



NEWSLETTER

21 - 2024

Wednesday 18th December, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It feels strange to be writing the final newsletter for the 2024 school year. What a year it has been filled with challenges of having limited access Casual Relief Teachers and numerous split grades. The positives always outweigh our challenges with students sharing their work with the leadership team, sporting achievements, camps, school sleepovers, breakfast at school, incursions and excursions.

Our final assembly which will be over the PA system will be tomorrow the 19th of December at 1:50pm. Family and friends are most welcome to attend this assembly in their child's classroom.

I would like to thank our staff for their dedication and hard work to our wonderful students throughout 2024.

PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

We received a nice surprise of \$97,247- from the Planned Maintenance Program. This funding covers repairs and maintenance to improve school buildings and infrastructure. Move information will be provided in early 2025.

HOLIDAY WORK

Over the holidays there will be numerous projects occurring around the school.

- Installation of a new Foundation playground! Already completed!
- Removal and installation of new verandas across the front of the school.
- Ramp repairs outside Bunjil.
- Installation of picnic benches under the 5/6 shade sails.
- Painting around the school

SCHOOL CONCERT

What an outstanding concert! Congratulations to all our students and staff for delivering such a magical Dancing Through Time performance over the two days last week. A special thank you to Ms. Emma Nash and Mrs. Vanessa Edwards for their exceptional dedication and hard work in supporting our students. It truly was a joy to watch our children take to the stage and to so confidently sing and dance and have so much fun together. To all of our families who joined us on the afternoons, thank you for taking time out of your busy day to come and share in this experience with us.

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YEAR 6 CELEBRATION OF SCHOOLING

Our Year 6 students took part in their Celebration of Learning event last Tuesday night at the Kurunjang Secondary College gym and their families and our staff proudly celebrated their primary school graduation after a lovely two course meal at the Country Club with the students.

The students were presented to their families and were awarded with their Graduation certificate, a signature teddy bear and a Year 6 photo and pen. We awarded the following awards to:

Hawke award – Tristen R

Principal award – Leon B-H

Assistant Principal award – Samuel B

Community award – Maddison W

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students and we wish them all the best at secondary school.

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.

2025 STAFFING

At the end of each school year, we sadly have staff moving onto schools that are closer to home or for promotions. We will be farewelling:

Mrs Christina Christopher – Tarneit Rise PS

Miss Asha Cole – Wedge Park PS

Mrs Nicole Woods – Strathulloh PS as a Leading Teacher

Mrs Maddi Croatto – Bemn Secondary School

Mrs Breeanna Matanovic – Salesian College

Mr Jackson Lanciana will be a CRT and travelling overseas

Miss Annabelle Junasz – CRT work

Mrs Stacey Williams – Sunbury College for Term 1, 2025.

We will be welcoming –

Mrs Belinda Maybury - Supported Inclusion Learning Space

Mr Jayden Ventura - PE

Ms Mel Geddes – Year 5/6

Mr Steven Chen – Year 1

Mrs Padma Kumaran – Year 1

Mrs Pooja Kakkar – Year 3/4

Mrs Annette Farrugia – Daily Org

Ms Kayla Marciniak – Education Support

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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Mr William Leonard – Education Support

Mrs Ritika Joshi – Education Support

TEAM LEADERS

I am pleased to announce that our 2025 Team Leaders will be:

Specialist Team – Mrs Lidia Woolley

Foundation – Ms Bella Kamenjarin

Year 1 – Ms Estelle van Sittert

Year 2 – Mr Edison Potts

Year 3/4 – Mrs Danielle Gould

Year 5/6 – Miss Emily Oliver

MEET YOUR 2024 TEACHERS

Today our students met their 2025 classroom teachers. I am pleased to announce that our 2025 team will be:

Supported Inclusion Learning Space – Mrs Belinda Maybury

Foundation Ms Isabella Kamenjarin, Miss Natasha Dovaston, Miss Lyndal Ryan & Miss Kaitlin McCall

