



NEWSLETTER

14 - 2025

Thursday 4th September, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a heavy heart that I begin this fortnight's newsletter by addressing some serious concerns that have recently been raised by staff and members of our parent community regarding inappropriate behaviour exhibited by a small number of parents.

These concerns include:

- Abusive or aggressive behaviour towards staff, including yelling
- Approaching other parents to discuss issues involving their children
- Observing inappropriate behaviour or incidents without reporting them to staff
- Disregarding teacher instructions, such as remaining in classrooms after being asked to leave
- Smoking within four metres of the school fence, which is a breach of regulations

These behaviours are not only witnessed by staff and other parents but, more importantly, by our students. This is deeply concerning and does not reflect the respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment we are committed to fostering at our school.

If your child is experiencing a problem involving another student, we strongly encourage you to speak directly with your child's teacher at an appropriate time. Please note that learning commences at 8:50am, and we ask that meetings or discussions do not disrupt this important start to the day. We also respectfully ask that you refrain from approaching other parents to resolve issues between children, as this can often escalate situations rather than resolve them.

Creating a safe and respectful school community is a shared responsibility. The following behaviours are not acceptable and will not be tolerated on school grounds:

- Threatening, harassing, or violent behaviour
- Rudeness, aggression, or intimidation
- Discriminatory or offensive language or gestures

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Please remember that government schools are not public spaces. While parents and carers generally have an implied licence to enter school grounds for drop-off, pick-up, and school-related matters, this licence can be revoked if behaviour poses a risk to staff or student safety.

In serious circumstances, the principal may:

- Issue a verbal direction to leave the school grounds
- Provide a formal trespass notice prohibiting access to school property

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure our school remains a safe, respectful, and supportive place for all students, staff, and families.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Ninety 5/6 students are off to Camp Wyuna on Monday. The weather doesn't look that promising, but I am sure the students and staff will have an amazing time. Some of the activities are bike riding to Point Lonsdale, making pizza, archery and beach games.

WESTERN RANGES TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are proud to announce that 22 students will be representing Kurunjang Primary School at the Western Ranges Track and Field Championships on Thursday, 11th September, at Keilor Athletics Track.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their athletic abilities, demonstrate sportsmanship, and represent our school with pride.

We wish Sienna, Ampujan, Grace, Oliver, Tameka, Aria, Sospeter, Dang Khoa, Fabien, Hudson, Indyana, Archie, Tawhirimatea, Te Ataarangi, Saga, Siloam, Noah, Abigail, Bella, and Spencer all the very best for the day. We know you'll do us proud!

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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MATHEMATICS GAMES DAY

On Tuesday, 17th September, Miss I and 12 students will proudly represent Kurunjang Primary School at the Melton Mathematics Games Day.

This event is a fun, intellectually stimulating, and competitive day designed to celebrate mathematics in an engaging and supportive environment. It provides students with the opportunity to:

- Develop their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Collaborate with like-minded peers from a range of schools
- Enjoy maths beyond the usual classroom setting
- Compete for prizes and experience the excitement of mathematical challenges

We wish Winter, Cruz, Tatum, Fiona, Nikola, Grace, Zainab, Zoey, Nouraz, Vishav, Kasileyah, and Tate all the very best for the day. We know they will represent our school with pride and enthusiasm!

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and other languages including Arabic, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Survey link: <https://research.orima.com/parent>

Our school's generic PIN is: 359166

The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting in our Annual Report to Community and via the newsletter.

PLANNING FOR 2026

Planning for 2026 has now commenced. Apart from students in Grade 6, if you know that your child/ren are not likely to be at Kurunjang Primary in 2026, can you please notify the office so that we do not count them in our enrolment numbers and classes. If you have a Foundation student for 2026, please ensure that you enrol them now so that we can guarantee a position for them.

As part of the planning process, we are carefully considering the social and emotional needs of all students to ensure the best possible learning environment. If you have any preferences or requests regarding your child's placement for next year, we invite you to share them with us.

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While we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met, we will do our best to take them into account when making placement decisions.

