



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 27th October, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Thursday was the spectacular performance of all year 3/4 and 5/6 students in the Rock of Ages concert. The idea of holding the concert in the Gym at Kurunjang Secondary College was certainly a winner considering the number of family members who attended to see the children perform. The surprise staff flash mob at the end also appeared to prove a winner and we noticed the number of phones filming the event in addition to their own children's performances. We thank everyone who supported their children in arranging costumes and for attending on the night. A total of \$535.70 was raised on the night. Thank you to all the year 3-6 staff for preparing the rock music over the decades, for the staff who helped behind the scenes and for all, for the snatching of times over weeks in practising the flash mob moves. Thank you to Emily Oliver whose vision and coaching brought the idea to fruition.

On Friday the members of Leadership met as our design team with Senior Education Improvement leader Anne Fox and the newly appointed Kurunjang Secondary College Principal, John Mitsinikos to review our first year of the school's 4 year strategic plan and the 2016 Annual Implementation plan. Review of our targets have identified the goals for our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan which will be drafted this term for presentation to school council at our first meeting in 2017.

Last week at Monday morning assembly I was pleased to present the 7 students who had made the regional finals in athletics under the training of Helen Craig. 2 of the students, Elijah Galu and Destiny Rastrick had been successful in winning gold and silver respectively, both in shotput. Unfortunately Elijah was unable to attend the Victorian State championships but Destiny won silver in shot put and we congratulate her for her high achievement.

As advertised weekly in the newsletter, yesterday was the closing date for receiving written requests from parents regarding aspects which will assist us in determining classes for 2017. In past years the academic, social and behavioural information of every student was manually recorded onto class lists. The names of 5 children whom they believe would be positive working peers were also included as well as any other information which will assist in the formulation of classes. Each year it is a process which takes many weeks and repeated cross referencing to ensure as many requests will be accommodated as possible. This year the process will shortly commence but with the aid of an electronic program called Class Creator. The same information is included as in past years but instead of the physical moving of the strips of names for cross referencing, the program moves them and then alerts us to any difficulties. Staffing for 2017 is not assigned until later in the process following possible transfers and promotions either within the school or to other schools. I remind parents and Carers that the class and teacher will be forwarded on Step Up Day on Thursday 15th December.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Please look out on the newsletter list of events for other important dates between now and the end of the year. The end of year will be upon us before we know it.

~ Learning Together ~

FORWARD PLANNING

Saturday 5th November

- Djerriwarrh Festival Parade

Tuesday 1st November

- Public Holiday ~ Melbourne Cup Day

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 Decemeber

- LAST DAY TERM 4



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.

- 1/2 Mel/Kim ~ Luke Downes
- 1/2 Adriana ~ Raymond Cabigao
- 1/2 Adriana ~ Olivia Melnyk
- 1/2 Havers ~ Chelsea Saliba
- 1/2 Shadbolt ~ Ruby Keene
- 3/4 Hickey ~ Hazlee Whakataka
- 3/4 D'Elia ~ Jonathan Dacunha
- 3/4 D'Elia ~ Danial Batey
- 3/4 Micallef ~ Brodie Evans



**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: _____



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.



**OCTOBER WALK TO
SCHOOL MONTH**

Thank you to every student who has taken part in Walk to School Month 2016 this October by making an effort to walk, ride or scoot to school.

By participating, students are joining many registered schools and tens of thousands of students across Victoria who are also walking to and from school throughout October. It is great to see everyone being so active!

As well as gaining all the benefits from walking, here's a reminder of some of the great things that have been happening and will soon be happening.

Weekly Prizes

Each week students have had the chance to win a classroom prize simply by walking to school. Prizes include stickers, water bottles, slap bands, highlighters and pencils.

Walk to School Participation Certificate

There are loads of student incentives for this initiative, including a participation certificate awarded in November for those students who have taken part in the program this October not to mention the health benefits.

Bikes

Simply by walking to school you are increasing your chances of winning a bike and helmet at the end of the month!

**THE END OF WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH
CELEBRATION EVENT**

Fresh Fruit Friday

The end of Walk to School Month is nearing and so is Fresh Fruit Friday. This Friday morning every grade will be provided with fresh fruit from The Fruits of Life thanks to funding provided by the Melton City Council. Any student who walks, scoots or rides to school on Friday morning will be provided with fresh fruit to enjoy.

A Big Thank You to Melton City Council

We are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate in Fresh Fruit Friday, which will promote healthy eating, walking to school and active transport for students and families.

There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to chat
- connect with other families and friends on your way to school, and share the journey
- part way is ok – if you live a long distance from school or have limited time, drive part of the way to school and walk the rest,
- mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that's great too!

Hopefully October Walk to School month has kick started some healthy walking habits for all of us!

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.

CANTEEN

- Hot Dog
- Juice
- Mini Muffin
- \$5.00



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 4th November ~ Excursion
Train to Maddingly Park



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

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

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before Care Activities	Melbourne cup trophy Melbourne cup races	Public holiday	Finger puppets Who am i	Scratch art Hangman	Shaving cream painting Wink murder
After Care Activities	Halloween party Halloween scavenger hunt	Public holiday	3D Ice cream cones Gaga Ball	Marble painting Octopus tag	Rainbow slime Jump the creek

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.

LOST LIBRARY BOOKS



We have a large number of overdue 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

KURUNJANG PRIMARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2017 TRANSITION ACTIVITY DAYS

Day 1 SPOT DAY

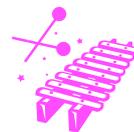
Wednesday 16th November 2016
9.30am -11.00am



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.

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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