

**IB LEARNER
PROFILE
ATTRIBUTES**

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

Christmas concert

Although it had to look very different from our usual end of year Christmas celebration, the concert that was held on Wednesday this week was incredible and was a fantastic opportunity for our students to get into the festive spirit. The students sang their carols with great enthusiasm as well as showing off their musical skills by playing different instruments. I would like to extend a huge thank-you to our wonderful music team who worked tirelessly in preparation for the event as well as coordinating it all on the day- well done! The concert is available for you to view on the school website, or via this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WyHquqp1kOBfLev2sDjde1N4M2emVDED>

Step-Up Day and Class Lists 2021

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 complex factors to consider: male and female numbers, academics, 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 continue to have 58 classes, and these will be straight grades.

On **Thursday 17th December**, we will continue our annual 'Step-Up Day' so that our children can meet their new teacher and see their learning space for 2021. My hope is that 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. Please note that all students will start and end the day in their current 2020 homerooms.**

In the rare event that your child is feeling disappointed, we encourage you to have positive conversations about being a risk taker and looking for the positives in their situation. Remind them of the opportunities to make new friends and that there will be lots of time dedicated to getting to know their new classmates at the beginning of the school year. If you require further support in having these conversations, please refer to the resources and link below.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/development/social-emotional-development/resilience-in-teens#positive-thinking-habits-for-resilience-nav-title>

End of Year Celebrations of Learning

I hope you are all excited to be joining your child's class for their special end of year celebration of learning next week, keep an eye out for the Webex details that will be posted by your child's classroom teacher.

Prep- Thursday 17 December at 10am
Year 1- Wednesday 16 December at 1pm and 2:30pm
Year 2- Monday 14 December at 2:30pm
Year 3- Tuesday 15 December at 11:45am OR 2:30pm
Year 4- Monday 14 December at 12pm – H42, H43, H44, H45, H6, H48, H49 and 12:30pm – H47
Year 5- Tuesday 15 December at 10am H34,35,36,37,39,40 and 10:30am H41, H56
Year 6- Monday 14 December at 11:30am

Grade 6 Graduation

On Tuesday evening we bid farewell to our amazing graduating students. It was such a wonderful night where we were able to acknowledge the work and contribution of our Grade 6 students and all they have given to KCPS over their primary school years. When we knew that our Graduation would have to look different from previous years due to the circumstances of 2020, we spoke to our students about how they would like to celebrate their special night. The overwhelming response was that they wanted to spend time with each other and celebrate with their friends, so we made that happen! We had pizza trucks, an ice cream truck, photo booths and music playing. This gave students a chance to have photos, dance and celebrate and spend time with each other. We then live streamed our official ceremony for parents and families to view from home. This was a highly successful evening and I want to say a big thank-you to everyone who made it happen, it really was a special way to say goodbye and thank-you to our Grade 6 students. Below is the list of students who received the Grade 6 awards- well done again to each of these students.

Principal's Award

H51: Jamie Stagg

School Council Award

H52: Maddison Sanders

H57: Oliver Stevenson

Academic Award

H51: Saathvika Arun

H52: Charlie Karaluwinne

Art Award

H53: Alyssa Carroll

H53: Brent Cabalanan

Music Award

H53: Isaac Khabbaz

H53: Cristian Lazzoppina

French Award

H57: Simar Kaela

H50: Ena Lugonja

Physical Education Award

H50: Nilan Sudusinha

H50: Kaia Thomas

School Sport Victoria Award

H50: Kiara Boyd

Lost Property Collection

We have a large collection of **unlabelled** lost property that has accumulated over the term. Next week we will be holding a 'lost property collection' hour. Due to the current restrictions, we will have to have this outside so all lost property will be spread out on the grassed area at the front of the school where parents will be able to come to collect any items.

This will be held on Wednesday 16th December from 9am until 10am at the front of the school. This will of course be weather dependent, so we will send out a Compass post early next week to confirm. Please remember that we must adhere to social distancing at all times.

School Uniform Pride 2021

As many parents will be shopping for school uniform for the start of 2021, please ensure that you purchase the correct shoes and clothing in line with the School Uniform Policy. A copy of the policy is available at <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Uniform-Policy-2016-2019.pdf>

Please note that all school uniform should have the school logo and shoes MUST be black.

We are asking for your support in ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes- if black runners are worn they must be all black (no stripes or colour).

School Banking

From Term 1, 2021, the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch. All students who were eligible for a reward would have received their token rewards last week. We would like to thank you for your participation and support throughout the School Banking program and in particular to the volunteers that have ensured the program was successful for so many years.

Genesis Music Program

After careful consideration I have decided that we will no longer offer the Genesis music program for our KCPS students. I have not made this decision lightly, however with the disruption to learning this year I have made the decision to remove external programs to ensure our students can focus on their learning in the classroom. As the school has grown we are also limited by space and I need to prioritise our school-based teaching and learning programs. If you would like to continue to work with Genesis Music please contact them directly via their website and email.

End of Year Assembly

We will have our final virtual assembly for 2020 with our students on Friday 18th December. This will be available for parents to view via a link that will be on our website following the assembly.

We will thank our students, community and current School Leaders for their hard work this year and also congratulate our new leadership group on their appointments for 2021.

End of Year Dismissal on **Friday 18th December** in line with our staggered finish times to the day:

Surname beginning with **A-G- 1.10pm**

Surname beginning with **H-O- 1.20pm**

Surname beginning with **P-Z- 1.30pm**

Translated Newsletter Feedback

Last fortnight, we trialled offering our school newsletter in Macedonian, one of the top languages spoken within our school community. We are seeking some feedback from families who accessed this translated newsletter. Please take a minute to share your thoughts with us: <https://forms.gle/NNbtZrQvgBC1r6Va7>

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 December – Lost Property Collection Hour at 9am - 10am

17 December – Step-Up Day

18 December – Last day of Term 4 (staggered finish times)

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20-21 January – Book Pack Collection Days

28 January – First day of Term 1 for Years 1 – 6

28 January - 3 February – Prep Assessment Dates

4 February – First day of Term 1 for Preps



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G R E E N T E A M N E W S

Gardening Club

Exciting things have been happening this fortnight! The gardening club is back up and running during Friday lunch time. It is great to see students working together to care for our school garden. Keep it up team! 😊

Green Not Mean Challenge

Green team captains and teachers have been on the hunt for students who are caring and have shown that they are sustainable both in the classroom and out in the yard. Check out some of the Grade Two's who have done just that!



Nude Food

Thank you to everyone who has continued to pack a nude food lunch. Remember, every Wednesday is NUDE FOOD DAY! Nude food prizes will be drawn out in Week 11, stay tuned!

Rubbish

Just a friendly reminder about rubbish in the yard. It is important that as a school community we aim to work together to combat this. Where possible, remember to pack a nude food lunch to minimise the amount of waste that is going out into the yard.

#GOGREEN!

