



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 14th December, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It feels strange to be writing the final newsletter for the 2023 school year. What a year it has been filled with challenges of having limited access Casual Relief Teachers and numerous split grades. The positives always outweigh our challenges with students sharing their work with the leadership team, sporting achievements and excursions to Melbourne Museum, Animal Land, The Melton Historical Walk, Camps to Queenscliff and Lady Northcote, Year 1/2 Big Night In, Foundation Breakfast and Year 1, 2 and 3/4 swimming, Year 6 Big Day Out, Athletics Carnival's, Lightning Premierships and way too many other sporting events to mention.

Our final assembly which will be over the PA system will be on Tuesday 19th of December at 12:15pm. Family and friends are most welcome to attend this assembly in their child's classroom.

As the Acting Principal, I have often heard from people coming into our school (relief teachers, Department staff, allied services, touring families) what a beautiful feel we have. Our culture is strong because together we are strong. We work, because we have a partnership, a team, made up of parents and carers, staff, students and wider community members. When we all do our bit, great things happen. Thank you for being part of the KPS Team.

CLASSROOM PARTIES

Tomorrow during session 4 (12:30pm – 1:30pm) all classrooms will be holding their end of year parties. If you are dropping off food can it please be brought to the alcove outside of the student foyer.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Tonight, we will be hosting our year 6 cohort and their families for a Graduation Ceremony to celebrate their time with us at Melton Entertainment Centre. This is always a time filled with emotions – some sadness, some trepidation, and lots of excitement. I wish to acknowledge and thank our Year 6 leadership team, who have been excellent leaders in our school. They have conducted assembly and represented our school with dignity and respect.

I am proud to have worked with such a magnificent group of young people, who each have incredible potential. They have all been superb ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to all our exiting year 6 students.

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MEET YOUR 2024 TEACHERS

Today our students will be meeting their 2024 classroom teachers. I am pleased to announce that our 2024 team will be:

Foundation – Mrs Amy Leahy, Miss Lyndal Ryan, Miss Kaitlin McCall, Ms Isabella Kamenjarin

Year 1 – Ms Estelle van Sittert, Mr Dylan Cohen, Ms Asha Cole, Mrs Hannah Millard

Year 2 – Mr Edison Potts, Mrs Ana Radosevic, Mr James Kirk, Miss Alisha Nguyen

Year 3/4 – Mr Rob D'Elia, Ms Joanna Collins, Mr Laurence Gatt, Mrs Shantelle Cattanch, Ms Jane Zhu, Mrs Sophia Alex, Mrs Christina Christopher, Miss Natasha Dovaston

Year 5/6 – Miss Ellie McClafferty, Mr Brent Webb, Mr Jack Mason, Ms Sophia Iosifidis, Ms Emily Oliver and 2 staff members TBC

Specialist team:

Visual Arts – Mrs Lidia Wooley, Mrs Ana Havran

Physical Education – Mrs Helen Craig & Mr Jordan Andrews

Performing Arts – Ms Emma Nash & TBC

Science – Mrs Tayna Osborne & Mrs Judy Frawley

EAL – Mr Sanju Ratnam

Tutors – Mrs Cindy Sutton & TBC

Kitchen Garden – Mrs Hayley Tellis

Library – Mrs Lynne Notman

Mental Health in Primary School – TBC

Youth Worker – Ms Chelsea Horvat

ICT – Mr Daniel Osborne and Mrs Babithadevi Avirneni

Gardener – Mr Harry Tila

Maintenance – Mr Vince Barletta

Education Support team:

Mrs Belinda Rimmer, Mrs Corrie Maitland, Ms Debra Taylor, Mrs Deniz Sabri, Mrs Erin Ryleigh, Mrs Hayley Tellis, Ms Jenna Bailey, Mrs Julijana Ormiston, Mrs Leonie Perry, Mrs Kellie Spencer, Mrs Kim Hodge, Mrs Mary Bayley, Ms Megan Olive, Ms Melissa Mourkakos, Mrs Rosie Donald, Mrs Rebecca Day, Mrs Stacey Williams and Mr Tom Major.

Admin Team:

Business Manager – Mrs Marilyn deHaan

Office Administrator / Student Administration – Mrs Vee-Annie Howson

Office Administrator / First Aide – Ms Deb Burnside

School Uniform / Attendance – Mrs Stacey Williams

Leadership Team:

Leading Teacher of Numeracy – Ms Sophia Iosifidis

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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Leading Teacher of Student Engagement and Wellbeing – Mrs Danielle Sheedy

Leading Teacher of Disability Inclusion – Ms Kayley van Buuren

Leading Teacher of Data – TBC

Leading Teacher of Literacy – TBC

Learning Specialist of ICT – Mr Laurence Gatt

Learning Specialist of Inquiry / SEL / Investigations – Miss Lyndal Ryan

Assistant Principal F-2 – Mrs Wendy McCall

Acting Assistant Principal 3-6 – Ms Toni Havers

Principal – Mr Tom Goddard

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you at the Year 3 to Year 6 assembly tomorrow, where will be announcing our 2024 school leaders.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas break!

Tom

~ Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

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.

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 over the holidays for any school library books. Please return any that you may find to the library ASAP next year.

