

# **NEWSLETTER** 38 - 2023

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The weeks are going faster as we get closer to the end of the year, it feels like we are running out of time to do all the great activities we have planned between now and the end of school. It is hard to believe tomorrow is the 1st of December and only 13 school days left for 2023. What a busy 13 days we will be having. Some dates for your calendar —

5th December - School Council

6th and 7th - KPS Arts Festival (1:00pm - 3:00pm) and Art Show (3:15pm - 4:30pm)

8th– Foundation to 2 Mini Athletics Carnival (9:00am – 12:30pm) 11th – Year 6 Big Day Out to Melton Wave Pool

12th – State-wide Orientation Day for Year 6 and 2024 Foundation students

14th - Meet Your 2024 Teacher

14th – Year 6 Graduation at Melton Entertainment Park (previously known as TABCorp Park)

15th - End of Year Classroom celebrations

19th December - Students final day (finish at 12:30pm)

Please remember that it is a busy time of year both at school and at home, please make sure children are getting enough sleep. We have had many students arriving LATE and looking very tired, this can be detrimental to their learning throughout the day as they are unable to concentrate on the task at hand. School starts at 8:50am, students should arrive between 8:40am and 8:45am giving them time to socialise with their friends and prepare for line up when the bell goes at 8:50am. Parents this is also a reminder that all students are to be picked up at 3:10pm each day. Teachers are only on duty until 3:25pm, if you are later than 3:30pm, children will need to attend After School Care.

## RESPECTFUL COMMUNITIES START WITH RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR

We value the positive partnerships we have with families to support the education of our students. The health and safety of our staff and students is a priority. We are committed to ensuring that everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity. We expect all employees, students, parents and visitors in our school to act accordingly. We require parents/carers to arrange appointments to speak with staff members in advance by phone 9743 0633 or email them via Compass or to the school at kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au

#### **FOUNDATION to YEAR 2 MINI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Due to the weather, we will be holding our annual F-2 Mini Athletics Carnival on Friday 8th December. Students are to come dressed in their house colours. Parents and family members are welcome to attend and cheer their child/ren on.

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#### STAFFFING UPDATE

In 2024, there will be some change-over of teaching staff due to teachers moving schools or taking extended leave. We will be saying goodbye to the following staff:

Miss Danielle Ahern – St Albans North PS, Mr Tony Fraietta – Taylors Hill PS, Ms Jane O'Donnell – Yubup PS, Mr Paul Parker – Wyndham Park PS, Mr Blake Mullan – Coburn PS, Ms Kathleen Quinn – Sunbury Macedon Specialist School and Ms Christina Muster – Albion North PS.

With the sadness of staff leaving, we are extremely excited to be welcoming Ms Sophia Iosifidis, Mrs Jane Zhu, Ms Kayley van Buuren, Ms Joanna Collins and Ms Emma Nash to our Kurunjang team.

#### **SCHOOL ORGANISTION FOR 2024**

Although there still may be changes between now and when we begin the new school year, based on the numbers that we currently expect, we are planning to have 26 grades in 2024 with straight Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 grades and composite grades in 3/4 and 5/6.

Our current enrolment is 570 and we are expecting to increase to approximately 580-585 in 2024. The expected school organisation is as follows;

- 1 Principal / 2 Assistant Principals
- 4 Leading Teachers (Disability Inclusion, Engagement & Wellbeing and Teaching & Learning)
- 2 Learning Specialists (Inquiry/SEL/Investigations and ICT)
- 26 classrooms; 4 x Foundation (Preps), 4 x Yr.1, 4 x Yr.2, 7 x Yr.3/4 and 7 Yr.5/6 classes.
- Specialist classes will be Physical Education (PE), Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Science. Classroom teachers will teach Kitchen Garden, Library and LOTE (Auslan).

We are still recruiting and allocating teachers in year levels and hopefully this will be announced to our school community in the next newsletter.

#### 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 visits.

#### **END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

Tomorrow notes will be sent home with your child/ren regarding classroom parties. The end of year celebrations will be held on Friday 15th, from 12:30pm.

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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#### **ASSEMBLY**

Looking forward to seeing you at the Year 3 to Year 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 ~ Levaai Ainea 3/4 Tony ~ Fadlallah Mohamed

3 Christina ~ Oliver Butcher

3 Christina ~ Tyson Knabel 3 Parker ~ Jayden Bonnici

3 Parker ~ Heidi Crabtree

3 Danielle ~ Logan Derubeis

3 Danielle ~ Milla Keys 4 Tanya ~ Alex Pesci

4 Tanya ~ Xavier Thorne

4 Gatt ~ Blaice Ross

4 Gatt ~ Leighzelle Faafeu

5 Micallef ~ Deng Aguto

5 Micallef ~ Seth Addis

5 Blake ~ Peyton Dennehy

5 Blake ~ Tristen Rawlings

5 Blake ~ Mikayla Holt

5 Bella ~ Chanel Pace

6 D'Elia ~ Benson Vitale

6 D'Elia ~ Taylem Ross

6 D'Elia ~ Rayyan Alameh

### **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.

#### FORWARD PLANNING

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

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

#### Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December

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

#### Friday 8th December

Mini Athletics Carnival ~ Foundation - Year 2

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8th 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

Parents are most welcome to attend.

