



NEWSLETTER

3 - 2024

Thursday 7th March, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES "Getting to Know Your Child"

It was wonderful to see so many families attend the student learning conferences last week. Feedback from both staff and parents who attended has been extremely positive. The students thoroughly enjoyed presenting their work to their family member / members who attended.

JUNIOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL (JSC) REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in by their peers to represent them as their class JSC rep.

- 2 Potts – Alexia H
- 2 Ana – Noah R
- 2 Kirk – LJ M
- 2 Nguyen – Jenya S
- 3/4 D'Elia – Jax H
- 3/4 Christina – Katya S
- 3/4 Sophia – Sarah R
- 3/4 Jo – Zainab M
- 3/4 Gatt – Fabien KB C
- 3/4 Dovaston – Bella V
- 3/4 Jane – Thomas D
- 5/6 Ellie – Sharleinah M
- 5/6 Webb – Noah S
- 5/6 Mason – Ilin J
- 5/6 France – David T
- 5/6 HI – Nuh N (T1&2) & Ampujan A (T3&4)
- 5/6 Danielle – Meldon Y
- 5/6 Emily – Seth B (T1&3) Bailee B (T2&4)

SWIMMING

Congratulations and a fantastic effort to the following students Oliver, Siddak, Peyton, Isabella, Sarah, Zoe, Lewis and Delnia who represented our school on Tuesday the 27th of February at the District Swimming Carnival.

Well done to the under 12 boys relay team, who got second place.

Congratulations to the following students:

Oliver – second place backstroke, third place freestyle

Siddak – third place backstroke

Peyton – first place backstroke and second place butterfly

On Tuesday 12th March Oliver, Peyton and Isabella will be heading off to the Divisional Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best.

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STAFFING UPDATE

We farewell Mrs Danielle Gould today as she heads off on maternity leave. We wish Danielle all the best and we are all looking forward to meeting baby Gould.

Over the next couple of weeks and early next term, we will be welcoming the following staff members to our KPS family –

Miss Annabelle Juhasz – Tutor

Mrs Vanessa Edwards – F-2 Performing Arts

Miss Mitzi Sumperos – 5/6 classroom teacher replacing Danielle Gould.

Miss Breeanna Matanovic – 3/4 classroom teacher (Mon, Tues in 3/4 Gatt)

Miss Madeline Croatta – 5/6 classroom teacher (Mon, Tues, Thurs in 5/6 HI)

Mrs Nicole Woods – Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) (Tues, Thurs, Fri)

VICTORIAN POLICE BAND

What a wonderful visit we had on Tuesday from the Victorian Police Band. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed listening to the bagpipes and drums.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank all of the members of our School Council for their contributions, dedication and support throughout their time on School Council. We appreciate the time that the following School Council members put into making themselves available to attend meetings and providing improved outcomes and facilities for our students:

Mrs Megan Djugum – School Council President, Mrs Christine Sacco – Vice President, Mrs Hoahan Yu, Mrs Deb McDonald, Mrs Vaishali Mishra, Mrs Hayley Tellis and Mrs Samantha Barry. The members of School Council have worked hard throughout their time on School Council to enhance the facilities, improve the educational standard for your children, advocate for better facilities and supporting our transition to full time onsite learning.

Our AGM will be held on the 19th March at 5pm in the staffroom. We look forward to working with our existing and new School Council members.

SMOKING

A friendly reminder to all families that smoking on school sites and within 4 metres of the school boundary is prohibited.

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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ATTENDANCE

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE, EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work

What you can do?


- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to help transition
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.


STUDENT PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Department (which includes our school) does not have accident insurance. Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school is not the responsibility of Kurunjang Primary School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.

SCHOOL CROSSING

Our school crossing supervisors play an important role in supporting the safety of our children. Help keep our young people and school crossing supervisors safe by:

 slowing down and being prepared to stop safely before the crossing

 obeying the school zone speed restrictions - 40 km/h speed zones are in place between 8.am and 9.30am in the morning and 2.30pm and 4.pm in the afternoon around schools.

