



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 20th October, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week we received the results of the Parent Opinion Survey which was conducted in July. 74 families (15% of our family population) were randomly computer selected for participation in the confidential survey with the Department of Education. Unfortunately only 46 of the 74 families responded but I would once again like to thank these families for providing us with their opinion about school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The greatest increases over the past 3 years occurred in the areas of Transitions and Extra-Curricular activities. I have included the comparison of Kurunjang Primary school parent opinion with like schools in Victoria. The survey will be presented in its entirety at the November meeting of the school council. If anyone else would like to read the parent opinion survey in its entirety please enquire at the office.

The results of both the Parent Opinion, and the year 5/6 Attitudes to School surveys were analysed by the staff at our meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday night. We genuinely value the data from both surveys and use it to determine our priorities for ongoing improvement in line with our school strategic plan.

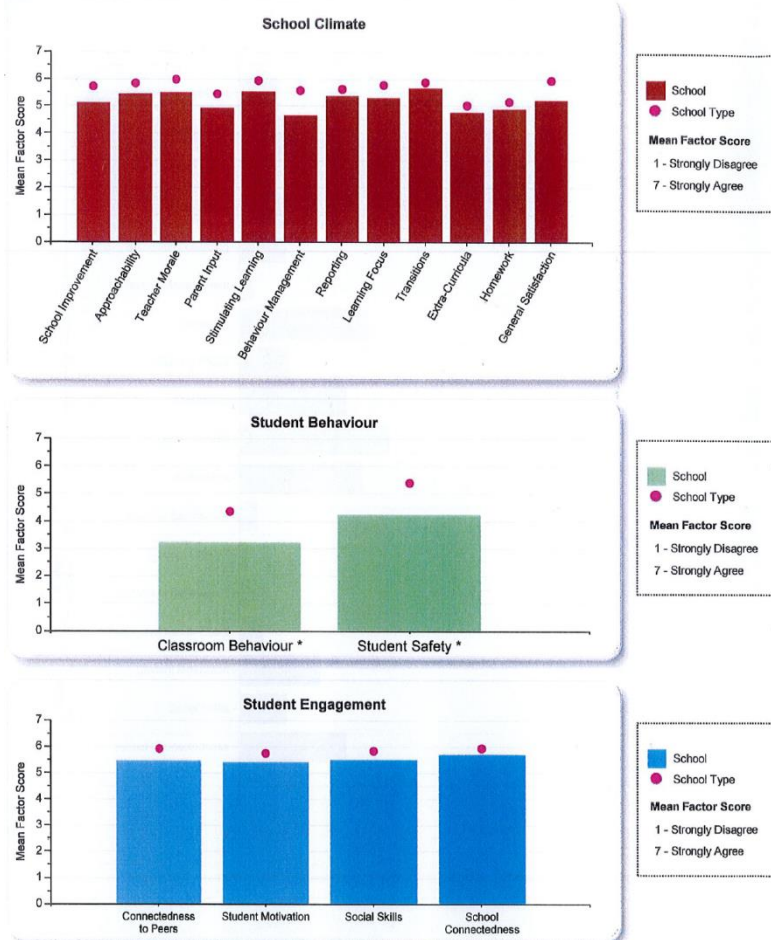
One section of the parent opinion survey is available for written and anonymous comment which we receive in the results forwarded by the Department. Comments are not compulsory and there were only 18 comments from the 46 respondents but concerns received were in relation to homework, difference in the experiences of students with their siblings, reporting, behaviour management, inconsistencies in the wearing of school uniform, uniform shop, student of the week awards, lack of parking, the multi-age classes, school name signage, and school grounds. Favourable comments were made with regard to education, support, behaviour management, taking action, teacher's work and the work of the PFA.

Tonight is the Year 3-6 concert at Kurunjang Secondary College at 6.00pm in the Secondary College Gymnasium. Unfortunately our gym would not be able to accommodate the number of students and parents in years 3-6. The concert was borne of parent request in 2015 to include a concert for the older students as well as the younger F-2. The theme is "Rock of Ages" and we guarantee a very enjoyable evening seeing the different rock performances. Thank you to Miss Emily Oliver, Miss Krystal Sauvarin and the staff and students of years 3-6 for all their preparation for the evening.

~ Learning Together ~

Parent Opinion Survey – Mean Factor Scores – 2016 - Kurunjang Primary School (5256)

School means plotted against Primary School means



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 ~ Marlia Bice
- Foundation Edward/Munoz ~ Savannah Swift
- 1/2 Mel/Kim ~ Georgia Spyrou
- 1/2 Havers ~ Savannah Gillett
- 1/2 Ransome ~ Frances Lavelua
- 3/4 Hickey ~ Caleb Whiting
- 3/4 D'Elia ~ Georgia Ullrich

FORWARD PLANNING

Friday 21st October

- Book Club ~ Orders Due

Tuesday 25th October

- PFA Hot Dog Day

Wednesday 26th October

- Written parent requests for 2017 Due

Friday 28th October

- Year 5/6 Coach Approach ~ Payment Due

Saturday 5th November

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

Tuesday 8th November

- Year 5/6 Coach Approach

Wednesday 16th November

- Foundation 2017 ~ Spot Day

Friday 18th November

- School Mini Fete ~ 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 24th November

- Foundation 2017 ~ Specialist's Day

Tuesday 29th November

- Foundation 2017 ~ Teddy Bear Day

Tuesday 6th December

- Foundation & Year 6-7 Statewide Orientation Day

Tuesday 13th December

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Thursday 15th December

- Step-Up-Day

Tuesday 20th December

- LAST DAY TERM 4



BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 will need to be returned by tomorrow Friday the 21st of October for processing. **Online orders will close on this date for delivery at school.** Please make sure all orders have the child's name, grade and correct money placed in a sealed envelope/bag.



