



NEWSLETTER

7 - 2024

Thursday 16th May, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

A massive thank you to the entire school community for being so understanding about staff and student absences. With COVID, gastro, chicken pox and the emerging flu season this is certainly causing several staff and students to be absent, over the past fortnight we have had anything from 100 to 150 students absent each day. If your child is sick please keep them home until they are well enough to return to school. There is also a shortage of replacement teachers and education support staff. This certainly causes disruptions but with patience and a willingness to work together we can certainly ensure that the day runs as smoothly as possible.

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose.

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STUDENT SHARING WORK

Earlier this week it was great to have a visit from Mariama and Raim from Foundation Kaitlin. They were both extremely excited and proud to be sharing their writing with me.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following students who attended the MPSSA District Cross Country Carnival on Thursday, 2nd of May at Masons Lane Reserve in Bacchus Marsh.

Grace B, Brodie B, Delnia D, Isabella Mc, Bior P, Archie R, Tristen R, Sarah R, Georgia S, April S, Abhideep S, Xavier S, Noah S, Tiahna T-B, Zac T, Isla T, Spencer V and Madison W. The following students Grace B, Noah S, Spencer V, Delnia D, April S, Bior P, Abhideep S, Georgia S, Madison W, Isabella Mc and Brodie B will be participating in the Western Ranges Division Cross Country on the 30th May at Masons Lane Reserve in Bacchus Marsh. We wish them all the best.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Congratulations is also afforded to every student and class who attended the Mother's Day stall last Thursday or Friday. We thank the members of the fundraising committee who so willingly give their time and effort for the good of the school and our students. We hope that all mothers, Grandmothers, aunties and all significant females in the life of a child, had a very happy day on Sunday.

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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PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

I understand the traffic concerns / issues around the school. Please be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off / picking up your child/ren. Ensure you are not blocking the neighbours driveways.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Over the next two weeks, the year 4/5/6 students will be undertaking the Attitudes to School Survey which is conducted annually in all Victorian schools. All students' responses are anonymous but provide us with information including how the children perceive themselves at school, their opinion of their learning, their connectedness to their peers and to the school. We will inform the community of the results when we receive them In July/August. We value the results, as we do the parent and staff opinion surveys; for the information they each provide for our future foci and planning.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria.

This week is Education Week with the theme 'Spotlight on STEM', a chance for schools to celebrate and share how they bring science, technology, engineering, and maths to life in the classroom. It was great to see many of our families at school yesterday for our open afternoon and joining in with the activities.

NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools.
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools.
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy <https://www.desegov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0>

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal <https://www.nccd.edu.au>

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, 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 5 and 6.

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Standard 5 – Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 5 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

5.1 The organisation, including staff and volunteers, understands children and young people's diverse circumstances, and provides support and responds to those who are vulnerable.

5.2 Children and young people have access to information, support and complaints processes in ways that are culturally safe, accessible and easy to understand.

5.3 The organisation pays particular attention to the needs of children and young people with disability, children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those who are unable to live at home, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children and young people.

5.4 The organisation pays particular attention to the needs of Aboriginal children and young people and provides/promotes a culturally safe environment for them.

Standard 6 – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 6 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

6.1 Recruitment, including advertising, referee checks and staff and volunteer pre-employment screening, emphasise child safety and wellbeing.

6.2 Relevant staff and volunteers have current working with children checks or equivalent background checks.

6.3 All staff and volunteers receive an appropriate induction and are aware of their responsibilities to children and young people, including record keeping, information sharing and reporting obligations.

6.4 Ongoing supervision and people management is focused on child safety and wellbeing.

ASSEMBLY

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

Term two assemblies will be:

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

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 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

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.

FORWARD PLANNING

Thursday 30th May

- Divisional Cross Country ~ Selected Students

Friday 31st May

- Crazy Hair Day ~ JSC Fundraiser

Friday 26th June

- School ANZAC Day Service ~ Students only

Thursday 6th June

- Cookie Dough ~ Orders Close

Friday 7th June

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Monday 10th June

- King's Birthday ~ Public Holiday

Friday 21st June

- Werribee Zoo Excursion ~ Year 1/2 Students

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 13th September

- Pyjama Day ~ JSC Fundraiser

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



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 30th 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.





















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

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"> • 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. 	
26 th April		Autumn 
3 rd May		Numbers 
10 th May		Mother's Day 
17 th May		Feelings 
24 th May		Space 
31 st May		Nature 
7 th June		Days of the week 
14 th June		Monsters 
21 st June		Cooking 



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Thank you so much for supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are running a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** fundraiser to raise money for outdoor play areas.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are nine (9) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Raspberry White Choc**.

You can also create your own cookie magic with the Golden Classic flavour – the base of the Billy G's secret family recipe. You can Add Hundreds & Thousands, macadamia nuts and white chocolate pieces, anything you like: the sky is the limit on what you can create! There is even something for your special furry friends, with a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising – so stock up!