Remember, when flags are displayed at a crossing, you must stop for all pedestrians who are waiting to cross or have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

SPEAKING TO OTHER STUDENTS

At times I know some parents feel the need to talk to a child who may be upsetting their own child, with the intention of helping to ease the situation. This is NOT an acceptable practice at Kurunjang PS. If you have any concerns about another child, please ensure you speak to your child's teacher who can follow up and address the situation. It can be very frightening for a child to feel they are getting reprimanded by an adult other than their

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parent or a teacher. If you have any concerns or feel the situation is not being resolved with the class teacher, please make an appointment to see Wendy, Toni or myself. We are committed to working together to resolve all issues brought to our attention.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

At Kurunjang Primary School, we are committed to acting in the best interests of our students and keeping them safe from harm. The School regards its child protection responsibilities as being of the utmost importance. This means that in practice we are focused on providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection legislation and regulations; and to maintaining a child safe culture.

The following principles underpin our commitment to child safety at Kurunjang Primary School:

All students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.

- Our school works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that they are engaged in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on child safety and protection.
- All students have the right to a thorough and systematic education in all aspects of personal safety, in partnership with their parents/guardians/caregivers.
- All adults in our school, including teaching and non-teaching staff, volunteers and contractors as well as the broader school community have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.
- The policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of students are based on honest, respectful and trusting relationships between adults and children and young people.
- Policies and practices demonstrate compliance with legislative requirements and cooperation with governments, the police and human services agencies.
- All persons involved in situations where harm is suspected or disclosed must be treated with sensitivity, dignity and respect.
- Staff, volunteers, contractors, parents/guardians and students should feel free to raise concerns about child safety, knowing these will be taken seriously by school leadership.
- Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or pastorally.

Kurunjang Primary School is committed to the continuous improvement of our Child Safe Program. The Program is regularly reviewed for overall effectiveness and to ensure compliance with all child protection related laws, regulations and standards. Our Child Safe Policy is available from the office and on our website. Please make an appointment to speak to a member of the Principal Class Team if you have any concerns about a child's safety.

ASSEMBLY

We will be having Foundation to Year 2 assembly tomorrow.

Year 3-6 assemblies will be held on the 15/3

Foundation – Year 2 assemblies will be held on the 8/3 & 22/3.

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

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 8th March

- Book Club Issue 2 ~ Orders Due
- Year 5/6 ~ Summer Sports Lightning Prem

Monday 11th March

- Labour Day ~ Public Holiday

Monday 18th March – Thursday 22nd March

- Year 2 ~ Swimming Program

Tuesday 19th March

- School Council ~ AGM

Thursday 28th March

- Foundation-Year 2 ~ Easter Bonnet Parade
- CSEF Applications Close
- Last Day Term 1 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 15th April

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 16th April

- First Day Term 2 ~ 8.50am Start

Thursday 25th April

- Public Holiday ~ ANZAC DAY

Friday 7th June

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Monday 10th June

- King's Birthday ~ Public Holiday

Friday 28th June

- Last Day Term 2 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 15th July

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 16th July

- First Day Term 3 ~ 8.50am Start

Wednesday 14th August

- Parent Teacher Conferences ~ Student free day

Friday 20th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 7th October

- First Day Term 4 ~ 8.50am Start

Monday 4th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 5th November

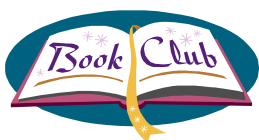
- Public Holiday ~ Melbourne Cup

Thursday 19th December

- Last Day Term 4 ~ Early Dismissal 12.30pm

Friday 20th December

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2

The second issue for the 2024 year will need to be returned by **TOMORROW Friday the 8th of**

March for processing. Whether your child is at school, or at home, you can place your order on LOOP as normal. **Online orders will close on this date for delivery at school.** Please make sure all orders have the child's name, grade and correct money placed in a sealed envelope/bag.

Using LOOP

The easy way for parents to order and pay for Book Club.

Parents can order and pay online for their child's Book Club purchases using a credit card via LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment platform). Their order will be electronically linked to your school.



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1

Sign in or register an account at: [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

2

Click on **ORDER** and select school and child's class

3

Add child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)

4

Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue

5

Make payment via credit card

6

All orders are attached to the school account until ready to be submitted to Scholastic by the school.



