



NEWSLETTER

12 - 2024

Thursday 1st August, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WOW! What a week it has been! You may have noticed that the Principal Class Team has been offsite for a few days. On Monday we attended the Statewide Principal Conference in Melbourne where we attended various workshops around education. These included speeches The Hon. Ben Carroll (Minister of Education), Dr David Howes (Deputy Secretary) and Dr Kirstin Ferguson AM on Leading with Impact. We attended workshops from Dave Faulkner (driving change), Dr Jenny Donovan (data practices) and Euroa PS (Strategic School Improvement). It was a day of information overload, and I can tell you that we were exhausted by the end of Monday.

Wednesday, we attended the Melton Principal Network meeting and today is the AEU Principals Brimbank Melton Regional Meeting.

We had a presentation from the Button Battery Awareness Foundation (Bella's Footprints), I have attached an awareness sheet in this newsletter.

I would like to thank Danielle, Miss Ryan and Mrs Gabriel for being in charge on these days and the rest of the leadership and staff for assisting when needed.

STAFFING UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Padma Kumaran will be replacing Mrs Amy Leahy when she goes on family leave. Padma is a well-respected member of staff and the school community.

We are currently advertising to replace Mrs Ana Radosevic who will also be going off on family leave. We wish Amy and Ana all the best with their upcoming births and the safe arrival of their babies.

SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOLS

This year we will be participating in the Woodgrove Shop for Your School campaign which will run from Monday 12 August (9 AM) – Sunday 15 September 2024 (5 PM).

The Shop for Your School campaign encourages customers to visit the centre and spend at Woodgrove participating stores during the campaign period. Each dollar spent will convert into one point for their chosen school. Plus, any purchases at the Fresh Food retailers will receive double points for every dollar spent.

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The TOP 3 schools with the highest points per student will win a share of \$20,000 cash prizes. Which will be split into:

- First Place: \$10,000 cash prize
- Second Place: \$7000 cash prize
- Third Place: \$3000 cash prize

Plus, all entries will go in the running to win a 1x \$500 Woodgrove Gift Card.

This campaign is designed to foster community engagement while providing tangible support to local schools which could directly benefit the school's programs, resources, and initiatives. More information will be posted on Compass / Facebook next week.

PARENT / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

On Monday morning all families would have received via Compass an invite to participate in the 2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey (PCGOS). It will be open between Monday 29 July and Friday 30 August for all parents / caregivers / guardians to complete. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

COMMUNICATION

Just a reminder about the way we communicate to our school community. Our school app Compass helps our families and the community stay informed with the latest updates regarding what is happening at our school, as well as reminders. We also have compass which now is the way to consent for excursions camps or sporting events. If you don't have these apps we strongly recommend that you download them to stay up to date. If you need further information, please contact the office.

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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EMERGENCY / PRACTICE DRILLS

Yesterday we had a practice drill, this was a lockdown in place. Where staff and students went to the gym and PLS building. Each year the school carries out 4 emergency drills. These drills prepare the students for any emergency that may happen within the school. Whenever we have these emergency drills, it will be communicated via our school Compass app.

Again it's very important that all our families have our school app on their devices specifically their mobile phones.

PARKING

Parking around our school is monitored by Melton City Council. They will enforce restrictions and breaches of rules. Signage clearly outlines parking requirements.

Please only use designated parking areas/bays. This includes the large community car park at the rear of the school.

Please be courteous to our surrounding residents, when parking, dropping or collecting students from school – obey parking signs and do not park in or over driveways. We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children in a safe and legal manner.

Please also give particular attention to how children alight from cars and come to meet you.

If both the home and school emphasise obeying road rules and safety procedures, our students will make a habit of responsible and safe behaviour.

Handy Tips for Safe Parking

- Park a few streets away and walk to and from school. Use this time to teach your child about road safety and be a good role model
- Allow enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing
- Always observe the parking signs around the school
- Never park illegally in a driveway, or on/near a school crossing
- Never double park or wait on the road at a pick-up / drop off point. It blocks the vision for other drivers, forces children onto the road, obstructs the flow of traffic and may force other drivers to make inappropriate driving choices
- Do not use staff car park or driveways to drop off your children
- Please remember to be patient, courteous and respectful when driving around schools

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The weather wasn't on our side last week for our Grade 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival. The 2 day carnival was just fantastic and it was wonderful to see the great sportsmanship displayed by all our students as they cheered each other on throughout the day. It was also wonderful to see so many students and staff in their house colours on the day. All our students who competed did a fantastic job, however RED house was the overall winner on the day – congratulations to everyone in RED house on your success. Well done to Mr Jackson and Mrs Craig for organising the day. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the MPSSA District Athletics Day on the 21st August:

Name	Events
10 BOYS	
Noah S	100m, hurdles, long jump, 1500m, relay
Fabien KB C	100m, relay
Cordel N	200m, relay
Archie R	high jump, triple jump, relay
Saga S	Shot put, discus
Joshua L	Long jump, 800m
Spencer V	800m, 1500m
Tawhiri R	Triple jump

