

**Kurunjang Primary School**

***‘Learning Together’***

**Grade 2 Newsletter – Term 3 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Learning Together**

We would like to welcome all of our wonderful families back to school for Term 3. We can’t believe how fast this year is going, but students have worked hard in Semester One and have enjoyed having a full semester at school. We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for another busy Term of learning.

**What’s New in Term 3**

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**

Jumpers

As we are now in the midst of winter and it is a very cold winter at that, please remember to have your child wear a jumper or jacket as part of their uniform. The wind has been really chilly and students are feeling cold at playtimes. Students are welcome to bring a beanie to wear at playtimes too, this keeps their heads warm and will also protect their ears from the cold.

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 and prevents interruptions to their learning time.

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 3?**

In Reading, students will engage with a variety of texts and explore the purpose of different text types. They will develop strategies for Solving Words, Monitoring and Correcting, Summarising, Inferring and Analysing. Students will participate in Conferencing and Guided Reading with their teachers to learn their reading goals.

In Writing, students will create narratives using the text structure - beginning, middle and ending. They will create characters and settings from their imagination as well as from favourite fictional texts. Students will create problems for the characters and resolve them by the end of the story. Students will continue to participate in explicit handwriting lessons, where they will develop their handwriting skills using the Victorian Modern Cursive writing style. Students will also continue with spelling practise this Term and will complete buddy spelling tests each Friday morning.

In Mathematics,this term, the grade 2 cohort will be starting with effective counting, place value, and addition strategies. Students will be representing multiplication and division through the use of repeated addition, groups of, and arrays. Students will investigate the use of simple maps and identify their key features. They will also recognise common uses of fractions such as halves, quarters, and eighths.

In Inquiry, students will be investigating places in our world, starting local with places around Melton, then branching out to Melbourne, Victoria and other places of interest around the world. Students will be exploring these places through ICT and books, ending the term with a short presentation on a chosen area.

In Respectful Relationships, students will be looking at problem solving strategies. These strategies will be relevant for both in the classroom, in the school yard and outside of school. They will practise solving simple problems independently and learn how to listen to and take on another person’s point of view, as well as respect and acknowledge their emotions.

In STEM, students will be investigating the effects of gravity, particularly looking at the forces of push and pull. Through investigations, students will observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground.

Class Specialist Timetables

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| **Specialist Class** | **2 Blake** | **2 Dovaston** | **2 Lisa** | **2 Padma** |
| **PE** | **Monday** | **Wednesday** | **Monday** | **Friday** |
| **Performing Arts** | **Wednesday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Monday** |
| **Visual Arts** | **Friday** | **Thursday** | **Thursday** | **Wednesday** |
| **Library** | **Thursday** | **Thursday** | **Wednesday** | **Wednesday** |
| **AUSLAN** | **Wednesday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Thursday** |

**Specialist Programs**

**PE -** Students in Grade 1 and 2 will focus on developing their striking, catching and throwing skills. They will apply their skills in minor team games with a focus on cooperation with others and fair play. In gymnastics they will explore ways of moving and developing control when stopping, starting, springing and landing. They will begin to link movements to form simple sequences.

**Performing Arts -** In Levels 1 and 2, Students will be learning to dance and sing to many familiar and new songs. They will revise how to play several instruments and play/compose simple tunes.

**Visual Art -** In Term 3 year 2 students will be exploring the use of watercolours and drawing with fine liners to create a spring flower artwork.

**Important Dates**

**First Day or Term 3** - Monday 11th July

**End of Term 3**  - Friday 16th September

**Term 4 Begins** - Monday 3rd October

**The Grade 2 Team:**

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