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.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

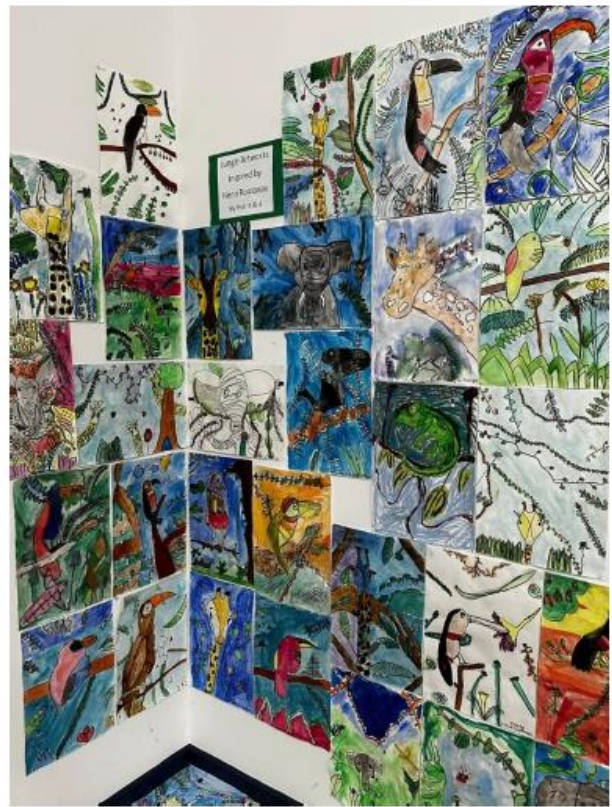
If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.



KURUNJANG PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW



Year 1- Cat Drawing



Year 3&4- Jungle artwork



Year 1- Collage Flowers



Foundation- Van Gogh Inspired Sunflower Collage



Year 3&4 - Wax 'n' Wash Cityscapes



Year 6 – King and Queen Paintings



Year 3&4 - Paul Klee Inspired Artwork



Year 2 - Weaving Bowls



Year 5&6 - Abstract Water Colour Paintings



Year 2 - Flower Collage



Foundation - Textile Collage



Year 2 - Weaving Baskets & Year 3&4 Bollard People



Year 6 – Fibre Sculptures



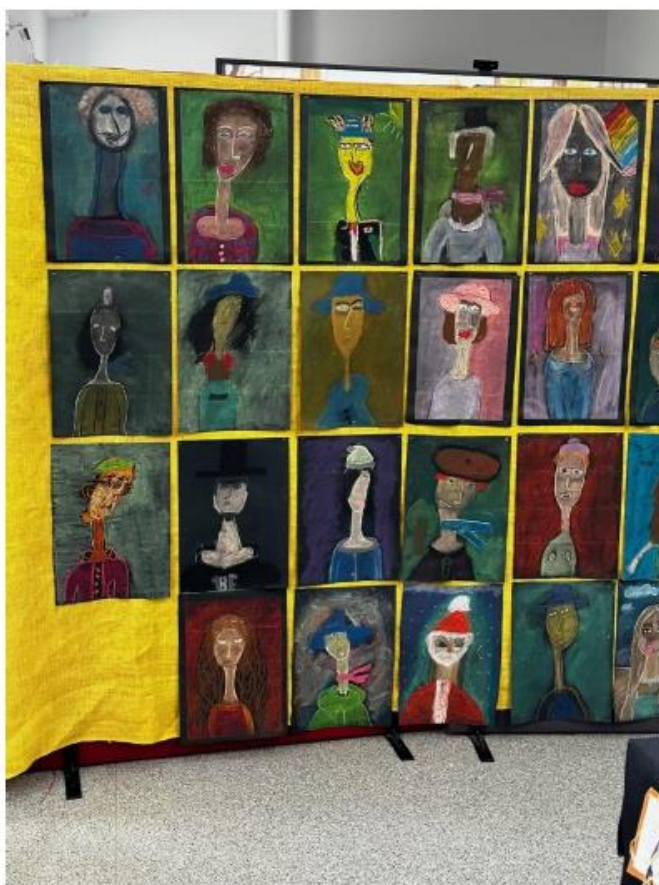
Year 5 - Indigenous Masks



Year 2 - Zebra Drawings



Collaborative Tree Project



Year 5 – Modigliani Inspired Portraits



Year 5/6 Perspective Pastel Drawings



Year 6 – Woven Baskets (Extra Curricular Project)

SANTA SNAPSHOTS & Festive Workshops

**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER
3PM – 6PM**

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Step 3 Find our school

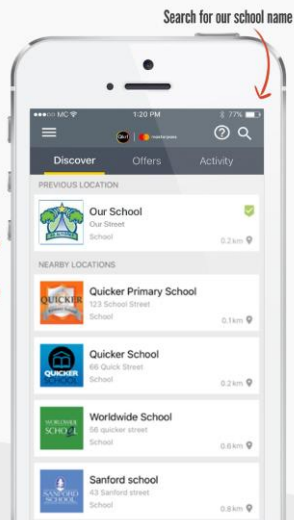
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

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.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'



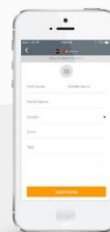
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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

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

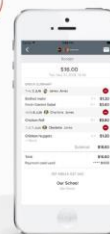
Tap to change the child you are ordering for

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

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



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
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