



# NEWSLETTER

## 12 - 2016

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Next week we are holding our information session for parents and carers to explain the school and Foundation curriculum and routines, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Personal Learning Studio. It will be a good opportunity for prospective families to have questions answered about the school or schooling in general. If you know family members, friends or neighbours whose child will be attending Kurunjang PS in 2017, please let them know of the information session. Tours can also be scheduled for prospective enrolments. Although enrolments can be received at any time from this time, the earlier we can confirm numbers then we are able to commence planning class numbers for 2017.

There have been a number of enquiries regarding the enrolment of children who do not live within the school area. Due to the growth within the Melton municipality (42 babies are born each week), all Melton schools have an identified area and accept the enrolments from within the area. This ensures that each school has a proportionate enrolment. Please contact the school if you are unsure of which school is the closest for a particular address. Enrolment from outside the respective school area may be considered for the commencement of Term 1 and Term 3 under special circumstances and discussion with the existing school.

Year 6 students recently received information and an application for the AVID elective program at Kurunjang Secondary School in 2016 and some of our parents took up the opportunity to hear about the program at the secondary school on Tuesday night. As previously discussed in previous newsletters, AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) strategies are implemented with all year levels at Kurunjang Secondary School and have been introduced to year 5/6 at Kurunjang PS, with the purpose of increasing student success. The Secondary school also offers AVID as an elective program. We have received only a small number of applications at this time for the AVID elective; however if you are interested in your year 6 child being considered for the elective please return the application form as soon as possible. Please speak with Alyena Mohummadally (AVID team leader), Lucy Steele (5/6 Team Leader), and the other 5/6 teachers, Craig Price, Brooke Stone and Alicia Goodes for further information regarding AVID.

We wish to remind all families about the compulsory school uniform. Please ensure your child/ren's articles of clothing are all clearly and permanently labelled. In this fourth week of term, there are an extremely large number of items already in the lost property cupboard, particularly jumpers, jackets and hats; all of which are not labelled. Labelled items are returned to the named child. Please access lost property if you are looking for an item of missing clothing. The number of items is such that if they are not collected in the next fortnight, we will offer them to interested families.

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Last week was the walkathon, one of our annual events organized by our terrific and very hardworking Parents and Friends Association. It was announced at Monday morning's assembly that the amount raised by the PFA in this event was \$1,265.80. Thank you to all parents/carers and other family members who supported the walkathon and again this week with the PFA annual Mother's Day stall. The children were so excited to buy a special something for Mum, Nan or a special person in their life. If you pick up your child/ren from school, please take a walk to the west and south side of the school to see the newly erected sandpits made possible from PFA fundraising. The sandpits are for the year 3/4s and 5/6s respectively and the PFA have also provided a large number of sandpit equipment which rostered leaders will include in all 4 of our sandpits.

~ 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 Mill ~ James Robertson**  
**Foundation Hall ~ Noah Navascues**  
**Foundation Edward/Munoz ~ Ruhaani Mandar**  
**Foundation Visser ~ Keith Galea**  
**1/2 Mel/Kim ~ Zayne Mangion**  
**1/2 Adriana ~ Ayden Brooke**  
**1/2 Havers ~ Tarkan Green**  
**1/2 Shadbolt ~ Mia Florrimell**  
**3/4 Hickey ~ Felicity Collyer**  
**3/4 Pirotta/Burton ~ Ebony Eastwood**  
**5/6 Steele ~ Destiny Rastrick**  
**5/6 Mohummadally ~ Charney Cassar**  
**5/6 Stone/Goodes ~ Corey Randall**  
**5/6 Price ~ Logon Ong**

### CANTEEN

3 Party Sausage Rolls  
Mini Muffin  
Glee Can

\$5.00



## FORWARD PLANNING

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

- Book Fair Open ~ Library 3.00pm – 4.30pm

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

- NAPLAN Testing

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

- Foundation information evening ~ 6.30pm

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 7 Placement applications ~ due

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- Walk Safely to School Day

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

## NAPLAN

The National Naplan tests for 2016 will be conducted on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> (Writing / Language Conventions), Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> (Reading) and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> (Numeracy) of May. Friday will be our makeup day for any students absent on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Makeup tests may also be conducted on the Wednesday and Thursday for students absent on the day prior.

Teachers of Year 3 and 5 students have been preparing our students for these tests. Students are encouraged to read each question carefully and think about what the question is asking them, use all the information provided e.g. diagrams, maps graphs etc and to move on to the next question if they get stuck. They can always come back to it if there is time at the end.

If you have any concerns about your child taking part in these tests please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

## ERIC CARLE IN THE ART ROOM



Eric Carle's picture story books such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* have been around since I was a student in primary school. That's a long time ago, and yet their appeal has never left me. Despite their simplicity, I haven't grown out of them yet. In fact, I brought these treasures into the art room and together with students in years 3 and 4, we had a good look at the illustrations of this classic author. We started our journey of texture exploration, unashamedly imitating his style. Last week we began with a 'colour-wash and splash' and this week we are creating a 'scratchy grassy texture'. Next week we plan to create translucent wings and textured insect bodies which will eventually feature in our completed composition. We still have plenty of work before we complete this task, but it was great to observe how engaged students were in this project and the amazing results they were achieving... as their teacher, I couldn't be more proud.

Here's what some students said:

"I used all of the colours to make it like grass, and I used the end of the paintbrush to scratch." **Jack**

"I really liked the technique we used." **Caitlyn**

"...I learnt how to scratch with the end of the paint brush. It was really fun mixing the paint together. I wish we can do this again. Thank you Miss Havran." **Jemma**

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April we had House Cross Country. Everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves. For Cross Country we ran three laps around our school and two laps of the high school oval. Everyone won in their own way. The following students came first in their age group:

10 year old girls – Erin Shrubshall  
10 year old boys – Jamal Henwood  
11 year old girls – Erica Koci  
11 year old boys – Tyler Keys  
12 year old girls – Paige Chapman  
12 year old boys – Jamon Angelides

The top four place getters in each age group will go to MacPherson Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Good luck to all.

By Erin Shrubshall and Amber Abbey



## M.P.S.S.A. CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Melton District Cross Country on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

A big field of almost 50 runners in each age group faced the starter on a cold, windy autumn morning at McPherson Park. All competitors from Kurunjang participated to the best of their ability achieving some great results on the day.

Most students came across the finish, doubled over and gasping for air into their oxygen depleted bodies.

### BEST RESULTS

10yrs Boys – Jamal Henwood 6<sup>th</sup>  
Cooper Martin Parker 11<sup>th</sup>  
11yrs Boys – Tyler Keys 3<sup>rd</sup>  
12yrs Boys – Jamon Angelides 15<sup>th</sup>  
12yrs Girls – Paige Chapman 10<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Tyler Keys and Jamal Henwood for making the Melton District Cross Country team.

A huge thank you to the many parents who came along to support our competitors.

Helen Craig ~ Sports Coordinator



## 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.

13<sup>th</sup> May ~ Sea Creatures  
Visiting Artist



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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## PSW NEWS

The Primary School Wear store in Deer Park will be closed on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June for stocktake. We apologise for any inconvenience.



## 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

## 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>	Spray painting Silent ball	Go fish Heads down thumbs up	Puppet show Simon says	Loom bands Grandma's undies	Shaving cream painting silent ball
<b>After Care Activities</b>	Finger painting Gaga ball	Build a dinosaur jump the creek	making play dough basketball skilled	drawing comp line tiggly	x factor dodgeball

**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.

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**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.



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5pm 3-7yrs

6pm Primary Kids

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