



NEWSLETTER

18 - 2024

Thursday 7th November, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a short week this has been! It was great to see the students and staff looking refreshed after their long weekend. We are certainly in the busiest term for a school, with report writing, preparing for 2025, recruiting new staff, Year 6 Celebration of Learning, excursions, 3/4 Over Night Camp and many sporting events.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday 11 November marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. Every year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, millions around the world pause in silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS!

Please be reminded that toys, soft toys, Beyblades, dolls, and similar items should not be brought to school. We recently had an incident where a soft toy was damaged, which caused considerable distress to a student. To prevent such situations from occurring in the future, we kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that these items are left at home.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

Scholarships are available for students who complete Grade 4 to Year 11 in 2024, and for students enrolled in Year 12 in 2024 who plan to do tertiary studies in 2025.

Student scholarships

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2024.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study. Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria, so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are now open, and close on Saturday 1 February 2025. For information on how to apply, refer to Student Scholarships.

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FOUNDATION ORIENTATION SESSIONS

If you know someone who will be starting Foundation next year, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible as our transition sessions will be taking from tomorrow. All sessions will run from 9:15am to 11:00am. These sessions provide an opportunity for the teachers to get to know the students and for the students to begin to connect with school and their peers.

Session 1 – Friday 8th November

Session 2 – Tuesday 12th November

Session 3 – Thursday 21st November

Session 4 – Monday 25th November

Session 5 – Tuesday 10th December

*Please note: we aim for this 5th session to be held with the 2025 classroom teacher in the 2025 classroom.

STUDENT CONCERNS

Kurunjang Primary acknowledges that concerns, issues and conflict between students can sometimes arise and can cause stress or worry for students and families. As a caring school community, families and school staff can work together to help students work through issues in a restorative and respectful manner. As adults it is important that we support and model positive interactions and behaviour, as children look up to us all as role models.

At Kurunjang Primary we use an educational and restorative approach to resolving issues and conflict that may arise between students. This approach provides students with interpersonal skills they can use as they grow and become adolescents and adults.

RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

We are working hard to encourage all students to always use respectful language at school. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and Respectful Relationships programs ensure we are consistently addressing the issue and ensuring the whole school community understands that swearing is not an appropriate way to express emotions at Kurunjang Primary School. We are asking our families to help us and encourage respectful language in our community. Ways we can help our children is to discourage swearing. It's also a good idea for the adults in families to discuss and agree on acceptable language and discuss this with children. We cannot stop people swearing around our children when you're out and about, but we can help our children to learn what's acceptable in our school. Families can establish rules about respectful language as this makes it easier to point out when children are using unacceptable language. It's less confusing for children if the rules about

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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swearing apply to adults as well as children. If we want children to avoid swearing, we need to ensure we are setting good examples. Children can learn quickly with support and encouragement.

MOBILE PHONES

As per the current Ministerial Order, students are NOT permitted to have a mobile phone at school. If phones are deemed necessary by parents for travel to and from school, they must be stored at the office on arrival and can be collected from the office at the end of the school day. Most of our students who bring phones to school do an excellent job of following this process. However, on occasion we are made aware that a student isn't dropping their phone into the office and therefore need to be reminded. In addition to ensuring we are complying with this order, having phones stored in the office ensures that phones are kept safe and are not misused throughout the day.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Save the date for 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 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.

SCHOOL BONUS SAVINGS

The School Saving Bonus provides a one-off \$400 support for Victorian students in Term 4, 2024, for use on 2025 school costs. To ensure that everyone receives their bonus, the Department of Education has a process that all schools follow. Parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support. In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

- Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
- Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact Portarlington Primary School if needed.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key information now available in 14 different languages.

PROTECTING AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

Thunderstorm Asthma – be prepared this pollen season
Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever,

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especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Kurunjang Primary will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.
- Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the Better Health Channel website.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH FREE INTERNET

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is a Federal Government initiative offering free home internet to 30,000 unconnected households with school-aged students. Households have until Tuesday 31 December 2024 to apply. Free services will continue until 31 December 2025. The initiative seeks to boost educational opportunities and narrow the digital divide.

To be eligible, households must:

- have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep)
- not have an active NBN Co. network internet service at home (excludes mobile internet services)
- live in a premises that can access the NBN Co. network via a standard connection
- not have had an active NBN Co. connection during the previous 14 days.