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Name	Events
10 GIRLS	
Emilia R	Triple jump, shot put, relay
Isabelle S	hurdles, relay
Grace B	100m, 800m, 1500m, relay
Naomi S	100m, long jump, 200m, relay
Shanayah D	800m, 1500m
Taylah A-P	High jump, discus
Alexis A-P	Long jump
Harleen B	Triple jump
11 BOYS	
Bior P	High jump, triple jump, 1500m, hurdles, relay
Abhideep S	800m, relay, triple jump, 1500m,
Maker M	100m, 200m, relay
Eaknoor S	100m, relay
Ampujan	Long jump, 800m
Meldon Y	discus
Lewis V	Shot put, long jump
11 GIRLS	
Delnia D	100m, 1500m, 800m, triple jump, relay
Tiahna T-B	100m, triple jump, relay
Chloe G	Hurdles, relay, long jump
Indyana M	High jump, long jump, relay
April S	800m, 1500m
Pahul B	200m
Arty R	discus
Mafi O	Shot put
12 BOYS	
Brodie B	100m, hurdles, high jump, 1500m, relay
Yahya M	200m, relay
Jackson O	relay
Logan D	100m, relay
Joshua B	800m, 1500m, triple jump, long jump
Kye G	800m
Lotufou S	Discus, long jump
Cartel N	Triple jump
Ejay T	Shot put
12 GIRLS	
Georgia S	Triple jump, high jump, 100m, 1500m, relay
Madison W	Long jump, hurdles, 200m, 1500m, relay
Logan C	100m, 800m, relay
Isabella M	800m, triple jump, relay
Ester P	Shot put, discus
Mataya D	Long jump

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Tomorrow our Foundation students will have attended school for 100 days. At Kurunjang Primary we celebrate this important milestone by counting collections of 100 objects, having a party and dress up day.

Finally, this year we will also celebrate by dressing up as a 100-year-old person! This is not compulsory, and students are welcome to wear casual clothes on the day.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING WEEK

We will be celebrating all things education from Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August.

The theme this year is Reading is Magic!

During this Celebration of Learning Week, we will be celebrating Book Week as well as Science, Literacy and Numeracy.

Please note the 3 dates below:

Tuesday 20th of August – House Colours Event – Students dress in their House Colours

Thursday 22nd of August – Open Afternoon – Parents Welcome into classrooms from 2.10pm

Friday 23rd of August – Book Week Parade Dress up – Parents welcome at 9.00am

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CANTEEN PURCHASES

Please do not send your child/ren to school with large amounts of cash. Families are reminded that they should only purchase food for their child through canteen and at school. Children are not to bring in additional money to buy food for friends. Additional purchases create potential allergy risks, may go against parents' wishes and leave some students feeling left out in their friendship group. All students are invited to share social eating time, which is free to all families at Breakfast Club on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.15am-8.40am.

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 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) 97430633 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.

ASSEMBLY

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

Our Term 3 assemblies will be:

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

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 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.

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

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 2.10pm

Friday 20th December

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school



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.



GET FIT GIVE BACK

Support Kurunjang Primary School this August, BlueFit will donate \$100 every time someone joins Melton Waves with their Get Fit, Give Back community campaign. That's right, you get fit for 6 months for just \$299, they give back! Nominate Kurunjang Primary School as your chosen Community Partner when you join, and that \$100 will go to us! To find out more go to www.meltonwaves.com.au
*conditions apply

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



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: _____

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup Term 3, 2024

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 July		Winter	
2 nd August		Reptiles	
9 th August		Shapes	
16 th August		Nursery Rhymes	
23 rd August		Pirates	
30 th August		Father's Day	
6 th September		Road Safety	
13 th September		Park Visit	

Playgroups are different from Early Childhood services, as parents/carers stay and play with their child and socialise with others. Supported playgroups are facilitated by a paid or volunteer leader.



How to be Button Battery Aware at Home

What are button batteries?

A button battery is a small, round, shiny object that looks like a coin. It is sometimes called a cell battery or a watch battery. It comes in many sizes and is used in many products in your home.



Button Batteries are found in toys

- Button batteries can be found in your toys.
- The battery can make them light up, move or make sound.



Button Batteries are not for children

- Children should not play with button batteries.
- Button batteries are dangerous and can injure children, especially if swallowed.
- Always ask a parent or guardian to change the batteries in your toys.



Flat Batteries are also a danger

- Used button batteries are also dangerous and can injure children too.
- Parents should put sticky tape around both side of the used battery and dispose safely and immediately.
- Parents can recycle used batteries safely at a battery drop off at supermarkets, the local library or at Bunnings warehouse.



Store Button Batteries out of reach

- Make sure an adult stores spare button batteries in a sealed container, up high and out of reach of children in your home.



Look for secure battery compartments

- Make sure the battery compartments in your toys has a screw keeping the button battery secure and safe.



Avoid buying Button Battery items

- When shopping with your parents for toys or gifts, look for this label.
- This label means the item contains a button battery.



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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