



## Principal's Note

Term 3 has been action packed with life returning to our 'normal' and students being able to enjoy incursions, excursions, and wonderful celebrations!

As I mentioned in my Compass post on Friday, it was wonderful to see so many dads visit us and get involved in our scavenger hunt. Dads and male role models play such an important part in a child's life, and I hope you were able to celebrate the important people in your life over the weekend.

Now that we are having visitors regularly in our school, I invite any parents and family members to attend our weekly Friday 2:45pm Assembly. You will be able to see what's happening for the week ahead, celebrate birthdays and the achievements of our students.

I encourage all parents to take note of the Upcoming Events and place any important dates in their calendar, particularly for our EEP parents, please note the last day of term for you.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break over the holidays and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3 October (and Thursday 6 for our Butterfly program).

Warm regards  
Lee Bullock  
*Principal*

## School closed

School will be closed on **Monday 31 October** for Pupil Free Day and **Tuesday 1 November** for the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. Enjoy your four-day weekend!



## Term Dates 2022

**Term 3:** Monday 11 July – Friday 16 September

**Term 4:** Monday 3 October – Tuesday 20 December

## Upcoming Events 2022

**Every Friday** – 2:15pm Assembly – Parents and Family Welcome

**Thursday 8 September** – R U OK? Day

**Friday 16 September** – Last day of Term 3 – 2pm finish

### TERM 4

**Thursday 27 October** – Primary Deaf Sports Day – Parents are welcome!

**Friday 28 October** – World Teacher's Day

**Monday 2 November** – School Closed for Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 1 November** – School Closed for Melbourne Cup

**Friday 11 November** – Remembrance Day

**Thursday 17 November** – School Music Concert @ 6:30pm

**Tuesday 6 December** – SSGs for school aged children

**Thursday 8 December** – SSG for Butterflies (4-year-old program)

**Tuesday 6 December** – Caterpillar Program final day for 2022

**Friday 9 December** – Butterfly Program Graduation and final day

**Tuesday 13 December** – Statewide Orientation Day – Year 6 students attend Secondary School

**Tuesday 13 December** – Graduation for Students going to Secondary School

**Friday 16 December** – End of year party with Santa!

## School closes early

As always, our last day of term, **Friday 16 September** will have a 2pm finish.





## Wear Yellow for R U OK? Day – Thursday, 8th September

R U OK? day is an important day which encourages us to have more conversations to check in with people to see how they're doing. It's about what we can all do to help our friends, classmates, and family to get through tough times.

Furlong Park students are encouraged to wear yellow on Thursday, 8th September to show support and raise awareness for this important cause. If students don't have yellow clothing, they can wear yellow accessories (for example a headband or ribbon) or their school uniform. Students will be involved in learning more about asking

'Are You OK' throughout Week 9, including following the four steps to starting a conversation:

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage Action
4. Check in

Parents are encouraged to visit the [website](#) for lots of excellent resources for their children and themselves, including a series of videos in [Auslan](#).

**R U OK? is about  
all of the people  
who can help  
someone**



**R U OK?™ at school**

## Building works are starting!

The \$10 million building works are about to get underway at our school! The entire building will be renovated, a new building will be built with 8 large classrooms and the old BER (Library, Room 8 & 9) will be removed from our site. The first stage of the project will be the refurbishment of our administration and Early Education Program (EEP). Our office will be relocated to the Aurora demountable next door to our current office, and the EEP classes will be relocated to Room 8 at the back of our school. We will have signs to direct you and we will keep the school community informed of changes via Compass.





## Primary Deaf Sports Day – Thursday, 27th October

It's back! We are very excited for all Furlong Park school aged children and our staff to be participating in the 2022 Primary Deaf Sports Day in term 4, on **Thursday 27th October** from 10am-2pm at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track in Doncaster.

Children of prep to Grade 2 age will participate in some fun tabloid activities and a 50m sprint, while children of Grade 3 to 6 age will compete in the following events:

- 100m sprint
- 200m sprint
- Vortex throw
- Long jump
- High jump

Children will need to bring their usual snacks, lunch and water bottle to school which will travel on the bus with us to the venue. At the track there are water fountains to enable water bottles to be refilled throughout the day.

Please note that the bus taking us to the event leaves at 9am sharp so any children being dropped off at school that morning will need to arrive at 8:45am please. The bus is not able to wait for late comers.

Parent consent will be required for children to attend, and we will do this electronically using the Compass app soon. If you need any support setting up or accessing the Compass app, please contact our office.

Families are welcome to attend on the day. The track is in George Street, Doncaster.



## Hearing Australia visits

Hearing Australia audiologists visit Furlong Park regularly throughout the year to provide a free service for our children. Children whose parent/carer have returned a consent form will participate in activities including otoscopic examination, maintenance of hearing devices, impression taking, troubleshooting of devices, etc.

The audiologist will be onsite Tuesday, **11 October** (accompanied by an Auslan interpreter).



## New staff in Term 3

This term we welcomed two new members to our team. Bridget has been supporting both Room 2 and 3 and Kayla has been busy in our Early Education Program as well as in our school.



*Bridget Bosaid*



*Kayla Sandoval*





## Welcome Joe the Scarecrow

Room 2 have been working hard to get our new scarecrow. We worked together and planned how to paint his face. We decided he has a blue hearing aid and a purple cochlear implant. After we painted it, we then left it to dry.

We had to cooperate when making a list of clothes he needed. We then voted on each piece of clothing and then had to pay for our clothes using money. Then we went and found Craig.

Craig told us all what we needed to do make our scarecrow look big, by putting in lots of straw. Craig even used a drill to put on his shiny hat.

When we had finished, we were very proud of our scarecrow. We decided his name would be Joe. Joe is in our school garden and has a bench which we can sit next to him on. Thank you very much to Craig for helping us create a fantastic scarecrow.







## Student leaders shine

In July, our student leaders were invited to present to over 70 adults who work for the Department of Education during their meeting where they were looking at how to improve schools. Our leaders talked about their journey from the Early Education Program, through primary school

and what they look forward to in Secondary School and beyond. Many of the audience members were brought to tears and the school continues to get comments of thanks for their participation.





## Book Week 2022

Week 7 was an enjoyable week filled with activities to celebrate Book Week. It was so fantastic to see students getting into the spirit and enjoying reading. This year's theme for book week was 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'.

Furlong Park 'Celebrity Readers' read some of this year's shortlisted books to students during their lunch break throughout the week.



On Tuesday, students and staff wore pyjamas to school to promote reading a book before bed each night.



Students participated in daily reading and book-related activities as part of Furlong Park's first 'Amazing Race' challenge to earn points for their class. Congratulations to Room 9 for winning the challenge, and to all students who took part! It was wonderful to see the amazing reading, book reviews and book cover designs that were completed.





Our first ever Book Swap was a great success! Students were excited to attend and find new books to add to their collection. Thanks to all who brought in their pre-loved books to be swapped.



Book Week ended with a fantastic assembly including a parade, where each class showed off their amazing Book Week costumes. It was great to see the kids having fun dressing up and sharing about their favourite characters.



# NEWS & EVENTS

## FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

### MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

MSO's Community Jam for Deaf and Hard of Hearing audiences is the perfect way to engage children and their families with live music.

Join Karen Kyriakou in this accessible and interactive workshop and play along with the MSO musicians!

Meet the musicians and their instruments as they perform Carnival of the Animals. This event will be Auslan interpreted.

## Tickets

and further information can be found [here](#)