Requests must be submitted in writing. You may either:

- Drop your written request at the school office, or
- Email it directly to:

kurunjang.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please ensure your request is received **no later than Friday, October 10th, 2025**.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOLING SURVEY – Year 4-6

Every year all Year 4 – 6 students complete an 'Attitudes to Schooling Survey'. This survey is completed online and enables students to reflect on their experiences at school. The survey consists of three areas: Learning, Experience at School, Student Health and Wellbeing. Our results are moving in the right direction; however, we are always looking at ways to improve these results even further. We are still unpacking a lot of the data we received but we would like to share with you some of the initial results:

TEACHING AND LEARNING	
Effective teaching time	81%
Differentiated learning challenge	79%
Stimulated learning	69%
Effective classroom behaviour	65%
TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONS	
High expectations for success	90%
Effort	72%
Teacher concern	71%
LEARNER CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPOSITION	
Learning confidence (Sense of confidence)	64%
Perseverance	68%
Motivation and interest	74%
Self-regulation and goal setting	77%
Attitudes to attendance	79%
SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT	
School Connectedness (Sense of connectedness)	63%
Student voice and agency	57%
Sense of inclusion	84%
School stage transitions (new students only)	88%
STUDENT SAFETY (SCHOOL SAFETY)	
Advocate at school	82%
Managing bullying	56%
Respect for diversity	66%

Encouraging results, and we will continue to strive to improve and ensure Kurunjang Primary School provides the best learning environment for all our students.



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ASSEMBLY

Parents and carers are welcome to attend and sit in the Personal Learning Studio. Students who are receiving Student of the Week certificates will be in the Personal Learning Studio and will receive their certificates from a Principal Class member, followed by a chat and light refreshment.

Our final assembly for term three will be over the PA system and parents / carers are welcome to attend in their child's classroom Friday 19th September at 2pm.

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 have to share.

Tom

Principal

~Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th September

- Gr 5 & Gr 6 Camp Wyuna

Thursday 11th September

- WR Division Athletics

Monday 15th September

- Foundation Police Incursion

Thursday 18th September

- Gr 1/2 Big Night In

Friday 19th September

- Sport team Dress up
- LAST DAY 2.10pm Student Finish

Monday 6th October

- First Day Term 4 ~ 8.50am start

Thursday 9th October

- Divisional Hot Shots Tennis

Friday 10th October

- Divisional Basketball

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October

- Gr 1 Swimming Program

Tuesday 14th October

- Divisional Gr 5/6 Cricket

Tuesday 21st October

- WMR Athletics

Wednesday 22nd October

- Foundation – Wild Action Incursion

Friday 24th October

- Last Day for Final Payment - Gr 3/4
Camp Lady Northcote

Monday 27th October

- WMR Basketball

Friday 19th December

- Last Day Term 4 ~ 12.30pm Finish



FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 ARE NOW OPEN

Parents who live within our school's designated neighbourhood area are invited to enrol their children for Foundation 2026 at the office. To be eligible to enrol for Foundation in 2026 your child must turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2026. 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.

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.

Melton Primary School District 2 Athletics Carnival!

Beautiful weather! Great students! Amazing Results!

On Thursday 21st August, our students represented Kurunjang at the Melton District Athletics Carnival with pride, showcasing their fantastic behaviour, school spirit and sportsmanship on the day.

Kurunjang placed 1st overall with many students qualifying for the Division Athletics Championships. Collectively a great team effort with every event strongly contested. All students competed with determination and great sportsmanship.

Well done team!

Best Performances

100m

9/10yrs Fabien KB C 1st

200m

11yrs Noah S 2nd, 12yrs Tiahna T 2nd

800m

9/10yrs Aria F 2nd, 9/10 yrs Hudson McC 2nd, 11yrs Joshua L 1st, 11yrs Spencer V 2nd

1500m

9/10yrs Aria F 1st

Hurdles

9/10yrs Grace B 3rd, 11yrs Noah S 2nd

Shot Put

9/10yrs Saga S 1st, 11yrs Naomi S 3rd, 12yrs Alex P 3rd

Discus

9/10yrs Saga S 1st 9/10yrs Tameka C 2nd 11yrs Siloam S 1st, 11yrs Archie R 2nd 12yrs Arty R 2nd

