



NEWSLETTER

17 - 2024

Thursday 24th October, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is nice to have almost a full week at school, I had a chance over the holidays to recharge in Queensland seeing my family before diving back into school. Being part of a Review Panel at Rockbank PS has provided me with some valuable insights into different teaching methods and practices. Attending the Year 5/6 Camp yesterday was great, to see the students having a fantastic time as they explored the Melbourne Zoo and hearing about the wonderful things that the city has to offer.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

It's Hats Off to Teachers tomorrow!

Let's celebrate our teachers at Kurunjang PS and thank them for all the work they do to educate, inspire and empower our learners.

It's time to tip our hats to the incredible educators who shape our future.

Tomorrow, grab your hats to wear to school – let's make sure our teachers know how much we value them and their work. I encourage all our families to take some time to thank our teachers for their support, encouragement, guidance, passion and commitment to making Kurunjang Primary the best school.

MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

A reminder that Monday 4th November is a Curriculum Day and Tuesday 5th November is Melbourne Cup. These days are student free days. No students are required at school these days and alternate arrangements will need to be made for their care.

ATTENDANCE

I would like to congratulate the following classes that had the highest attendance across their cohort.

- Foundation Kaitlin
- 1 Cole
- 2 Nguyen
- 3/4 Gatt
- 5/6 Oliver

Each class have earned themselves an hour of free time. Well done there were some high numbers last term which was really nice to see.

CHILD SAFETY

Recently we have had several students arriving to school as early as 7:30am. Our school grounds are supervised by staff from 8:40am until 3:25pm. Outside of these hours school staff are not available to supervise students. Any students who need to be at school outside of these hours should register with OSHClub for our before or after school care or make alternate arrangements.

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SCHOOL CONCERT

Save the date as the School Concert! Its concert time! This year the concert will be held during week 10 on the 11th and 12th of December. It will be held in Kurunjang Secondary College gym. Our theme this year is – Dancing Through Time. We will take a musical journey through performances to our favourite hits. Each class will perform a song and dance from a decade of time. Teachers will be sending home requirements for costumes etc. so please ensure that you look out for these posts on Compass.

5/6 URBAN CAMP

I would like to express my gratitude to the dedicated staff members who accompanied our Year 5/6 students on this week's camp.

I know that all the students returned home from camp feeling tired but with lots of fond memories. From walking around the Victoria Market, visiting the Skydeck, ACMI, Hosier Lane Melbourne Museum, Old Melbourne Gaol, Melbourne Zoo and the highlight being eating American hot jam donuts.

The students who were at school enjoyed doing individual projects, cooking, a movie afternoon and mixing with other students from the 5/6 cohort.

We have discovered some lost property from camp that has made its way back to school. If your child is missing any clothing items or personal belongings, we kindly ask you to come and have a look. The lost property will be available for viewing at school this afternoon. Please note that any unclaimed lost property will be donated to the local Op Shop next Friday afternoon. We want to ensure that these items find new homes and continue to be useful to others in our community.

YEAR 1 WATER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Our Year One students returned to school very tired after they participated in a 5 day Water Experience Program at the Melton Waves Indoor Swimming Centre. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities that included safe entry/exit, water familiarization, foundation movement and propulsion, floating and sculling, basic rescue knowledge and skill. Thank you to Mrs Craig for organising another fantastic swimming program.

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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GRADE 3/4 RUGBY LEAGUE TAG DAY

On Tuesday 15th of October, twenty-four extremely excited students from Year 3/4 participated in the Melton District 2 Rugby League Tag Gala Day at Mt. Carberry Reserve. On this day the boys and girls teams had the opportunity to use their rugby league tag skills in matches against other Melton Schools. The students participated in a rugby league tag unit during grade 3/4 Physical Education classes in term 3.

The Melbourne Storm Development team conducted the Gala Day.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

As a school, we often discuss bullying with students and parents. Please read the below regarding Bullying (taken from www.kidshelpline.com.au). What is Bullying? Sometimes, people get confused about what is and isn't bullying. People can think that someone saying something they don't like is bullying – but it's not. Bullying is different from conflict or unkindness. Bullying is mean, but being mean doesn't always mean bullying.

Bullying behaviours:

- Are aggressive, unkind or mean behaviours
- Are repeated behaviours (it must happen multiple times, in an ongoing way to be defined as bullying)
- Happen on purpose
- Must have a power imbalance – which means that people bullying and the people being bullied aren't seen as being 'equal', e.g. older, bigger people picking on smaller, younger people, or 'popular' people targeting someone who they see as being 'unpopular', or who is struggling to make friends.

