



# NEWSLETTER

## 11 - 2016

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week the year 5/6 students have undertaken the Attitudes to School Survey which is conducted annually with all year 5/6 students in all Victorian schools. The students' responses are anonymous but provide us with information including how the children perceive themselves at school, their opinion of their learning, their connectedness to their peers and to the school. We will inform the community of the results when we receive them In July/August. We value the results, as we do the parent and staff opinion surveys; for the information they each provide for our future foci and planning. Talk to your year 5 or 6 student regarding some of their responses to questions on the survey.

Year 6 students have also received their Department of Education and Training letter and application for placement in year 7 at secondary school in 2017. This process is statewide and involves lodging the written application through the Primary school attended no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Notification of your child's placement as determined by the respective secondary schools will be received on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Please take the time to read the information and please don't hesitate to speak to the the staff/office if you have any questions regarding the process.

On Tuesday we were again host to accredited professional learning community consultant Colin Sloper who has worked with us, Melton West, Melton South and Wedge Park Primary schools regarding the work of professional learning communities. It is a government intention that all Victorian schools will be working as Professional Learning communities within 4 years. The Principals and Assistant Principals in all primary and secondary schools within the wider Melton network are attending a 2 day conference regarding the transformation required of all schools with the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum within a professional learning community. This will ensure that your children will be receiving the current and worldwide research into the most effective instructional practices.

Yesterday was the annual PFA walkathon and a great time was had by all year levels; albeit for a few grazed knees in F-2 from some of the enthusiastic fast pacers. The students were very proud of their efforts and number of laps, irrespective of whether they received a ribbon or not. I am always impressed at the students who remember their number of laps from the previous year and who make a personal goal to improve. Great life skill! Yesterday coincidentally marked 100 days before the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Great opportunity for children to witness the personal and Olympic bests and the sheer hard work and determination to achieve. Thank you to our great PFA-ers who organize our walkathon and for all the staff and students for their efforts. I look forward to finding out the amount of money raised for the school and will announce this at assembly on Monday.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Monday is also the beginning of Book Fair week. There will be no borrowing from the library but all classes are timetabled to attend the library where they will be able to browse the vast array of books for sale and make a wish list of titles which you or the family may be interested in purchasing. I have always been excited by Book Fair as great bargains can be had with the recent and award winning publications, and they make great presents to pop away for upcoming Birthdays/Christmas etc. The library will be open to all parents/carers/grandparents/aunties/uncles at 3.00pm to 4.30pm next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We hope to see you there.

~ Learning Together ~



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Student of the week awards are made each week and announced in the newsletter on a Friday. The awards are presented to the students at assembly on Monday at 9.00am in the Gym. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**Foundation Hall ~ Matea Druzjanic**  
**Foundation Edward/Munoz ~ Brock Sanders**  
**1/2 Havers ~ Haylen Gill**  
**5/6 Steele ~ Tea Ngamotu**  
**5/6 Mohummadally ~ Rhiannon Schofield**  
**5/6 Stone/Goodes ~ Kiara Mangion**  
**5/6 Price ~ Tianna Stevens**

### FORWARD PLANNING

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**
- Lamont Bookfair
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**
- Mother's Day Stall
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**
- Parent's as Volunteers Program ~ 2.00pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**
- Foundation information evening ~ 6.30pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**
- Year 7 Placement applications ~ due
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**
- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**
- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

## HEALTHY ME



This term, the year 1's & 2's have begun a unit of learning called 'Healthy Me'. The last few weeks has focused on learning about the body and the 5 senses. In 1/2 Mel & Kim, students have been making self-portraits, paying attention to the features of their faces that make them unique. Children also rotated between "Senses Stations" to immerse themselves in smells, tastes and sights. They worked together as scientists to taste and rank green foods; to find hidden objects in bottles; identify smells of common cooking ingredients and describe a range of tactile objects. Students not only learned to identify the 5 senses, but discovered that senses work together to send messages to the brain.



## WEDNESDAY'S MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP AT KPS

Children 0-5 years are offered the opportunity to join **free music and movement classes** as part of the Wednesday Playgroup with VICSEG and the Song Room.

## PLAYGROUP AT KPS ~ FRIDAY'S 9-11AM

New members welcome with children from 0-5yrs. Come along and meet new people while your child learns through play experiences.

