

**IB LEARNER
PROFILE
ATTRIBUTES**

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

Kororoit Creek Primary School respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pays respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a safe and restful break. I hope you can use the time to rest and unwind after a busy year.

Thank-you to everyone that came out to our Christmas Concert yesterday, we have received lots of positive feedback, and our students were so proud to showcase their musical talents that they have worked on throughout the year.

A big thank-you to our staff who made the night a success, and special thanks to the Music Team for putting it all together!

Thank-you to everyone who donated a gift for our Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, your generosity has been incredible, and we know it will put smiles on faces on Christmas Day.

To parents, thank-you for all that you do for our community and entrusting your children with us each and every day.

To staff, thank-you to each of you for all of your hard work over this past year, our students are so lucky to have you as their teachers, leaders and ES staff- they really are!

To the staff that are leaving us this year, I wish you all the best in your new roles and I hope you look back on your time with us fondly. Thank-you and best of luck to the following staff who are leaving us this year: Aaron Wood, Agnes Ravindran, Alice Tsangarides, Anna Huynh, Deane Valodimos, Fay Maglogiannis, Isabella Jovanov, and Trish Goga.

And finally, to our students- I hope you all have a wonderful break with your family. Thank-you for all of your efforts this year, you should all be incredibly proud! To our Grade 6 graduates- GOOD LUCK! Thank-you for all that you have contributed to KCPS. I wish you all the best for your next steps, wherever they may take you.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Some important reminders for the end of the year

- Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm today, Tuesday 19th December.
- Our final assembly will be held at 12.45pm today in the Gym, and a Guard of Honour will be held for our Year 6 students.
- We will be holding a 'Lost Property Collection' outside of the gym today from 12.45-1.30pm. This will be the last opportunity for parents to collect any lost items for this year.
- Tomorrow, Wednesday 20th December, is a Staff Professional Practice Day, students are not required at school on this day.

A reminder about our new 2024 timings

As mentioned in previous newsletters and Compass posts, beginning next year we have made some changes to our bell times and how the school day will look at KCPS.

Key things to remember...

- The school day will begin at 8.50am, this means students should be in their classroom ready to learn at 8.50am.
- As we transition into this new schedule, our process for giving out late passes will stay the same for Term 1, we will only give out late passes for students that arrive after 9.00am.
- Lunchtime will be a longer break and will be the first break of the day.
- School dismissal time stays the same at 3.15pm.
- The yard will be supervised from 8.35am- students should not be dropped off at school before 8.35am.
- To support these changes, the canteen online ordering will close at 7.00am.
- These changes will only be implemented from the beginning of the 2024 school year.

Please see below a new breakdown of our new daily schedule for 2024:

Before School	8.35am-8.50am	The yard will now be supervised from 8.35am The music will begin at 8.45am to signal students to make their way to their classrooms where teachers will open their doors ready for learning to begin
Session 1	8.50am-9.50am	Learning time
Session 2	9.50am-10.50am	Learning time
Eating time	10.50am-11.00am	Students will have this time to eat inside
Lunchtime	11.00am-11.50am	Students play outside or attend a club
Session 3	11.50am-12.50pm	Learning time
Session 4	12.50pm-1.50pm	Learning time
Recess	1.50pm-2.15pm	Students will eat a snack and play outside
Session 5	2.15pm-3.15pm	Learning time
Dismissal	3.15pm	Students are dismissed from their homerooms
After School	3.15pm-3.30pm	The yard is supervised until 3.30pm. All students need to be collected by 3.30pm

We thank-you for your understanding and look forward to introducing these changes in 2024.

2024 Teacher introduction videos

After an exciting Step-Up Day, we wanted to extend an invitation to an engaging opportunity for you and your child to get better acquainted with their classroom teachers for 2024.

We've put together introduction videos featuring our wonderful classroom teachers, giving you a chance to virtually meet them and get a glimpse into what your child can expect in the upcoming year.

