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Can you believe this is our final newsletter for Term 1...

NAPLAN

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students for completing their first NAPLAN assessments over the last two weeks. All students should be incredibly proud of their efforts, it is important to remember that NAPLAN is just a snapshot in time and couldn't possibly capture all the amazing learning that goes on in the classroom nor could it capture all of the amazing talents of our students.

Communication from the School Survey

Thank-you to those parents that responded to our quick survey regarding communication that comes from the school. Over the next couple of days, we will be unpacking this data and looking into how we can use the feedback to improve our processes. Thank-you again to those that took the time to provide us with some feedback- it is greatly appreciated.

Prep-Grade 2 Easter Bonnet Parade

We can't wait to see the wonderful and creative Easter Bonnets on Thursday at the KCPS Easter Bonnet Parade! The Parade will be held at 9.20am, we would love for parents to attend if they are able! Please see the flyer included later in the newsletter.

Easter Raffle

Thank-you to those families that have already donated an Easter egg for our upcoming raffle. We will continue collecting eggs until this Friday and our wonderful parent volunteers will be building the hampers ready for the winners to be drawn at Assembly on the last day of term. Next week, our student leaders will be coming around to classrooms and selling tickets for the raffle. All money raised will be going towards the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



**\$1 for 1 ticket
\$2 for 3 tickets**

2023 Class Captains

Over the last few weeks, students and teachers have been working hard to determine our 2023 Class Captains. This is a very thorough process where students nominate themselves based on the Class Captain criteria and students vote for their Class Captains based on their pitch and the criteria. Class Captains will be announced at a special assembly next term.

Assembly updates

Next week, we will be holding our assembly on Thursday afternoon at 1pm (last day of term) instead of our usual Monday morning. During this Assembly, we will be announcing the winners of the Easter Raffle and concluding Term 1. Our Prep-Grade 3 students will be in the gym for assembly and parents are welcome to attend. Next term, on Monday 1st May we will holding two extra special assemblies to announce our 2023 Class Captains and Green Team Captains. The Prep-Grade 2 assembly will be held at 9.05am and the Grade 3-Grade 5 assembly will be held at 2.20pm. If your child is receiving a Class Captain or Green Team badge your child's teacher will let you know so that you are able to come to assembly if you would like to.

YMCA gate

Please remember that you cannot enter the school grounds via the YMCA and Kingswim entrance. This creates congestion and safety issues for families with small children going into the YMCA, ELC and Kingswim at both drop-off and pickup times. It is also important that students are not waiting around in the YMCA foyer. We are currently looking at options to update the lock on the gate. In future, the gate will be locked and students and parents will not have access to the gate before and after school. Thank you for your understanding.

Swimming Showcases

We are excited to invite you back to the Kingswim showcases where you can come to watch your child/ren during their swimming lesson. Showcases will be held at your child's regular swimming time, the Term 1 Swimming Timetable is available on our website: <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/KCPS-TERM-1-2023-SWIMMING-TIMETABLE-GRADES-3-6.pdf>

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 families
are invited to the

KCPS




Swimming Showcase

WHEN:
MONDAY 27TH, TUESDAY 28TH
WEDNESDAY 29TH OF MARCH

*To celebrate the end of a marvellous term of swimming,
parents & guardians are invited to watch their children swim
during their designated swimming sessions on the above dates.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Attendees must arrive directly at the pool NOT via the school
- All attendees must sign in at the pool foyer
- Attendees are not permitted to take any photographs or video
- Attendees are not permitted in the change rooms
- This is not an opportunity to get feedback from teachers or instructors, reports will be provided in June or you can call the pool directly for info.



Just a reminder that the last day of school is on Thursday 6th April and students finish at 1.30pm.

Additionally, we would like to wish all families and staff in our KCPS community Ramadan Kareem. We would also like to wish our Persian community Nowruz Mubarak!

I would also like to take the time to send out one more appeal to families to consider donating an Easter egg for our Easter Raffle; we hope we are able to create some wonderful Easter hampers and raise a generous donation for an incredibly important cause.

Have a wonderful fortnight!
Bethany Riseley

Green Team Update

Claire and I are very excited to be working alongside our Grade 6 Environmental Captains on some exciting projects this year. Keep your eyes open for information about Nude Food, The Big Battery Rescue Program, and many more exciting things.

Based on the feedback from teachers and students last year, we have decided that there will be only one Green Team Captain from each class from Grade 1 to Grade 5. This will give the Green Team more flexibility to work together as a group as well as be more focussed in their initiatives.

This year, our Green Team students will attend regular meetings where they will learn about environmental sustainability, conduct tasks in their own time as well as be a part of the implementation of various programs schoolwide. Our Prep students will have the opportunity to become a Green Team Captain in 2024.

Jinan Khwaja & Claire Dowling

Grade 3-6 Cross Country Carnival- Wednesday 5th April

On Wednesday 5th April, we will be holding our Grade 3-6 Cross Country Carnival at the Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve across the road from the school.

