



# NEWSLETTER

## 6 - 2024

Thursday 2nd May, 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Can you believe we are already in May! Hope you all stayed warm last weekend! The colder weather is certainly starting to kick in!

As mentioned last fortnight to all students and families that it is part of our uniform policy that all students are to be always in school uniform, and this includes jumpers/jackets. Please ensure that all jumpers and jackets are also clearly labelled with your child's name so they can easily be returned to their rightful owner if they are lost or misplaced, which happens regularly at schools. We thank you for your support and understanding of our uniform policy.

#### **COVID**

This week we have had an increase of students and staff coming down with Covid.

The Department of Health recommends that staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 isolate for a minimum of 5 days and do not attend school until their symptoms resolve. If well enough, students should be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning material provided to support their continued learning.

COVIDSafe measures have changed but all Victorian government schools are required to continue to implement important practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. As a school we continue to:

- ensure air purifiers are in use
- maximise external ventilation
- encourage good personal hygiene
- make face masks available for staff and visitors who wish to wear them.

#### **CONCERNS ABOUT PARENT BEHAVIOUR**

Staff and other parents have raised concerns about some of our parents and their behaviour.

Concerns centre around parents abusing / yelling at staff members, approaching other parents about their children, seeing an issue and deliberately not advising a member of staff, ignoring teacher instructions to leave the classroom and smoking within more than 4 meters of the school fence. Not only are parents and staff witnessing this, so are our students, and it is not appropriate!

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If your child has an issue with another child, then please speak to your child's teacher at an appropriate time, learning times begins at 8:50am. Please do not approach other parents.

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Behaviours not okay in our school community are threats, harassment, violence, rudeness, discriminatory and derogatory comments, aggression, intimidation and threatening gestures. Government schools are not public places and there is no general right for the public to enter school land at any time.

Parents and carers ordinarily have an implied licence to enter school land, but that might be temporarily withdrawn if their behaviour threatens the safety of staff or students. To protect the safety of staff or students at the school, a principal may provide a verbal warning directing someone to leave the school or issue them with a trespass notice prohibiting them from entering the school grounds.

#### **ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

Last Thursday was ANZAC Day. I would like to thank Mr Kirk, Toni, Julijana, Deb and the students who attended the Melton service.

On Friday, Mr Kirk and students from grade 2, presented an ANZAC service at school. All grades made wreaths which are on display in the main hallway.

ANZAC Day as we know it was first observed on 25 April 1916, as people came together to commemorate the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli, Türkiye, on 25 April 1915.

This important tradition has now become an opportunity to stop and reflect on the sacrifice and dedication of all our veteran and service community, and the families who support them.

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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### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Last Friday Mr Cohen, Ms Sophia and ¾ Sophia along with our Sustainability Leaders went to Hannah Watts Park as part of Clean Up Australia Day. They had the opportunity to learn about litter and how it impacts our environment. They students did a great job and showed our school values while they represented the school and made Hannah Watts Park clean for all to enjoy.

### **WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**

You may notice that some staff may look a little different next week! A few staff members will be colouring, cutting or shaving their hair, in support of people facing blood cancer (leukaemia) and other forms of cancer.

We are inviting all students to come to school on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, with either their hair coloured, wearing a wig or modelling a different hair style.

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

The Mothers Days stall will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Gifts will range from \$1-to \$10-. It is a great chance for our students to purchase a gift, surprise their mum or other special person and to raise money to support the school.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Every Victorian government school is required to produce an Annual Report to their School Community by April 30 each year. Our Annual Report for 2023 will be available on our website early next week. As a school we met all quality assurance criteria required by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). I encourage you to take a few minutes to look at the report.

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### **ROAD SAFETY**

Road safety awareness should be a daily priority for everyone, but this fortnight we are emphasising its importance even more... As we navigate our daily lives, it is crucial to prioritise road safety for our children! Whether they are walking, biking, or riding in a vehicle, it is important that we, as caregivers and enforcers, emphasise the importance of safe practices. Leading by example is key, as children often emulate the behaviours of their parents/carers. Let's work together to ensure that our children are protected on the roads and that we are promoting safe practices daily. Further resources to help teacher your child road safety can be found at: <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/>

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework will start in week 5.

#### **Prep to Year 4**

In the early years, the objective of homework should be to practise and consolidate the concepts that have been introduced during class time. It is also intended to introduce the concepts of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare them for the upper grades.

- Assigned homework tasks will build on concepts explored in the classroom and encourage students to use their initiative by gathering additional information or materials.
- Homework will mainly consist of daily reading to, with, or by parents/carer or older siblings.
- Students are generally not expected to complete more than 30 minutes of homework per day and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

#### **Year 5 to Year 6**

In the upper year levels, the objective of homework is to build on the concepts of self-discipline, responsibility and initiative to prepare students for secondary school.

- Assigned homework tasks will include daily independent reading and may include extension assignments, class work, essays, and research.
- Students are generally not expected to spend more than 45 minutes per day on homework and no homework tasks will be assigned over the weekends or during the holidays.