To access these videos, simply click on this link: <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/about-kcps/#staff>

We believe that fostering a strong connection between home and school is pivotal for your child's success, and these videos aim to kickstart that connection. We encourage you to watch them at your convenience with your child and share in the excitement of what lies ahead.

Book Fair 'Hats off to reading' competition winners

We had a wonderful success with many families making their purchases for new books from the Book Fair last week. As part of the book fair theme 'Hats off to reading', we had a competition for the school where students created a hat with their own choice of theme. We had many competitors with great entries, and we narrowed it down to the following winners. Well done to Vivaan in H02, Amaira in H16, Elijah in H28, Mia in H47, Sophia in H41, Kaitlyn in H18, and Olivia and Maddi in H58. Congratulations!

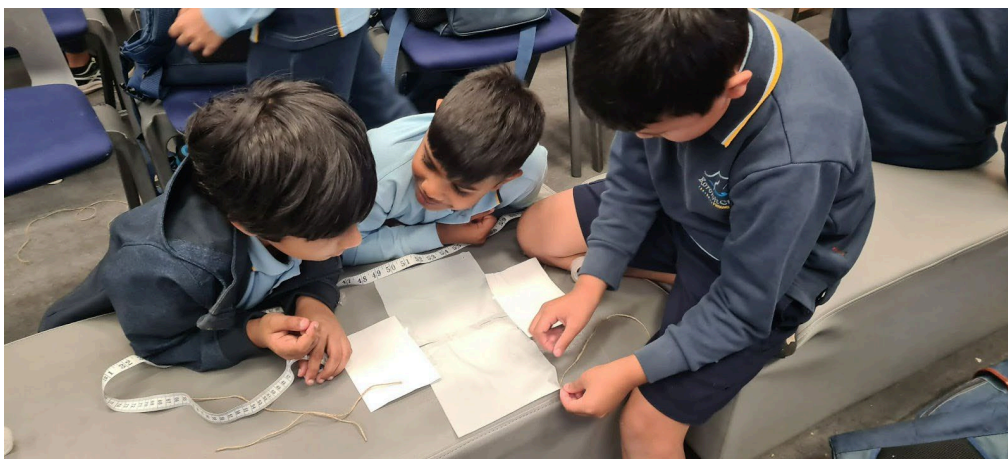


iFLY STEM Extension Excursion



On the 27th and 30th of November, the Grade 3 and 4 STEM extension students participated in an excursion to iFly. While they were there, they engaged in a STEM lab investigating the optimal design for a parachute. Through this process, they applied many 21st century skills including collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking. Designs were tested and their effectiveness was evaluated through a series of experiments. Students also had the opportunity to be risk takers and experience first-hand the effects of gravity and air resistance by taking flights. Those who dared to jump left with ear-to-ear grins, as all students built on their expanding knowledge in a unique and memorable STEM excursion.

- Aaron Wood, STEM Teacher



Green Team 2023 Wrap Up

The KCPS Green Team captains have had a very productive year in their roles. The year started off with the Big Battery Rescue incursion for all captains which set the mood of excitement and possibility. Throughout Term 3 and Term 4 the students worked collaboratively on personal inquiry questions that related to their roles, about topics such as recycling, littering and Nude Food.

As mentors and facilitators, we are so proud of everything the Green Team captains have brought to the roles this year and the ways in which they have immersed themselves each time we met. We thank all the captains for their work and dedication and hope that they continue to support others to be caring towards our environment.

Our Environment Captains, Tia and Saanvi, have worked very hard throughout the year to plan and facilitate each meeting for the students. Thank you for your dedication and leadership within the role. See below for some reflections from the captains:

Tia: I'm so grateful to have the most amazing, intelligent, collaborative green team students in the whole universe and I know they're going to get far in their life.

Saanvi: I am also grateful to have the opportunity to be an Environment Captain and be able to teach wonderful, amazing, spectacular and cooperative communicators.

Thank you again to all the Green Team and environment captains for a wonderful year. It has been a pleasure working with you all!

