



# Kurunjang Primary School

*'Learning Together'*

## Grade 2 Newsletter – Term 2 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Learning Together**

We would like to welcome all of our wonderful families back to school for Term 2. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for another busy Term of learning.

### **What's New in Term 2**

This Term is proving to be a very busy one, beginning with our Curriculum Day, where Teachers worked hard building their professional knowledge, which will benefit all students. We also celebrated being back at school with our Family Fun Afternoon for students and families. This seemed to be a great day, the weather was perfect and the students all had a great time. Later in the Term, we have Education week, where we will once again, enjoy sharing some fun activities to celebrate all of the wonderful learning that occurs at KPS. Queen's birthday is our final public holiday for the Term. We are looking forward to a great Term of learning.

### **Important Reminders**

#### Hats

Hats are not necessarily required for Term 2, though please remember that the UV rays are very strong all year round now. So students may still need to wear their hats on those warmer days.

#### Jumpers

As the weather gets colder and windier please remember to have your child wear a jumper or jacket as part of their uniform.

#### Drink Bottles

Drink bottles filled with water are an important part of your child's day, as students are able to sip water when they get thirsty. This keeps them hydrated, prevents heat related effects on hot days and allows them to maximise their learning without interruptions.

#### Fruit Snack

Just a reminder that students have a fruit break at 10am each day, so please supply your child with a piece of fruit to enjoy.

#### Student Planners

Thank you to all of the parents who have ensured that their children read each night and then sign the student planner. The beginning of a new Term is always an opportunity to pick

this up if it is something you or your child has struggled with. It really is so important that students practise their reading at home with you. Ask them about their reading goal and get them to show you how good they are.

### Library

Students should bring a library bag on their library day; library days are listed below. These bags can simply be a plastic bag from home or a previously used canvas bag. This year students can borrow up to three books per fortnight, and can be changed each week if they like.

### **What are we learning in Term 2?**

In Reading, students will be exploring the structure and features of a Recount. They will identify a recount as having a specific sequence of events that are broken into the beginning, the middle and the end of the text. Students will identify time words such as, first, next, after that and finally to name a few.

In Writing, students will create Recounts about familiar events and memories they have. They will develop an understanding of how to structure a recount and to use time words to help make their writing clear and easy for the reader to read. Students will participate in explicit handwriting lessons, where they will develop their handwriting skills using the Victorian Modern Cursive writing style. Students will begin spelling testing in week 2 and this will inform their spelling words for the remainder of the Term.

In Mathematics, students will learn to add and subtract numbers, using a range of mental strategies. They will also explore the connection between the two. Students will also begin to investigate the properties of a shape in a series of engaging lessons. Students will also learn about different ways to measure the mass of an object.

In Inquiry, students will be learning about how we keep ourselves and others healthy, safe and active. They will be interacting with the different aspects of a healthy life through workshops for healthy eating, exercise, mental health, personal safety, and cyber safety.

In Respectful Relationships, students will continue to explore their personal strengths and how they can use these strengths to be a good friend and family member. They will then begin to identify positive coping skills that can assist students in taking responsibility for their actions and practising techniques to deal with feelings of fear, anger, and frustration.

### Class Specialist Timetables

Specialist Class	2 Blake	2 Dovaston	2 Lisa	2 Padma
PE	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
Performing Arts	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Visual Arts	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday
Kitchen Garden	Tuesday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Library	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday

### **Specialist Programs**

**PE** - Students will further develop their ball control (dribbling with hands and feet) and kicking skills. They will participate in minor team games that promote health and fitness.

In gymnastics they will explore ways of moving and developing control when stopping, starting, springing and landing.

**Performing Arts** - In Levels 1 and 2, students continue their exploration and learning about how ideas and stories can be imagined and communicated through drama. They improvise and create roles, characters and situations and learn about focus and identifying the main idea. Students create and perform mini plays based on known stories and puppet shows using puppets.

**Kitchen/Garden** - During first semester students will participate in a range of activities to promote healthy eating and be able to make informed choices about the foods they eat. They will be involved in planting seeds and vegetables in the garden, tending to these and then using the produce from the garden to make healthy recipes to eat in the Kitchen Garden Classroom Restaurant. They will also be looking at what happens when different ingredients are mixed with others to produce a new substance.

Can you please make sure that if your child has long hair it is tied back on the day that they have their Kitchen Garden lesson. Thank you.

**Visual Art** - In Term 2 students in year 2 will be exploring the use of watercolours and drawing with fine liners to create a spring flower artwork.

### **Important Dates**

**Education Week** - 30th of May to 3rd of June

**Queen's Birthday** - Monday 13th of June

**End of Term** - 24th of June

**Term 3 Begins** - 11th of July

### **The Grade 2 Team:**

***Blake Mullan (Team Leader), Lisa Condon, Padma Kumaran, Natasha Dovaston***

