

# **NEWSLETTER 4 - 2024**

#### Thursday 21st March, 2024

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Can you believe it is now only 6 days until the school holiday break? We really have had a great first term here at Kurunjang Primary School and are so proud of all our staff and students for the fantastic start they have made here at our school. We do have a busy final 2 weeks of term, so please make sure you keep an eye on Compass and our newsletter, so you know about all the fantastic things we have coming up at our school.

Next Thursday (28th March) is the last day for students in Term one. (Friday 29th April is Good Friday). Students will be dismissed for the holidays at 2:10 pm. We hope that you will be able to join us at 2.00pm for the final assembly. If you are unable to collect your child/ren at 2:10pm, please ensure that you make alternate arrangements for their care.

Please note that curriculum day is Monday 15th April (the day after the holidays) so the children will return to school on Tuesday 16th April.

#### **EASTER BONNET / HAT PARADE**

We will be hosting an Easter Bonnet / Fancy Hat parade on Thursday the 28th of March at 9.00am. This is an all-inclusive event, so if you do not celebrate Easter, your child will make a hat or bonnet as fancy or as crazy as they would like!! Hats and Bonnets will be made at school.

#### **HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day is a celebration of diversity and antidiscrimination. During this week the students have been talking about inclusiveness, respect and belonging in celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. Please talk to your children about diversity and discrimination; how 'everyone belongs'.

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

We are having several items turn up in lost property each day. Can we please ask all parents to ensure that all items of clothing and containers brought to school are clearly named so that we can promptly return any lost or misplaced items. All unnamed items will be donated to the local Op Shop over the holidays.

#### THE FATHERING PROJECT

Thank you to our families who attended our 'Pizza & Planes' session with 'The Fathering Project team'. We highly encourage families to participate in our next event. Keep an eye out for information in next terms newsletters. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact Chelsea Horvat.

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#### **RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**

Tomorrow, Friday 22nd March is Ride to School Day. We are encouraging all students to ride, skate, scoot or walk to school on this day. (You can also talk up "Part Way is OK" for those who must come by car – park a little further away and walk the rest of the way).

#### **CANTEEN UPDATE**

The canteen will be up and running next term. It will be open on Wednesday and Friday. All lunch orders will need to be made on the flexischools app. Over the counter sales for small items will be available during recess and lunch. More details will be posted on Compass and Facebook during the holidays.

#### **HELMETS**

There has been an increase in incidents where adults and students are not wearing helmets. We want to remind all our community members that it is a legal requirement for everyone to be wearing a helmet. If your child comes to school with a bike or scooter but no helmet, families will be asked to either collect the bike/scooter/rollerblades or drop a helmet at school.

#### **REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS**

Our staff are well aware that I expect them to be teaching during class time and not responding to parent messages. If you have an urgent message to get to your child, please call the office and they will ensure that the message is received in a timely manner. Department of Education policy states that teachers have 3 days to acknowledge a message from a parent and even longer to investigate any concerns raised. All urgent messages need to be raised with the office and at the earliest possible time someone will get back to you.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We conducted the Annual General Meeting of the Kurunjang School Council on Tuesday night and welcomed the parents and Department of Education members for 2024.

Mrs Rachel Riordan was elected President,

Mrs Bianca Bennett - Vice-President, and

Mrs Deb McDonald as Treasurer.

Membership of the School Council subcommittees in Finance, Education and Policy, Buildings and Grounds, and Fundraising, were also determined.

The 2023 Annual Report was presented to School Council for their endorsement and included the summary and data for the school in the areas of school's context, achievement, engagement, wellbeing and financial position. If you were

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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unable to attend the AGM but are interested in reading the Annual Report please enquire at the office.

#### **NAPLAN**

I would like to congratulate our students for their efforts in Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN over the past two weeks. Writing was conducted last Wednesday, Reading on Thursday, and this week Language Conventions on Monday and Numeracy on Tuesday. Any students who were absent have the opportunity to sit a make-up test until tomorrow. Toni Havers has worked tirelessly to ensure that every organizational aspect and contingency was covered.

All participating students will receive their participating certificates and all should be very proud of their efforts in completing the 4 days of the online national testing program. The results of NAPLAN testing will be forwarded to schools and individuals sooner than in the past due to being online rather than hard copy.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The Department of Education is contacting me on a weekly basis to discuss and monitor students who are already at risk of chronic absenteeism. The Wellbeing Team are required to contact families and provide a report back to the Government. Student attendance is essential. If your child is on the list, please expect a call from Stacey or Danielle who are our attendance officers.

