



27 February 2023

**IB LEARNER
PROFILE
ATTRIBUTES**

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

This week brings us to halfway through Term 1. Wow! Time flies when you are having fun! A big thank-you to those that came to our 3-6 PE Open Afternoon last week. Our students love participating in our PE program and I know many of them were very excited to showcase some of their skills to their parents. A big shout out to our amazing PE team, Jess, Chris, and Jackson for organising the event and to all of the teachers that volunteered their time to ensure a great afternoon was had by all.

Thank-you to everyone for your support following my recent post about road safety around the school. I ask that you continue to be vigilant when driving around the school and especially when crossing the road and ensuring that you are **ALWAYS** using the designated school crossings and modelling this behaviour to your child/ren.

Community Picnic

We are very excited for our community picnic on Wednesday afternoon, there will be lots of activities for families to take part in such as craft activities, a silent disco, the dunk tank and much more! Whilst there will be a sausage sizzle, we still encourage families to bring a picnic basket and a rug to sit on. The KCPS community picnic is always a highlight of our school calendar, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Swimming Fee Reminder

A reminder that swimming fees for our Grade 3-6 students were due last Friday, 24th February. If you are yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible. Thank-you to those families that have already paid.

Gastroenteritis (Gastro)

We have recently had several cases of gastro at the kindergarten, as I'm sure you can imagine this can spread very quickly in a school/kindergarten environment.

This is just a reminder that if your child shows any symptoms of gastro such as vomiting, diarrhoea or a sore stomach you must keep them at home. To avoid the spread, if your child has shown any symptoms, they must stay at home for at least 24 hours since their last symptom to ensure they are no longer contagious. Thank-you for your support with this.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our [website](#).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:



- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Insurance

Please note that Kororoit Creek Primary School does not have a whole school policy covering parents/guardians who do not have student accident insurance. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of an ambulance and any other transport costs. If they wish, parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers for this purpose. We do encourage our families to obtain ambulance cover to avoid any unexpected costs. In the unfortunate event of an emergency, our duty of care to the children and community will always be paramount.

Celebrations of Learning


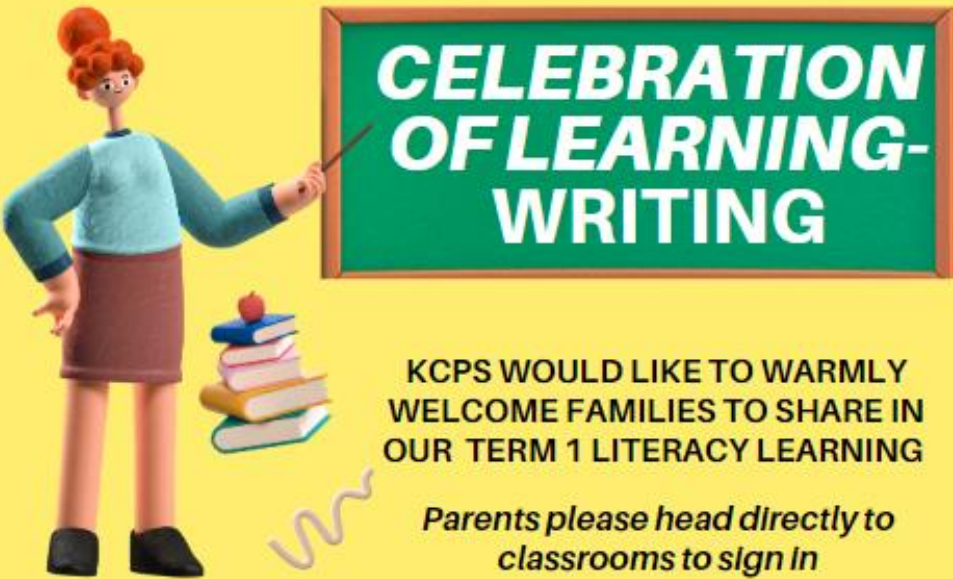
We are very excited to bring back our Celebrations of Learning next week, parents are invited into the classroom to participate in their child's learning and celebrate their successes. This term, our Celebrations of Learning will focus on Writing, so you will have an opportunity to see how students learn to write at school and share in this experience with your child. We look forward to seeing you back in the classroom and getting creative!