High Jump

11yrs Archie R 2nd 12yrs Indyana M 2nd, 12yrs Dang K 2nd

Long Jump

9/10yrs Abigail S 2nd 9/10yrs Tawhiri R 3rd, 12yrs Ampujan A 1st

Triple Jump

9/10yrs Fabien KB C 1st, 9/10yrs Tawhiri R 2nd, 9/10yrs Grace B 3rd, 12yrs Ampujan A 1st

4x100m Relay

9/10yrs GIRLS 1st Grace B, Bella V, Aria F, Sienna A
9/10yrs BOYS 1st Saga S, Sospeter F, Oliver B, Fabien KB C
11yrs GIRLS 2nd Naomi S, Ayor M, Taylah A, Isla T
11yrs BOYS 3rd Spencer V, Archie R, Joshua L, Noah S
12yrs BOYS 3rd Blake M, Uriah R, Ampujan, Dang K

Students that placed 1st and 2nd have now successfully qualified to progress onto the Western Ranges Division Track and Field Championships to be held at Keilor Athletics Track on Thursday 11th September.

Good luck to all competitors.

Ms Craig

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!

Skip
1 day a week
Miss 3 Years

Skip
2 days a week
Miss 5 Years

Skip
3 days a week
Miss 7 Years

Skip
4 days a week
Miss 10 Years

Skip
5 days a week
Miss 12 Years

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.

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.



GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



Scan this QR code to find out
more on the GFK website



A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au



Kids getting in or out? Find a legal park first.

SAFE CROSSINGS, SAFE KIDS.
transport.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

Vacation Care Spring Program

Program details

This program is open to all primary school aged children.

Hours of operation: 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

Program dates: Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October 2025

Location: Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre

Cost: \$91.75 a day prior to Child Care Subsidy. Additional costs for excursions and incursions may apply.

Bookings

Bookings open: Friday 29 August 2025

Bookings close: Friday 12 September 2025

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Council's discretion and will incur a \$24.25 late enrolment fee.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Please note: the full fee must be paid prior to program attendance. Absences for confirmed bookings will incur charges.

More information

vactioncareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au
melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare or scan
the QR code below.



To find out more information or get in touch with us
please visit melton.vic.gov.au/familiesandchildren



Activity Program

Week one

Monday 22 September: Sensory Fun Day

If you like all things slimy, squishy and imaginative then this sensory play day is for you! Have fun with slime, playdough, foam and more.

Cost: \$91.75

Tuesday 23 September: Rainbow Serpent Incursion

Celebrate Aboriginal culture with this immersive incursion. Featuring storytelling, art making and a visit from some Australian native animals.

Cost: \$119.95 (\$91.75 plus \$28.20 incursion cost)

Wednesday 24 September: Jumpside Trampoline Park Excursion

Get ready for an action packed day of excitement. Jump, flip, twist and soar through the different trampoline zones or channel your inner ninja and conquer the ninja warrior obstacles.

Cost: \$132.74 (\$91.75 plus \$41 excursion cost)

Extra Information: Children will be travelling to Jumpside Footscray by coach. The coach departs the centre at 9am and returns 2pm. No socks, no play!

Thursday 25 September: Teddy Bears Picnic

Make your own rainbow cupcakes and teddy themed craft before enjoying a picnic with your fave teddy or plushy friend.

Cost: \$91.75

Friday 26 September: No Program - Public holiday

Week two

Monday 29 September: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Get creative as you transform recycled materials into art! Build sculptures with bottle caps and cardboard, and make fun, eco-friendly creations from everyday items.

Cost: \$91.75

Tuesday 30 September: Harry Potter Science Incursion

Calling all curious wizards for this magical Harry Potter-themed science incursion. Have fun with potions, spells, and wizarding science experiments.

Cost: \$119.95 (\$91.75 plus \$28.20 incursion cost)

Wednesday 1 October: Movie Excursion

Grab your popcorn, settle into a comfy seat and enjoy watching a latest release on the big screen. Movie title TBC.

Cost: \$132.75 (\$91.75 plus \$41 excursion cost)

Extra Information: Children will be travelling to Reading Cinema, Melton by coach.

The coach departs the centre at 9.15 am and returns 1.30 pm.

