Dear Parents,

As we bring the end of Term 2 to a close we are also fare welling some staff who will begin new journeys along different pathways. Tami-Jo Richter, our Senior Assistant Principal, will be leaving us to take up a well-deserved promotion as the Principal of Westgrove Primary School. Whilst this is our loss it is a great gain for the System and one which I am sure will prove to benefit Tami-Jo’s new school community.

Danielle Maroun is taking her first steps into welcoming her first child as she begins family leave and starts to prepare for the amazing journey into motherhood. We also say adieu to Claire Melind who is taking a position up at an international school in Hong Kong and, like Tami-Jo, will share her expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge with the broader educational community. Whilst we will all Miss Tami-Jo, Danielle and Claire, we are extremely fortunate in welcoming back Hannah Newton as the Senior AP and Mel Cunnington who are both returning from family leave. We will also be welcoming Jodi Bevis and Kira Ambry who have already worked at the school and will join us for the remainder of 2016.

We are also delighted to be welcoming Emma Hartney who is a fully registered Division 1 Nurse. Emma will be supporting our students requiring first aid and making them as comfortable as possible prior to them being collected from school. Please note that Emma will NOT be available to make diagnosis or recommendations on conditions that children have as this is a role for your child’s doctor.

Reports
The response from parents on the new reporting process, which has involved students in working through their portfolios and parents being given the opportunity to comment on their child’s efforts, has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm and positive feedback. Thank you for the time you have taken to respond and to share your views with both your children and staff. I would also like to recognise the efforts both students and staff have put in to creating, reviewing and reflecting on their studies. Please ensure that your child’s portfolio is returned so that they can be further developed over the coming semester.

New Car Park
As you might have observed the new staff car park has just been opened, however, there will be further refinements taking place over the holidays. The ‘bark’ around the carpark will be removed and replaced with red gum chips and further landscaping will take place to enhance the visual aesthetics. The car park will be out of bounds to both children and parents to support their safety and prevent any unnecessary accidents.
Scooters, Bicycles and Helmets!
Helmets provide your children with some protection from bumps, falls and accidental harm when riding scooters, bicycles or other wheeled transport. Please ensure that children always:

- **Walk** all forms of transport including bicycles, scooters, skateboards etc in the school grounds. Riding of any transport on school grounds (except transport specifically required for disability access) is not permitted.
- **Helmets** should be worn when riding / using wheeled transport such as bicycles, scooters, etc.

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

Some of our award winners included:

Santosh in H05, from Goldstein House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Cooperation when warning students about the puddles.

Declan in H07, from Cuthbert House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Empathy when he looked after a friend who was hurt.

Isabella in H24, from Leichhardt House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Respect when respecting the environment.

Joshua in H28, from Leichhardt House, who demonstrated the PYP Attitude of Respect when he was looking after Grade One students.

Well done to all of our award winners.

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The current House Points tally for Term 2 is:

- In 4th place on 13 points is Batman House
- In 3rd place on 17 points is Leichhardt House
- In 2nd place on 17 points is Goldstein House
- And in 1st place on 19 points is Cuthbert House

Congratulations everyone!
Enrolments
We have been inundated with requests for enrolments from both within and outside of our neighborhood boundary. This is a direct reflection on the quality of the educational programs and dedication by staff in the planning, delivery and transfer of learning, as well as the commitment of parents in ensuring that the school is supported through your contributions. Delivery of the Primary Years Program through the spirit of the whole school community is commendable and one which you should all be very proud of. Unfortunately, we are unable to take all enrolments and would encourage parents with siblings to ensure they are enrolled as soon as possible.

Term 3, 2016
Term 3 will recommence on Monday the 11th of July 2016.

In closing, please accept my sincere thanks for your continuing support. On behalf of the School Council and Staff I wish you a safe and happy break and look forward to your returning, refreshed and rearing to go for term 3!

Natalie Bakai
Principal

Swimming make up lesson - 1st week of term 3!

Due to a public holiday and a curriculum day this term swimming lessons for the following classes will be made up in the first week of term 3


Friday:  H02, H09, H11, H12, H13, H17, H22, H23, H24, H27, H31

Regular swimming classes will resume week 2 of term 3.
SSV TEAM VIC TRIALS

Congratulations to Zhane Otene who competed in Divisional and Regional Netball trials against tough competitors, to then be the first ever student from Kororoit Creek Primary School to make it through to the Metropolitan Trials in May finishing in the 20 and placing 40th in Victoria.