Jinan, Eleanor & Claire

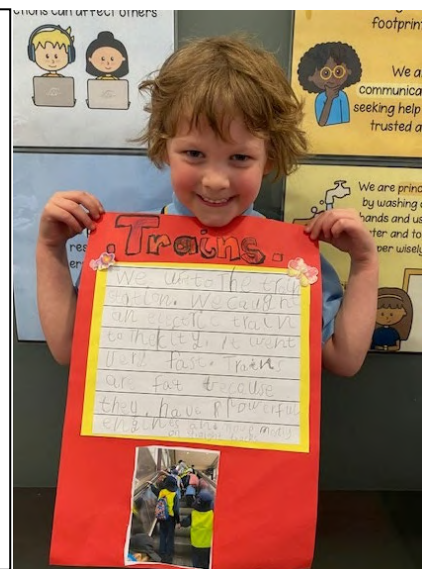


Snapshot from Prep

The Grade Prep's had an amazing time on their transport excursion to the city! They rode on a bus and train and saw helicopters, boats, trains, trucks, and cars.

Their amazing day inspired some amazing writing!

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PREP TEACHERS FOR GIVING OUR STUDENTS THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.



DATES TO REMEMBER

19 December 2023 – End of Term Assembly at 12.45pm. Years 4-6 in the Gym, Prep-3 in classrooms

19 December 2023 – Student Last Day – Finish at 1:30pm

20 December 2023 – Staff Professional Practice Day. **Students are not required at school on this day**

29 January 2024 – Curriculum Day. Students are not required at school on this day

30 January 2024 – First day of Term 1 for Year 1-6 students.

30 January- 2 February 2024 – Prep Testing

5 February 2024 – First day of Term 1 for Prep students

5- 7 February 2024 – Prep students finish at 1.30pm

8 February 2024 – Prep students finish at 3.15pm from today

21- 22 February 2024 – Individual student photos

11 March – Labour Day Public Holiday, no school

14 March 2024 – Sibling photos

27 March – KCPS Family Picnic and Community Market

28 March – Last day of Term 1, students are dismissed at 1.30pm



For more dates, please view our School Calendar via Compass or the homepage of our website

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

Please check our Parents Page for our weekly year level updates, swimming timetables, camp dates, Curriculum Days, and more! <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/>

Visit our Community Page for local community events and business flyers

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

Support Services

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific support services can be found at the following link:
<https://www.vacca.org/page/contact/needing-help-now>



Lifeline

13 11 14 (24 hours, seven days a week)

Online Chat: www.lifeline.org.au

Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Region: National



Kids Helpline

1800 551 800 (24 hours, seven days a week)

Online Chat: kidshelpline.com.au

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25

Region: National



1800RESPECT

1800 737 732 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)

Online Chat: www.1800respect.org.au

A confidential information, counselling and support service for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Region: National



Beyond Blue

1300 224 636 (24 hours, seven days)

Online Chat: www.beyondblue.org.au

Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health.

Region: National



ParentLine Victoria

13 22 89 (8am - midnight, seven days)

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. They offer confidential and anonymous counselling and support on parenting issues.

Region: Victoria

Kororoit Creek YMCA Outside School Hours Care

What have we been up to in OSHC?

This term, our OSHC children have been having lots of fun participating in a range of child-led and planned experiences at our OSHC program!

Check out some of our recent activity highlights: Cooking the most favorite, recycling and craft



What is upcoming in OSHC?

Bookings are open for upcoming summer school holidays. Lots of fun programs with incursions and excursions are planned based on children's interest.

It's not too late to book in! Head over to our website www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au to register and make a booking.

