



# NEWSLETTER

## 8 - 2024

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

This past weekend, on Sunday 26 May 2024, we marked National Sorry Day. On this day each year we as a nation remember the grief, suffering and injustice experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, whom we now know as the Stolen Generations.

Importantly, National Sorry Day leads into National Reconciliation Week (**Monday 27 May to Monday 3 June 2024**). This year's theme, 'Now more than ever', reminds us that the shared fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will – and must – continue.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our term continues to quickly race by. We have now passed the halfway mark of the term and it has been great to hear about the wonderful learning taking place in our classrooms. A special mention goes to the large number of students who have really focused on displaying our school values (Effort and Excellence) in their learning by working hard each and every day displays to do their best at all times. Well done!

Due to an increase of staff illness, our teacher replacement agencies are already reporting that they are struggling to fill demand. Please be aware that as the winter season approaches, replacing staff may prove as challenging as it was last year. I would like to thank our staff and students for displaying our school values (Resilience and Respect) when classes are split when we cannot replace staff.

#### **UNIFORM**

It has been great to see throughout the school a huge improvement in students wearing our school uniform with pride. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

As we transition into the winter months, just a couple of quick reminders-

- Students are to be wearing royal blue pants/trousers/shorts (not black or navy blue)
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are not visible.

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- Royal blue beanies, scarves and gloves are permitted but should be removed when in classrooms.

At Kurunjang Primary School:

The [Dress Code](#) applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

School uniform is compulsory and required to be worn.

Our School uniform provider is

**Buxwear**

39 Bakery Square, Melton VIC 3337

Phone: 8746 2142 Email: [melton@buxwear.com.au](mailto:melton@buxwear.com.au)

#### **Melton Shop Hours**

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.30am - 2.00pm

If at any stage your child is unable to be in the expected uniform, please contact your child's classroom teacher or office advising of the situation. If you require any assistance with uniforms simply contact the school office where various supports can be offered.

#### **YARD EXPECTATIONS**

Please do not approach other students in the yard – students feel intimidated and unsafe when approached by a strange adult. If you see an incident or you have a concern with any child other than your own, please do not approach them, please notify the teacher on yard duty or your child's classroom teacher.

#### **BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

We have seen several students arriving to school very early in the morning. While it is great that our students are eager to be at school, unfortunately there is no supervision at these earlier times. Students should not be arriving to school prior to 8:40am. Should you require care for your child prior to this time, please contact our before and after school care provider OSH Club on 1300 395 735 or [www.OSHClub.com.au](http://www.OSHClub.com.au)

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Stacey Williams is our attendance officer. Each day she will make contact with families of students who are absent where the school has not been notified in relation to a reason for their absence. She will also work with families whose children have an excessive number of absences. School attendance is important. If your child/ren are not at school, we are unable to teach them.

How many days is regular attendance, below average attendance and poor attendance in a semester (over 2 terms)?

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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- 0-6 days - This is within the normal range. A child with this attendance is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning programs available to them.
- 7-10 days - This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Foundation and Year 10.
- 11 – 20 days – This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and a half years of schooling between Foundation and Year 10

### **HEADLICE**

Please be advised that we have had several reported cases of headlice. A reminder that families are required to routinely check their child's hair for headlice. If live lice are found, children are not permitted at school until they have been treated. We encourage families to treat their children a week after the initial treatment in case any eggs have hatched.

<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/wet-combing-conditioner-treating-head-lice>

### **ADVANCED NOTICE - Student Free Days**

To help with planning I wanted to advise you we have 2 student free days coming up in June. Friday the 7th June will be a student free day at KPS. This day is our teachers Common Professional Practice Day and our Education Support staff will be participating in professional learning.

Monday the 10th June is a public holiday for the Kings Birthday, no students will be at school on these day. Having those days off will give everyone a chance to recharge and make the most of the long weekend.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the 14th August. Students will only need to attend the interview to be marked present at school.

### **EDUCATION WEEK**

Thank you very much to all our Kurunjang families and friends who came to school to celebrate Education Week during our open session. Throughout the week students participated in engaging classroom and buddy activities that focused on this year's theme, Spotlight on STEM. The week highlighted the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.

### **SEMESTER 1, STUDENT REPORTS**

Staff have begun working on the students' Semester 1 academic reports. These will be available on the Thursday 27th June from 4.00pm.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the 14th August from 11.00am to 7:00pm. Students will only need to attend the interview to be marked present at school.

Information about booking a time will be available next term.

### **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 7 and 8.

**Standard 7** – Processes for complaints and concerns are child-focused.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 7 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

7.1 The organisation has an accessible, child-focused complaint handling policy which clearly outlines the roles and responsibilities of leadership, staff and volunteers, approaches to dealing with different types of complaints, breaches of relevant policies or the Code of Conduct and obligations to act and report.