One of the goals of our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) is to ensure that we increase student attendance and reduce student lateness. Students who are absent for 20 or more days in a year are assessed with chronic absenteeism. Research shows that there is a direct link between success later on in life and student attendance. If students are not at school, they can not be taught. If students are not being taught, then their physical and academic skills and knowledge are not being expanded. We need your support! Here are some strategies that you can implement to help us increase student attendance and reduce lateness to school:

- Ensure that your child goes to bed at a decent time on a school night - Primary aged students should be in bed asleep by 8:30pm and not be going to bed any later than 9:30pm.
- Ensure that you have a structured morning routine 7am wake up, 7:15am breakfast, 7:40am get dressed, 7:50 brush teeth/brush hair/wash face, 8:00am pack lunch, 8:15am pack bag, 8:20am leave for school.
- Ensure your child only stays home if they are sick only keep your child home when they are sick, students should not get a day off school for their birthday or to go shopping.
- Take family holidays during school holidays if you take holidays during school days, these count towards your child's absenteeism assessment.
- If your child has separation anxiety please notify our office so we can arrange support.
- If you have separation anxiety you need to go to your GP to get support, as your health is sabotaging your child's future.
- If your family requires support there are a number of support agencies that can assist families - Child First, MacKillop Family Services.

Thank you to all of our families that do ensure that they send their child/ren to school as often as possible and get them to school on time. We appreciate your support! If you have friends in our Kurunjang Primary community whose children have significant (4 or more days a term) absences, please remind them of the importance of school attendance.

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#### **2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS**

If you have a child who will be school age next year (turning 5 before April 30th, 2025) please contact the school anytime from the commencement of Term 2, this year, so that we can organize a tour of the school and enrolment documentation. If you know of other families who will have a school age child in 2025, please share the information about contacting the school from Term 2 for enrolment at KPS for 2025.

#### **CLASSSROOM HELPERS**

Early next term, Assistant Principal of Foundation to Year 2, Wendy McCall will be conducting the Parent Helper course for this year. More information will be posted on Compass and Facebook. We are looking forward to inviting parent helpers back in our classrooms.

#### **ASSEMBLY**

We will be having our Foundation to Year 2 Assembly tomorrow. A whole school assembly over the PA will be held on 28th March at 2pm.

Term two assemblies will be:

Year 3-6 assemblies: 19/4, 3/5, 17/5, 31/5, 14/6.

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 26/4, 10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 21/6. End of term 2 a whole school assembly over the PA will be held on 28th June at 2pm.

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.

#### Tom

~ Learning Together

# \*\* 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.

#### FORWARD PLANNING

#### Monday 25th March

• Easter Raffle Tickets & Money Due

#### Thursday 28th March

- Foundation-Year 2 ~ Easter Bonnet / Hat Parade
- 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

- CSEF Applications Close
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> November

• Public Holiday ~ Melbourne Cup

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day Term 4 ~ Early Dismissal 12.30pm

#### Friday 20th December

Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

#### 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

#### **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.



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.





#### 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

You will be able to view your childs school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via

Compass.	
If you have not vet signed up.	please return the slip below for you to receive your personalised loain 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

## <u>Learning and Playing Together Playgroup</u> <u>Term 1, 2024</u>

Kurunjang Primary School, Mowbray Cres, Melton 3337. Friday 9-11am. Parents must stay with their child/children. Enquiries – 9743-0633

<u>Date</u> 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Theme/Activity – Sessions may include:  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 or	ganised.
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Summer	Paul offer
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Australian Animals	
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Construction	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Colours	
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Cooking	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Easter	

# ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS 5 TO 15 BOOK AT LIBRARYEVENTS.MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU

#### JOIN THE STEM SQUAD!

TUESDAY 2 APRIL TO FRIDAY 5 APRIL
CAROLINE SPRINGS LIBRARY & LEARNING HUB

Learn to code, build with LEGO and make your own Lava Lamp at our School Holiday STEAM activities! You can even try your hand at the latest creative tech including Virtual Reality and 3D printing, all thanks to our friends at Western BACE.

Complete the challenges for your chance to win some great prizes including cool tech and STEAM activity packs. Winners will be announced in a special prize ceremony on Friday 5 April at 2pm.



#### CRAFT FOR TEENS: CUSTOMISED

Tuesday 2 April, 3pm to 4.30pm Melton Library & Learning Hub Tuesday 9 April, 3pm to 4.30pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

In this workshop we'll show you how to use a Cricut Maker machine to create your own personalised t-shirt!

Bring along your own blank t-shirt to customise with any design you choose.

Bookings are required.



#### STUDY AND WELLBEING HACKS

Thursday 4 April, 3pm to 4pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Melton City Libraries and headspace Melton have teamed up to create a session of study hacks and exam wellbeing tips to equipyou for success in your studies this year.

You'll also get a take-home pack to support you't hrough your next exam period.

Bookings are required.



#### ZINES FOR TEENS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 3 April, 3pm to 5.30pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

If you can put it on paper you can put it in a zine! Zines are all about self expression and can include many forms.

In this workshop we'll show you how to make a zine that you can take home.

Bookings are required.





#### CRAFT FOR TEENS: EID TERRACOTTA PLATE PAINTING

Friday 12 April, 1.30pm to 3.30pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Celebrate Eid with a special teen

Hand paint a terracotta plate with floral or arabesque designs and explore your own creativity by adding your own flare.

Bookings are required.