PE Department



#### **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:\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will not be attending Kurunjang P.S. in 2024

NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2024:

\_\_\_\_\_

GRADE/S

#### LIBRARY

We currently have a large number of overdue library books. As the end of the year is fast approaching, could I ask that parents help their children look at home for any school library books and return them to the library ASAP.

Thank you Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician

#### MELTON SECONDARY COLLEGE FAMILY TOURS

Melton Secondary College are holding school tours for incoming Year 7, 2024 families. These tours will be held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 3.30pm.

We understand that a 3.30pm start can be challenging with picking up other students and the traffic, but please be assured we run tours every 10 minutes through to 4.10pm.



#### **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.

#### 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!				
RILEY				
Congratulations to our amazing SILVER Excellence winners!				
Alex	Angus	Yahya		
Congratulations to our amazing <u>BRONZE</u> Excellence winners!				
Garima	Jensyn	Zion	April	
Tyler	Karli	Tamara	Meisha	
Hazel	Johny	llin		
Each of the followin	g students have recei	ived an excellence wr	ristband, we are	
so proud of you!				
Nesrin	Siddak	Deng	Paige	
Ejay	Nj	Teghdeep	Phoenix	
Logan	Braydon	Alina	Hafsa	
Ajok	Aila	Ryan	Winter	
Katya	Felix	Ekam	Ann	
George	Gurnoor	Jaeliana	Eisha	
Maia	Scarlett	Cyrus	Zainab	
Jarron	Ace	Milan	Ema	
Baahi	Milena	Lachlan	Lea	
Ava	Brooklyn	Lewis	Mertcan	
Archie	Migashani	Isabella	Jonathan	
Bior	Abhi	Eaknoor	Bella	
Harley	Naomi	Phoebe	Elaina	
Tristen	Aubrey	Riak	Isabelle	
Tyler	Gemma	Zac	Nate	
Shannan	Cruz	Tyler	Thomas	
Tameka	Rydah	Bri	Peyton	
Angel	Cassis	Mason	Alexi	
Joshua	Amber	Chase	Riley	
Chace	Hud	Zac	Skylar	
Hazel	Ethan	Gabriel	Bilal	
Chris				



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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 you 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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,

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Kristy Herridge Acting Principal

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: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/PvPjfD6Mv6">https://forms.office.com/r/PvPjfD6Mv6</a>

#### 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 <a href="melton.sc@education.vic.gov.au">melton.sc@education.vic.gov.au</a> 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 <a href="melton.sc@education.vic.gov.au">melton.sc@education.vic.gov.au</a>

# 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

<b>.</b>	Theme/Activity Sessions may include:		
<u>Date</u>	Theme/Activity – Sessions may include:  • literacy and numeracy activities,		
	playtime – developing friendships		
	story time		
	rhyme time, singing and dance		
	outside play – co ordination		
	<ul> <li>craft time – fine motor skills</li> </ul>		
	dramatic play		
	• cooking		
	guest speakers and excursions will be organised.		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Spring		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	All about Me		
100000 1000000	Teddy Bear's		
Friday 27th October			
	Picnic Picnic		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Halloween		
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November			
	Minibeasts		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Superheros		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Space		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Cooking		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas		



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

## ACTIVITY BANANZA

Please find below our dates and key activities!















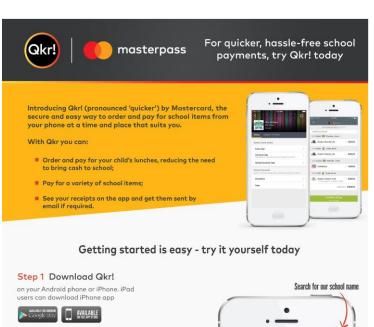












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'Nearby Locations'

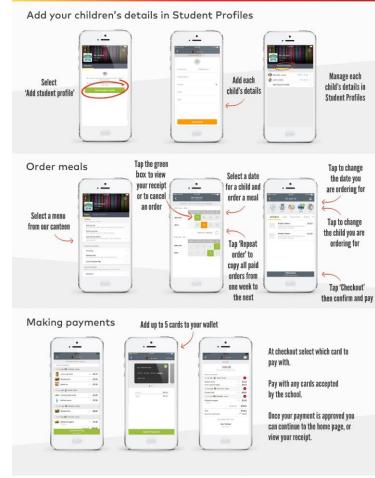
Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

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.

Step 3 Find our school Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or

search for our school by name.



Qkr!

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### **CLASS LIST FOR Qkr!**

#### **CLASS NAME Qkr! CLASS**

Foundation Potts Foundation Ahern Foundation Jane Foundation Amy Foundation Ryan

@ Q

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1 Sophia

1 Cohen 1 Cole

Quicker School

Sanford school

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

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 Christina

3 Parker

3 Danielle

4 Tanya

4 Mason 4 Gatt

5 Micallef

5 Blake

5 Bella

6 D'Elia

6 Ellie

6 Webb





Wilson Pee Wee Tennis (4 – 7 years)
MLC Hot Shots (5 – 12 years)
Junior & Adult Coaching
(Group & Private Lessons available)
Squad Training for Elite Juniors
Mums in Tennis Program
Professional Racquet Restringing
Ask us about NEW Cardio Tennis!
Phone: Steve Kelly 0409 173 273

Free "Come & Try" Days