7.2 Effective complaint handling processes are understood by children and young people, families, staff and volunteers, and are culturally safe.

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7.3 Complaints are taken seriously and responded to promptly and thoroughly.

7.4 The organisation has policies and procedures in place that address reporting of complaints and concerns to relevant authorities, whether or not the law requires reporting, and co-operates with law enforcement.

7.5 Reporting, privacy and employment law obligations are met.

**Standard 8** – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 8 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

8.1 Staff and volunteers are trained and supported to effectively implement the organisation's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

8.2 Staff and volunteers receive training and information to recognise indicators of child harm including harm caused by other children and young people.

8.3 Staff and volunteers receive training and information to respond effectively to issues of child safety and wellbeing and support colleagues who disclose harm.

8.4 Staff and volunteers receive training and information on how to build culturally safe environments for children and young people.

### **ASSEMBLY**

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

Term two assemblies will be:

Year 3-6 assemblies: 14/6.

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 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](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.

*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.



### **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

## FORWARD PLANNING

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

- Crazy Hair Day ~ JSC Fundraiser
- Winter Lightning Prem ~ Year 5/6 selected students
- Book Club ~ Orders Due

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

- Cookie Dough ~ Orders Close
- Soccer ~ Year 3/4 selected students

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> June

- Werribee Zoo Excursion ~ Year 1/2 Students

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

- Soccer ~ Year 5/6 selected students

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> September

- Pyjama Day ~ JSC Fundraiser

### 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.



## 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





## Book Club Issue 4, 2024

The fourth issue for the 2024 year was handed out this week and will need to be returned by **Friday the 31st of May** 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.

 **SCHOLASTIC**

# Book Club **LOOP** for Parents

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

**[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**



## 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.

### How do parents order using **LOOP**?

**1**

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



## 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 





## Newsletter Insert

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](http://australianfundraising.com.au), click on the "Cookie Dough Login" and follow the instructions in your order form. Orders are open from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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**



### 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



# Vacation Care Winter Program

## Program details

This program is open to all primary school aged children.

**Hours of operation:** 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

**Program dates:** Monday 1 to Friday 12 July

**Location:** Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre

**Cost:** \$89.50 a day prior to Child Care Subsidy. (Additional costs for excursions and incursions may apply)

## Bookings

**Bookings open:** Friday 31st May 2024

**Bookings close:** Friday 21st June 2024

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Council's discretion and will incur a \$22.50 late enrolment fee.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Please note: the full fee must be paid prior to program attendance. Absences for confirmed bookings will incur charges.

## More information

[melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare](https://melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare)  
[vactioncareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:vactioncareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au)  
or scan the QR code below.



To find out more information or get in touch with us please visit [melton.vic.gov.au/familiesandchildren](https://melton.vic.gov.au/familiesandchildren)





# Activity Program

## Week one

### Monday 1 July: Winter wonderland

Step into a Winter Wonderland with snow globes, winter-themed activities, and a thrilling snowball fight.

**Cost:** \$89.50

### Tuesday 2 July: Little Chefs Day

Get creative in the kitchen. Make a vegetarian pizza, sweet yogurt, a fruit platter, and decorate cupcakes.

**Cost:** \$89.50

### Wednesday 3 July: Excursion to Jumpside

Jump, flip, twist and soar through exciting trampoline zones and obstacles at Jumpside, Footscray. Bus departs 10am and returns 2pm

**Cost:** \$129.50 (\$89.50 plus \$40 excursion cost)

### Thursday 4 July: Crazy Crafts Day

Get creative and make cloud dough, DIY slime, and recycled construction masterpieces.

**Cost:** \$89.50

### Friday 5 July: Rainbow Serpent Incursion

Join in NAIDOC Week activities.

**Cost:** \$117 (\$89.50 plus \$27.50 incursion cost)

## Week two

### Monday 8 July: Messy Monday

Dive into messiness with ice painting, kinetic sand play, sensory bins, and painting sessions.

**Cost:** \$89.50

### Tuesday 9 July: STEAM Day

Enjoy LEGO construction, painting on mini easels, cooking experiments, and exciting team activities.

**Cost:** \$89.50

### Wednesday 10 July: Excursion to Xplosion

Roll on up and enjoy some games of ten pin bowling. Bus departs 10:15am and returns 2pm

**Cost:** \$129.50 (\$89.50 plus \$40 excursion cost)

### Thursday 11 July: Book Day

Immerse yourself in the world of books. Create your own book, redesign your favourite book cover, and craft your own bookmark.

**Cost:** \$89.50

### Friday 12 July: Pyjama Day

Wear your favourite PJs, enjoy a movie with popcorn, hot chocolate, and pillowcase decorating.

**Cost:** \$89.50



To find out more information or get in touch with us please visit [melton.vlc.gov.au/familiesandchildren](https://melton.vlc.gov.au/familiesandchildren)





## 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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