



# NEWSLETTER

## 20 - 2024

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we approach the end of the term, there is still a lot happening and we still have our high expectations. Over the next two weeks it is important that:

- We show kindness in all our interactions.
- Attendance remains a priority! Children are expected at school EVERY DAY until the last day of this term.
- Children are always in their school uniform and have their hats (if you need support please contact Stacey Williams)
- Please ensure your child is on time to school.
- Please keep up to date with Compass posts as this is where regular information will be shared.

Our final newsletter will be posted on the afternoon of the 18th December.

The best part of my job is undoubtedly witnessing the progress and growth of students in their learning journeys. Seeing student's hard work come to life in their writing, and classroom contributions is incredibly rewarding. Watching them grasp new concepts, develop skills, and gain confidence reminds me of the impact education can have. Each breakthrough, no matter how big or small, reflects their dedication, curiosity, and resilience—and there's nothing more fulfilling than being a part of that process. It's these moments of growth and discovery that truly make this work so rewarding. Thank you to Year 1 Cole for sharing their stories with me!



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#### **HOUSE NAMES**

We are considering a change to the names of our schoolhouses. Currently, the house names are Waratah (Red), Melaleuca (Green), Acacia (Yellow), and Caladenia (Blue). As part of this process, we aim to select new names that hold significance for both our school and the Kurunjang community. We welcome any suggestions you may have and will carefully consider all input as we move forward with this change. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

#### **KIDS SAFE ACTIVE TRAVEL**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents who attended the forum hosted by Melton City Council yesterday. Your valuable insights and feedback on improving safe, active travel options for students will play a significant role in shaping the next steps of this important project. Melton City Council is committed to incorporating your thoughts as we move forward. Thank you again for your involvement and contribution to this initiative.

#### **DJERRIWARRH FESTIVAL (DJ Festival)**

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students and staff who represented Kurunjang Primary School at the 2024 Djerriwarrh Festival. We have been awarded with the Outstanding School Award.

Well done to Mrs Havran and Mrs Woolley for yet another amazing DJ Festival entry!

A special shout out to Mrs Havran for her costume design, hard work on the costume workshops and artistic vision for the Djerriwarrh Festival entries each year!

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast Club – Thursday the 12th of December will be our last breakfast club for the year. We would love to see as many students as possible join us for breakfast.

#### **CLASSROOM PARTIES**

On Friday 13th during session 4 (12:30pm – 1:30pm) all classrooms will be holding their end of year parties. If you are dropping off food can it please be brought to the gate past the office, where staff will take the food across to the classrooms.

#### **YEAR 6 to 7 ORIENTATION DAY**

On Tuesday 10th December, all year 6 students attending a government school in Year 7 will participate in the statewide Year 7 Orientation Day. We wish them all the best on this day.

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 6 CELEBRATION OF SCHOOLING**

Next Tuesday we will be hosting our year 6 cohort and their families for a Celebration of Learning Ceremony to celebrate their time with us. This is always a time filled with emotions – some sadness, some trepidation, and lots of excitement. I wish to acknowledge and thank our Year 6 leadership team, who have been excellent leaders in our school. They have conducted assembly and represented our school with dignity and respect.

### **SCHOOL CONCERT**

Next week on the 11th and 12th of December will be our school concert.

Our theme this year is – Dancing Through Time. We will take a musical journey through performances to our favourite hits. It will be held in the Kurunjang Secondary College gym, entry will be via our canteen gate and walking across the oval to the KSC gym.

### **F-2 SPORTS DAY**

Last Friday we held our annual F-2 Modified Athletics House Sports Day. Congratulations to our winning house 'Green'. All students had a blast of a time and everyone tried their best. Well done to Mrs Craig on her outstanding organisation for this day.

### **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 9 and 10.

Standard 9 – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

In complying with Child Safe Standard 9 - Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

- 9.1 Staff and volunteers identify and mitigate risks in the online and physical environments without compromising a child's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities.
- 9.2 The online environment is used in accordance with the organisation's Code of Conduct and Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and practices.
- 9.3 Risk management plans consider risks posed by organisational setting, activities and the physical environment.
- 9.4 Organisations that contract facilities and services from third parties have procurement policies that ensure the safety of children and young people.

Standard 10 – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

In complying with Child Safe Standard 10 –

- 10.1 The organisation regularly reviews, evaluates and improves child safe practices.
- 10.2 Complaints, concerns and safety incidents are analysed to identify causes and systemic failures to inform continuous improvement.
- 10.3 The organisation reports on the findings of relevant reviews to staff and volunteers, community and families, and children and young people.

### **ASSEMBLY**

There will be no assembly due to the Colour Run.

Our next assembly will be for Foundation to Year 2 assembly: 13/12.

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

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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.

*Tom*

~ Learning Together

## **FORWARD PLANNING**

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

- Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

- School Concert ~ Kurunjang Secondary Gym Red & Yellow House ~ 1.00pm – 3.00pm

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- School Concert ~ Kurunjang Secondary Gym Blue & Green House ~ 1.00pm – 3.00pm

### **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. As the end of the year is fast approaching, could I ask that parents help their children look at home for any school library books and return them to the library ASAP.

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.

## **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.



## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

## EMU GRADUATION – GRADE 1

Six Grade One students recently graduated our Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) program. The program offers students an opportunity to focus on core mathematical skills and develop confidence with numbers. The students were awarded certificates in recognition of their hard work and determination, each having achieved considerable growth. Congratulations to Ace, Alex, Cyrus, Harjot, Nabir and Addy for completing the program. We are very proud of your achievements!



## STUDENT MEDICATIONS FORMS

Could parents of Year 6 students who have any medications at school in the sickbay please collect it on the last day of school Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Thank you ~ Deb Burnside



## 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"> <li>• literacy and numeracy activities,</li> <li>• playtime – developing friendships</li> <li>• story time</li> <li>• rhyme time, singing and dance</li> <li>• outside play – co ordination</li> <li>• craft time – fine motor skills</li> <li>• dramatic play</li> <li>• cooking</li> <li>• guest speakers and excursions will be organised.</li> </ul>		
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct		<b>Spring</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov		<b>Numbers</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov		<b>Minibeasts</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov		<b>Robots</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		<b>ABC's</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov		<b>Halloween</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<b>Picnic at the Park</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<b>Christmas</b>	

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.



### 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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