



# NEWSLETTER

## 9 - 2016

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2. We are thankful that our families and staff returned following a safe and enjoyable school holiday. We congratulate Miss Nicole Mill (Foundation team leader) following her wedding over the holidays and wish Nicole and partner Chris, the very best for the future. We also welcome the following visitors to Kurunjang Primary School, who are undertaking study and qualifications in education; pre-service teachers Mr Michael Cook, Mr Jordan Andrews and Mr Chris Wilkoivski and trainee education support staff Michelle Tickner and Cassandra Firth.

There were a number of trade works within the school during the holidays; some of which you may have noticed and others which are not seen. A welcome sign and school logo has been installed at the entrance of the main building. The remaining windows and doors of the learning hub were tinted. One classroom in the main building will be tinted this weekend. The Buildings and Grounds committee of school council are considering the systematic tinting of all classroom windows as a more aesthetic and practical preference to the replacement of blinds which deteriorate/break over the years. Extensive cabling occurred and the security door monitors were updated and increased to include a monitor in the OSH Club (room 10) which will allow easier access through the front security door, for all our families whose children attend before and/or after school care. This will be particularly advantageous as we head into the dark winter evenings. Data points and WAPS were installed in the relocatable buildings for the use of Ipads and Apple TVs in year 5/6. Foundation Mill and Foundation Hall received their new furniture (tables /chairs and locker (tub) bays) as had Foundation Visser and Foundation Edward/Munoz last term. Every classroom has been allocated a numeracy shelf, specifically for the organisation and availability of maths resources for the children.

I would like to congratulate all families who ensured that their child/ren attended school every day in term 1 unless ill or as a result of an unavoidable situation. We cannot emphasise enough the effect that high absenteeism has on a child's learning. Although all year levels have the majority of students attending over 90% of the time, 38% of students across all levels - foundation to year 6, are significantly at risk with attendance below 80%; the lowest to date being 37%. It is our aim that all students do not miss more than 5 days of the 200 school days in any year.

May I please remind you that although smoking was banned in the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister of Education in 2009, as of last year, it is a legislative requirement that Government and non-government schools display 'No Smoking' signs at all entrances to school premises and smoking is banned within four metres of all entrances to all primary and secondary schools, as well as within the school grounds. Although not legislation, as a matter of courtesy we request that distance is also given to the narrowing access areas to the school such as between the parked cars and the school fence at the front of the school.

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Advertising for enrolment of students in Prep and Year 7 is currently underway within the Melton Network of schools. Please alert families you may know who have pre-school or year 6 students this year to take the opportunity to visit their neighbourhood school for next year. Kurunjang Primary School will be holding an information evening for families of 2017 Foundation students in May. More details to follow. Please note details this week of Melton Christian College's information session, for any family considering the school for their children's secondary schooling. I will continue to alert you to other advertised information evenings as they become available.

  
~ 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 Mill ~ Zahlia Whakataka  
Foundation Hall ~ Olivia Camilleri  
Foundation Edward/Munoz ~ Beauden Sierzputowski  
Foundation Visser ~ James Taylor  
1/2 Mel/Kim ~ Laya Gomez  
1/2 Havers ~ Nicholas Koci  
1/2 Woolley ~ Tyler Raciti  
1/2 Ransome ~ Makenzie Kostevc  
1/2 Shadbolt ~ Charlotte Slivka-Davies  
3/4 Hickey ~ Jayden Butterworth  
3/4 Oliver ~ Isabel Gomez  
3/4 Micallef ~ Keoni Brown  
5/6 Steele ~ The Whole Grade  
5/6 Mohummadally ~ Ainsley Skerman  
5/6 Price ~ Xavier Victuelles

### CANTEEN



Ham & Cheese Toasted  
Croissant  
Flavoured Milk  
\$5.00

## FORWARD PLANNING

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

- PFA Meeting ~ after assembly approx. 9.30am

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April ~ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- Year 5-6 Camp ~ Sunnystones

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

- Mother's Day Stall

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- Years 3-6 House Cross Country ~ 11.30 – 1.30
- Book Club Orders Due

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

- CURRICULUM DAY ~ Students not at school

## 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.

22<sup>nd</sup> April ~ Anzac Day

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.**

### WALK-A-THON

Our walkathon will be on Wednesday 27th April, a great day filled with fun, exercise and prizes.



**Please remember to return pledge sheets before the 19th April to be in the running to win a prize.**

### 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](mailto:susan_509@msn.com), or you can purchase online at: [www.entbook.com.au/19065d6](http://www.entbook.com.au/19065d6)

The book is available in hard copy or digital membership.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 3/4



In the 3/4 area students are participating in 3/4 sport on a Tuesday afternoon. In 3/4 Micallef we have been learning about basketball and team work. Everyone showed good sportsmanship and had fun!



## 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.

### 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 playground.

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 Activities:**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Before Care Activities</b>	Master-mind Bingo	Jigsaw puzzles grandma's undies	Marbles What's the time Mr Wolf?	Painting with nature Jenga	Create your own puppet Who am I
<b>After Care Activities</b>	Cotton tip painting Four corners	Block building Gaga ball	Drawing comp Jump the creek	Puppet show dodgeball	chess tournament around the world basketball

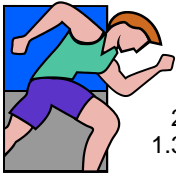
**Program Phone:** 0400 028 149

**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.

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.



## HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The Years 3-6 House Cross Country will be held at Kurunjang Primary School on Friday 22nd April from approximately 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and should wear appropriate footwear for the run. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Mrs Craig ~ Sports Coordinator

## BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING

At the end of term 1 some parents attended the St Johns Ambulance Australia Basic First Aid Training Opportunity offered at Kurunjang Primary School. We learnt about managing bites and stings, sprains and strains, sunburn, concussion and managing a situation until help arises:

DRSABCD - Action Plan:

- Where to start
- When and how to call 000
- How to manage a conscious or an unconscious person
- When and how to do Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- When and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)



## NEW SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS NOW AVAILABLE!

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

### **Mud Splat Handball Tag**



### **Outback Pat Bag**



For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!



## BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 3 will be handed out this week and will need to be returned by next Friday the 22nd of April 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.

## Sudanese Women & Children's Group



### Are you a Sudanese mother?

Come join our group for Sudanese mothers and their children living in the Melton municipality.

#### Where

Melton Library & Learning Hub -  
31 McKenzie Street,  
Melton

#### When

Every Tuesday  
9.30am to 12pm  
during school terms

#### For more information and bookings contact

VICSEG  
9747 5245  
Melton City Council  
9747 7267

#### The group offers the opportunity to:

- meet with the Maternal & Child Health Nurse
- come together to support each other and access supports through the South Sudanese Mentor
- have a chat and cup of tea or coffee with other mothers and people from the local community
- get information about women's health, parenting, healthy eating, raising children in Australia and other services and supports in Melton for mothers and their children.

## MELTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



Invites parents of current  
Grade Six children  
To Our

## YEAR 7 (2017) INFORMATION SESSION

In the College Gymnasium  
Tuesday May 3, 7pm

#### Come along and:

- Meet our Year 7 teaching team
- Hear from our College Principal; Mr David Gleeson, and meet him afterwards for coffee and dessert.
- Gain an insight into our Year 7 programs
- Learn about the move into secondary schooling
- Ask questions and better understand this important year of school for your child

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6pm 9-12yrs

### Friday

4.30pm 1-3yrs

5pm 3-7yrs

6pm Primary Kids

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