



NEWSLETTER

18 - 2025

Friday 7th November 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying 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 outdoors
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active
- clean up and remove containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone [NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024](tel:1300606024) (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

A free vaccine is available to some individuals to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)
- [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- [Japanese encephalitis virus](#)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A massive congratulations to Saga who came 1st in shot put and has qualified for the National Championships. Well done Saga!

Thank you to Mrs Craig for training Saga and attending on the day to encourage and support him.

THINK COMMUNITY – LOST UNIFORMS

It has unfortunately been reported that members of our community are taking home lost property uniforms that have names on them. If you find an item that has another child's name on it, could you please return it to the school and we will find its rightful owner. This is also a reminder to name all clothing. Thank you.

SPEAKING TO OTHER STUDENTS

We occasionally have situations where parents or carers of a child feel it necessary to intervene with an incident involving a different child. It may be because they see inappropriate behaviour they feel needs addressing or that the child may have had an incident with their own child that they feel needs to be followed up. It is important to let the school deal with these situations as it can be quite frightening for children to have unknown adults talk to them or reprimand them. If you have witnessed a situation in the yard that concerns you, please speak to a member of the Principal Class team about your concerns. Due to privacy reasons, we cannot go into much detail, however ensuring you know we are aware and are dealing with the situation hopefully will help alleviate any concerns you may have. There can be numerous factors impacting a child's behaviour and observing a small part of a situation does not usually adequately depict how we may be managing the situation. We appreciate your understanding and trust that we are doing all we can to support the child and others who may be impacted, including utilising external supports as and when required.

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

This fortnight we are sharing the School Ethos and Environment results, 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.

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.



STUDENT COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT

Framework Factor	% Positive	% Neutral	% Negative
High expectation for success	77%	14%	9%
Teachers at this school expect my child to do their best	82%	9%	9%
This school celebrates student achievements in all areas	73%	18%	9%
Student motivation and support	59%	14%	27%
My child gets extra help with learning from teachers when needed	45%	27%	27%
My child feels motivated by their teachers to learn	73%	0%	27%
Stimulating learning environment	55%	30%	15%
This school provides diverse programs for my child's interests and abilities	55%	36%	9%
The academic standards at this school provide adequate challenge for my child	45%	45%	9%
The teachers are very good at making learning engaging	64%	9%	27%
Effective teaching	61%	14%	25%
Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching	82%	0%	18%
Teachers provide useful feedback and respond to the learning needs of my child	55%	18%	27%
My child can explore their own interests when it is related to their class work	64%	27%	9%
I understand how my child is assessed	45%	9%	45%

Attendance Requirements for Victorian Government Schools

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by phoning 9743-0633 and press 1 for the absence line. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence.

If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained. You will then receive a text message/sms informing you that your child is unaccounted for and reminding you to call the school. This system promotes daily school attendance.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind. The Kurunjang Primary School's Attendance Policy which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available on our website.

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

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.

Cheers,

Principal

Tom

Principal
~Learning Together

FORWARD PLANNING

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th November

- Gr 3/4 Camp Lady Northcote

Thursday 20th November

- Gr 1/2 Late Stay

Tuesday 25th November

- Gr 1 Toys Over Time

Thursday 4th December

- Gr 6 Celebration Dinner

Friday 5th December

- Gr 6 Big Day Out

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:

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.

LIBRARY

We currently have a large number of overdue library books. Could I ask that parents help their children look at home for any school library books and return them to the library.



Thankyou ~
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician

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

[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 Bolognese	\$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*

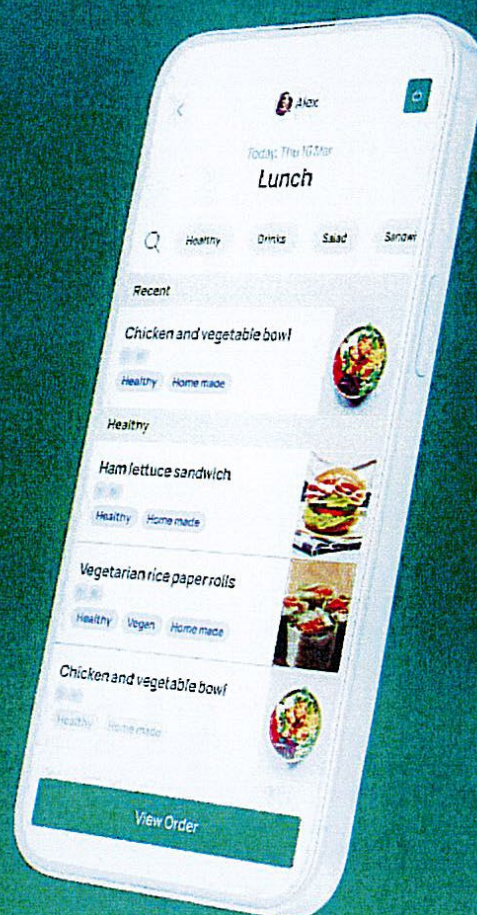


We're using Flexischools to simplify school life

- 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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