



NEWSLETTER

11 - 2024

Thursday 18th July, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Before I write further, I would like to acknowledge that, in my role at our school, I am serving the community on Wurundjeri Country, and would like to extend my deepest respect to Elders past, present and emerging. I also acknowledge my gratitude that we share this land today, my sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing, and my hope and belief that we can move to a place of equity, justice and partnership together.

Welcome back to our families and friends. Although the term got off to a wet and chilly start it was good to see everyone refreshed after the holidays. We welcome new students and their families this term and we hope that they feel welcome in our community. It has been great to walk around and see how settled our students are. They are right back in the learning groove.

NAIDOC WEEK

As some of you may know, NAIDOC week was from the 7th – 12th July. The theme for NAIDOC this year is 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud'. The theme honoured the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To acknowledge NAIDOC Week our students have made a collage for their classrooms. Well done to all the students and staff on completing this activity.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Year 1/2 playground was opened on the final day of term two. The students certainly enjoyed climbing all over the spiderweb netting.

The Year 3-6 fitness / obstacle course is getting great usage. I can see a few students becoming ninjas!

We have three cubby houses for our Foundation area coming in the next couple of weeks.



HOLIDAY GROUND WORKS

Over the holidays we continued our improvement journey at Kurunjang filling the playgrounds with soft fall mulch and soft turf to meet safety guidelines of keeping our students safe. Here are some pictures however they look better in real life so be sure you drop past and have a look. We have also started investigating picnic tables for under the shade sails.

HOLIDAY GROUND WORKS



PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that some parents are parking illegally (without a permit) in the two accessible parking bays at the front of the school. Melton Council have been notified and will be doing random checks to see if you have an Accessible Parking Permit and will issue fines for people who are parked illegally around the school.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 14th August as an opportunity for Teachers and families to discuss the Semester 1 report and to see how your child/ren have settled back into school.

Bookings will open on Monday 5th August.

To book your Parent Teacher Interview time slot, please log into your Compass App in the browser and go to the 'Conferences' tab. In this tab, you will be able to make your booking for your Parent Teacher Interview time.

If you require an interpreter, please select this in your booking or contact your child's teacher directly via Compass so this can be arranged.

Specialist Teachers will be available for interviews on this day. To speak to a Specialist Teacher (Visual Arts, Physical Education, Science, Performing Arts) they will be located in the Library. Bookings close at 10am on Monday 12th August.

If you are having any issues with booking on Compass or have any questions, please call our Office on (03) 9743 0633 or visit our office in person for our Office Staff to assist you. Please note that there is no school for students on this day, however students are required to be present at their Parent Teacher Interview booking with their parent/guardian.

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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SCHOOL UNIFORM

With Winter now well and truly setting in, I would like to remind all families to please ensure that jumpers and jackets worn to school are expected to be in line with our uniform policy and be in our school colours. I would also like to remind everyone to please make sure you clearly label your child's jumpers and jackets as these are often removed throughout the day and are therefore easily lost or misplaced. Having these items clearly labelled makes it easier to return them to the correct owner.

EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOUR IN THE SCHOOL

The Department of Education describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults. There are also other resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources for more information please refer to our school website.

ARRIVING LATE / LEAVING EARLY

I would like to remind families that the procedures remain in place in relation to late arrival to school, early dismissal of students. All visitors must sign in at the office. Students arriving late must report to the office and collect a late pass. Parents collecting their children early must go to the office to sign their child/ren out.

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Just a reminder that the gates will open from 8:30am. Students will enter classrooms to start their day at 8:50am (end of music).

Classroom teachers are available to discuss any concerns between 8:40 to 8:50am and from 3:10 to 3:20pm.

School finishes at 3:10pm.

All gates will be locked at 3:25pm for all staff to attend meetings. The office will be closed from 3:45pm.

Breakfast Club is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the PLS (near canteen) from 8:15am to 8:40am.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results will be sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students tomorrow. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sat assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

REDUCING RUBBISH IN THE YARD

This term, we are going to have a focus on minimising rubbish in the school yard. We are asking for parent's support with this by trying where possible to send less rubbish to school in your child's lunchbox. This will just help us to reduce the amount of rubbish going out into the yard and into our bins and is also a great lesson for our students on looking after our environment and sustainability.

ASSEMBLY

There will be no assembly tomorrow. Our Term 3 assemblies will be:

Year 3-6 assemblies: 2/8, 16/8, 30/8, 13/9.

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 26/7, 23/8, 6/9, 20/9.

End of term 3 a whole school assembly over the PA will be held on 20th September at 2pm.

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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

FORWARD PLANNING

Wednesday 24th July

- Foundation 2025 ~ Tour / Information afternoon 4.30pm

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

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



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.



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

Please contact the school on
9743 0633 or
kurunjang.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
if you would like to come along.

KPS 2025
FOUNDATION
COME ALONG FOR A TOUR
AND A CHAT!
Wednesday 24th July
@ 4pm

Come along for a tour and Q & A session to learn more about our school and how to enrol your child in Foundation for 2025!



ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN!



Book Club Issue 5, 2024

The fifth issue for the 2024 year was handed out this week and will need to be returned by **Friday the 26th of July** 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



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

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

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





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*



Wilson Pee Wee Tennis (4 – 7 years)

MLC Hot Shots (5 – 12 years)

Junior & Adult Coaching

(Group & Private Lessons available)

Squad Training for Elite Juniors

Mums in Tennis Program

Professional Racquet Restrunging

Ask us about NEW Cardio Tennis!

Phone: Steve Kelly 0409 173 273

Free "Come & Try" Days