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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



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

**** IMPORTANT ****

APPLICATIONS FOR CSEF **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND FOR** **NEW STUDENTS/FAMILIES**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless you have additional children attending school this year or there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time at Kurunjang Primary School, please come into the school office to collect an application form.

Please check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible

LIBRARY



We currently have a large number of overdue library books. If you have found any school library books at home, could I ask that these be returned to our library as soon as possible.

Thankyou

Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician



WEARING OF SCHOOL HATS

Please note that the wearing of school hats is compulsory in Terms 1 & 4. Please make sure your child has a Kurunjang Primary School embroidered hat for Term 1. School hats are only available from Buxwear, Bakery Square Melton.

MELTON DISTRICT SWIMMING **CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our school swimming team who shone at the Melton District Primary Schools Swimming Carnival. Students displayed unwavering determination and it was wonderful to see students supporting their peers from the sidelines. Well done to everyone!

RESULTS

10yrs Oliver Butcher 2nd backstroke 3rd freestyle
11yrs Siddack Randhawa 3rd backstroke
12yrs Peyton Dennehy 1st backstroke, 2nd butterfly
12yrs Isabella McDonald 2nd breaststroke, 3rd freestyle
12yrs 4x50m freestyle relay – Sarah Redman, Delnia Darabi, Peyton Dennehy, Isabella McDonald 3rd

Oliver, Peyton and Isabella will now progress to the divisional finals to be held on March 12th at the Melton Waves. Good luck!





We are once again running our much-loved Easter raffle and are now calling for donations of Easter Eggs and or Easter related goodies to be included in the raffle prizes. Last year, the Easter raffle was a very successful fundraising event and we were able to hand out a number of prizes. If you can and would like to donate to this year's Easter raffle, please either drop your donations off to the office or send them in with your child who can give them to the office. All donators will go into a raffle to win a prize.

Your donations are very much appreciated as is your support of our 2024 Easter raffle.



MELTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

REGISTER TODAY!

MELTON CENTRAL KIDS READING CLUB



Students in primary schools around the area are welcome to join our new 'Reading Club' program which focuses on the four pillars of literacy – reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Facilitated by St Vincent de Paul Society, the Vinnies Education team aim to help a range of students from various backgrounds, cultures and with differing learning needs to improve social, emotional and academic outcomes while having fun.

WHERE: Melton Central Community Centre
239 Station Rd, Melton
DATE: Wednesdays: During Victorian school terms
TIME: 3.30pm – 4:45pm
COST: Free
BOOK: meltonlearning.com.au
INFO: 0418 145 985 | Melton.Education@svdp-vic.org.au





Have you signed up to the Compass App?

In order to keep you up to date with important information Kurunjang Primary School is part of a portal system called COMPASS.

Through Compass, you will be able to update personal details such as phone numbers and be kept up to date with important dates, whole school events, excursions, book parent teacher conferences, contact teachers and more.

You will be able to view your child's school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via Compass.

If you have not yet signed up, please return the slip below for you to receive your personalised login details.

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I would like to receive my COMPASS APP details to be kept updated with my child's reports, school events, reminders and calendar items.

Name: _____

Student name/s: _____

Class: _____

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: Amy Leahy; Year 1: Estelle van Sittert; Year 2 Edison Potts; Year 3/4: Rob D'Elia; Year 5/6: Ellie McClafferty; Specialists: Lidia Woolley

Leadership Team Members – Numeracy: Sophia Iosifidis; Literacy: Kez Hudaverdi; Wellbeing: Danielle Sheedy; SEL/Inquiry: Lyndal Ryan; ICT: Laurence Gatt

Assistant Principal – Foundation-2: Wendy McCall

Assistant Principal – Years 3-6: Toni Havers

Principal – Tom Goddard

DET – Department of Education & Training – Regional Office: 1800 338 663




Learning and Playing Together Playgroup

Term 1, 2024

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. 	
9th Feb	 All about me 	
16th Feb	 Summer 	
23rd Feb	 Australian Animals 	
1st March	 Construction 	
8th March	 Colours 	
15th March	 Cooking 	
22nd March	 Easter 	

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