As a fully authorised Primary Years Programme School of the International Baccalaureate we support and uphold IB Attitudes and characteristics that we want students, staff and our community members to have and to further develop. To support the growth and development of our whole community who, recognizing their common humanity and shared responsibility help to create a better and more peaceful world, we will be sharing aspects of the IB Attitudes and Profile in each newsletter. In this newsletter we will be focusing on the dispositions of being Principled and Caring. I would encourage you to share these, not only with your children, but with our immediate and wider community as it is by our own example that our children will truly understand and develop these values.

Principled
We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Caring
We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

When speaking with your children or each other a very effective and simple way of enacting these is simply by not speaking ill of those who are not present. The old saying “sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me” is one we now know to be false and misleading and often displays itself as bullying and/or harassment.

By being both Principled and Caring we support the healthy physical and social growth of our children and ourselves. We build a strong community founded on respect and tolerance and engage positively between ourselves and others.

Please, take the time to talk to your children, and to each other about how we can best model these practices.

Uniform Donations
If you have any unwanted uniform that your child has outgrown or is no longer used it would be appreciated if you would donate it for use by children who require a change of clothing during the day. Wet weather, some muddy patches and children create the perfect recipe for clothing which needs to be changed!

Returning Borrowed Clothing
Likewise, if your child has changed into ‘emergency’ clothing at school please ensure that it is washed and returned ready for the next time it is needed.
Enrolments
Enrolments for 2017 are now almost at capacity. Please note that unless you are within the school neighbourhood boundary, or have a sibling at the school, enrolments will not be processed. If you have a younger brother or sister of a child attending the school and they will be starting school next year they need to be enrolled immediately.

School Review
We had the first day of our School Review last Monday which brought together a panel including the School Reviewer Peter Cole, Senior Education Leader Tony Simpson, our School Council President Nicole Oakley, challenge partners Susan Lee – Principal Seabrook Primary School and Rosa Marchionda – Principal Creekside P-9 College, Assistant Principals Hannah Newton, Bethany Saunders, Sarah Afiouni, Andrew Comley and Leading Teachers Blayne Wallis, Alan Noye, Lisa Cilia and myself as Principal.

Together, we worked throughout the day reflecting on the School’s Strategic Plan and the outcomes achieved over the past four years. Discussion not only centred on celebrating these achievements but also focused on areas we would like to improve and develop. As the team interrogated the data resulting from On-line, teacher judgements and NAPLAN testing as well as Parent, Staff and Student Opinion surveys the focus broadened from ‘where have we been’, to ‘where are we now’. The ‘Two Stars and a Wish’ survey was also tabled and brought a number of interesting comments from the whole school community including, of course, our children. Naturally, the next phase of the Review, which will be held Monday week will focus heavily on ‘where do we want to be in four years?’ and importantly ‘how will we get there’?

The result of the Review will be a report which will be published on the School’s website together with a Strategic Plan to guide the next four years of development across the school.

Curriculum Day
Monday, August 15th, is a student free curriculum day. These days enable staff across the school to work together on professional learning over an extended period of time in a collaborative cohesive way.

On Monday we are delighted to be hosting Kathy Short, Professor Language, Reading and Culture at the University of Arizona. Kathy is a highly acclaimed author and world renowned for her depth of knowledge on authentic inquiry which is crucial to the Primary Years Programme (IB). Kathy will be working with staff on inquiry in the context of internationalization and how this is best embedded within the PYP.

Attitude Hunt
Congratulations to all of our students last week who through their everyday actions whilst at school have demonstrated the PYP Attitudes. We appreciate your efforts!

Some of our award winners included:

Beth in H05, from Cuthbert House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Integrity when she handed in lost property.

Zara in H09, from Cuthbert House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Confidence when talking about worms in the yard to younger students.

Mia Rose in H24, from Batman House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Commitment when practising dance at lunch for PE class.
Angelina in H41, from Batman House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Cooperation and Empathy when she tied up the shoe laces of a Prep student.

Well done to all of our award winners.

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**Walk to School/Fun Hat Friday**

Fun Hat Friday was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who walked, rode or scooted to school. It was fantastic to see so many amazing hats around the streets and in the school yard. Here are some photos from today. We hope to see everyone continuing to walk, ride and scoot to school on a regular basis. A special thank you to the YMCA who did a lap of the school to contribute to walk to school day.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Natalie Bakai
Principal.

