



NEWSLETTER

39 - 2023

Thursday 7th December, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we approach the end of the term, there is still a lot happening and we still have our high expectations. Over the next week it is important that:

- We show kindness in all our interactions.
- Attendance remains a priority! Children are expected at school EVERY DAY until the last day of this term.
- Children are always in their school uniform and have their hats (if you need support please contact Stacey Williams)
- Please ensure your child is on time to school.
- Please keep up to date with Compass posts as this is where regular information will be shared.

2024 YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented a scholarship on Monday evening from Kurunjang Secondary School.

Leadership – Harry M

Sports – Lueth P

Performing Arts – Jacob S

We are extremely proud of this achievement and wish them and all our year 6 students best wishes for secondary school.

PROACTIVE POLICING UNIT

Senior Constable Maria and Constable Emma popped in for a quick visit yesterday. They watched some grades rehearse their concert items. Senior Constable Maria thoroughly enjoyed her game of 4 square. She has promised she will be back next year to keep her winning streak happening.

THE ARTS FESTIVAL

Yesterday was day one of our Arts Festival / Concert and was a great success. Our students and staff have done an amazing job! Thank you to the families who stayed, watched, and supported our students. We are extremely proud of them all.

The Visual Arts display in the Personal Learning Studio (near the canteen) is open this afternoon and Friday until 4:30pm and will be open tomorrow morning from 8:30am – 9:00am.

FOUNDATION to YEAR 2 MINI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tomorrow we will be holding our annual F-2 Mini Athletics Carnival. Students are to come dressed in their houses colours. Parents and family members are welcome to attend and cheer their child/ren on. Go BLUE House!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2024 PLANNING: STILL HAVE TO ENROL OR NOTIFY US THAT YOU'RE EXITING?

We are well underway in planning for 2024. One of the biggest impacts on our planning is our student enrolments. If you are or someone you know are yet to enrol their child for 2024 please contact the office ASAP! Additionally, if your child/ren will be attending another school next year, please contact the office. Thank you to those who have already notified us.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that our 2024 Team Leaders will be:

- Specialist Team – Mrs Lidia Woolley
- Foundation – Mrs Amy Leahy
- Year 1 – Ms Estelle van Sittert
- Year 2 – Mr Edison Potts
- Year 3/4 – Mr Rob D'Elia
- Year 5/6 – Miss Ellie McClafferty

Students will participate in 'Meet Your 2024 Teacher' sessions next Thursday. As I mentioned last week, we are still recruiting staff for 2024. We are hoping to have this finalised by the end of the school year.

FOUNDATION TRANSITION

Overall, the three transition days we have already held, we have had many excited 4 and 5 year olds come to see what Big School is going to be like for them next year. There were lots of smiles, some shy glances from behind parents, and a few tears as well.

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

Notes were 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.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2024 FUTURE PLANNING

At our last School Council meeting we discussed Curriculum Days for 2024. The following dates will be student free days:

- 29th Jan – Curriculum Day (AIP, What 2024 will look like, team and class time)
- 30th Jan – Curriculum Day (CPR training, team and class time)
- 28th Feb – Parent / Teacher Interviews
- 15th April – Curriculum Day – Maths with Michael Ymer
- 7th June – Common Professional Practice Day
- 15th July – Curriculum Day – Literacy with Vivian Arbaci / Fire Safety Training
- 14th August – Parent / Teacher Interviews
- 4th November – Curriculum Day (Report writing)
- 20th December - Student free (staff planning for 2025)

OSHClub will have their program running on these days should you need to book your child/ren in.

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you at the Foundation to Year 2 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.

Foundation Potts ~ The Whole Grade
Foundation Ahern ~ Archer Newbery
Foundation Ahern ~ Kiana Sena San Martin
Foundation Jane ~ Emily Willoughby
Foundation Jane ~ Jackson Grieve
Foundation Amy ~ Melody Krizmanic
Foundation Amy ~ Bailey Hovard
Foundation Ryan ~ Rivah Gatt
Foundation Ryan ~ Shona Singh
1 Cohen ~ The Whole Grade
1 Cole ~ Kalahnee Tauali'i-Sialatu
1 Cole ~ Sonny Webb
2 Ana ~ Akuot Gor Deeng
2 Ana ~ Kasileyah Vea
2 Kirk ~ Zainab Mohamed
2 Kirk ~ Jye Benedict
2 Kirk ~ Ann Bong
2 Kaitlin ~ Rydah Wells-Viola
2 Kaitlin ~ Aviraj Malhi
2 Estelle ~ Gurnoor Badesha
2 Estelle ~ Aila Mulalic

FORWARD PLANNING

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 20th December

- Curriculum Day ~ Students not required at school

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th January 2024

- Student Free Days

Wednesday 31st January 2025

- First Day Term 1 ~ 8.50am start

Wednesday 7th January

- Foundation Students Commence

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.



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: _____



FOUNDATION ~ YEAR 2 MODIFIED ATHLETICS HOUSE SPORTS

Foundation – Year 2 Modified Athletics House Sports Day will be held on **TOMORROW 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 day.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

PE Department

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Kurunjang Limerick

There once was a man from Kurunjang
He danced to every note he sang
But on the day he fell
He wasn't feeling well
That's how he ended up with a bang!

1. Jaeliana C, 3 Christina

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.

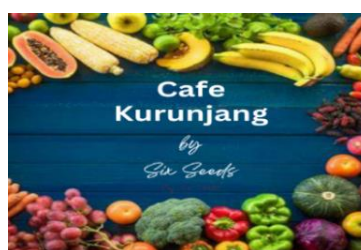
Thank you
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN

EXCELLENCE @KPS THIS TERM!



Congratulations to our amazing GOLD Excellence winners!			
ANN			
Congratulations to our amazing SILVER Excellence winners!			
Amber	Fatehveer	Chase	Fiona
Alexis	Zac		
Congratulations to our amazing BRONZE Excellence winners!			
Nehal	Arneet	Leo	Mila
Myra	Will	Elena	Exaviah
Each of the following students have received an excellence wristband, we are so proud of you!			
Hector	Samantha	Nadia	Bella
Ajok	Aila	Fabien	Benjamin
Bella	Amy	Ema	Gurnoor
Mikey	Charlie	Noah	Tyler
Zoe	Hoorain	Teghdeep	Mia
Archer	Melody	Logan	Caden
Harjot	Sun	Saga	Jye
Milla			

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



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W: www.kurunjangsc.vic.edu.au
ABN: 55 531 393 697

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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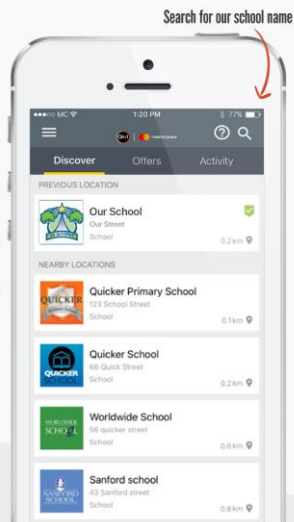
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Step 4 Register your children

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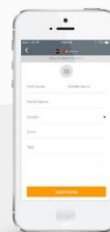
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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details



Manage each child's details in Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen



Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order



Select a date for a child and order a meal



Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next



Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

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At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

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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