



22 November 2019

**IB LEARNER  
PROFILE  
ATTRIBUTES**

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

**Principal 2020**

I am pleased to share with you that Bethany Riseley will be returning from her family leave to resume her role as Principal at Kororoit Creek Primary School, next year. Bethany is excited to be returning and I have begun a comprehensive handover with her so that the new school year can begin effortlessly.

**Class Lists 2020**

Our classroom teachers have been busily building our class groupings for next year. A lot of time and effort is put into this process as there are many factors to consider: male and female numbers, friendship groups and the additional needs of our children. With almost 1400 children to consider I am sure you agree this is an important and lengthy task for our teachers and leaders. We try to accommodate requests while balancing the judgement of our staff to ensure that each year level is balanced. Next year we will have 58 classes, and these will be straight grades - not composites.

This year we will continue our annual 'Step-Up Day' so that our children can meet their new teacher and see their learning space for 2020. This alleviates a great deal of uncertainty for our community so that we can begin our holiday break with a positive outlook on the following year. After this experience children will bring home information

pertaining to their new class which can be shared with families. No changes will be made to class lists after this experience.

**Prep 2020**

This is a friendly reminder to our Prep families that during the first 4 weeks of the new year, our Preps will be attending school part-time. They are not required to attend on the first 4 Wednesdays of the school year.

First day of school for Prep: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Full time attendance: beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Future Students**

As with each year, we welcome new students to the KCPS community as they begin their education with us. We will be having a special orientation for new students in Grades 1-6 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December from 10:00am - 1:30pm. They will meet members of staff, tour the school grounds and engage in some activities to familiarise themselves with our school. I hope they are looking forward to this as much as we are!

**Student Handover**

Each year we use our meeting time for current teachers to discuss students in readiness for the following year. This allocated meeting is where teachers share student files and assessments, discuss achievements and areas for improvement. This opportunity gives our 2020 teaching teams a great platform from which to begin planning learning experiences that are tailored and appropriate for their new grade. Our whole school picnic which takes place at the beginning of each year is also a great opportunity for you to get to know your child's teachers, however, if an individual meeting is more beneficial, I would encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher, after the new school year has begun.

**Turf Works**

Work will begin next week in the area adjacent to our second music room, near to the relocatable toilets. We are having the ground prepared and turf laid to create a more appealing and accessible area for our children during break times. This will of course minimise the mud trail during the wetter months of the year. There will be temporary fencing erected over the weekend and will remain in place until the end of next week. This will mean a greater amount of traffic on the surrounding pathways. Our teachers will move grades away from this area until the works are completed as will those on active supervision during recess and lunch.

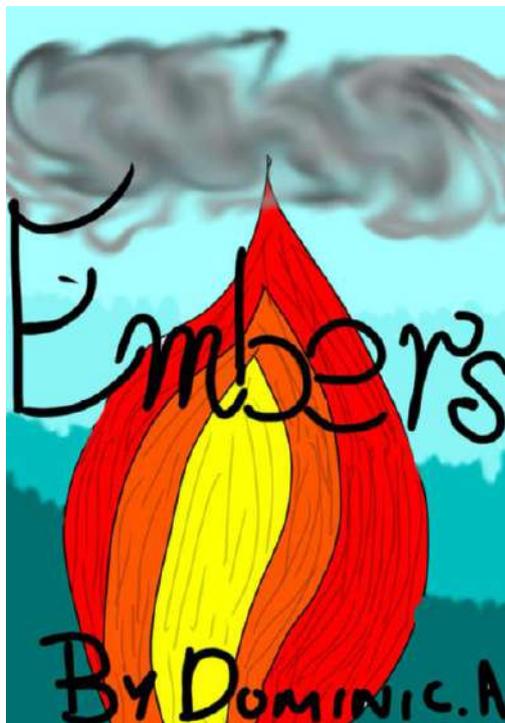
*Kororoit Creek Primary School has a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse*

## Student Achievement

Dominic Arellano is a budding author and competition winner in the recent 'Melton Writing Competition'. His work has been published and I am sure you agree that this impressive piece is deserving of recognition. Well done Dominic!

### Embers

By Dominic Arellano



Flowers have bloomed into beauty, but soon they wither into blackness. Trees can sprout into titans, but soon they descend into ashes. When a fuse breaks, it flickers into smithereens. The air hauls tighter, the blinding light drifts closer. Heat starts to erupt, the war has begun.

Liquids begin to dissolve. Individuals choking while being powerless to escape. Oxygen sources are very scarce. We must run. A wall of flames has built up over the hours. I feel like it's going to disintegrate into fragments and rule over this land.

Animals have fled. We are beginning to run now. The race has begun. The wall starts to chase us. Sputtering devilish words. Help arrives. They try to extinguish it. But, it's too late. The wall engulfs them.

We keep sprinting. We look ahead, a small village in dismay. We all run into the abundant evergreen forest. It incinerates instantaneously and starts to catch us. We look ahead. The saviour of our lives is ahead of us. We run.

A few weeks later. The commemoration for all that had perished occurs.

A year later. We accept that our relatives are gone. We look to the future. It is time for life to resume the way it was.

But abruptly, someone asks for my name.  
I respond.

## HPV - Energy Breakthrough

Our HPV team has been engaged in their final event for 2019 in Maryborough, this week. Despite the sweltering weather on Thursday and blustery winds they trained, prepared, engaged in a variety of activities in preparation for Friday's race. I was fortunate enough to see them present to the Energy Breakthrough judges on Thursday afternoon. There was an intrigued group that gathered around to listen as they broke into song after explaining their training, characteristics of the bike, their approach to teamwork and the try-out process. They spoke so confidently and were able to answer impromptu questions from the judges after the formal presentation. They are an amazing group of children who are supported and led by equally amazing parents and dedicated teachers! Now we wait for the results....