CONTACT US

P: 0419877251

E: kororiticreekoshc@ymca.org.au

W: childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au



School Holiday Program

Wed 20 Dec 2023 - Thurs 25 Jan 2024

Summer

2023-24

Kororoit Creek Primary School

P: 0419 877 251 **E:** kororoitcreekoshc@ymca.org.au

A: 5 Millport Drive Burnside Heights VIC 3023

W: childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs

Monday 18 - Friday 22 December

PIRATE PARTY **WED 20**

Ahoy there! We're making pirate hats, eye patches and treasure maps and then going on an epic treasure hunt.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

CHRISTMAS BONANZA **THUR 21**

Welcome to the holidays! We'll be preparing for Christmas by creating decorations and handmade gifts.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

PARTY TIME! **FRI 22**

Today will be filled with party games, food and a silent disco. Show off your cool dance moves to some of your favourite songs.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

CLOSED MON 25 - FRI 29 DECEMBER

Monday 1 - Friday 5 January

CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY **MON 1**

PROGRAM CLOSED **TUE 2**

ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD **WED 3**

Learn about different animals around the world! We travel the globe to find out more about the amazing creatures who live here.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

POTTERY CLASS **THUR 4**

Steam Works Studio will teach us some cool pottery tricks. Then we'll use our imagination to make unique clay creations.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

CARDBOARD TOWN **FRI 5**

Today we create life-sized versions of ourselves and build our very own town by turning boxes into buildings!

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

Please note:

Items to bring everyday: lunch and snack (nutritious and nut free), water bottle, sun smart hat, weather appropriate clothes and shoes.

CCS subsidy: the prices above are not inclusive of any Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements.

Please see our website for arrival times and details.

See our website for information on how to book, Child Care Subsidy, FAQs and current programs.
Printed program details accurate as of 15 Nov 2023



Scan Here
for booking instructions



*Week three, four, and five program information on reverse side.

Monday 8 - Friday 12 January

CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE **MON 8**

We're using cardboard and other recycled materials to create engineering masterpieces. Then we'll test how much weight they can hold.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS **TUE 9**

Explore mindfulness and movement through our yoga session. You'll learn breathing, stretching and relaxation techniques.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

ZONE BOWLING AND LASER TAG **WED 10**

Test your ten-pin bowling skills at our local bowling alley and then try a game of laser tag at Watergardens!

Excursion | Cost: \$131.50

CARTOON WORKSHOP **THUR 11**

Today we're learning about cartooning. Learn to draw eyes, put faces together and draw hand movements to develop characters.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW **FRI 12**

Today is all about colour, from art and craft activities to cooking and games. We're exploring all the colours of the rainbow.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

Monday 15 - Friday 19 January

WELCOME TO AFRICA **MON 15**

Travel to Africa by experiencing traditional art, music and culture from its many countries. We'll also try famous African food.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

CRAFTPOWER WOOD WORK **TUE 16**

Let's develop your wood working skills! Have fun making wooden toys and solar-powered toy aeroplanes.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

MOVIES - HOYTS WATERGARDENS **WED 17**

Lights, camera, action! Sit back and relax, because we're heading to our local cinema to watch the latest new release movie.

Excursion | Cost: \$131.50

FOOD JOURNEY **THUR 18**

Today we're going on a food journey. We'll be making a variety of delicious treats to enjoy throughout the day. Yummy!

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

STUFFLERS **FRI 19**

Today we get to play with all things soft and fluffy. Build your own stuffed creation to take home and treasure forever.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

Monday 22 - Friday 26 January

SENSATIONAL SCIENCE **MON 22**

Challenge your curious mind with a day filled with STEM activities and science experiments, run in a fun and interactive environment.

In-House Day | Cost: \$91.50

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP **TUE 23**

Learn how to perform on stage and then apply those skills in a musical play at the end of the workshop.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

JUMPSIDE **WED 24**

Unleash your inner ninja and bounce, flip, twist and leap on trampolines, throughout ninja obstacles and more!

Excursion | Cost: \$131.50

SPLASHTASTIC WATER PARTY **THUR 25**

An action-packed water-based party of games and activities! There will be waterfall fun, water tag team and much more.

Incursion | Cost: \$106.50

CLOSED AUSTRALIA DAY **FRI 26**



Scan Here
for booking instructions