To be assessed, please contact the NBN National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet to request a call back.

Please note:

- NBN will check your nominated home address for an active NBN connection.
- You do not need to provide financial information.
- Translation and interpretation services are available.

Find out more

Department of Education SSBI webpage for parents and carers:
School Student Broadband Initiative: information for parents and carers

For more information on the SSBI, visit the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts website.

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CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be sharing with you more information about the Child Safe Standards in the newsletter each fortnight. This fortnight, we are looking at Child Safe Standard 5 and 6.

Standard 5 – Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 5 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

5.1 The organisation, including staff and volunteers, understands children and young people's diverse circumstances, and provides support and responds to those who are vulnerable.

5.2 Children and young people have access to information, support and complaints processes in ways that are culturally safe, accessible and easy to understand.

5.3 The organisation pays particular attention to the needs of children and young people with disability, children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those who are unable to live at home, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children and young people.

5.4 The organisation pays particular attention to the needs of Aboriginal children and young people and provides/promotes a culturally safe environment for them.

Standard 6 – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 6 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

6.1 Recruitment, including advertising, referee checks and staff and volunteer pre-employment screening, emphasise child safety and wellbeing.

6.2 Relevant staff and volunteers have current working with children checks or equivalent background checks.

6.3 All staff and volunteers receive an appropriate induction and are aware of their responsibilities to children and young people, including record keeping, information sharing and reporting obligations.

6.4 Ongoing supervision and people management is focused on child safety and wellbeing.

ASSEMBLY

Our Year 3-6 assembly will be tomorrow at 2:30pm.

Our Term 4 assemblies will be:

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

Foundation to Year 2 assemblies: 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



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

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 8th November

- Foundation 2025 ~ Transition Day 9.15am-11.00am

Tuesday 12th November

- Foundation 2025 ~ Transition Day 9.15am-11.00am

Thursday 14th to Friday 15th November

- Year 3/4 Overnight Camp

Thursday 21st November

- Foundation 2025 ~ Transition Day 9.15am-11.00am

Saturday 23rd November

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

Monday 25th November

- Foundation 2025 ~ Transition Day 9.15am-11.00am

Friday 29th November

- Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun ~ Fundraising Closes

Friday 6th December

- Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun

Tuesday 10th December

- Statewide Orientation Day ~ Year 6 students attend their Secondary School
- Statewide Orientation Day ~ 2025 Foundation students 9.15am – 11.00am

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

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:



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.

COLOUR EXPLOSION RUN 4 FUN

Get your Colour on, KPS is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on Dec 6th- all entry fees close of Nov 29th.

Each year we hold a colour run and both students and staff have a ball, please make sure you sign your child up asap so they can join in on an amazing fun afternoon!

Don't miss out on all the fun!

Your only way to join in the fun is to jump online and pay your entry fee!

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, but students can also win up to 15 unique prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations.

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; no cash donations can be accepted!

Happy fundraising!

YEAR 3/4 T20 CRICKET



On Friday, November 1st the boys' and girls' Year 3/4 T20 cricket teams competed in the Melton Primary School District T20 Cricket Competition held at Arnolds Creek Reserve.

We would like to congratulate both teams on their excellent performance for winning their pool and going on to winning the grand final. Some stunning catching and batting a highlight. A fantastic effort by all.

It was great to have so many parents coming along and supporting our teams.



DJ Program Rocks Kurunjang



Students Brooklyn, Spencer, Hudson, William, Jayden, Montana and Bella took part in the program. (Damjan Janevski)
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Budding DJs at Kurunjang Primary have been filling the school hallways with lively beats over the past 10 weeks.

Seventeen grade 4-6 students took part in a 10-week Grab the Deck workshop with Urban Movement Entertainment, learning how to use mixers, turntables and amplifiers.

The workshop was run in collaboration with Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services' school focused youth services (SFYS) and was funded by the education department.

Urban Movement Entertainment founder DJ Ragz facilitated the workshop, helping the students to mix and record their own tracks.

The students were able to showcase their creations over the school PA system during breaks.

Participant Jayden said he liked learning how to make his own songs.

"It was great to work as a team with my friends," he said.

Fellow participant Spencer enjoyed listening to the songs and mixing on the DJ deck.

