



30 October 2020

**IB LEARNER  
PROFILE  
ATTRIBUTES**

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

Thank-you once again for your ongoing support with our return to school. I hope the recent announcements have brought some relief for many of you, being able to reopen businesses, visit friends and family and enjoy the simple things like having a coffee in a café. It feels like we are slowly making our way back to normal life, a new 'COVID normal'.

It is however important to remember that we must continue to be vigilant in our safety measures. **Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell**, if they have **any symptoms** they will be sent to the sick bay and you will be required to collect them from school immediately. I understand that this can be difficult for working parents and many of you are concerned about your child missing school after such a disruptive year, however by sending your child to school with symptoms you are putting other children and their families at risk which is simply unfair. Even if it is just a common cold, your child can still pass this on to other children which then has a chain reaction for our staff and other families.

We all need to play our role in keeping our community safe, now more than ever. It is critical that we do not become complacent and as a school we have implemented the strict DET guidelines to ensure the safety of our entire community and we all play a

significant role in this. Thank-you again for your support with this.

**School Review**

We did it! After several postponements, date changes, shifting from a remote review to an onsite review and then back to a remote one, we have finally completed a successful school review. The review took place over several days and was led by reviewer Sally Winch and a panel. The panel consisted of both DET and KCPS staff as well as 2 Principals from other schools and George Lepa, our School Council President.

The first day was incredibly insightful, the panel spent time delving deep into our school-wide data, visiting classrooms and establishing our 'Terms of Reference' to be a point of focus for the following fieldwork days. There was much to celebrate, reflecting on what we have achieved over the past four years despite our significant growth- it was evident the panel was impressed by our achievements. There was also rich discussion around the areas for improvement and future needs for our school.

I would like to extend a BIG thank-you to those parents who volunteered to be a part of the parent focus groups- your thoughts and ideas were integral to the process. After two very productive fieldwork days, it all culminated in a successful final day where the panel were able to draw on all information collected and draft our '2020-2024 Strategic plan' which will guide our work at KCPS for the next four years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the panel, in particular George Lepa who volunteered his time to take part in the review and gave us important insights from a parent perspective but also as our School Council President. Thank-you George!

Also, a big thank-you to my Assistant Principals and amazing teaching staff who all worked tirelessly in the lead up to the review and were such a valuable part of the process. Finally, a big thank-you to our students for their incredible insights, Sally was blown away by how articulate our students were about their learning and how invested they were in their own growth but also the improvement of the school.

I look forward to sharing our new Strategic Plan in upcoming weeks once it has all been finalised.

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## **Year 6 Exhibition**

Throughout remote learning and into the beginning of this term, our Year Six students have been working on their Exhibition inquiry. As a school we are very proud of how students have worked through the Exhibition, they have continued to thrive whilst working remotely and back onsite with fantastic support from their parents, mentors and teachers.

This year, we have had to adapt and change what the Exhibition looks like however this has not stopped our students from being highly engaged and dedicated to their learning.

Week five of this term will see students present to our wider student community. Each class from Prep to Year 5 will be paired with a Year Six Exhibition group. The class will have an opportunity to watch a short video about the journey our Year Six students have taken to arrive at the action stage at the end of the project. Following the video, classes will then have an opportunity for a 'question and answer' session with their Year Six Exhibition group who presented to the class. We will also have exhibition videos available for families to see the wonderful work our Grade 6 students have completed.

As a PYP school the Exhibition is the culmination of our students' journey through the IB PYP Programme and we couldn't be prouder of the work and dedication of all of our Year 6 students.

## **Canteen**

The canteen will now be open on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** for lunch orders only. Due to the current guidelines we are unable to open the canteen for individual purchases.

## **School Photos**

Our school photos have been booked for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. In the upcoming weeks students will bring home a flyer that will outline all of the information.

The Year 6 Graduation Photo will be taken on Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Term 4 Live WebEx Assemblies**

Due to the current restrictions we are not able to hold assemblies in the gym as we normally would. On Wednesday this week we had our first Live WebEx assembly where our student leaders presented through WebEx and this was streamed live into all classrooms. It was hugely successful and was great to be able to speak to the students all together once again. Unfortunately, we are not able to live stream to our parent community however we will be recording the assembly each fortnight. We are currently looking into the best way to share this with parents, please stay tuned for further information.