Kororoit Creek Primary School

Celebration of Learning Dates:

Tuesday 7 th March	9:15-10:00am	Year 6	2:30-3:15pm	Year 5
Wednesday 8 th March	-	-	2:30-3:15pm	Year 4
Thursday 9 th March	9:15-10:00am	Year 2	2:30-3:15pm	Year 1
Friday 10 th March	9:15-10:00am	Prep	2:30-3:15pm	Year 3



KCPS WOULD LIKE TO WARMLY WELCOME FAMILIES TO SHARE IN OUR TERM 1 LITERACY LEARNING

Parents please head directly to classrooms to sign in

This fortnight is a busy one at KCPS with school photos, Celebrations of Learning and of course our Community Picnic on Wednesday afternoon from 4-6pm. It is going to be a wonderful event with lots of activities for families to do. Don't forget to bring some gold coins as all money raised will be going towards installing a long jump put on our oval.

We would love to see lots of families there- come along and join in the fun!

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform each day. Your support and cooperation are critical in ensuring that our children represent the school in a positive way by wearing the full and correct school uniform. Please note that all school uniform should have the school logo and **shoes MUST be all black** (no stripes or colour). Some examples of correctly worn school uniform are included below.



Wool Jumper, Box Pleat Skirt, Navy Stockings and Polo Shirt



Box Pleat Tunic, L/S Blouse and Navy Tights



Spray Jacket and Cargo Pants



Polar Fleece Vest, Cargo Shorts and S/S Polo Top



S/S Polo Shirt, Cargo Shorts and Navy Socks



Skort, S/S Polo Shirt



Summer Dress and White Socks



Box Pleat Tunic, L/S Polo Shirt



Summer Dress and Navy Socks



Cargo Shorts and Rugby Windcheater



Cargo Pants and Rugby Windcheater



S/S Polo Shirt, Cargo Shorts and White Socks



Wool Blend Jumper, Cargo Shorts and Navy Socks



Summer Dress, Wool Blend Jumper and Navy Tights

School Uniform

Meet our Staff

Hi my name is Miss Jade. I have been at KCPS for three years now. I teach grade Prep and absolutely love it! I have a German Shorthaired Pointer and his name is Remi. He loves going for walks and eating things he should NOT be eating (such as my sunglasses). I like to be very crafty and enjoy using my imagination to create something cool! I love to bake and decorate cakes, however I only do this for fun! I love decorating my house for Halloween but absolutely HATE being scared!



Hello everyone, my name is Rebekah and I'm the Grade Prep Deputy Team Leader. I have been teaching for 4 years at KCPS. I adore teaching the junior school and building their love for learning. I enjoy being creative, listening to music and reading, as well as hanging out with my beautiful dog Mia and my large family of 10!

My name is Lan, and I am excited to be a part of the Prep Team. I am very lucky to be having Preps again for my fourth year, and I am extremely happy to be a part of their first year of schooling where they will show tremendous growth. I am a strong lover for dogs and have one of my own named Naru. I have some skill in cooking and strive to keep practicing it as another hobby of mine. I am excited in getting to know the community of KCPS and if you ever see me, please feel free to say Hi.

Prep



H01 Rebekah



H02 Jade



H03 Maddy



H04 Melissa



H04 Madison



H05 Lan



H06 Jane



H09 Norel

Hello everyone, my name is Maddy, and I am new to KCPS. I am delighted to be part of the amazing Prep team! I am excited for the year ahead, full of learning and new experiences. On my weekends you can find me fishing out on the bay, walking my dog Chika, or spending time with my family.

Hi, my name is Jane Ding and I'm excited to join Kororoit Creek this year to learn and grow together with the prep students. I like solving puzzles, watching my monstera and umbrella tree grow, hunting for good coffee and going for a hike.

Hello everyone, my name is Melissa and I'm the Prep Team Leader and Learning Specialist. I'm so excited to be part of the amazing Prep team. I absolutely love learning new things and ways we can create a more sustainable environment. I enjoy travelling, listening to live music and taking my dog Teddy for walks. I look forward to a wonderful year in Prep at KCPS!

Hello, I am Norel. I have been lucky enough to work at KCPS for 9 amazing years. I am so excited to be working again with our wonderful prep students and families. Some of my favourite things to do is read, cook a delicious meal and spend time with my family!

Hi, I am Beth Warne, and I am the extremely lucky to be 2023's Grade 6 Team Leader and Learning Specialist. I love watching AFL and am very competitive. I bet you will all join me in celebrating when the talented Western Bulldogs win the premiership this year... right? I love walking my dog Maisie, she is an Australian Cobber Dog and often steals my socks. This is my 10th year at KCPS. I feel so fortunate to have worked here long enough to see so many amazing students learn, grow and reach their full potential. Please feel free to come and say hi, as I do love a good chat. See you around the KCPS community!