Get started! Cookie dough orders must be placed online using the online platform. Create your child's profile by visiting australianfundraising.com.au, click on the "Cookie Dough Login" and follow the instructions in your order form. Orders are open from Wednesday 15th May until Thursday 6th of June so make sure you get rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

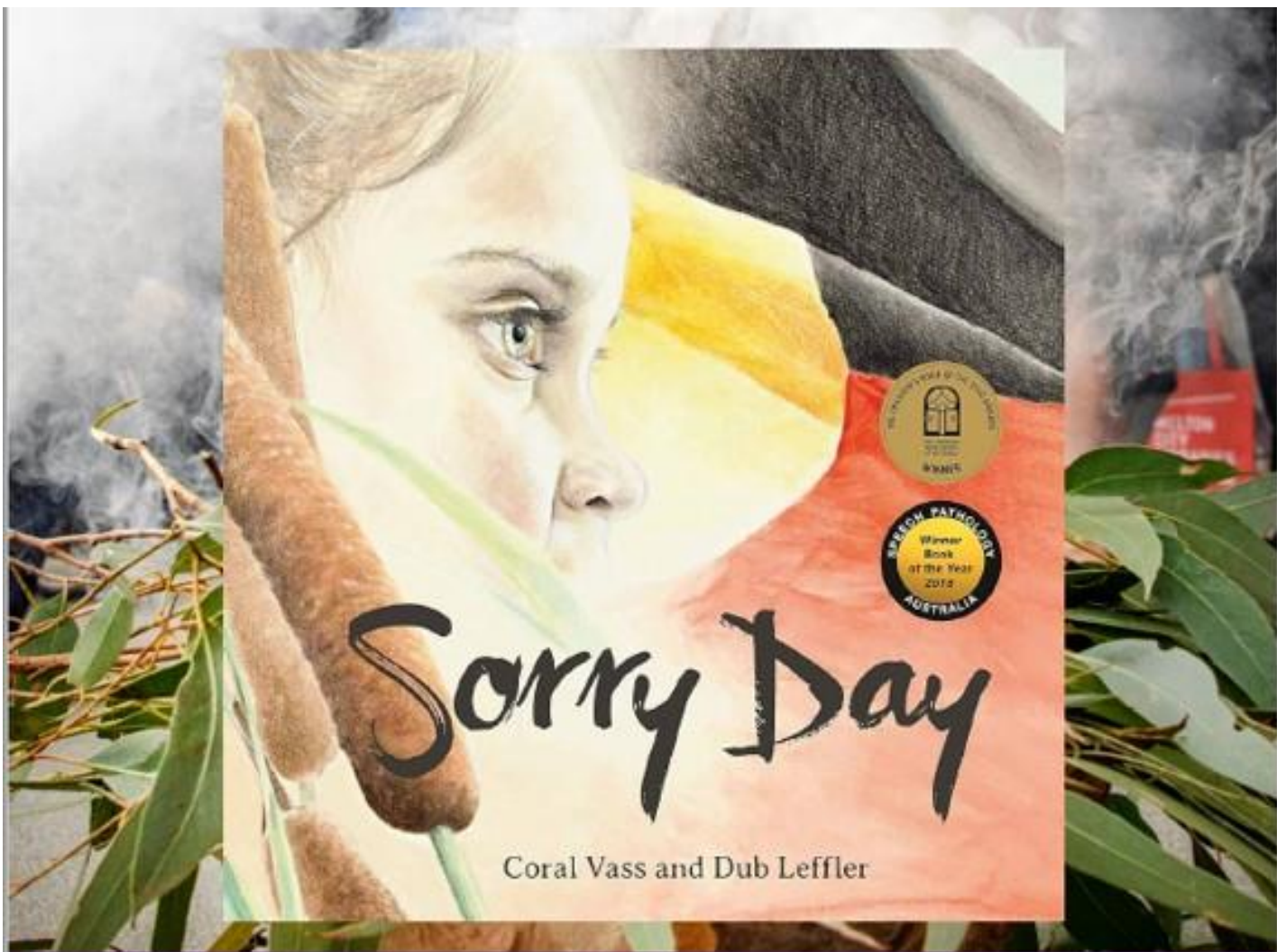
How do prizes work? Every student who sells two or more tubs will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 11 prizes up for grabs, so why not set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all? Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold. You can also gain the chance to get your very own Billy G's Scented Gel Pens by obtaining all of your online virtual badges.

Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so make sure you ask them for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

You can Win Big! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win the \$10,000 Budget Bonanza (\$2,500 Coles Gift Card, \$2500 Woolworths Fuel Card, \$2,500 Harvey Norman Gift Card and \$2,500 Visa Gift Card) OR a Playstation 5 Gaming Bundle. Plus, every [student/member] that achieves all online virtual badges will win a Billy G's Scented Gel Pens.

Don't forget to refer to your Order Form for all the information. Happy fundraising!

KPS Fundraising Team



NATIONAL SORRY DAY AT THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY 26 MAY | 2PM TO 3PM | MELTON LIBRARY & LEARNING HUB

National Sorry Day is a day to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation, and acknowledges the mistreatment of First Nation's people.

Join us to mark Sorry Day with a very special author talk. Hear from Coral Vass, author of the picture book *Sorry Day*, as she talks about her work, the importance of saying sorry, and how we can become true allies to our First Nations communities.

Stop by any time during the day to our film installation where you can view historical footage about the Stolen Generation and the National Apology, and sign a Sorry Day card to receive a Native Hibiscus seed to plant at home.



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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

**Online orders close at 9am*

**No late orders accepted*

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