Thursday 2 October: Little Chefs

Get ready for a fun and delicious adventure in the kitchen! Get hands on and create your own cakes, mini pizzas, and fruity skewers.

Cost: \$91.75

Friday 3 October: Creative Arts Incursion

Join the team from Bunnings and explore different art mediums while you create your own unique art pieces.

Cost: \$91.75



To find out more information or get in touch with us please visit melton.vic.gov.au/familiesandchildren



Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet



VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

FRASER RISE CHILDRENS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

ADULT LEARNER'S WEEK SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER , 2025

To mark the 30th anniversary of Adult Learner's Week in Australia, Council is pleased to invite you to join us in celebration of the learning that takes place at community centres and Neighbourhood Houses across the City of Melton.

With newfound skills, extra hobbies and additional passions, you'll be wowed by the talents of our current and past participants of the many programs on offer.

Come and enjoy a variety of demonstrations including: Gel printing, Cross stitch. Water colour painting and be treated to entertainment by the Atherstone Community Music Jam.

Why not enrol on the day on the Melton Learning Directory website with the help of our staff?

LOCATION

Fraser Rise Children's & Community Centre, 46 City Vista Ctr, Fraser Rise 3336

DATE & TIME

Thursday 18 September
10.30pm - 12noon

COST

Free

AGE GROUP

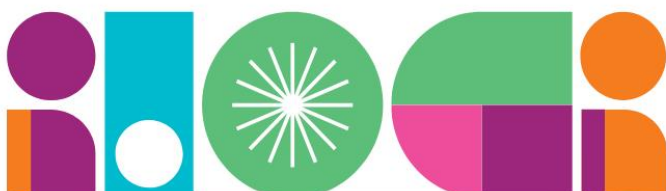
Adults

BOOKINGS

meltonlearning.vic.gov.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

0438928196 or jeaninec@melton.vic.gov.au



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**MELTON
LEARNING
Directory**





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: Bella Kamenjarin; Year 1: Estelle van Sittert; Year 2 Edison Potts; Year 3/4: Danielle Gould; Year 5/6: Emily Oliver; Specialists: Lidia Woolley

Leadership Team Members – Numeracy: Sophia Iosifidis; Literacy: Kez Hudaverdi; Wellbeing: Danielle Sheedy; Disability Inclusion: Kayley Van Buuren; 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



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*

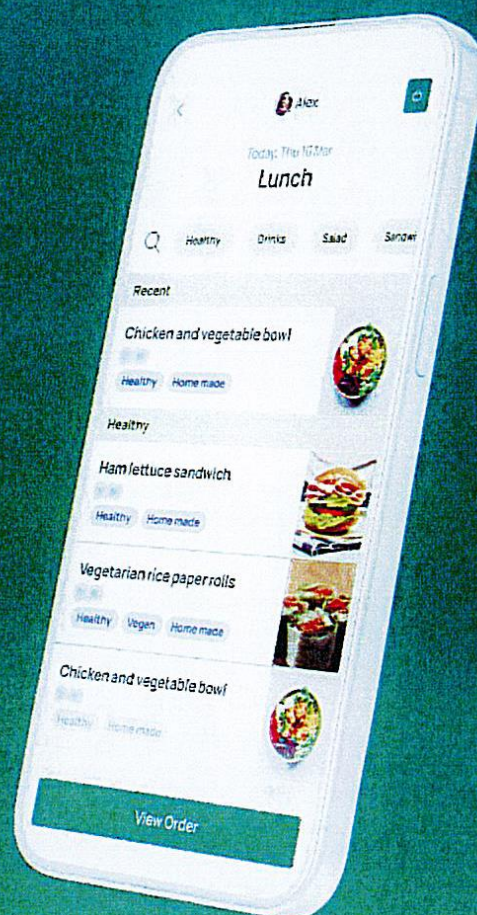


We're using Flexischools to simplify school life

- 1 Download the Flexischools App
- 2 Create an account and add your student(s)
 - Submit your email address to create an account.
 - Confirm your email address via the registration email.
 - Follow the registration process
 - Add your students to your account.
- 3 Lunch available to order Wednesday, ~~Thursday~~ & Friday - place your order by 9:00am.



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