Hello! My name is Melanie, and I am one of the two Grade 6 teachers in H50. I have been a teacher at KCPS since 2012 where I began my journey in a Prep classroom and have managed to end up at the other end of the school, sometimes teaching some of the Preps I taught all those years ago! I have three young children of my own who keep me incredibly busy outside of school. I love being outdoors, reading a good novel and eating chocolate. This year I am looking forward to watching the Grade 6's thrive in their final year of primary school.

Hello KCPS community! My name is Hayden Dunlop. I started at KCPS in 2019 where I have been working as an Integration Aide. This year I have new role that I am very excited about which is a Classroom Teacher. I will be working with the Grade 6 team and working alongside the Tutor Program Team. When not at school I love to watch the footy (AFL), watch netball and spend time with my family. During the winter season I am normally at the MCG cheering on my beloved Magpies. This year has already been amazing and looking forward to the year ahead. GO PIES!

Hi, my name is Lauren Camilleri, and I am currently teaching H50 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. I started my career at KCPS in 2017 and have worked across a range of different year levels throughout that time. My husband Nathan and I have one daughter, Eleanor, and another baby on the way due to arrive in about 5 months. In my spare time I enjoy going to the beach, reading or just being at home with my family. I am so excited to be teaching Grade 6 this year and to see the students grow spectacularly!

Hi, my name's Dan, this is my first year joining the KCPS Grade 6 team and I couldn't be more excited. Outside of school I enjoy my time with my three huskies, Obi, Vader and Leia. Additionally, I enjoy exploring the world through culinary experimentation. I'm a mad Melbourne Victory fan and attend as many games both home and away as I possibly can. I also love thrifting and op-shopping. My inquiry question is which suburb has the best thrift stores and op-shops.

My name is Giorgia, and I am excited to have grade 6 again this year! I love all things art, especially drawing. Have you seen the AiA images around the school that I helped create? Recently, I have been enjoying reading the Harry Potter series for the first time. I also have two cats named Wrynn and Lilo. They're the best! I hope to see you around the yard sometime!

Grade 6



H48 Beth



H48 Hayden



H49 Daniel



H50 Melanie



H50 Lauren



H51 Giorgia



H52 Shannon



H53 Aaron



H53 Jackson



H57 Krystal



H58 Sarah

Hello, my name is Shannon and I'm one member of the pop-sensation that is the Grade 6 teaching team. I love being creative, walking my dogs and collecting new hobbies (recent additions include, whittling, juggling, painting, and learning French). In a past life, I worked in film and television and have an ongoing passion for visual literacy. I'm grateful to have landed at KCPS with such a wonderful staff, family and student community. Please don't hesitate to come say "hi!" to the newbie.

Hi, I am Sarah, and I am very lucky to be a part of the Grade 6 team this year. I have worked at KCPS since 2020 and have taught Grade 3 and 4 in my previous years. A little about me, I spend most of my time with my 4 nieces. We love to get our nails done together or eat popcorn while watching some of our favourite movies. I am looking forward to all of the exciting adventures ahead this year and supporting my students to achieve their goals.

Grade 6 continued...

My name is Aaron and I have been working in a range of roles at Kororoit Creek since 2018. I have spent my whole teaching career working in a range of PYP schools and love how it develops an inquiry mindset, 21st century skills and attributes of a 21st century learner. In my spare time, you will find me on the golf course, trying to perfect cooking smoked meats, or travelling the world with my wife and two kids.

Hey I'm Krystal! I am lucky enough to be teaching year 6 again this year.

A little about me: I have 3 horses and a cat who I adore. In my spare time you will find me with my horses, completing a craft activity or taking my two nieces to the park. I am a proud teacher that has really enjoyed year 6. I look forward to helping my students achieve their goals and prepare for high school.

Student Wellbeing



Allira



Carina



Brooke



Maria



Emily

Hello KCPS Community. This year I am excited to be working as our Curriculum Director and Wellbeing Co-ordinator. Throughout my career I have enjoyed working at a range of schools across Melbourne but have loved being part of the KCPS community for the past 4 years. I love the opportunities I get every day to see all our fabulous learners growing their minds and knowledge through inquiry and building friendships and connections to their peers, as they develop social and emotional skills. At home I have two children of my own, a son and a daughter. On my weekends I enjoy taking my children to the park, family road trips and a bit of shopping! I am really excited for a productive year of learning for our students and connecting to our school community through lots of exciting events and activities.