Year 1 Ms Estelle van Sittert, Ms Asha Cole, Miss Alisha Nguyen & Mr Steven Chen

Year 2 Mr Edison Potts, Mrs Kellie Spencer, Ms Sophia Iosifidis, Mr James Kirk,

Year 3/4 Miss Jo Collins, Mr Laurence Gatt, Mrs Shantelle Cattanaach, Mrs Jane Zhu, Mr Dylan Cohen, Miss Zoe France, Mrs Danielle Gould, Mrs Pooja Kakkar

Year 5/6 Miss Ellie McClafferty, Mr Brent Webb, Mr Jack Mason, Ms Emily Oliver, Ms Mel Geddes, Mr Rob D'Elia & Miss Mitzi Sumperos

Specialist Team:

Auslan – Mrs Sophia Alex & Mrs Hannah Millard

Visual Arts – Mrs Lidia Wooley & Mrs Ana Havran

Physical Education – Mrs Helen Craig & Mr Jayden Ventura

Performing Arts – Ms Toni Havers, Ms Emma Nash & Mrs Vanessa Edwards

Science – Mrs Tayna Osborne & Mrs Judy Frawley

EAL – Mrs Kelly Gabriel

Tutors – Mrs Cindy Sutton, Mrs Sophia Alex & TBC

Kitchen Garden – Mrs Hayley Tellis

Library – Mrs Lynne Notman

Mental Health in Primary School – Mrs Danielle Sheedy

Youth Worker – Ms Charlotte Schmit

ICT – Mr Daniel Osborne and Mrs Babithadevi Avirneni

Gardener – Mr Harry Tila

Maintenance – Mr Vince Barletta

Education Support Team:

Mrs Belinda Rimmer, Mrs Corrie Maitland, Ms Debra Taylor, Mrs Deniz Sabri, Mrs Erin Ryleigh, Mrs Hayley Tellis, Ms Jenna Bailey, Mrs Julijana Ormiston, Mrs Leonie Perry, Mrs Kim Hodge, Mrs Mary Bayley, Mrs Megan Olive, Mrs Melissa Mourkakos, Mrs Rosie Donald, Mrs Rebecca Day, Ms Charlie-Rose Coote, Mr Tom Major, Mrs Jaclyn Holt, Ms Stacey Marshall, Miss Natalie Mpadoigiannis, Miss Brooke Azzopardi, Ms Kayla Marciniak, Mr William Leonard and Ritika Joshi.

Admin Team:

Business Manager – Mrs Marilyn deHaan

Office Administrator / Student Enrolment – Mrs Vee-arnie Howson

Office Administrator / First Aide – Ms Deb Burnside

Daily Organisation / Office Administrator – Mrs Annette Farrugia

Leadership Team:

Leading Teacher of Numeracy – Ms Sophia Iosifidis

Leading Teacher of Student Engagement and Wellbeing – Mrs Danielle Sheedy

Leading Teacher of Disability Inclusion – Ms Kayley van Buuren

Leading Teacher of Literacy – Mrs Kezban Hudaverdi

Learning Specialist of ICT – Mr Laurence Gatt

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Learning Specialist of Inquiry / SEL / Investigations – TBC

Assistant Principal F-2 – Mrs Wendy McCall

Assistant Principal 3-6 – Ms Toni Havers

Principal – Mr Tom Goddard

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break. Looking forward to seeing you all next year on Thursday 30th January.

Tom

~ Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

Thursday 19th December

- Last Day Term 4 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Friday 20th December

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Thursday 30th January 2025

- First Day Term 1 2025 Years 1-6 ~ 8.50am start

Thursday 6th February

- First Day Term 1 2025 ~ Foundation Students

LIBRARY



We currently have a large number of overdue library books. As the end of the year is now here, could I ask that parents help their children over the holidays look at home for any school library books and return them to the library when we return in 2025.

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.



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 19th December, 2024

Thank you ~ Deb Burnside



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