



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 23rd June, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last night, I attended the Instrumental music concert at Kurunjang Secondary College and enjoyed hearing all 12 items including the combined junior band members consisting of students from Kurunjang Primary and Melton Primary in conjunction with Kurunjang Secondary. The instrumental music group occurs every week for our students under the tutelage of our talented and inspiring performing arts teacher, Krystal Sauvarin and Fiona Morris from Kurunjang Secondary. I want to congratulate Violet Hansford, Jasminka Sutlar, Tea Ngamatu, Kanwai Thathgarh, Krystal Richardson-Zembekis, Ashleigh Davies, Gypsy Slifka, Ayden Macdougall, Poth Machar and Leana Murray for their dedication and hard work in learning an instrument and their polished performance at the concert. They, and their parents have every reason to be very proud of their efforts.

For all who have had the experience of building a house, you will remember the time of handover. Certainly we would love if building a house took the time of the establishment of our relocatable. Handover occurred on Monday with representation from ATCO and the Department of Education and a few things were identified for correction. These few things will be performed before the end of the holidays. At the beginning of term, before we move into the new relocatable, I will invite any interested parents/carers in to have a look at the learning space. We'll pick a day without rain!

As I have explained last week, the reports are coming home tomorrow. The staffs each week meet in teams to view the learning data of all students and the cohort. This forms the foundation of the following week's differentiated planning. As a staff we highlight the individual and group achievements. Irrespective of the starting level it is the growth that students make from their starting point which is vitally important. I had initially wanted to include some of the growth achievements; however there have been so many I couldn't do justice to all who have increased 3, 4, 5

reading levels, increased their sight words by 20, 50, 90, making 12 months growth in 6 months, reducing the number of days absent from school; the list goes on. We value your interest and support in your child/ren's achievement and your commitment to assisting at home by hearing reading, practising their spelling words, sharing in the levels of mathematics and increasing their vocabulary.

Tomorrow is an earlier dismissal due to it being the last day of Term 2. Instead of the usual time of 3.10, children will be dismissed at 2.10 and the lunch hour and last session of the day have been adjusted accordingly. Please ensure that your child/ren are aware of your arrangements for pick up or getting home.

At 1.55 there will be an assembly over the Address System into the individual classrooms. You are most welcome to join your child in their classroom to listen to the address and summary of the Term's events and achievements.

You may remember from your own schooling when there were three terms rather than the current four, each averaging 13 weeks in duration (maximum 15 weeks). With four terms the average is 10 weeks, (maximum 11). Due to an 8 week first term, this term has been 11 weeks and many of the children, particularly the youngest, are showing signs of being tired. There has been much illness, both with students and staff, particularly with respiratory and gastric illness. We hope that all enjoy their break and opportunity perhaps to spend quality time with family and friends.

We look forward to everyone's safe and rested return on Monday 11th July.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Jenny".

~ Learning Together ~

FORWARD PLANNING

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

PFA NEWS

PFA Fundraiser - Coming in Term 3 The 5 cent challenge is coming in August, so start collecting your 5 cent pieces now!

More details to follow



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.

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.

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

MUSIC PROGRAM

The students in the Instrumental Music Program had a combined rehearsal with students from Kurunjang Secondary College and Melton Primary School. There are practising for a performance at Kurunjang Secondary College



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.

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

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup – Language Experience Book Program visits the Library and Fire Station.

Last week families visited the Melton Library for story time where children enjoyed stories and songs and they had the opportunity to explore the library and borrow books. Families also visited the Melton Fire Station where they learnt about fire safety and had a chance to get into the fire truck and use the fire hose.

This term we have also had Princess Eden visit for music, dance and song time learning rhymes and information about animals which has been our theme for the

term. Please call Kathleen McInnes for enquiries about playgroup on 9743-0633.



The Learning and Playing Together Playgroup – Language Experience Book Program acknowledges the support of The R E Ross Trust.





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