thank you to Mrs Craig and Mr Andrews for organising this fun day.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

PE Department

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

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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.

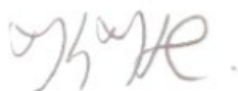
If you are unable to attend please contact the school on 9743 4622 and leave a message with student name and school.

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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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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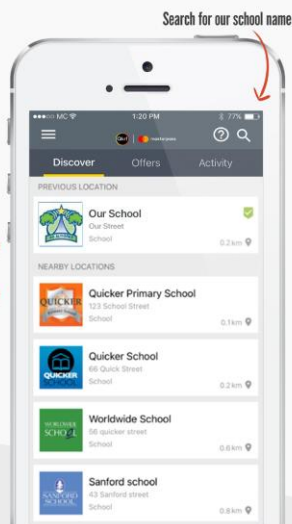
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Making payments



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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
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