



NEWSLETTER

13 - 2024

Thursday 15th August, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to start by sending out a huge thank you to our parent community for your diligence and commitment to ensuring our school uniform is consistent across the entire school. It is looking impressive. A reminder that our uniform supplier, Bux Wear in Bakery Square, Melton has school beanies and jackets available for purchase, perfect for these cold mornings.

Can you believe that we are half way through term 3, the weather is starting to improve, the days are getting longer and spring is almost here!

FRUIT

If your child is bringing fruit to school can it please be cut or sliced at home.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

Tomorrow we are participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). Students are welcome to wear a splash of purple or orange or a piece of clothing that is purple or orange.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence has a new name—Bullying No Way: National week of action. Bullying No Way Week, 12 to 16 August 2024, is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative and connects schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The week the students have participated in activities that have suited their schedule - whether it's spreading awareness throughout the week or focusing on an impactful day or two. Purple is the new hero colour representing Bullying No Way: National week of action and our commitment to standing against bullying.

The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'. When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness. Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.

At Kurunjang Primary School we will help grow connections by promoting inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students.

For more information about the NDA and bullying prevention, visit the Bullying. No Way! website.

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PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Reminder to our families to please take the time to complete this. The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning to equip and empower lifelong learners that contribute collaboratively to build a positive, inclusive, and successful school and community. The survey will be conducted from Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Yesterday we had 525 bookings with 68% of households making bookings for Parent / Teacher Conferences. It was great to see so many of our families at the conferences. The feedback from both parents and staff has been extremely positive. The students certainly enjoyed showing their work to their families and it was lovely to catch up with families for a quick chat.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Ana Radosevic will be going off on family leave on Friday 23rd August. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kellie Spencer and Miss Kayley Van Buuren will be grade sharing. We wish Ana and Josip all the best with the upcoming birth and the safe arrival of their baby.

ANSWERING CALLS

There are times when we will need to contact you about your child for first-aid purposes. As a parent/guardian, you need to be contactable and provide us with emergency contacts who are also contactable. In some cases, your child may need to be collected, may need medication and we seek your consent, or require emergency transportation and we need to inform you. Please come into the office if you wish to add extra contacts or update details.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have noticed an increase in illegal parking in recent weeks. I would like to remind parents about the importance of modelling our school expectations both in and outside the school grounds. Demonstrating how to abide by the road rules reinforces the idea that these rules are in place to keep us safe. Also please be mindful when parking your car, please do not use the disabled park unless you are a permit holder, please do not park across our neighbours' driveways, and if your car has a tow ball, just be careful that it isn't encroaching on the footpath causing a

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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hazard for walking children – tow balls and shins are not a good mix! Thank you for your cooperation with this.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES

As per the school mobile phone policy, any child who brings a mobile phone to school must hand it into the office at the commencement of the school day. Unfortunately teachers have experienced students receiving messages during class on smart watches. If your child has a watch with this function then they should also hand it into the office.

SMOKING

A friendly reminder that smoking (including vaping) is banned within 4 metres of the entry of any school ground. If you are a smoker, please ensure that you are more than 4 metres away from the school fence before you commence smoking.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOLING SURVEY – Year 4-6

Every year all Year 4 – 6 students complete an 'Attitudes to Schooling Survey'. This survey is completed online and enables students to reflect on their experiences at school. The survey is consists of three areas: Learning, Experience at School, Student Health and Wellbeing. Our results are moving in the right direction; however, we are always looking at ways to improve these results even further. We are still unpacking a lot of the data we received but we would like to share with you some of the initial results:

| Question | Result |
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| My teacher tells us what we are learning and why | 85% |
| My teacher asks questions to check that we understand | 82% |
| My teacher asks me questions that challenge my thinking | 77% |
| My teacher helps me to do my best | 82% |
| My teacher expects students to pay attention / My teacher expects me to listen | 95% |
| My teacher sets clear rules for classroom behaviour | 86% |
| High expectations for success | 90% |
| My teacher expects me to do my best | 91% |
| My teacher believes that I can do well at school / My teacher thinks I can do well at school | 89% |
| I want to learn new things | 79% |
| Attitudes to attendance | 79% |
| I always try to attend school | 72% |
| My parent(s), caregiver(s) or guardian(s) believe(s) that going to school is important | 93% |
| Sense of inclusion | 84% |
| I have lots of chances to be part of class activities | 83% |
| I have friends at this school | 91% |
| My teacher makes sure all students feel included | 86% |
| I have found it easy to make friends at this school | 92% |

Encouraging results, and we will continue to strive to improve and ensure Kurunjang Primary School provides the best learning environment for all our students.

ASSEMBLY

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

Our Term 3 assemblies will be:

Year 3-6 assemblies: 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.

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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

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

Friday 16th August

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 1st instalment due

Wednesday 21st August

- District Athletics ~ selected students

Friday 30th August

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 2nd instalment due

Thursday 5th September

- Dream Big Musical Festival ~ selected students

Friday 13th September

- Pyjama Day ~ JSC Fundraiser
- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Final instalment due

Friday 20th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 7th October

- First Day Term 4 ~ 8.50am Start

Monday 14th to Friday 18th October

- Year 1 Water Experience

Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd October

- Year 5/6 Urban Camp

Monday 4th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 5th November

- Public Holiday ~ Melbourne Cup

Thursday 14th to Friday 15th November

- Year 3/4 Overnight Camp

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. | | |
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| 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.



This Years Book week theme is **Reading is Magic!!!** During our Celebration of learning week, we will be celebrating Book Week as well as Literacy and Numeracy. We are planning several activities to celebrate this love of Books and learning!!

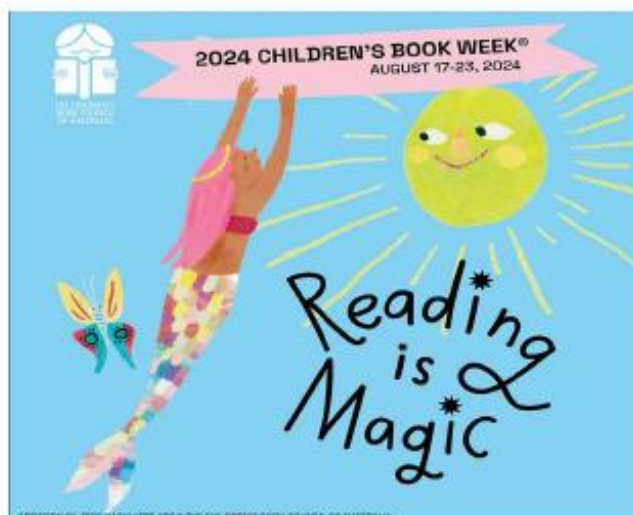
Some of these include; An Art activity, colouring competition, short listed book reading at lunchtimes, open afternoon and house colour multi age activities.

Parents, 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 – Families are Welcome into classrooms from 2.15pm

Friday 23rd of August– Book Week Parade Dress up– Families are welcome at 9.00am (In the case of poor weather the children will still parade in small groups throughout the day. Due to limited space, unfortunately this will occur without parent attendance)





ONLINE LUNCH ORDER MENU 2024



Sandwiches Wraps Rolls

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| 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

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

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| Apple / Banana | \$2.00 |
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Homemade Meals

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

Hot Food

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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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