#### BOOKINGS:

Bookings open at 9am Monday 18 March 2024.

To make a booking, visit libraryevents.melton.vic.gov.au or call us on 9747 5300 during library opening hours.

- If the session you want to attend is full, you will be able to add your name to the waiting list.
- If you have made a booking and can no longer attend, please contact us so that we can offer your place to someone else.
- Adult supervision is required at all programs for children under 12 years of age.
- Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start time. If you are running late, we will hold your booking for 10 minutes from the commencement of the program, after this time we will make your place available to other patrons.





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MELTON CITY LIBRARIES

### Autumn School Holiday Program

Bookings required. Visit LIBRARYEVENTS.MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU









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#### GIANT GAMES DAY

Thursday 4 April, 12pm to 4pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub Friday 12 April, 10am to 3pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Family fun is here at Melton City Libraries, let's play some Giant Games! Get ready to work on your strategy and master your skills in this drop-in session as you explore snakes and ladders, giant dominoes and

Bookings are not required.



#### STORYTIME: THE MAGIC IN ME

Wednesday 3 April, 3pm to 4pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

We all have a little magic inside of us that makes us uniquely special. What is YOUR magic?

Does you magic come from a hat, cloak, cape or teddy bear, or maybe it's inside your heart. Come along to the library to share this special story during the School Holidays.



#### **FAMILY MOVIE TIME**

Thursday 11 April, 3,30pm to 5,30pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Sit back, and relax in our comfy chairs at the Melton Library Balam Balam Theatre, and watch a family movie that's fun for

Bookings are required.



#### OSMO MASTERPIECE DRAWING

Wednesday 3 April, 11am to 12pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Wednesday 10 April, 10.30am to 11.30am Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Build on your drawing skills and have fun with OSMO Masterpiece!

Using OSMO's reflective digital software and applying concentration skills, your drawing will come to life in no time

Bookings are required.



#### DOWN THE SNAKES AND UP THE LADDERS

Tuesday 2 April, 3pm to 4pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Friday 5 April, 1pm to 2pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Life is like a game of SNAKES and LADDERS, sometimes you go UP and sometimes you go DOWN. Build your own board game for some family fun at home!

Bookings are required.



#### **CREATE YOUR OWN HERB LIBRARY**

Friday 5 April, 10.30am to 11.30am Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub Monday 8 April, 1pm to 2pm

Melton Library & Learning Hub

What can you eat from your garden? Do you

Let's find out together and grow some herbs to add to your school lunch. Use all your senses and discover what flavours you like!

Bookings are required.



#### REUSE ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 9 April, 10.30am to 11.30am Melton Library & Learning Hub

Friday 12 April, 10.30am to 11.30am Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Discover the magic of creativity and environmental responsibility in our captivating Reuse Art Workshop for

Immerse yourself in the exciting world of reusing and recycling, and craft your own masterpiece to take home!



#### **FUN WITH BRICKWORKS**

Tuesday 2 April, 9.30am to 10.30am Melton Library & Learning Hub

and let your imagination run wild! Our friends at Supreme Incursions will guide you on your brick-building journey. What will you build?



#### **CHECKMATES: CHESS TOURNAMENT**

Thursday 4 April, 1pm to 3pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Thursday 11 April, 1pm to 3pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Test your chess skills these school holidays!

Our local chess guru Julius will be at the library these holidays to bring you a chess tournament to remember for kids aged 7 to 14.

Bookings are required.



#### THE PERILOUS QUEST: FUN WRITING WORKSHOP

Monday 8 April, 1pm to 3pm Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

You're about to set off on a quest – a journey fraught with obstacles and just a little bit of danger.

Come to this fun writing workshop and set off on an adventure story with 100 Story Building!

Bookings are required.



#### **AUTUMN SOLAR SYSTEM**

Wednesday 10 April, 1pm to 2pm Melton Library & Learning Hub

Test your skills and have fun assembling your own planetarium model, paint it, and add highlights to create the glow effect. Watch it glow in the dark. It's out of this

Bookings are required



Tuesday 9 April, 10am to 11am Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub

Gets hands-on with construction challenges

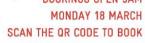
Bookings are required.

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## **COOL KIDS FIRST AID**



Empower your child with critical skills in our fun and interactive first aid class. Over a 2-hour period your child will learn a variety of useful skills including how to recognise an emergency situation, how to call '000', an introduction to DRSABCD (CPR) principals of first aid and basic bleeding control.

Each child will receive an individually named certificate of participation at the conclusion of the session. Suitable for children aged 5-13 years.

WHERE: Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre

260 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh, 3338, OR Fraser Rise Children's & Community Centre

46 City Vista Ct, Fraser Rise, 3336

**DATE:** Wednesday 10 April 2024 **TIME:** 10am - 12pm (Strathtulloh)

1pm - 3pm (Fraser Rise)

**COST:** \$10 per child

BOOK: meltonlearning.com.au

**INFO:** 9747 5958 | bridgeroadcc@melton.vic.gov.au









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