



NEWSLETTER

16 - 2025

Friday 10th October 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before I write further, I would like to acknowledge that, in my role at our school, I am serving the community on Wurundjeri Country and would like to extend my deepest respect to Elders past, present and emerging. I also acknowledge my gratitude that we share this land today, my sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing, and my hope and belief that we can move to a place of equity, justice and partnership together.

Welcome back to Term 4!

I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy a well-earned break and a change of pace over the past couple of weeks. It was clear that our students were ready for the holidays — and just as clear that they've returned refreshed and ready to learn.

During the holidays we have had a few more trees removed, and carpet and vinyl laid in the Bunjil building. I am still in communication with Hum Group regarding a completion date for the ramps. However, I am pleased to say the indoor ramp was reopened yesterday.



We've been so impressed with how smoothly they've transitioned back into school life. This week, our classrooms and playgrounds have been buzzing with energy, enthusiasm, and positivity.

Let's all make a shared commitment to carry that momentum through the rest of the term. Here's to a fantastic Term 4!

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STAFFING NEWS

Mr. Potts is currently in Europe on long service leave. We look forward to welcoming him back in Week 3.

Mr. Cohen is also travelling through Europe and is due to return in Week 4.

Mrs Gabriel and her family are on an adventure through Vietnam and is due to return in week 4.

Miss France is on leave for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Annie Stewart will be taking over her teaching responsibilities until the end of the 2025 school year.

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. 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 tomorrow - Friday, October 10th, 2025.**

MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

A reminder that Monday 3rd November is a Curriculum Day and Tuesday 4th 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.

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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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 OSH Club for our before or after school care or make alternate arrangements.

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to all the families who participated in last term's survey. As with all feedback, it highlights both areas of strength and areas where further improvement is needed. I will be sharing the survey results on a fortnightly basis.



PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Framework Factor	% Positive	% Neutral
Parent/Caregiver/Guardian participation and involvement	67%	18%
This school gives me opportunities to participate in my child's education	82%	0%
I feel this school values parent/caregiver/guardians' contributions	45%	45%
This school has a strong relationship with the local community	73%	9%

Framework Factor	% Positive	% Neutral
Parent/Caregiver/Guardian support in learning	82%	9%
I feel confident to support my child's learning at home	91%	0%
This school provides me with information that helps me support my child's learning	73%	18%
School communication	76%	6%
I am able to get the information I need through the school's regular communication channels	82%	0%
I feel comfortable about approaching this school with any concerns I might have	91%	0%
This school takes parent/caregiver/guardians' concerns seriously	55%	18%
Teacher communication	64%	14%
There is effective two-way communication between the teachers and parents/caregivers/guardians at this school	64%	9%
Teachers communicate with me often enough about my child's progress (i.e. progress in areas including learning, wellbeing and engagement/attendance)	64%	18%

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Over the next 5 newsletters I will be sharing the Child Safe Standards. This fortnight we are looking at Standards 1 and 2.

Standard 1

Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

Minimum requirements

In complying with Child Safe Standard 1 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

- 1.1 A child's ability to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights is encouraged and actively supported.
- 1.2 Strategies are embedded within the organisation which equip all members to acknowledge and appreciate the strengths of Aboriginal culture and understand its importance to the wellbeing and safety of Aboriginal children and young people.
- 1.3 Measures are adopted by the organisation to ensure racism within the organisation is identified, confronted and not tolerated. Any instances of racism are addressed with appropriate consequences.
- 1.4 The organisation actively supports and facilitates participation and inclusion within it by Aboriginal children, young people and their families.
- 1.5 All of the organisation's policies, procedures, systems and processes together create a culturally safe and inclusive environment and meet the needs of Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

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Standard 2 - Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

Minimum requirements – In complying with Child Safe Standard 2 an organisation must, at a minimum, ensure:

- 2.1 The organisation makes a public commitment to child safety.
- 2.2 A child safe culture is championed and modelled at all levels of the organisation from the top down and bottom up.
- 2.3 Governance arrangements facilitate implementation of the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy at all levels.
- 2.4 A Code of Conduct provides guidelines for staff and volunteers on expected behavioural standards and responsibilities.
- 2.5 Risk management strategies focus on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children and young people.
- 2.6 Staff and volunteers understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping.

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 four will be over the PA system and parents / carers are welcome to attend in their child's classroom tomorrow Friday 19th December at 12:15pm.

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 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

Tuesday 28th October

- Gr 2 Life Ed Van – Healthy Harold

Friday 21st November

- Monty's Colour Run at Kurunjang PS

Friday 21st November

- Monty's Colour Run at Kurunjang PS

Monday 3rd November

- Curriculum Day

Tuesday 4th November

- Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday

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.

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:

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



Book Club Issue 7, 2025

The seventh issue for the 2025 year was handed out this week and will need to be returned by *Friday the 17th of October* for processing. Whether your child is at school, or at home, you can place your order on LOOP as normal. **Online orders will close on this date for delivery at school.** Please make sure all orders have the child's name, grade and correct money placed in a sealed envelope/bag.

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- 3 Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
- 4 Select your child's name
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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)



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Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au

[Positive Partnerships](#) are running a **FREE government funded autism workshop** for parents/carers in Melton on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November, 2025**.

This workshop is for parents, unpaid carers, grandparents, and kinship carers to learn about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school. (Please note: your child does not need a formal diagnosis for you to attend).

Dates: 19th and 20th November

Time: 9.30 – 2.30pm each day

Location: Melton Valley Golf Club
30/2 Melton Valley Drive
MELTON VIC 3337

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- Diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together.

Free morning tea and lunch will be provided.

For more information and to register, please visit [Positive Partnerships | Registrations](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sally on 0461 324 758 or by email smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au



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*

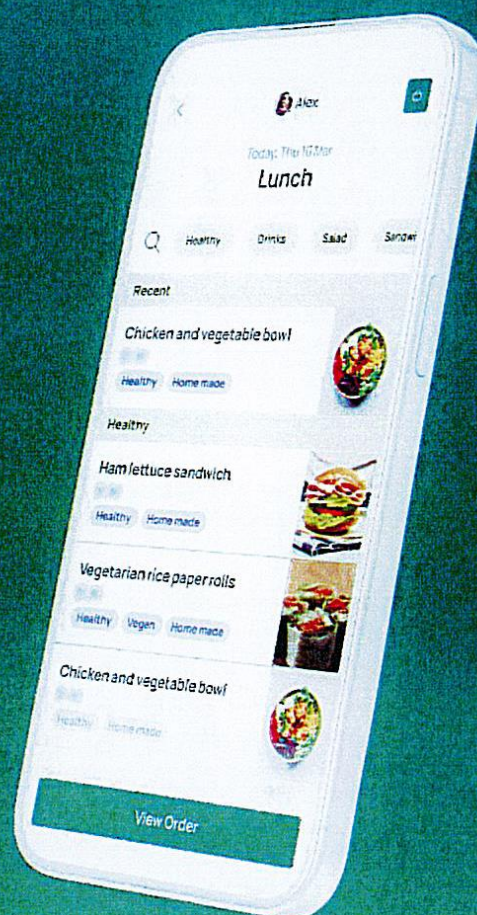


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