Bullying is not the same as:

- Being rude – saying or doing something hurtful that wasn't planned or meant to hurt someone, e.g. someone pushing in front of you in the canteen line
- Being mean – doing something hurtful to someone on purpose once or twice, e.g. a friend refusing to play with you one day
- Conflict – having a disagreement with a friend, e.g. two friends getting into an argument and saying mean things to each other
- Respectful feedback on behaviours you're doing that aren't ok, e.g. "It's not ok roll your eyes every time they talk about sport."
- A friend putting in a 'boundary' e.g. "I don't like it when you keep telling me what to do." Natural consequences in socialising, e.g. a friend not trusting you because you shared their secret.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Over the next 5 newsletters I will be sharing the Child Safe Standards. This fortnight we are looking at Standards 3 and 4. Standard 3 – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 3 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

- 3.1 Children and young people are informed about all of their rights, including to safety, information and participation.
- 3.2 The importance of friendships is recognised and support from peers is encouraged, to help children and young people feel safe and be less isolated.
- 3.3 Where relevant to the setting or context, children and young people are offered access to sexual abuse prevention programs and to relevant related information in an age-appropriate way.
- 3.4 Staff and volunteers are attuned to signs of harm and facilitate child-friendly ways for children and young people to express their views, participate in decision-making and raise their concerns.

- 3.5 Organisations have strategies in place to develop a culture that facilitates participation and is responsive to the input of children and young people.
- 3.6 Organisations provide opportunities for children and young people to participate and are responsive to their contributions, thereby strengthening confidence and engagement.

Standard 4 - Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Minimum Requirements - In complying with Child Safe Standard 4 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

- 4.1 Families participate in decisions affecting their child.
- 4.2 The organisation engages and openly communicates with families and the community about its child safe approach and relevant information is accessible.
- 4.3 Families and communities have a say in the development and review of the organisation's policies and practices.
- 4.4 Families, carers and the community are informed about the organisation's operations and governance.

ASSEMBLY

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

Our Term 4 assemblies will be:

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

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 1/11, 15/11, 29/11, 13/12

End of term 4 a whole school assembly will be held on 19th December 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.

Tom

~ Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 1st November

- Year 3/4 ~ T20 Cricket Blast Selected Students

Monday 4th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 5th November

- Public Holiday ~ Melbourne Cup

Thursday 7th November

- Year 5/6 Maths Games ~ Selected Students

Thursday 14th to Friday 15th November

- Year 3/4 Overnight Camp

Saturday 23rd November

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

Friday 29th November

- Colour Run ~ Fundraising Closes

Friday 6th December

- Colour Run

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December

- School Concert

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

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 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.

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.

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.

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup Term 4, 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. 		
25 th Oct		Spring	
1 st Nov		Numbers	
8 th Nov		Minibeasts	
15 th Nov		Robots	
22 nd Nov		ABC's	
29 th Nov		Halloween	
6 th Dec		Picnic at the Park	
13 th Dec		Christmas	

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.

The MyAus App speaks your language

If you're moving to Australia and setting up your new life, the MyAus App has answers to all your questions – in your language. If you want to know how to find a house, enrol kids in school, find a job or learn how the health system works, the MyAus App can help! Everything you need to settle in Australia is here – in English, Arabic, Dari, Hazaragi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu, Pashto, Hindi and Ukrainian, French, Nepali, Swahili and Farsi – with more languages coming soon.

Currently available in 12 languages:

Spanish

Urdu

Arabic

Simplified Chinese

Traditional Chinese

Turkish

English

Dari

Pashto

Ukrainian

Hindi

Hazaragi

Being expanded into 4 more languages:

Swahili

French

Farsi

Nepali





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*



Take control of your finances

For every dollar you save, you will receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500



Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk – and a **\$500 incentive** to build your savings!

You can double your savings. If you reach your savings goal each month for 10 months, **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

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Laptops and tablets



Uniforms and shoes



Vocational education



Lessons and activities



Books and supplies



Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus



Be 18 years or older



Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card



Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself



Get a regular income (you or your partner)



Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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[Saver Plus Zoom Information Session Registration Link](#)

For further information email – enquiries@bsl.com.au



To be eligible you need to meet these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be studying yourself, have a child in school or starting school next year
- ✓ Get regular income (can be you or your partner)*
- ✓ Agree to join free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services. **Learn more at** www.saverplus.org.au

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