## **Halloween**

I know many children look forward to Halloween each year, so I have included a link to the DHHS website that provides some useful information on how families can celebrate safely this year.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/halloween-update-covid-19-october-27-2020?fbclid=IwAR14K0eikRke0GrwcRwTQUO7vdG1fRVuHQBwIxOyoJXfQvfnCUOvbmjeHDg>

## **School Magazine**

Monday is the absolute last day to order a 2020 school magazine. This is a great opportunity to capture some important memories from this crazy time to look back on in years to come.

If you are interested in purchasing a school magazine please do so via Compass before Monday afternoon.

## **Collecting children early**

Parents collecting their children early during school hours are required to bring photo ID with them to the office. If someone other than the parent/guardian is collecting a student during school hours, please notify the office prior to collection.

## **World Teachers' Day**

Today is 'World Teachers' Day and it is a day to celebrate our fabulous teachers!!

This year, despite the many challenges, our staff have made sure the education and needs of your children continues to be a high priority. This year has reinforced the significant role they play in the lives of your children, their families and our wider community.

On behalf of our students and wider community...**THANK-YOU !!!**

Have a wonderful fortnight  
Bethany

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# KCPS Book Week!

## Curious Creatures

23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 27<sup>th</sup> November

# Wild Minds

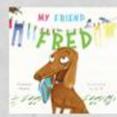
BOOK WEEK will be celebrated from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.

The theme of book week this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

To celebrate book week, students will be invited to participate in a **narrative writing competition** based on a 'curious creature' of their own design. Students will be given time to complete this narrative in class. Winners of the writing competition will be announced and prizes will be awarded in the following week.

Submissions due 27th November.

**Character Dress-up Day** will be held on the Friday, 27th of November. Students are encouraged to dress up as either: a curious creature of their own design OR their favourite book character. This year, costume parades will be held and recorded virtually.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

We are a  
victorian  
**premiers'  
reading  
challenge**  
school

02 November – Curriculum Day (students do not attend school)

03 November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

17-18 November – School Photos

23-27 November – Book Week

24 November – Grade 6 Graduation Photo

27 November – Character Dress-up Day

18 December – Last day of Term 4

**PSW**

# OUR DOORS ARE OPEN!

We can now officially confirm that our Melbourne metropolitan stores all reopen for trade on **Thursday October 29th at 9am.**

**To stay open, we need to stay safe.**

COVIDSafe restrictions will apply at all stores.



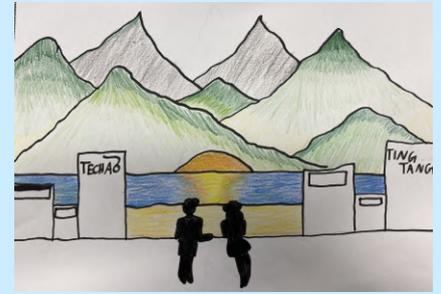
**FOR TRADING HOURS, VISIT  
[PSW.COM.AU/STORELOCATIONS](https://www.psw.com.au/storelocations)**

# SPECIALIST UPDATE!

All the specialist news!

## ART

This week the grade four students have been inquiring into landscape drawings. They have been exploring the different aspects of drawing a landscape such as a horizon line, as well as including a foreground, middleground and background in their artwork. Students have been focusing on adding lots of detail into each section of their landscape and using the elements of line, shape and colour to complete their good copy image. Students have reflected on using appropriate colours to create a realistic representation of their chosen theme in their image.



## FRENCH

The grade 3 students have been working hard on sentence structure in French. They have designed their own animal and are working on describing it using adjectives. Students are learning that French adjectives can change depending on the noun, and they are placed in the sentence differently as well. Students have shown great resilience with a difficult task and the French teachers are all very proud of their efforts!



Mon animal a la fourrure blanche  
mon animal a les jolies dents

## MUSIC

The grade six students have been working towards a composition piece for their exhibition iMovie presentation. This process began in Term 3 with four separate provocations around the Transdisciplinary theme of 'How the World Works'. This term student worked on developing a composition based on one part of the theme, 'The interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies drawing on ideas around their chosen exhibition topic. Students planned their ideas and the sounds they needed for their composition, gathered sounds and structured the sounds to complete their work to ensure their composition was engaging and effective in telling their story/topic. Students will use their compositions as part of their final exhibition presentations.



## PE

This fortnight in Physical Education, students in Prep to Year 2 have been focusing on their fundamental motor skills of throwing, kicking, striking and catching. Students have been able to rotate through stations to utilise these skills in activities such as frisbee, cornhole and hockey. Students in Years 3-5 have used student agency to determine the sports their class will focus on and are beginning to implement their motor and communication skills across a variety of team based sports. Year 6 students have worked hard to complete their exhibition learning and have been able to present these to their peers throughout their lessons.