



# NEWSLETTER

## 40 - 2016

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week has been a week of milestones with Year 6 graduation at Galli Restaurant on Tuesday night and Foundation graduation this afternoon in the Personal Learning Studio. I spoke about milestones at the year 6 graduation; a word which figuratively expresses either a change in our development such as learning to walk and talk, the achievement of a something significant, such as graduating from Primary School, or commencing a new chapter in our lives such as going off to secondary school. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers and family/friends attend either of the graduation ceremonies to celebrate their child's very important milestone. I hope you enjoyed viewing the Foundation portfolios of their year's work, or sharing in the year's achievements of the year 6s. I must congratulate the year 6s for their very tasteful and appropriate dress, and their very respectful and polite behaviour at Galli Restaurant. Thank you very much to the respective Foundation teachers co-ordinated by Nicole Mill; and Year 5/6 teachers co-ordinated by Alyena Mohummadally, for their efficient and detailed efforts in the planning and preparation for both occasions. There is much behind the scenes preparation for these events.

Today also, was Step Up day in preparation for 2017. Your child/ren received the building/room number and notification of their teacher for next year. As previously discussed every effort has been made to fulfill all written requests but we regret that in some cases this has not been possible when factoring all of the aspects for creating classes. Below is a list of all staff at Kurunjang Primary School for 2017. (Please note, Staff who do not have a title preceding their name will be known by their first name.)

Foundation – Mrs Nicole Mill, Ms Shantelle Hall, Mrs Susan Edward/Mrs Mel Sands, Mrs Melanie Price,

Year 1/2 – Mrs Lisa Condon, Mrs Lidia Woolley/Ms Alicia Goodes, Ms Toni Havers, Mr Glen Ransome, Mrs Angella Templeton, Still to be appointed.

Year 3/4 – Mr Rob D'Elia, Ms Natalie Micallef, Ms Emily Oliver, Ms Stephanie Gilmour, Ms Fiona Hayden

Year 5/6 – Ms Lucy Steele, Mr Craig Price, Mr Nitch Hickey, Ms Jessica Roso, Ms Roisin McGettigan

Specialists – Ms Adriana Velencei (Performing Arts), Mrs Helen Craig (P.E. year 1/2 and 5/6), Ms Skye Cook (P.E. Year Foundation and 3/4) Mrs Ana Havran (art) Ms Christine Butcher (support programs), Mrs Cathy Burton (English as an Additional Language),

Education Support Staff – Mrs Kathleen McInnes, Mrs Mary Bayley, Mrs Rosemary Donald, Mrs Kim Hodge, Mrs Sue Leahy, Mrs Corrie Maitland, Mrs Melissa Mourkakos, Mrs Leonie Perry, Mrs Ann Stewart, Mrs Kathy Stewart, Mrs Karen Stretton, Mrs Michelle Tickner

Office, Resource and Technical Support – Mrs Susan Carpenter (Business Manager), Mrs Vee-arnie Howson (Reception/Administration) Mrs Stacey Williams (Administration Assistant/First Aid), Mrs Lynne Notman (Library), Mr David Groom and Mr John Glossop (I.C.T)

Leadership – Mrs Jenny Robinson (Principal) – Mrs Barbara Wellard (Assistant Principal 3-6) Mrs Wendy McCall (Acting Assistant Principal F-2),

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Mrs Kim Mitchell (Leading Teacher- Curriculum and Pedagogy), Ms Deb Munoz (Leading Teacher- Engagement and Inclusion), Mr Tom Goddard (Leading Teacher- Intervention and Supported Learning). Tom will be Acting Assistant Principal (Years 3-6) during first term 2017 as Barbara will be taking Long Service leave for the term.

We are fare-welling teaching staff Mrs Michelle Visser and Ms Megan Shadbolt who are transferring to Melton South Primary School, Ms Alyena Mohummadally who is transferring to Moonee Ponds West Primary School and Ms Krystal Sauvarin who is transferring to Kororoit Creek Primary School. We thank each for their individual and collective contributions to Kurunjang Primary School. They will be sorely missed, not only by the staff, but I know also by many of you who have expressed verbally or in written requests for next year, how valued you consider their teaching and programs.

As discussed previously with regard the organization of classes for subsequent years, changes to staffing as above can occur very late in the year. Although every effort is to finalise staffing prior to Step Up day, there is always the risk that late changes will affect the plan. This is what has occurred this week and hence we have a class for whom a teacher will need to be appointed. Through the recruitment process we will appoint the best applicant for the position but this will not be known prior to the end of the school year next Tuesday. We thank you for your understanding in this situation.

8 staff will be working part-time in 2016 and Mrs Eva Pirota is taking 12 months leave. We also welcome 8 new staff to the school - Mrs Melinda Price, Mrs Lisa Condon, Ms Estelle Van Sittert, Mrs Angella Templeton, Ms Fiona Hayden, Ms Stephanie Gilmour, Ms Roisin McGettigan and Ms Jessica Roso, who are currently teaching in Wyndham, Derrimut, Melton, and as far as Ballarat, Narre Warren South and London, England.

We look forward to a very productive year for all classes F-6 in 2017. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support of your children's learning and the school and value the continued partnership for your children's education.

Please remember that the last day of school next Tuesday has an early dismissal time. Unless the forecast weather prevents it, our end of year assembly will be held on the turf area adjacent to the school oval commencing at 12.15pm. The children will be dismissed directly from the assembly at 12.30pm. We look forward to having as many parents who are able, to join us, in our farewell to staff and to celebrate the achievements of the year.

On behalf of all the staff at Kurunjang Primary School, I wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas holiday period.

~ Learning Together ~

## FORWARD PLANNING

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Decemeber

- Whole School Assembly ~ 12.15pm on the turf
- LAST DAY TERM 4 ~ 12.30pm DISMISSAL

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

- FIRST DAY TERM 1 ~ Year 1-6

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

- Foundation Students commence full time

## 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](mailto: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.

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



## SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

We are asking all students, parents and carers to please have a look around the home over the holidays for any library books that have been borrowed from the library this year? All books should be returned to the library early next year.

Thank you ~ Lynne Notman

## PFA NEWS



If you would like to assist the PFA in any way please leave your details at the office or contact the school office.

## 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
<b>Before Care Activities</b>	elf yourself Who am I	Xmas popstick reindeer silent ball	School holidays	School holidays	School holidays
<b>After Care Activities</b>	Christmas angel tunnel ball	Christmas party	School holidays	School holidays	School holidays

**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.

## CANTEEN NEWS



Due to early dismissal on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December the canteen will not be taking lunch orders. However it will be open for over the counter sales at recess.

**The canteen will be operating as normal on the first day of Term 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.**

Thank you ~ Lisa

## 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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### DanceSport Classes

#### Monday

5.30pm 4-8yrs  
6pm 9-12yrs

#### Friday

4.30pm 1-3yrs  
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