



NEWSLETTER

15 - 2024

Thursday 12th September, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Can you believe that we only have 6 days to go before we end term three! I want to reiterate the importance of supporting your children to rest and relax. For many reasons, it has been a massive term and I have certainly noticed a lot of lingering fatigue within our school community. Term 4 is notoriously the busiest term of the school year, so I encourage you all to allow your children some activities that support rest and relaxation.

Thank you to those who completed the Parent Opinion Survey. This will be reviewed and will help support our continued school improvement.

LAST DAY TERM 3

Term 3 is quickly drawing to an end. Students will finish the term on Friday 20th September at 2:10pm. Students will resume for term 4 on Monday 7th October.

SWITCHING OFF

Please be advised that from close of business on Friday 20th September, our staff will be switching off and enjoying a well deserved break. I encourage staff, students and parents to switch off and not make contact with each other until the day school resumes.

R U OK? DAY

Today is R U OK Day, it is our National Day of Action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

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SURPRISE VISITOR



We had a visit from an African Grey Parrot, who flew in to visit the



students in OSH Club. The parrot was extremely friendly and loved Toni's glasses!! Estelle was the bird whisper and together they placed the parrot into a box until its owners arrived. The owners were extremely grateful to have their beloved parrot returned to them after flying the sky and roaming streets of Kurunjang for more than 18 hours.

WESTERN RANGES TRACK AND FIELD

Today we have 22 students representing Kurunjang Primary School at the Western Ranges Track and Field Championships at the Keilor Athletics Track, we wish them all the best!

HATS

As we are now 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.

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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YEAR 1/2 FUN AFTERNOON

Today is the day! Pizzas have been ordered, ice-creams frozen, drinks chilled and activities prepared. As part of the school's camping program, our year 1 and 2 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Kurunjang Primary School Fun this afternoon.

The students will participate in a series of fun activities after school hours and develop their ability to work in small teams. All students will participate in cooperative activities and practice effective communication, problem-solving skills, and balance/hand-eye coordination. Students are given the opportunity to further develop their resilience, empathy and turn-taking skills. Have fun Year 1/2 students! I am quite sure that there will be some very tired students and staff tonight!

MATHEMATICS GAMES DAY

Last Friday Miss I and eight students represented Kurunjang Primary School at the Melton Mathematics Games Day. The Games Day was intellectually challenging, competitive and fun. It was an opportunity for students to develop their mathematical talents and thinking skills in a setting where maths is regarded as fun and worthwhile, work with like-minded students from a diverse range of schools, participate in mathematical activities without the usual classroom pressures, win prizes and rewards and get excited about maths. Well done to Hasfa A, Isaac C, Jaxon H, Sarim K, Ryan M, Jaxon P, Ekam S and Cooper V.

DREAM BIG YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thirty-one students in years 3 to 6 participated in the Dream Big Youth Music Festival last Thursday. Students involved helped plan and performed a musical stage piece. The performance will be simulcast across the world on RUOK? Day – this is a festival that inspires youth to use their creative and musical talents to build awareness of important messages that promote mental health and wellbeing in their communities. The results were both profoundly moving and breath-taking in their impact.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Last Sunday we had numerous staff members, and their families participate in the 24 hour Relay



For Life. I would like to acknowledge the staff who walked and ran over the 24 hours. As a team, 513 laps were completed with a \$3000 goal set. I am extremely excited to announce that we raised just under \$6600 which all goes towards cancer research. I know that I had extremely sore feet on Saturday night.

PLANNING FOR 2025

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.

If you would like to make a request for your child's placement for 2025, 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.

UNWELL STUDENTS

A number of students have been unwell over the last few weeks with gastro systems. Please be aware that students need to be absent from school for 48 hours. A change of clothes is also advisable for Foundation students in case of minor accidents in the classroom. If your child has come home wearing spare clothing please wash and return them thank you.

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WHOOPIING COUGH

Whooping cough cases are continuing to increase across Victoria, particularly among school-aged children. Whooping cough is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include:

- blocked or runny nose
- tiredness
- mild fever
- severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a 'whooping' sound on breathing.
- Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment will help reduce the spread of the infection. Students diagnosed with whooping cough must not attend school.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, they must not attend school for 21 days after the onset of the cough, or until they have received 5 days of antibiotic treatment. You must notify the school if your child is diagnosed with whooping cough. To further reduce the spread of infection to your child and the school community, the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 require that some students who were in the same classroom as a student diagnosed with whooping cough should not attend school.

Your child should not attend school for 14 days after they were last exposed to a person diagnosed with whooping cough, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment if they are:

- aged less than 7 years; and
- not fully vaccinated with 3 doses of whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine.

This exclusion is required by law – refer to the School exclusion table for primary schools and children's services.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please contact the school to let us know. I hope we can work together to protect the whole school community by following the recommended advice.

For more information about whooping cough, refer to Whooping cough on the Better Health Channel. Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough. The Department of Health recommends staying up to date with immunisations, including booster doses. A free booster dose of the pertussis vaccine is covered under the national immunisation program for students aged 12 to 13.

If you are unsure about your child's vaccination status for whooping cough, please discuss with an immunisation provider, such as your doctor. I really appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and well.

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ASSEMBLY

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

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

Our Term 4 assemblies will be:

Year 3-6 assemblies: 25/10, 8/11, 22/11, 6/12,

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 18/10, 1/11, 15/11, 29/11, 13/11

End of term 4 a whole school assembly will be held on 19th September at 1:50pm for a 2:10pm dismissal.

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.

Cheers

*Tom
Principal*

Learning Together

DREAM BIG FESTIVAL EVENT

On Thursday the 5th of September students participating in the Dream Big Event headed out of school to perform at the Bowery Theatre in St Albans. What a fantastic day it was! Chelsea and I were very proud of how well-behaved students were and by how amazing everyone was on stage! It was so much fun watching all your hard work and effort pay off with an amazing performance. We would like to thank all the students who participated for being spectacular and making this such a memorable experience for us all. Can't wait to get creative and do it all again next year! We hope everyone enjoys the live stream performance on RUOK? Day.

Ms Emma and Chelsea.

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 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 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.

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.



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.



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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