NETBALL INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Well done to the Girls and Mixed netball teams who both won in the final competitions today against Kings Park and Deer Park North.
Girls won 17-3
Mixed won 10-4
STEM
Hang on... the title of this column has changed...

STEM is a term used to refer collectively to the teaching of the different disciplines within its umbrella – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – and also to a transdisciplinary approach to teaching that increases student interest in STEM related fields and improves students’ problem solving and critical analysis skills.

STEM sits within a broader foundational knowledge base and the teaching of STEM is a part, albeit important, of a balanced program of learning.

As a part of this, Kororoit Creek Primary School is currently working to provide the students with a wide range of practical resources to support their learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and this column will be used to inform our community about some of the exciting initiatives taking place at our school.

Gardening Club
Kororoit Creek Primary School currently holds a Gardening Club each Wednesday at recess. The club has been particularly well attended of late due to the evident growth that the students have observed, especially our cauliflower! We have also added a lime tree, planted sunflower seeds, and sowed a number of broad bean rows. Students have been keenly engaged by our new rain-water gauge, which has been filling quite rapidly now that the cold weather has arrived. We have also applied a grape juice solution around the garden beds, which has attracted the snails and caterpillars away from our plants, and they are thriving as a result!

Our current crop includes:
- Sweet Potato
- Rosemary
- Celery
- Cauliflower
- Sunflower
- Lime
- Broad Beans
- Mint Basil (hybrid)

The students participating in the gardening club are eager to learn more about planting, growing and caring for vegetables, and with our gardening boxes, have the potential to do so. If there are any parents who feel that they can contribute their expertise and knowledge to the club, or would like to help with the club during a Wednesday recess, please contact Andrew via the school email at: kororoit.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, with Gardening Club in the title of the message.
Prep Unit of Inquiry
The Prep’s have been inquiring into the Central Idea ‘Understanding the way materials behave and interact determines how people use them.’ They have been exploring a range of different materials, their behaviour and properties, as well as how they can be manipulated. The Prep students have loved this Unit – particularly its ‘hands-on’ nature!

Year 5 Unit of Inquiry
As a part of their inquiry into ‘Understanding the how and why of chemical changes can be explored through scientific investigations,’ the Year 5’s have undertaken a wider variety of scientific experiments linked to transformation, reversible and irreversible change. Some of their favourite moments are pictured:
**Fun Science Fact of the Fortnight:**
The CHICKEN came first! British researchers say the chicken must have come first as the formation of eggs is only possible thanks to a protein found in the production cycle of a chicken!

Andrew Comley  
Assistant Principal – Pathfinders

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**Dates to Remember**

19th July – Year 4 Taskworks Force & Motion Incursion  
25th - 29th July – Year 6 Canberra Study Tour  
15th August – Curriculum Day (Students not required at school on this day)  
16th September – End of Term 3  
31st October – Curriculum Day (Students not required at school on this day)
Kororoit Creek Primary School has a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse.
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

During our recent meeting with school principals within the Melton area, an issue was raised in regards to parents being concerned about gang activity within the area. This message is being distributed to all schools to address that issue.

From a police perspective, there is no intelligence to suggest any recognised gangs are operating within our area. We are aware that some graffiti and talk has been spread about “little apex” operating in the area. It is our opinion that this is being used by some individuals in attempt to gain some “street cred” with the appearance of being “connected”, in an attempt to intimidate others. There has been no evidence to suggest there is an actual “little apex” gang.

We encourage you to take an active role in parenting your children around this issue. Social media plays a major role in spreading information quickly and effectively, and has recently been used in an attempt to gather individuals to participate in a fight. Should you receive any information in regards to this type of activity, contact your local police, or your child's school, or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 and report it which can assist us in providing appropriate resources to disperse anyone who may attend an area to be involved in that activity. This will assist in us being able to keep your child as safe as possible.

There has been extensive media coverage in relation to “one punch” or “coward punch” situations. These incidents can result in a number of injuries ranging from pain, bruising, broken bones, acquired brain injury, and in some cases even death. We need to work together to keep our children safe.

Finally, there are a number of offences that individuals can be charged with for participating in this type of behaviour. Not only can they be charged with normal assault offences, if 3 or more are involved, they can be charged with riot and affray. These offences carry with them a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment. I do not need to tell you the impact that would have on a young persons' life.

I trust we can all work together to ensure the safety of our young people within the Melton Municipality.

Leading Senior Constable Matt MUDIE
Crime Prevention Officer, Caroline Springs Police
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