Parents are invited to attend the Burnside Heights Recreation Reserve to watch their child participate. The day will run as follows:

9:00am - 10:00am	Grade 5s
10:00am - Recess	Grade 6s
11:30am - 12:30pm	Grade 4s
12:30pm - Lunch	Grade 3s

Presentations will be held at the end of each session to award ribbons and congratulate participants.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for the day, to help create an exciting atmosphere! Students will also need to have their local walking excursion form completed to attend the event. If you have not done so already, please complete this form via Compass.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Meet our Staff

Hi everyone! My name is Eleanor, I teach H23 and I am loving it. This is my second-year teaching at Kororoit Creek Primary School, a big change to the previous year where I taught the big kids in Grade 6. Before I was at KCPS, I taught in English in Japan. It was a fantastic experience living in another country. I grew up in a very bushy suburb and I love nature and animals. I have two extremely cute and fluffy dogs I take for bushwalks in Plenty Gorge. Have a wonderful 2023!

Hi everyone! My name is Cassie and I am the Grade Two Team Leader. I have worked at KCPS for 6 amazing years! I have previously taught Grade 4 and Grade 5, and I have loved teaching Grade 2 for the first time this year. When I am not at school, I love to sing and dance in musicals and take my puppy Teddy for walks! My favourite foods are passionfruit and burgers, and I love going out for Mexican and Pasta. I live in Geelong, and love supporting the Geelong Cats in the AFL! If you see me around school, definitely come up and talk to me about your pets or the football!

Hi! My name is Anne and I am a Grade 2 teacher at KCPS. This is my fourth-year teaching at the school. My favourite part of teaching is seeing students learn and grow as individuals. My interests include learning about cats as I have two of my own at home, experimenting with new recipes from different cuisines and learning different languages. Feel free to say hello when you see me!

Hi, my name is Jinan and I started teaching in 2011! Wow, that is such a long time! I started working at KCPS in 2012, how luck am I? I have taught all the years between Grade 1 and Grade 5! This year, I am teaching the amazing student of H25 with Trish! I have 2 amazing boys, Uthman who is 3 and Umar who is 18 months! When we are free, we love to visit different parks, the Zoo, the Museum and the Aquarium. My husband barracks for the Richmond Football Club, so I hear all about it! If you see me in the yard, come over and say hi and tell me about your favourite football club.

Hi! I'm Trish. I began my teaching career as a graduate at KCPS over a decade ago and taught mostly in Grade Prep and One. I have returned this year from family leave after having three beautiful children of my own. I am over the moon to be back in the classroom teaching my wonderful Grade Two's alongside Jinan. On Wednesdays, I even get to spend time in a Grade Prep and One classroom and have loved seeing their growth over the term! In my spare time, I love being with my family. We love going out to new places, drawing, cooking and playing soccer together. We also have a dog named Louie who likes to join in on our fun and adventures. My favourite thing about being a teacher is building relationships with students and their families so please come and say hello when you see me out in the yard!

Grade 2



H22 Cassie



H23 Eleanor



H24 Anne



H25 Jinan



H25 Trish



H26 Anna



H27 Curtis



H27 Krystal



H28 Preet



H29 Helen

My name is Anna and this is my fourth year at KCPS. My teaching experience so far has been in the junior years, but I would love to one day move up to teaching upper primary. I absolutely love my job as I get to see all the amazing things our students achieve and be a part of their learning journey. When I am not working, you can usually find me reading a book, completing a 1000-piece puzzle, at the gym or spending time to tire out my very energetic Border Collie. I am always up for a chat, so feel free to come and say hi if you see me around!

Hello everyone, my name is Preet and I am super excited to be teaching Grade 2 this year. I truly love being in the classroom and am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun! This is my second-year teaching at KCPS and I am beyond thrilled to be part of this amazing community! Before this, I have taught in Singapore and Qatar. On my weekends, my 3 children and Chihuahua named Peanut, keep me very busy. I love travelling around the world and can speak 5 different languages. Feel free to come say hello when you see me out in the yard!

Grade 2 continued...

Howdy my name is Curtis, I have been a teacher at KCPS for 8 years. I have spent a lot of this time teaching music and have recently moved into classroom teaching. This year I am working as a learning specialist in grade two with my class H27. Outside of work, I enjoy listening to and playing music, reading, riding my bicycle, travelling and learning anything I can. I am also a mad keen Carlton fan and am hoping 2023 is the year we finally break our finals drought. Go Blues!

Hi to the KCPS community! I'm Krystal, I've been teaching at our school for about seven years now. I've been teaching music for all those years, except for this year! I am still teaching music, but this year I'm lucky enough to be teaching Grade 2's one day a week. In my spare time, I like to be active and get involved in team sports. I play netball, ultimate frisbee, go stand-up paddle boarding and bushwalking/hiking. I like to spend time in my garden and watching how my flowers and plants grow. Very much looking forward to what the rest of the school year brings. See you round the school!

