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**IB LEARNER  
PROFILE  
ATTRIBUTES**

- INQUIRERS
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- THINKERS
- COMMUNICATORS
- PRINCIPLED
- OPEN-MINDED
- CARING
- RISK-TAKERS
- BALANCED
- REFLECTIVE

**WELCOME!**

I would like to extend warm welcome to our existing and new families at Kororoit Creek Primary School.

It has been heartening to see our students eagerly sharing their holiday experiences with their new teachers and peers. I have noticed a very open-minded and balanced approach to the beginning of our new year by all!

As many of you are aware I will be our Acting Principal for the 2019 year. I am enlivened and excited about this opportunity to support and guide our KCPS community.

I am fortunate to be working alongside a superb Leadership Team this year. Each area of the school is led by an Assistant Principal and two Leading Teachers that will work closely with the teachers, students and families to foster a safe, fun and rigorous learning environment for all.

We are also welcoming 187 new preps into the school this year and I encourage you to greet and support our new parents and their children in joining our school community.

**2019 Leadership Team**

<b>Acting Principal</b>	Blayne Wallis
<b>Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director</b>	Sarah Afiouni

Kindergarten	Prep, Year 1, Year 2	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Prep – Year 6
 <p><b>Havovi Antia</b> (Ed. Leader/ Nominated Supervisor)</p>	 <p><b>Habiba Durani</b> (Assistant Principal)</p> <p><b>Sarah Weeks</b> <b>Emma Holmes</b> (Leading Teacher)</p>	 <p><b>Alan Noye</b> (Assistant Principal)</p> <p><b>Aaron Wood</b> <b>Sarah Garcia</b> (Leading Teacher)</p>	<p><b>Leesa Cilia</b> (Leading Teacher/ICT)</p>

## Refurbishment of the Front of the School

As you will have noticed the last stage of our refurbishment is almost complete. I am sure you will agree that this area is now a very welcoming entrance and area for our children and community. I have had many positive comments about this space and how nice it is to read the engraved pavers along the pathways. During break times we will be encouraging our children to use this as a quiet space.



# Kororoit Creek Community Picnic

We are excited to announce that the Annual Community Picnic will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30-7.00pm.**

This gives us a great opportunity to get to know our new families as well as welcome back our returning ones.

Bring along a picnic basket, a rug and a smile to share. It will be a fun and interactive evening and we would love to see our school community get involved.

There will be lots of different activities and things to do, such as:

- Bubble soccer
- Dunk Tank
- Face painting
- Reptile Farm
- Silent Disco
- Ice-cream & coffee van
- Roving Musical Band

Our teachers are looking forward to using this opportunity to get to know the families of children in their homerooms. **Children must not attend without adult supervision as teachers are not on duty at this time.** Please also note that alcohol must not be brought to the event and legislation prohibits smoking on school grounds at any time.

We look forward to seeing you there for a fun filled evening!

### **Classroom Routines**

A reminder that the 8.50am music is the time when children come into our classrooms so they can organise the things we need for the day. To promote independence and resilience please encourage your child to carry their own bag in to the classroom and unpack it by themselves. Our learning time begins at 9.00am every weekday, please ensure that you have said goodbye to your child and left the classroom by this time. Classroom teachers are available to discuss any concerns you may have before and after school by making a time with them directly.

### **Attendance**

Children arriving late to school, after the official start of the day (9.00am) must enter the school via the front office where they will be marked on Compass as a late arrival. If they are unaccompanied, parents will receive a follow up phone call or SMS. Unexplained absences will be followed up with a phone call after 10am. Remember, you can enter absence details on Compass yourself, this will help keep your child's teacher informed. Please enter absences by 10am to avoid follow up calls. If you know your child will be absent in advance (holidays or medical appointments) please enter dates into Compass prior to the date of absence. Thank-you for your on-going support.

### **Collection of Children during the School Day**

We understand that children may have to be collected from school to attend medical or dental appointment etc. To ensure the least disruption to classes and to enable the smoothest transition of the child to the parent, ALL children who are leaving prior to the official end of the school day (3:15pm) must be collected from the office and will not be released from the classroom. If the person picking up the child is not known to office staff they will be required to provide photo identification and, if prior arrangements have not been made, office staff will contact the parents to ensure they have permission to remove the child from school.

When collecting children during the school day please ensure they are not collected during recess or lunch times. As you can image, the children become engrossed in their play that they are not focused on listening for their name to be called which often results in lengthy delays. Recess and lunch time occurs across the school from: 11:00 – 11.30am (Recess) 1:45 – 2:15pm (Lunchtime).

If you need to collect your child prior to the end of the day when assembly is being held please make sure your child knows so that they can meet you at the office.

**Children will not be removed from assembly as this disrupts the event for all other staff and children.**

### **SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Welcome back parents to the 2019 school year, I hope it has been a smooth and happy transition for all. The swimming program will commence on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, however there have been a few slight changes to how the swimming program will run this year.

This year parents will be invited to a swimming showcase once a term to view and celebrate their child's growth and development in the swimming program. This is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have about your child's progress. For the remaining lessons of the term, parents will not be able to attend their students swimming lessons, as this an important part of our curriculum we want to ensure all students are engaged in the swimming program.

Should you have any questions or concerns during the term please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or myself.

King Swim will be providing the children with swimming caps for each lesson, however goggles will not be provided by the school. Children will still need to wear their KCPS bathers to their swimming lessons.

Thankyou in advance for your patience and understanding with the new changes.

Emma Holmes – Leading Teacher

## Music Program

Dear parents,

The structure of the 2019 music program has changed slightly. Students will now be learning the ukulele from Grades 1-3 and the guitar from Grades 4-6. With the prep program staying relatively the same, this will focus on developing students' singing voices and an understanding of simple rhythmic and melodic concepts on tuned and un-tuned percussion.

Due to these changes, the ordering process for instruments has been altered. Students will no longer receive a ukulele as part of their grade 3 book packs. This is to reduce the cost of book packs and eliminate multiple ukuleles being purchased unnecessarily.

Students will have access to instruments within the music classroom during their weekly music lessons. However, if you do wish to purchase an instrument for your student to practice at home, we have contacted the Caroline Springs School of Music and they have instruments ready for you to purchase.

The following instruments are suggested for each grade level:

Grade 1-3: Mahalo Rainbow Series Ukulele **\$39.95**

Grade 4-6: **Valencia ¾ Size Classical Guitar \$89** or **\$115** including a carry bag and tuner

The Details for the store are as follows:

**Caroline Springs School of Music**

3/15 Eucumbene Drive, Ravenhall, Victoria, 3023

(03) 93630662

Once you have purchased an instrument, students are encouraged to bring their instrument to school to be tuned and set up.

Any further questions, contact a member of the music team through the office.

Many thanks, The Music Team

## Dates to Remember

- **27 February 2019** - Kororoit Creek Community Picnic 5:30 - 7pm
- **5 April 2019** - Last day of Term 1, school will finish at 1:30pm
- **23 April 2019** - First day of Term 2

Dates to remember, term dates and camp dates are listed on our website

[www.kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au) under the parent menu.