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### **EDUCATION WEEK**

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria.

This year Education Week will be celebrated from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The theme will be Spotlight on STEM, a chance for schools to celebrate and share how they bring science, technology, engineering, and maths to life in the classroom.

To celebrate Education Week will be holding numerous activities for the students throughout the week. The school will have an open afternoon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May starting from 2:10pm, looking forward to seeing you joining in the classroom activities with your child/ren.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day.

Attending and participating in school will help your child develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn; and also social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work. There is no safe number of days for missing school.

A reminder to parents and carer's that if your child is going to be absent from school that we ask that you notify the school ASAP. If you know your child is going to be away, you can notify the office or your child's teacher in advance. The mobile phone number for attendance is no longer in use.

Absences can be notified via phone on 9743 0633 on the morning of the absence. We are required to follow up any unexplained absences with a phone call on the day of the absence.

### **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be sharing with you more information about the Child Safe Standards in the newsletter each fortnight. This fortnight, we are looking at Child Safe Standard 3 and 4.

**Standard 3** – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

**Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 3 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:**

3.1 Children and young people are informed about all of their rights, including to safety, information and participation.

3.2 The importance of friendships is recognised and support from peers is encouraged, to help children and young people feel safe and be less isolated.

3.3 Where relevant to the setting or context, children and young people are offered access to sexual abuse prevention programs and to relevant related information in an age-appropriate way.

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3.4 Staff and volunteers are attuned to signs of harm and facilitate child-friendly ways for children and young people to express their views, participate in decision-making and raise their concerns.

3.5 Organisations have strategies in place to develop a culture that facilitates participation and is responsive to the input of children and young people.

3.6 Organisations provide opportunities for children and young people to participate and are responsive to their contributions, thereby strengthening confidence and engagement.

**Standard 4** - Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

**Minimum Requirements - In complying with Child Safe Standard 4 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:**

4.1 Families participate in decisions affecting their child.

4.2 The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.

4.3 Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation's policies and practices.

4.4 Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow for our Year 3 to 6 assembly.

Term two assemblies will be:

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

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 21/6.

End of term 2 a whole school assembly over the PA will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

Cheers,

Principal

## **FORWARD PLANNING**

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

- Year 7 2025 Application Forms ~ Due at Primary School

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

- King's Birthday ~ Public Holiday

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

- CSEF Applications Close
- Last Day Term 2 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

- First Day Term 3 ~ 8.50am Start

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

- Parent Teacher Conferences ~ Student free day

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

- First Day Term 4 ~ 8.50am Start

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school



## **FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2025 ARE NOW OPEN**

Parents who live within our school's designated neighbourhood area are invited to enrol their children for Foundation 2025 at the office. To be eligible to enrol for Foundation in 2025

your child must turn 5 years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. 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.

## **\*\* 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.

## **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

## Learning and Playing Together Playgroup Term

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"> <li>• literacy and numeracy activities,</li> <li>• playtime – developing friendships</li> <li>• story time</li> <li>• rhyme time, singing and dance</li> <li>• outside play – co ordination</li> <li>• craft time – fine motor skills</li> <li>• dramatic play</li> <li>• cooking</li> <li>• guest speakers and excursions will be organised.</li> </ul>	
26 <sup>th</sup> April		Autumn 
3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Numbers 
10 <sup>th</sup> May		Mother's Day 
17 <sup>th</sup> May		Feelings 
24 <sup>th</sup> May		Space 
31 <sup>st</sup> May		Nature 
7 <sup>th</sup> June		Days of the week 
14 <sup>th</sup> June		Monsters 
21 <sup>st</sup> June		Cooking 



### 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



## ONLINE LUNCH ORDER MENU 2024



### Sandwiches Wraps Rolls

Vegemite	\$4.50
Cheese	\$4.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00
Egg w/ extras	\$6.50
Ham w/ extras	\$6.50
Chicken w/ extras	\$6.50
Salad w/ extras	\$6.50

### Fresh Salads

Garden Salad w/ extras	\$6.50
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### Fruit

Apple / Banana	\$2.00
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### Homemade Meals

Homemade Vegetarian Fried Rice	\$6.00
Homemade Pasta Bolognaise	\$6.00

### Hot Food

Chicken Nugget	\$1.00
Steamed Dim-Sim	\$1.50
Party Pie	\$2.20
Party Sausage Roll	\$2.20
Sweet Chilli Tender	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$5.00
Beef Pie	\$6.00
Tomato Sauce	\$0.50
Soy Sauce	\$0.50

### Snacks

Yum Yum Balls	\$1.00
Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$2.00
Choc Chip Muffin	\$3.00
Red Rock Deli Honey Soy Chips 28g	\$2.40
Red Rock Deli Sea Salt Chips 28g	\$2.40

### Drinks

Chocolate Oak UHT	\$3.00
Strawberry Oak UHT	\$3.00
Orange Harvey Fresh Juice	\$2.50
Apple Harvey Fresh Juice	\$2.50
Apple & Black Current	\$2.50
Water 350ml	\$2.00

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*\*No late orders accepted*



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