Have a remarkable fortnight everyone.

Blayne Wallis  
Acting Principal

### **2020 TERM DATES:**

#### TERM 1

**YEARS 1-6** – 29<sup>th</sup> of January ~ 27<sup>th</sup> of March

**PREP** – 30<sup>th</sup> of January

#### TERM 2

14<sup>th</sup> of April ~ 26<sup>th</sup> of June

#### TERM 3

13<sup>th</sup> of July ~ 18<sup>th</sup> of September

#### TERM 4

5<sup>th</sup> of October ~ 18<sup>th</sup> of December

### School Banking

If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer for school banking, please make contact through our administration office. Currently we are in need of more parents on a Wednesday morning to assist with school banking. All volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. Implementations such as school banking are only possible with the commitment of our community and any assistance, either short or long term is greatly appreciated.

The last day to order prizes for school banking is 4<sup>th</sup> December. School banking will finish for the year on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### School Clean-up

Georgia and Mia from H53 have collected all of the rubbish around the grade 6 area and gym area. They sacrificed some of their free time to clean up the school yard. Great work Georgia and Mia!



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**27-29 November** – Grade 5 Camp

**02-04 December** – Grade 4 Camp

**10 December** – Grade 6 Graduation

**18 December** – KCPS Christmas Concert

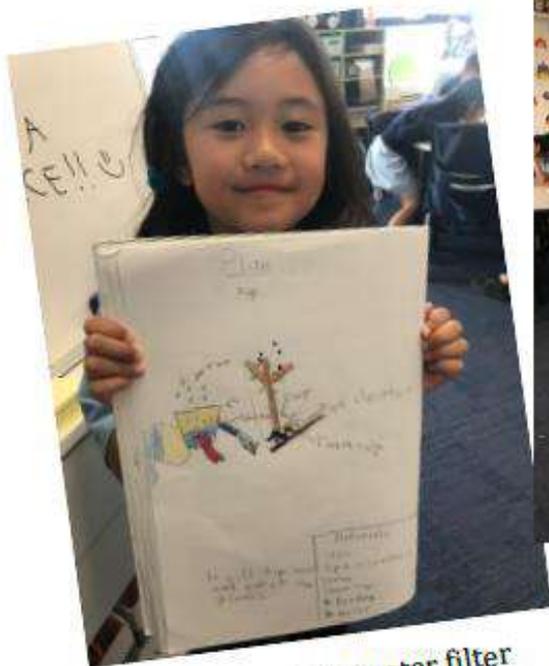
**20 December** – End of Term 4. Students finish at 1.30pm



*Please check our website for camp dates, current specialist/swimming timetables and community notices <http://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/#all>*

## ACTION IN GRADE ONE!

During our unit of inquiry - *Humans Design and Build Structures for a Variety of Purposes* - Grade One students explored the five stages of the design process alongside the impact of sustainable choices on our environment. The students learnt a variety of skills from sketching and labeling to writing explanation texts and evaluation. The Grade One teaching staff and students are incredibly proud to present just a few of the amazing designed solutions and actions the students took. We hope our 6 and 7 year olds inspire you!



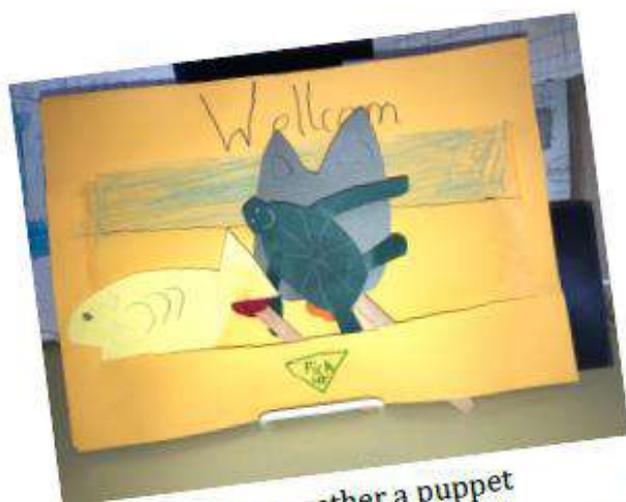
Maxine created a water filter which hangs over drainage pipes to clean water for drinking.



Alyssia designed a drainage system to move clean rain water to water our KCPS school gardens!



Samuel's Ocean Crab Cleaner was designed to eat plastic waste sitting on the bottom of the ocean and grind it into sand!



Rafael put together a puppet show to demonstrate to his audience the consequences of ocean pollution on animal life!



Yajas planned and constructed a rocket powered by solar panels - a more sustainable source of power!

# Silly sock Day at KCPS

## - promoting the Walk to School Bus

On Friday the 15th of November, there was a 'Silly Sock Day' organised to raise awareness for the Walk to School Bus. The Walk to School Bus is a council initiative that promotes engagement in physical activity. At KCPS, the Walk to School Bus runs on a Friday morning starting at 8.30am. Students of all ages join us on the 1 kilometre route and arrive at school feeling fresh and ready for the day, having moved their bodies and stimulated their minds while meeting new friends. What a better way to start your Friday?



Many students were involved and wore their funky or silly socks.



Check out these funky homemade socks, how creative! Well done girls!



What an absolutely incredible turn out for our Walk to School Bus on Friday 15th November. Let's keep walking KCPS!