Hi, my name is Brooke, and I am the PSD Wellbeing Coordinator at KCPS. I am very proud to be a part of our wonderful Wellbeing team and am passionate about inclusive education and advocating for our students and their family's wellbeing. When I am not at KCPS you can find me spending time with my family walking our Border Collies, playing basketball and enjoying lots of time camping.

Hi, my name is Maria Jose and I am extremely happy to be joining the lovely Kororoit Creek Primary School community as the Social Worker/ Student Counsellor. I look forward to connecting with the families that attend this wonderful school, while supporting the students in all areas of growth and development. I have a passion for soccer, cooking and DANCING. I enjoy long walks with my two dogs, Daisy and Vision, alongside my 13-year-old daughter, while also taking time out to care for our 7 sheep!

Hi, my name is Carina and I'm so fortunate to be the Wellbeing Education Support Team Leader. I enjoy coming to work as I think we have wonderful staff and students here at KCPS, it's my 7th year working here and it's lovely to see so many familiar faces on a daily basis. I love to travel with my family, hang out with my dog, go for a swim and listen to music! If you see me around the school, please say hello!

Hi! My name is Emily Hogan, and I am the Student Wellbeing Counsellor at Kororoit Creek primary school. I am so fortunate and excited to be working at this wonderful school and getting to meet all the lovely, bright and kind students. It is my passion to help and guide the children and youth of today's society. If I am not working, you will find me cosied up, with a book in my hand and a coffee on my bedside table. I own an abundance of books and dream of the day that I get to have my own home library!

DATES TO REMEMBER

27-28 February – Student Photos

28 February – District Swimming Carnival (selected students)

1 March – KCPS School Picnic 4-6pm

7 March– Year 6 Celebration of Learning 9.15-10am & Year 5 Celebration of Learning 2.30-3.15pm

8 March – Year 4 Celebration of Learning 2.30-3.15pm

9 March– Year 2 Celebration of Learning 9.15-10am & Year 1 Celebration of Learning 2.30-3.15pm

10 March – Prep Celebration of Learning 9.15-10am & Year 3 Celebration of Learning 2.30-3.15pm

10 March – Interschool Sports Round 4 at Resurrection PS 9-11am (selected students)

13 March – Labour Day Public Holiday

14-15 March – Year 4 Democracy, Community and Me Incursion

28 March – GRIP Leadership Excursion

4 April – Sibling Photos

6 April – Last day of Term 1



Please check our website for current specialist/swimming timetables, camp dates and Curriculum

Days <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/>

Visit our Community Page for local community events and business flyers

<https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/community/>

Specialist News

Bonjour!



MUSIC

This term, the Grade 6's have started some great collaborative-based work through various activities, leading to the start of our band program. Through the band program, students will explore learning the jazz standard 'Impressions' on instruments such as drums, acoustic and electric guitar, piano, bass guitar and various percussion instruments. Through our explicit teaching of music practice strategies, students will use their prior knowledge to further develop their instrumental skills to perform with their class band.

PE

This term in Physical Education, students in Grades 2 to 6 will be exploring the different athletic events such as Shot Put, Discus, Triple Jump, High Jump and Long Jump. For our Grade 3 to 6s this will be in preparation for our annual Athletics Carnival. The Grade 5 and 6 students will also have a great emphasis on learning to give and apply constructive feedback from fellow peers and their teacher in order to improve their techniques. We also have some exciting news for our students in Grade Prep, One and Two, who are working on developing their fundamental motor skills. AFL Victoria will be visiting to run a few sessions with the students based on football. Throughout the term we will also be working on our running, leaping, jumping and hopping to combine skills and implement these in different scenarios such as obstacle courses.

ART This term, Grade 2 students are inquiring into painting. They are experimenting with different types of paint, such as watercolours or acrylics, and are discovering ways to use the primary colours (blue, red and yellow) in order to create new colours. They are also having a go at using different sizes of paint brushes and learning how to appropriately use water in their paintings. Throughout this term, students will also be able to try out different materials to add onto their paintings such as creating a collage, adding salt or blowing bubbles in order to create various effects.



FRENCH

In Prep, students have been inquiring about French culture and some French icons. They learnt about the Eiffel Tower, French foods and clothing. This week, Prep students have been creating the French flag while learning how to pronounce those three colours in French (bleu, blanc and rouge). They used some red paper and coloured pencils. This term, students will continue to investigate more about French culture while learning new colours.

