



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 12th May, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We hope that all the mothers and carers of our Kurunjang children enjoyed their day last Sunday. For all those who received a gift bought at school at the PFA's Mother's day stall, we hope you enjoyed the gift that your child/ren selected especially for you. It was a very successful fundraising event for the PFA, but it also proves to be such a great opportunity for the children to take responsibility and independence in thinking about Mum and taking pride in choosing a gift which they believe mum will love. The year 1/2 teachers were very pleased to have had so many mums able to attend the Mothers Pampering Session. The children were so excited to be able to read a story, apply makeup or nail polish to, or play a game with their special visitor. I was also privileged to be pampered!

The members of the PFA and other parents who assisted with the 2 days of the Mother's Day stall commented on the responsible behaviour and well mannered children when attending the stall with their class. We thank all the parents for their hard work and volunteering their time. It is appropriate that the mother's day stall preceded National Volunteers week this week. It is noted that research has shown that volunteering has shown to improve the quality of life. Doing something valuable can increase confidence and self worth for the volunteer as well as providing invaluable service to others. A very big thank you to all Kurunjang's volunteers. We really appreciate all your work to assist the school.

Tonight is the information session for the parents of prospective 2017 Foundation (Prep) students. We have had a number of parents already booked in to attend but if you haven't or you know of friends or family who will be looking to enrol a foundation student next year, please feel free to come along tonight in the Personal Learning Studio (adjacent to the gym) at 6.30-7.30pm. If you are available, please come for a tour of the school next Thursday, 19th May at 12.00pm.

Even if you don't have a child in year 3, 5, 7 or 9, I am sure you would still be very much aware that this week has been NAPLAN week for the one million students in these 4 year levels in the 9 ½ thousand schools across the nation with the administering of the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. Discussion /debate about NAPLAN has occurred in all elements of media, regarding the benefits of the information it provides to parents, schools and government, with regard raw score versus the measure of growth every 2 years. Whatever may be your personal opinion of the testing, we remind all parents that it is only one measure of your child's learning. No one wishes it to cause the children anxiety or distress and we welcome the support of parents in promoting this message with their children as we do. Results of the testing will be available in August.

I spoke to the students and attending parents at Monday morning assembly this week regarding the issue of car parking and safety at Kurunjang Primary School. As our enrolments have increased so too has the number of staff employed at Kurunjang requiring school council plans to make additional parking spots behind the dumpster at the west side of the car park. We are concerned with the number of pedestrians who access the school yard through the car

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park with the additional vehicles including a few parents who in spite of repeated requests not to access the car park continue to do so. As a result from next week we will be locking the staff car park at the end of the day. All pedestrian gates will be open for entry to and exit from the school. We thank the vast majority of parents who in spite of the frustration of all schools in having limited parking in the surrounding streets, observe the parking signs in the street and staff car park for the safety of all.

~ 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 ~ Connor Stevens
Foundation Edward/Munoz ~ Amber McCulloch
1/2 Mel/Kim ~ Naomi Deng
1/2 Adriana ~ Claire Couwenberg
1/2 Woolley ~ Lachlan McKenna
1/2 Havers ~ Savannah Gillett
1/2 Shadbolt ~ Bryce Farrugia
3/4 Pirota/Burton ~ Kaylah Pereira-Arthur
3/4 D'Elia ~ Rhylee Arthur
3/4 Oliver ~ Piva Leota
3/4 Micallef ~ Erin Davies
5/6 Steele ~ Grace Cashmore
5/6 Mohummadally ~ Violet Hansford
5/6 Stone/Goodes ~ Kanwal Thathgarh

FORWARD PLANNING

Thursday 12th May

- Foundation information evening ~ 6.30pm

Friday 13th May

- **Year 7 Placement applications ~ due**

Monday 16th May

- PFA Meeting ~ After Assembly

Friday 20th May

- Walk Safely to School Day

Tuesday 14th June

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

Friday 24th June

- Premier's Reading Challenge ~ Forms Due
- **LAST DAY TERM 2 ~ 2.10pm DISMISSAL**

Tuesday 30th August

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



A note regarding this year's Premier's Reading Challenge went home this week with the eldest child in each family. If you would like your child's name to appear on the 'roll of honour' in the newspaper, please return the signed slip on the notice that was sent home to your eldest child's classroom teacher

LAMONT BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER PURCHASES

Thank you to all Students and Staff who participated in the Lamont Book Fair fundraiser. We raised over \$600.00 and have purchased a selection of popular books that were on sale. Students will be able to borrow them in the coming weeks.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2016

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too. So that's why this year KPS are participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 20 May 2016.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

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.

20th May ~ Insects

Personal Learning Studio 9-10am



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 16th May. 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, or you can purchase online at: www.entbook.com.au/19065d6

The book is available in hard copy or digital membership.

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!

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. 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.



Last Friday the Year 1/2s celebrated Mother's Day by inviting their Mums, Grandmothers and other important women in their lives to school for an afternoon of pampering and fun. Thank you so much to everyone who came along, we had so much fun and hope you did too!



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.



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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

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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: Nicole Mill; Year 1/2: Kim Mitchell; Year 3/4: Nitch Hickey; Year 5/6: Lucy Steele;
Specialists: Krystal Sauvarin

Leadership Team Members – Kim Mitchell: Curriculum/Pedagogy; Tom Goddard: Intervention;
Deb Munoz: Engagement/Inclusion

Assistant Principal – Barbara Wellard: Years 3-6; Wendy McCall: Foundation-2

Principal – Jenny Robinson

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