6<sup>th</sup> May ~ Mother's Day

Personal Learning Studio 9-10am



New members welcome. For further information on either playgroup please contact Kathleen McInnes on 9743 0633.



## LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

As we have a large number of lost/misplaced library books, could I asked all Parents and Carers to help their children look for books that belong to our school and return them to the library.

Thankyou ~ Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician

## YEAR 5/6 CAMP



On Monday, the 18th of April 2016, the bus took the 5/6 students to Sunnystones camp for three days in Bacchus Marsh. The bus dropped us off at a hiking track and we had a 3.5 kilometre walk to camp. 5/6 Mohammadally and 5/6 Steele put up tents on the first night and slept in them. We told scary stories, ate marshmallows around the campfire and

Ms Mohammadally told us campfire stories before we went to bed. 5/6 Price and 5/6 Stone/Goodes slept in the cabins for the first night and then we swapped and we slept in cabins while they were in tents. It was a little cold at night but we weren't freezing. We also had a night walk and played survival games. We got awards too, for example, 'Happy Camper', 'Neat and Tidy', 'Awesome Team Mate'! We got split into groups and the camp leaders taught us archery and canoeing. The food was delicious but the walking every day was tiring. Everyone got along with new people and we got to know the 5/6s from other classes more. We got a lot of exercise and in every activity there was at least a half kilometre walk. We also learned that if you rub quartz together they make sparks. We didn't see many animals but we did see wallabies and there were even some wallabies with their joeys!



THIS WAS THE BEST CAMP WE HAVE EVER HAD!

By: Grace Lakkis and Tyler Keys ~ 5/6 Mohammadally

## PFA NEWS



If you would like to assist the PFA in any way please leave your details at the office or contact Susan Butt on 0477 500 848.

**A PFA meeting will be held in the Personal Learning Studio after assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.**

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

**Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd May.**

Lots of wonderful gifts for mum or someone special, ranging from 50c to \$5.00.



## ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Notes will be going home in the near future for our new fundraiser with Entertainment Membership Book, which offers a great range of deals and offers in dining, attractions, retail and travel.

The book will be sold for \$65 with 20% going back to the school. To purchase an Entertainment membership book either fill in the note and return to school, contact Susan Butt on 0477500848 or [susan\\_509@msn.com](mailto:susan_509@msn.com), or you can purchase online at: [www.entbook.com.au/19065d6](http://www.entbook.com.au/19065d6)

The book is available in hard copy or digital membership.





**CANTEEN**

Meat Pie  
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\$5.00

**OSHCLUB NEWS**

OSHClub Kurunjang BSC: 6:50am-8:50am & ASC: 3:10pm-6:30pm each day during the school term. We are operating in Room 17, the room next to the playroom.

Our program provides a healthy breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Permanent and occasional vacancies are available for Before School & After School Care.

Please feel free to come in and see our program and the fun activities our staff provide!

**Weekly Activities:**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Before Care Activities</b>	Block building comp Simon says	Box trolls Grandma's undies	Peg painting Musical statues	Threading / lacing Who am i?	Shop keeper Heads down thumbs up
<b>After Care Activities</b>	Marble painting Jump the creek	Talent show Colours game	Funky dance comp Playground obstacle course	- Colouring/drawing comp Four corners	Fruit smoothies Hopscotch

**Program Phone:** 0400 028 149  
**Coordinator:** Brittany  
**Assistant:** Renee

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au). All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy? It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

**APPLICATIONS FOR CSEF CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND**

If you have a valid means tested concession card or you are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible to get assistance through the CSEF. Please collect an application form from the school office and return it with your current Health Care/Concession card ASAP.



**Kurunjang Primary School**  
Moorang Circuit  
Arthon  
9743 0633  
[www.kurunjangps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kurunjangps.vic.edu.au)

**Enrolments are now open**



**Principal: Jenny Robinson**  
**Assistant Principal F-2: Wendy McCall**

**Foundation Tours:**  
 May 19th at 12pm

**Foundation Information Evening:**  
 May 12th at 6:30 pm

Please let the office know on 9743 0633 between 8:30 am and 4:00pm if you would like to attend the tour or information evening.



**AN INVITATION**

**TO OUR BOOK FAIR!**

**Where:** Kurunjang Primary School  
in the Library (EFT available)

**Date:** Wednesday 4th May, Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May

**Time:** 3pm until 4.30pm

**Don't miss out!**





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