

**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.

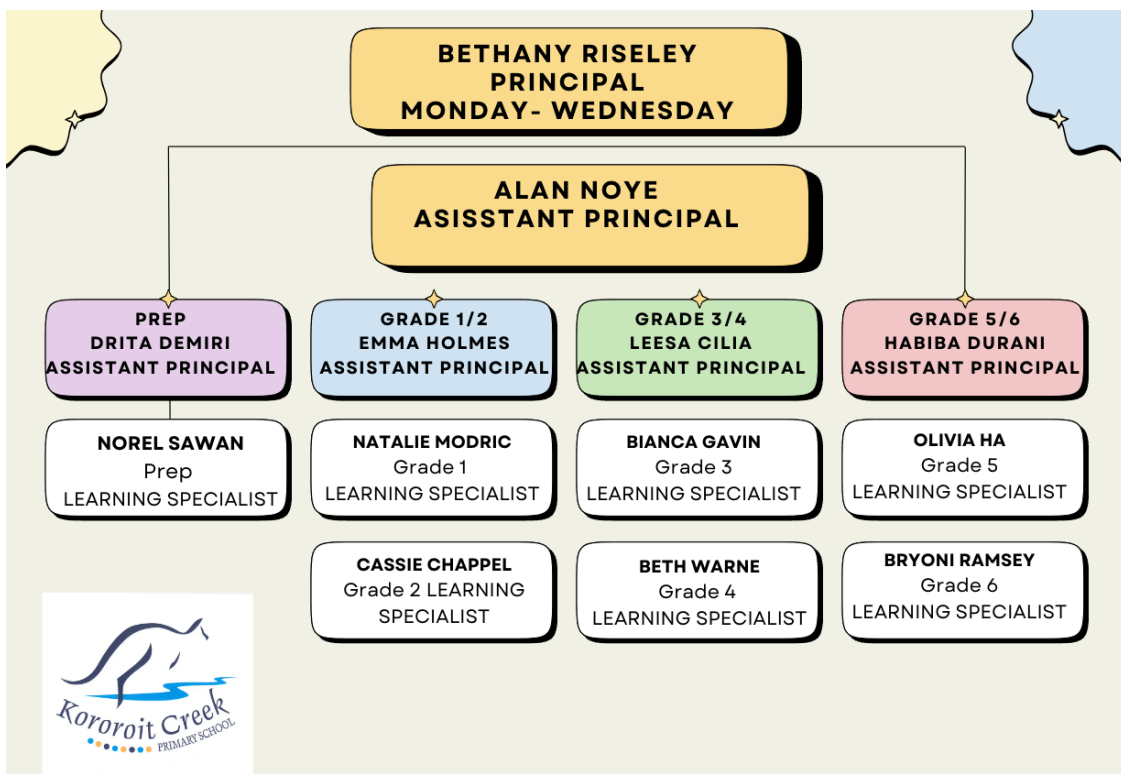
Can you believe we are here at the beginning of a new school year...?

I hope the first drop off went smoothly this morning and you and your children were able to slip back into the daily routine without too much hassle after a long holiday break. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as students ran through the gates this morning, greeting each other with such excitement. I spent some time today walking through the school and the students were so settled and engaged, ready for another wonderful year.

I wanted to dedicate our first newsletter to a bit of 'housekeeping' information, in particular, changes to our leadership structure and who will be leading different areas of the school. I will continue to work part time this year, my working days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Alan Noye will be in my role on Thursdays and Fridays. The Assistant Principals will each continue leading and managing an area of the school along with their Learning Specialists.

If you would like to get into contact with someone regarding your child and their learning or wellbeing, the Area Assistant Principals will be able to support you. You can get in contact with a member of the team by calling the office on (03) 8358 0600 or alternatively via email.

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Over the next few weeks, we will be updating our website to reflect new roles and responsibilities and will also communicate this via upcoming newsletters.

New Bell Times

Just a reminder about our new schedule this year. Our new start time has been very well received, this morning students were ready in their classrooms at 8.50am.

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

Some key points 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 (please remember this if you drop off lunch to your child)
- 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**

Lunch Orders

Now that our lunchtime has moved to earlier in the day, online lunch orders close at 6.30am. This is to give the canteen plenty of time to have all the orders ready for lunch.

Assembly in 2024

Assemblies will be held fortnightly on Monday mornings at 9.00am beginning in Week 3, however, we will be holding a special assembly next week on Monday morning at 9.15am to introduce our 2024 School Captains and have a special Welcome to Country. Parents are welcome to attend assemblies and they will also be live streamed for those that would like to watch from home.

Week 2	Monday 5 th Feb at 9.15am- Special School Captain Assembly- Grade 4-6 in the gym
Week 3	Monday 12 th Feb at 9am- Prep-Grade 3 in the gym
Week 5	Monday 26 th Feb at 9am- Grade 4-6 in the gym
Week 7	No Assembly- Monday 11 th Labour Day Public Holiday
Week 9	Thursday 28 th Last Day of Term Assembly at 12.45pm- Prep-Grade 3 in the gym

Newsletters in 2024

Our regular fortnightly newsletters will be sent out every second Monday afternoon, beginning next Monday 5th February.

Hats during break times

As a part of our Sun Protection Policy, students are required to wear a school hat when outside during lunch and recess. It is very important that you send your child to school with a hat so their play isn't impacted, as students who do not have a hat will be asked to stay in a shaded area.

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 January- 2 February – Prep Testing

5 February – First day of Term 1 for Prep students

5 February – Special School Captain Assembly at 9.15am. Grade 4-6 in the Gym

5- 7 February – Prep students finish at 1.50pm

8 February – Prep students finish at 3.15pm from today

12 February – Assembly at 9.00am. Prep-Grade 3 in the Gym

21- 22 February – Individual student photos

26 February – Assembly at 9.00am. Grade 4-6 in the Gym

11 March – Labour Day Public Holiday, no school

14 March – Sibling photos

27 March – KCPS Family Picnic and Community Market

28 March – End of Term Assembly at 12.45pm. Prep-Grade 3 in the Gym

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



We are SunSmart

- a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language