



NEWSLETTER

14 - 2024

Thursday 29th August, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING WEEK

WOW! What a fantastic week we had last week. The week was a flurry of exciting activities and events. All classroom and doors were decorated in the students favourite books.

Students had the opportunity to listen to staff members reading their favourite in the library during recess and lunch times.

We celebrated House Day activities on Tuesday, the students had to plan, design, make and test a roller coaster. Our students enjoyed being able to mix for the activity and it was lovely to see so many students working together across the school.

On Wally Wednesday, students had the opportunity at recess and lunch time to find the letters to make up the sentence 'READING IS MAGIC!' Thank you to Wyatt, Ibrahim and Erin who went around the school and counted 17 staff members dressed as Wally.

We held our open afternoon on Thursday, it was fantastic to see so many families visit their child/ren's classroom and join in on the activities that were taking place.

Friday saw the famous costume parade. It was great to see so many of our students dressed in their favourite character costume or sports team.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow is our Fathers' Day Stall. We have an assortment of gifts for sale, starting at \$1 per item, students can purchase up to 3 items.

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WRIST BANDS

Congratulations to Bella V in year 3 for being the first student this year to receive a gold wristband. I know that we will be seeing a few more students achieving the gold wrist band in the coming weeks. Keep up the great work and get those bus tickets full of holes for displaying the school values.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Tomorrow is the last day to complete the survey! It 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.

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to Mrs Craig for organizing and her team of helpers assisting at the Melton District 2 Athletics Carnival held on Wednesday 21st August at Bridge Rd Recreation Reserve. Our students shone and Kurunjang Primary School finished second overall which is a fantastic achievement.

Collectively a great team effort with every event strongly contested. All students competed with determination and great sportsmanship. Well done team!

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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Students that placed 1st and 2nd have now successfully qualified to progress onto the Western Ranges Division Track and Field Championships to be held at Keilor Athletics Track on Thursday 12th September. Good luck to all competitors.

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| 100m 10yrs Fabien KB C – 2 nd 10yrs Grace B - 2 nd | 200m 10yrs Naomi S - 3 rd 12yrs Madison W - 2 nd | 800m 10yrs Spencer V - 1 st 11yrs Delnia D - 2 nd 12yrs Isabella M - 2 nd |
| 1500m 10yrs Noah S - 3 rd 11yrs Delnia D - 2 nd 11yrs Bior P - 3 rd 12yrs Brodie B - 2 nd | Hurdles 10yrs Noah S - 1 st 10yrs Isabelle S - 2 nd 11yrs Bior P - 3 rd 11yrs Chloe G - 3 rd 12yrs Brodie B - 1 st 12yrs Madison W - 3 rd | Shot Put 10yrs Saga S - 1 st 12yrs Ejay T - 2 nd |
| Discus 10yrs Saga S - 1 st 10yrs Taylah A-P - 2 nd 11yrs Meldon Y - 1 st 11yrs Arty R - 3 rd 12yrs Ester P - 1 st 12yrs Lotufou S - 1 st | High Jump 10yrs Archie R - 1 st 11yrs Bior P - 1 st 12yrs Brodie B - 2 nd | Long Jump 10yrs Noah S - 2 nd 11yrs Chloe G - 2 nd 11yrs Ampujan A - 2 nd |
| Triple Jump 10yrs Tawhiri R - 2 nd 11yrs Tiahna T-B - 1 st 11yrs Delnia D - 2 nd 11yrs Bior P - 3 rd | 4x100m Relay 10yrs GIRLS 1 st Grace B, Emilia R, Naomi S, Isabelle S | 4x100m Relay 10yrs BOYS 1 st Spencer V, Archie R, Noah S, Fabian KB C |

HATS

As we are almost in September, it is our school's policy that students are once again always wearing hats when outdoors. Any child not wearing a school hat, will be asked and expected to play undercover when outdoors at recess and lunch time.

STUDENTS WALKING TO / FROM SCHOOL

We have seen an increase in students walking to / from school by themselves / with siblings or friends. While we encourage our students to enjoy the benefits of walking to / from school, we also want to emphasize the importance of responsible behaviour during these journeys.

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Can you please discuss it is essential that your child/ren do not touch or damage any properties along their way home. Remind them that respecting other's belongings is a vital aspect of being a responsible member of our community.

The safety of our students is always our number one priority and, below are some safety messages to share with your children:

Always walk or ride directly to and from school, and avoiding making stops or side trips along the way.

Avoid walking or riding alone, whether it's with parents or friends always try to walk in a group.

If there is anything that makes a student feel uncomfortable in any way, they should leave the area and report any concerns to a responsible adult.

Avoid talking to strangers – students should walk away from anyone they do not know and tell a responsible adult what happened.

Avoid getting into cars, even if a student thinks they know someone in the car, unless the student has been told that someone known to them will pick them up. Remembering the number plate of a vehicle is of huge assistance to police, but should only be attempted if the student is safe.

These conversations can help ensure that students feel safe and are confident to handle a difficult situation if it arises. I also encourage you to speak to your children and encourage them to report any concerns going to and from school or anything suspicious to you and the school. If you see something that looks suspicious or out of the ordinary please contact the Police.

PLANNING FOR 2025

Planning for 2025 has now commenced. Apart from students in Grade 6, if you know that your child/ren are not likely to be at Kurunjang Primary in 2025, can you please notify the office so that we do not count them in our enrolment numbers and classes. If you have a Foundation student for 2025, please ensure that you enrol them now so that we can guarantee a position for them.

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we are considering the social and emotional needs of all students. If you have any preferences or requests regarding your child's placement for the year ahead, please let us know. While we cannot guarantee specific requests, we will do our best to accommodate them based on the information provided.

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If you would like to make a request for your child's placement for 2026, please submit it in writing. You can either drop it off at the office or email it to me directly at kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Please ensure your request is received no later than Friday, October 11th.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

ASSEMBLY

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

Our Term 3 assemblies will be:

Year 3-6 assemblies: 13/9.

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 6/9, 20/9.

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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.

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.

FORWARD PLANNING

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

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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: _____

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.



Book Club Issue 6, 2024

The sixth issue for the 2024 year was handed out this week and will need to be returned by **Friday the 30th of August** 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.

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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 |

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