Kurunjang engagement and wellbeing leading teacher said the students were excited to take part in the workshop.

"Students love choosing songs to mix—whether rock, pop, or old country songs," she said.

Djerriwarrh SFYS acting co-ordinator Yui Thanacharoenporn said the workshop had been positively received by students and the school, adding that the organisation hopes to collaborate with more local schools in the future.

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup Term 4, 2024

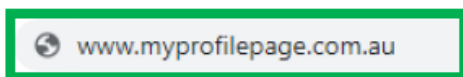
Kurunjang Primary School, Mowbray Cres, Melton 3337.
Friday 9-11am. Parents must stay with their child/children.
Enquiries – 9743-0633

<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.

HOW TO CREATE A MY PROFILE PAGE

1. Type <http://www.myprofilepage.com.au> into your internet URL search bar



Tip: Google Chrome is the preferred internet browser for the website.

2. Click **Register** to create a Parent log in

3. Create a Parent Log In

The parent/guardian sign up information to create a log into the website.

Parent/Guardian Registration

Parent's First Name	Parent's Last Name
Parent's Email Address	Confirm Parent's Email Address
Password	Confirm Password

☐ I agree to the My Profile Page's [Terms & Condition](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

☐ I agree to GoFundraise [Terms and Condition](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Data Collection and Privacy](#)

☐ I would like to receive a monthly newsletter

REGISTER



4. Create a Profile Page

1. Enter First and Last Name

2. Search your Group!

You will need to type 4-5 letters of the group's Name for the group to pop up for selection.

3. Select Class

4. Click Next Step

Create a profile page for your child

Student First Name	Student Last Name
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Search by School Name - Type Here

NEXT

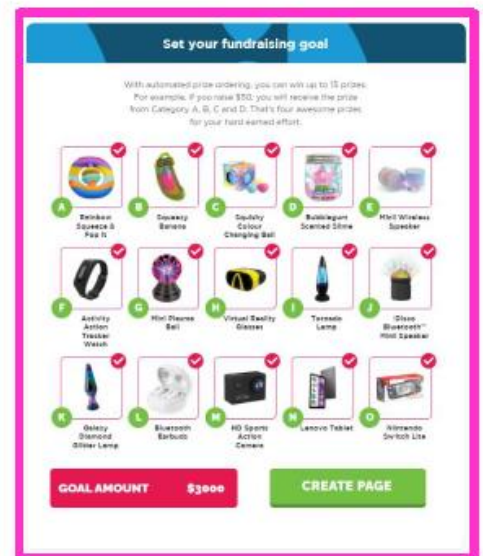
5. Select your fundraising goal by choosing the prize you wish to reach! You can aim high to collect all 15 or set it low and update throughout the fundraiser!

CLICK CREATE PAGE once goal is selected

Congratulations!

Your Profile Page is now created for your group!
Check out your profile and make additional edits!

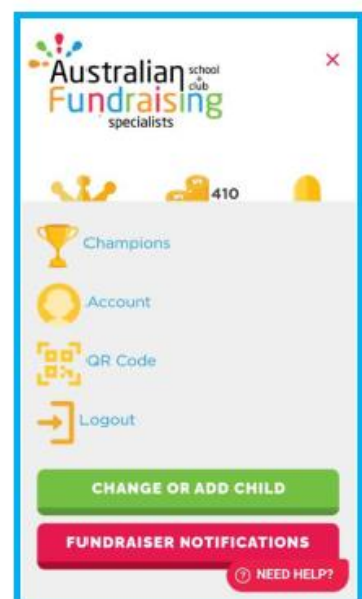
1. Create a Profile Avatar
2. Edit your fundraising story
3. Check out how you can earn bonus donations by clicking the coin chest
4. Share your page to friends and family! This is the only way to obtain donations for your group.
5. Self-Donate! This is submitting an online donation yourself to the profile



Can I create more profile pages?

YES! If you have more than 1 child, you can create additional profiles on the same parent log in.

1. Simply click the 2 horizontal lines top right if using a mobile device.
2. Click the Change/Add Child Button
3. Complete the Create a Profile Page again



Need Help? The team at Australian Fundraising can help between Monday-Friday 8am-4pm aest.

Simply click the NEED HELP button and pop through a ticket for help.

HAPPY FUNDRAISING!



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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