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.

PFA MINI FETE 18th NOVEMBER

Any families wishing to hold a stall at this year's fete please contact Susan Butt on 0477 500 848 or leave your details at the office.

HOT DOG DAY

The PFA Hot Dog day for Term 4 will be held on Tuesday 25th October. Notes were sent home this week of.



PLEASE NOTE: THE CANTEEN WILL ONLY BE OPEN AT RECESS NOT FOR LUNCH SALES ON THIS DAY

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

2017 ARE NOW OPEN



Parents who would like their child/children to attend Foundation grade at Kurunjang Primary School in 2017 are invited to enrol their children at the office. To be eligible to enrol for Foundation grade in 2017 your child must turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2017. You must provide proof of your

child's age by presenting a birth certificate. For students who were born overseas you must present their passport and visa details. Immunisation certificates are also required and may be posted to you on request by calling 1800 653 809. As the immunisation and birth certificates may take a little time to arrive we suggest you get organised early and phone for your certificate now.

Please contact the school office on 9743 0633 if you would like to arrange a tour of our school.

SCHOOL LEAVERS & ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Any parents who have children that will not be returning to Kurunjang Primary School in 2017 are requested to let the school know as soon as possible. If you know of families moving to our school in 2017, who have not as yet been to the school to enrol, we would greatly appreciate it, if you could ask your friends to do so. We also ask any parents who have not enrolled their child in Foundation for 2017, to do so as soon as possible. Immediate action on this matter will ensure that we have adequate facilities and resources available for the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Please fill in and return to the school office as soon as possible:

STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING IN 2017

I would like to notify Kurunjang P.S. that my CHILD/REN

NAME/S: _____

GRADE/S _____

Will not be attending Kurunjang P.S. in 2017

NAME OF SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2017:

Parent/guardian

Signature: _____

MONDAY'S PLAYGROUP

Melton City Council will be running a free playgroup at KPS on Monday's during school terms from 9.00am-11.00am. If you are interested in attending please contact the Playgroups Team – playgroups@melton.vic.gov.au or phone: 9747 7200

WEDNESDAY'S MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP AT KPS

Children 0-5 years are offered the opportunity to join Playgroup with VICSEG on Wednesday mornings.

New members welcome to join Wednesday's Playgroup.

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.



Friday 28th October ~ Bring a bike to playgroup day.



For further information on Friday's playgroup please contact Kathleen McInnes on 9743 0633.

KURUNJANG PRIMARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2017 TRANSITION ACTIVITY DAYS

Day 1 SPOT DAY

Wednesday 16th November 2016
9.30am -11.00am

We ask that the children wear or bring something **SPOTTY** with them to school.



Day 2 SPECIALIST'S DAY

Thursday 24th November 2016
9.30am-11.00am

Children will be able to experience classes in Music, Art and Phys Ed.



Day 3 TEDDY BEAR DAY

Tuesday 29th November 2016
9.30am – 11.00am

We ask that the children bring their favourite **TEDDY** with them.



Day 4 ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 6th December 2016
9.30am - 11.00am

Children will work in the Prep classroom and will be informed of their 2017 classrooms.

All children are to attend **ALL sessions**. Parents are **not required** to stay with their child, but need to attend one of the information sessions on either - Wednesday 16th November, Thursday 24th November.

Please notify the school office which information session you will be attending.

CANTEEN



Hot Dog
Juice
Mini Muffin
\$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 10, in the main building.

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 Program

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.

MELTON GIRL GUIDES MINI STEER NORTH 10KM BIKE RIDE

- Sunday 23rd October, 2016
- McPherson Park Criterium Track, Coburns Road, Melton West.
- Registration from 10:30 am, ride commencing at 11:00 am

Amy from Melton Girl Guides is organising a charity event to raise money to sponsor a day on the great Steer North bike ride from Melbourne to Cairns. Steer North are a health promotions charity embarking on Australia's longest bike ride for charity, from Melbourne to Cairns in 42 days. The first fifty entries on the day will receive a water bottle thanks to Western Water as well as being eligible for other prizes from The Angry Butcher and The Waterproofers. Fruit and water are also being donated from Woolworths.

If you would like to join in the fun and help raise some money for a great cause, download the entry form from <http://bit.ly/2cNijKa>

Entry is \$10 per entrant. For more information on Steer North, visit www.steernorth.org.au

PBS: Matrix Focus Week 4

Playground Equipment and Sandpits	
Respect	Include others.
Empathy	Play fairly.
Resilience	Co-operate with people's ideas.
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Responsibility	Share the equipment and space. Keep everyone safe.
Effort	Make an effort to always have fun. Join yourself in.



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