Hi KCPS community, I'm Helen. It's crazy to think that I have been a teacher for just over 10 years now! I began my teaching career in Early Childhood as a Kindergarten teacher. My journey at Kororoit Creek Primary School began in 2020. I have spent the past year away as I had my first baby. I am so excited to return and be teaching Grade 2's this year. I can't believe these were my Prep cohort before I left (how they've all changed and grown). I look forward to contributing to the growth of all my students this year. Some of the hobbies that help me relax include cooking and baking, reading, and getting massages. I adore spending time with my family and friends and eating lots of food. I'm a foodie so I am always on the hunt to finding delicious places to try; cafes or restaurants. I have a few recommendations if you need it.

DATES TO REMEMBER

27-29 March – Year 3-6 Swimming Showcase at Kingswim, at your child's [regular swimming time](#)

28 March – GRIP Leadership Excursion

30 March – Prep Team Building Incursion

30 March – District Mixed Netball Tournament

4 April – Sibling Photos

5 April – Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival at Burnside Heights Oval

6 April – Final assembly for the term, instead of Monday. Prep-3 attending assembly in the Gym

6 April – Prep-2 Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.20am, and Easter Raffle for the RCH

6 April – Last day of Term 1. Students are dismissed at 1.30pm

24 April – First Day of Term 2

25 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday. Students do not attend school

26 April – H10, H11, H12- Building and Construction Incursion

26-28 April – Year 5 Market Manoeuvres Incursion

27 April – H15, H16- Building and Construction Incursion

28 April – H13, H14- Building and Construction Incursion

1 May – Special Class Captain and Green Team Captain Assemblies. P-2 at 9am & 3-5 at 2.15pm

1 May – Year 6 Parent Information Night- Sexual Health Victoria. 7pm via Webex

9-10 May – Mother's Day Stall

12 May – Curriculum Day. Students do not attend school

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/>



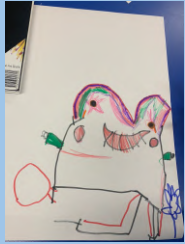
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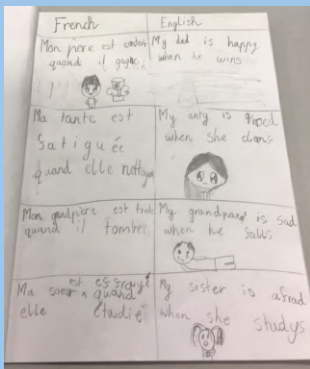
ART

In Grade Prep, students have been inquiring into the drawing process where they have explored the arts elements of line, shape and colour. Students have learnt to identify these elements in the objects around them and used this to help draw these items. They have begun to develop their knowledge and ability to use spatial awareness as well as ensuring their artworks are refined by using the process of block colouring. Students will be using this knowledge to create a final artwork of a book showing all they know about line, shape and colour.



FRENCH

The Grade Three students have been working on describing their family members. They have learnt to add an extra 'e' to the adjectives when describing girls and to remove the 'r' at the end of infinitive verbs to conjugate them. Students were asked to bring a family photo this week as they will start working on their family page. All the students' pages will be put together to create the classroom family book.



MUSIC

The Grade Four students have been inquiring into how repertoire demonstrates knowledge. So far, they have explored how they might strum in time, learn a new song, choose strategies to support their learning and what to do to enable or extend their learning as part of the 'finding out' stage of the inquiry cycle. Currently they are working on their 'sorting out' and 'going further' stages of the inquiry cycle and have been utilising their newly found knowledge to prepare a piece for a performance in Week 9. This performance will be assessed and reflected upon and will provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to take action within small group performances.

PE

In Grade Prep, students have been learning to move their bodies like athletes in different ways. This includes how to play safely inside the boundaries, taking turns and following instructions when participating in activities and minor games. Some of these games include Whistle Freeze, Banana Tag, Builders and Bulldozers and even moving through an obstacle course. In Week 9, students will begin to practise the skill of hopping in a range of situations and will apply their new skill into a minor game. We are looking forward to watching our athletes grow throughout the year as they continue to learn and practise new skills and strategies.



KOROROIT CREEK PRIMARY
SCHOOL PRESENTS THEIR

ANNUAL P-2 EASTER BONNET PARADE

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL AT 9:20AM

HOP ON OVER AND JOIN OUR
PREP, GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2
COHORTS IN THEIR
EASTER BONNET PARADE!

LOCATIONS

PREP: FRONT OF SCHOOL.
OUTSIDE OF H05 & H06.

GRADE 1: AGORA

GRADE 2: BASKETBALL COURTS

BROOKSIDE P-9 COLLEGE

13—16 Federation Way, Caroline Springs ph: 7379 1555



ENROL for YEAR 7 2024!

You are invited to attend an information evening at the College on

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

6:00pm—7:00pm

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code by Thursday 27th April 2023.

