



# NEWSLETTER

## 16 - 2024

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 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 Term 4! I hope that you were all able to take the time to enjoy a change of pace over the last couple of weeks. I know that the students were well and truly ready for a break. In saying that, we have been impressed at just how well they transitioned back to school this week. Our classrooms and playgrounds were hives of busyness and positivity. Let's all make a commitment to continue this over the course of the term.

I would like to congratulate the following students who have had 100% attendance in term three:

Nirvair, Harjot, Gurman, Renee, Rhys, Chace, Peyton, Kimjot, Ella, Franklin, Arlo, Elena, Nadia, Andre, Pukhraj, Fiona, Scarlett, Bahat, Anaiyah, Andre L, Andre G, Kulang, Ayor, Oliver, Kavya, Zain, Idris, Isaak, Anduy, Sun, Mason N, Ariyah, Jasreen, Florence, Manmeek, Edmond, Markus, Zac, Riley, Cyrus, Isla, David, Karen, Alexander, Christopher, Braydon, Lukas W, Kamiah, Tilly, Cassis, Bior, Migashani.

As I look forward to Term 4, I am feeling very excited at many of the amazing learning experiences we have planned.

Next week, we have our Year 1 Swimming Program. Week three will see the 5/6 students head off to Urban Camp and in November the 3/4 students will be having their Big Day In.

Some other events that come to mind are: Foundation to 2 Mini Athletics Carnival, Foundation Breakfast, the Colour Run afternoon, School Concert, Djerriwarrh Festival, Year 6 Big Day Out and Graduation, Meet Your 2025 Teacher, Class Parties ...phew! It is certainly going to be a busy, yet productive term.

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#### **BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to Amy and Dyllan on the safe arrival of their daughter Lylah Louise Leahy.



We are all very excited to welcome our newest member of the KPS community!

#### **WESTERN RANGES DIVISION TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Kurunjang P.S. were represented in true Olympic spirit by 21 of our students at the Western Ranges Division Track & Field Championships held on Thursday 12th September at Keilor Athletics Track. They all gave 100% competing to the best of their ability.

Well done on your efforts and wonderful behaviour.

Best Results

- 10yrs** Noah S - 1st hurdles, 2nd in long jump  
Archie R - 2nd high jump  
Saga S - 1st shot put  
Fabien KB C - 3rd 100m  
Spencer V - 3rd 800m  
Archie R, Spencer V, Fabien KB C, Noah S - 1<sup>st</sup> in 4x100m relay
- 11yrs** Bior P - 2nd high jump
- 12yrs** Lotu S - 3rd discus

First and second placegetters will now compete in the Western Metropolitan Track & Field Championships to be held at Keilor Athletics Track on Tuesday 22nd October.

Good luck to all competitors and thank you to Mrs Craig for all the behind the scene jobs that had to be done to make the day successful.

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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### **HATS**

As we are now in October, 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. Hats must be broadbrimmed to ensure that students are suitably protected from the sun and UV.

### **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](mailto:kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au). Please ensure your request is received no later than Friday, October 11th.

### **CYBER SAFETY**

The Education department have developed new fact sheets to help students have positive and safe online experiences.

We have recently been talking to our year 5/6 students on how to stay safe when using online platforms and have encouraged them to always talk to an adult if they are unsure of how to navigate on line spaces. We have included one of these fact sheets below for you to review with your child. If you would like further information, please visit the esafety commissioner website - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>.

### **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**

Over the next 5 newsletters I will be sharing the Child Safe Standards. This fortnight we are looking at Standards 1 and 2.

#### **Standard 1**

Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

#### **Minimum requirements**

In complying with Child Safe Standard 1 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

1.1 A child's ability to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights is encouraged and actively supported.

1.2 Strategies are embedded within the organisation which equip all members to acknowledge and appreciate the strengths of Aboriginal culture and understand its importance to the wellbeing and safety of Aboriginal children and young people.

1.3 Measures are adopted by the organisation to ensure racism within the organisation is identified, confronted and not tolerated. Any instances of racism are addressed with appropriate consequences.

1.4 The organisation actively supports and facilitates participation and inclusion within it by Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

1.5 All of the organisation's policies, procedures, systems and processes together create a culturally safe and inclusive environment and meet the needs of Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

**Standard 2** - Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

**Minimum requirements** – In complying with Child Safe Standard 2 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

2.1 The organisation makes a public commitment to child safety.

2.2 A child safe culture is championed and modelled at all levels of the organisation from the top down and bottom up.

2.3 Governance arrangements facilitate implementation of the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy at all levels.

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2.4 A Code of Conduct provides guidelines for staff and volunteers on expected behavioural standards and responsibilities.

2.5 Risk management strategies focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children and young people.

2.6 Staff and volunteers understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping.

### **ASSEMBLY**

There will be no assembly this week.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

*Wendy & Toni*

~ Learning Together

## **FORWARD PLANNING**

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

- Parent Requests for 2025 ~ Requests Close

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 1 Water Experience

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 3/4 Rugby ~ Selected Students

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year 5/6 Rugby ~ Selected Students

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

- Year 5/6 Urban Camp

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

- Foundation ~ Wild Action Aust. Animal Incursion

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

- Public Holiday ~ Melbourne Cup

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

- Year 5/6 Maths Games ~ Selected Students

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

- Year 3/4 Overnight Camp

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

- Colour Run ~ Fundraising Closes

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- Colour Run

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- School Concert

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- Last Day Term 4 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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.



## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SCHOOL LEAVERS & ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Any parents who have children that will not be returning to Kurunjang Primary School in 2025 are requested to let the school know as soon as possible. If you know of families moving to our school in 2025, who have not yet been to the school to enrol, we would greatly appreciate it if you could ask your friends to do so. We also ask any parents who have not enrolled their child in Foundation for 2025, to do so as soon as possible. Immediate action on this matter will ensure that we have adequate facilities and resources available for the beginning of the 2025 school year.

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Please fill in and return to the school office as soon as possible:

### STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING IN 2025

I would like to notify Kurunjang P.S. that my CHILD/REN

NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GRADE/S \_\_\_\_\_

**Will not be attending Kurunjang P.S. in 2025**

NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2025:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDUCATION**

**YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL. YOU CAN HELP BY:**



Ensuring children get a good night's sleep and get ready for school in the morning



Getting children to school every day



Asking questions to find what your child likes about school

Talking about going to school every day and how it helps children reach their dreams.



Talking about how school can be fun



**EVERY DAY THEY MISS ADDS UP!**



## 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.



Book Club Issue 7, 2024

The seventh issue for the 2024 year was handed out this week and will need to be returned by **Friday the 18th of October** 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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### 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*



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