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**French Incursion – Beauty and the Beast**

On Wednesday 27 July, the Year Three and Four students attended a bilingual (French and English) puppet show at Kororoit Creek Primary School. The puppet show was a comedy remake of the well-known fairy tale, Beauty and the Beast. The interactive show allowed students to practise their French language skills outside of the classroom, through questioning and singing. Both cohorts showed great confidence in answering questions in French. Questions posed by the puppets used the high frequency words learned in class; some examples were “Comment ça va?” (“How are you?”) and “Etes-vous prêts?” (“Are you ready?”).

“I liked that it was funny and that it was in English and in French.” (Shayla H37)

“I liked the puppet show because you got to sing along and answer questions from the puppets.” (Taliyah H35)
Kororoit Creek Primary School will be taking part in **Book Week** celebrations from the **29th of August until the 2nd of September**. Book Week is a wonderful way to celebrate books and reading.

The theme for book week this year is, **Australia! Story Country**.

As part of Book Week, we are inviting all students and staff to come dressed as their favourite book character and bring along the book on **Thursday 1st of September**. Alternatively children should wear school uniform if they prefer not to dress up.

There will be a **parade on this day** where all students can bring their much loved book characters to life. Prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed students during the parade. Due to limited space in the gym, parents will not be able to take part in the Book Parade however you are invited to come and have a look at all of the wonderful costumes in your child’s classroom from 8.50am to 9.05 am on the morning of the parade.

**We look forward to seeing all the amazing costumes on the day!**

**Dates to Remember**

15th August – **Curriculum Day** *(Students not required at school on this day)*

18th August – Year 1 Excursion Werribee Zoo H01, H02, H03 & H09

19th August – Year 1 Excursion Werribee Zoo H04, H05, H06, H07 & H08

1st September – Book Week Dress Up Day

31st October – **Curriculum Day** *(Students not required at school on this day)*

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Year 6 Canberra Study Tour 2016.

The Year 6 Canberra Study Tour took place from July 25th to July 29th. After a very early departure at 7:30am on Monday, the Year 6’s were ready for a fun filled and educational week. Students visited Old and New Parliament House where they took part in various role-plays on both sides of government, and had the opportunity to debate an issue. We were also very lucky to journey to Government House, where the Governor General lives, and missed meeting him by a matter of minutes - a rather important Cabinet decision had been made and needed to be relayed to him immediately! Students quietly reflected on those who gave their lives for Australia at the Australian War Memorial and had the opportunity to take part in a special wreath laying ceremony. A highlight for many students was Questacon and of course Telstra Tower! A great time was had by all the Year 6 students and teachers.

4 y/o Long Day Care Kindergarten

What YMCA kindergarten looks like?
Here at Kororoit Creek YMCA we offer a long day care integrated 4 y/o kinder program for all children who are 4 prior to May 1st 2017. We have a bachelor trained early childhood teacher providing a government funded kindergarten program. LDC kinder offers families the flexibility of choosing the days you wish your child to attend. The centre is open 7.00am-6.30pm.

What long day care kindergarten includes:
Our kindergarten teacher is in the room from 8.30am-2.00pm Monday to Friday. She is assisted by a fulltime diploma qualified educator who continues the program in the afternoons.
The LDC kinder fee is $104 per day (Centrelink benefits are deducted from this fee) the fee includes:

- all meals for the children
- Incursions
- Excursions
- Kinder t-shirt
- School transition program with Kororoit Creek Primary

Our program:
We use the Early Years Learning framework to produce a program for the children based on an emergent curriculum which includes child lead learning, based on individual and group interests, and the use of intentional teaching methods to extend on these interests as well as learning topics. Our aim is to prepare children for school readiness focussing on the social, emotional and wellbeing needs of the children.

Please note: due to school zoning, attendance at specific Kindergartens does not give you automatic acceptance into Kororoit Creek Primary School.

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What we offer:

Long day care for preschool aged children from 6 week to 5 years. This includes three-year-old & four-year-old kindergarten run by Bachelor trained Early Childhood Teachers.

- All meals for the children. These are prepared and cooked fresh daily by our fulltime cook. Our menu has been accredited by Healthy Together Victoria’s healthy eating advisory service.
- Nappies for all children who require them
- Any Incursions and excursions.
- The opportunity for our educators to escort 3 and 4 year old children to and from swimming lessons at KINGS SWIM.
- Ratios of 1:4 for under 3y/o and 1:11 for over 3’s
- Flexibility of which days your child attends.

Our daily fee is $104 this includes all of the above. Families will be eligible where relevant for reductions through the Government rebates (CCR and CCB) that will reduce this fee.

Opening hours: 7am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday (closed on public holidays only)

New to the Y:
Please go to our website:
Select REGISTER and follow the prompts to set up an account.
Once completed you can fill in an enrolment form and make a booking request

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