



7 October 2024

**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.*

**Welcome Back!**

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break and students are feeling rested and ready for a big Term 4. The end of Term 3 was a busy one for us at KCPS! There was lots happening from our school review to our PYP Evaluation and it was a hectic end to the term, I know the holidays came at a good time.

**Works over the holidays**

You may have noticed that some work has been completed over the holidays. We now have a new path leading to the oval, and the garden beds in the area between H01-H02 and H26-H27 have been extended to prevent students running through the gate in that area. We will be reminding students to not run through the garden beds. We are also very excited to have had a new cricket pitch installed for our students.

**2024 School Review**

We had a wonderful review experience; the panel was able to really dig deep into our work at KCPS and determine some authentic next steps for us as a school community. It was a wonderful chance to celebrate some of the amazing things that we do at the school.

Our external panel members were blown away by our students and how they were able to speak to their learning as well as our wellbeing programs such as Attributes in Action. During classroom observations, all panel members commented on how settled and engaged our students were and how evident it is that there is a strong focus on academic success as well as balancing the importance of student wellbeing.

Thank-you to everyone who was a part of our school review and made it such a success from completing surveys or attending parent focus groups, all input was highly valued and ensured we had a really thorough review which resulted in a rich Strategic Plan for the next four years. Thank-you!

I look forward to sharing our new Strategic Plan with the school community once it has been finalised.

**PYP Evaluation**

As if the end of Term 3 wasn't busy enough, we ended the final week with our PYP Evaluation visit. This visit was completed online by two IB evaluators who reviewed all of our documentation and evidence and then met with our students, staff and parents to discuss how we are implementing the IB PYP Programme.

Once again, this was a really positive visit and the evaluators were extremely complimentary of how we adapt the PYP framework within a Victorian Government school setting. They were very impressed with how our students were able to speak about the Learner Profile as well as their Units of Inquiry. They commented that our staff are highly skilled in teaching the PYP and this was evident through discussions with both teachers themselves, students and filmed lesson observations.

An area of focus for us moving forward is to ensure that we continue to educate our parent community on the Primary Years Programme to ensure that our families are familiar with the programme and feel connected to your child's learning. We look forward to receiving the official report over the coming weeks which I will share with the community.

I would like to thank everyone again who was a part of this evaluation, especially Drita Demiri our PYP Coordinator. There was a lot of work that went into the preparation and organisation of the visit. Thank-you!

*Kororoit Creek Primary School has a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse*

### **Parent Requests for 2025 homerooms**

As we are heading into the end of the year, we are starting to plan for 2025 and I would like to take this opportunity to address an important aspect of our school's philosophy. One of the fundamental principles that guides our approach at KCPS is our commitment to providing a well-rounded and inclusive experience for every student and we firmly believe that each child's academic growth and wellbeing is nurtured best when we make thoughtful and considered decisions regarding their grade placement.

I understand that as parents you may have specific requests and preferences regarding your child's future classes and friends, however, while we value your involvement, I want to emphasise the importance of trusting our dedicated teachers to make the right decisions about what's best for their students and their learning. With this in mind, I would like to inform you that **we will not be accepting any parent requests** for grade placements including friends you would like them to be paired with or alternatively, separated from. There are many factors that are considered when building grades from gender, academic achievements, friendships, behaviour considerations- it is a very thorough and complex process. I firmly believe that our teachers are best equipped to make these decisions, knowing their students, how they learn and their social interactions.

Our Assistant Principals will also be supporting with the process and will be able to provide an extra level of detail and consideration of historical requests and events.

Please remember, teachers always want what is best for their students so will be making these decisions with a great deal of thought and consideration. We still encourage you to maintain an open line of communication with your child's teacher and with our Assistant Principals.

Later in the term, as always, students will have an opportunity to nominate five friends that they would like to be placed with and will be guaranteed to be placed with at least one of those friends in their 2025 class. We will also be having our Step Up Day at the end of the year where students have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and their new class.

If you have any concerns, please reach out to either me or one of the Assistant Principals. I thank-you again for trusting us with this process.

### **Accessing the school yard outside of hours**

Please remember that the school is not a public space and should not be accessed outside of hours. The school yard is not to be used over the holidays, weekends or evenings for any reason, including shooting hoops in the basketball ring, playing on the playgrounds or running on the oval.

### **Colour Run**

The KCPS Colour Run is coming up on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October and we would love you all to get on board! All funds raised will go towards new play equipment for our students, and the highest fundraiser for each grade will win an awesome prize! You can sign your child up on our Fundraising Hub page: <https://kororoitcreekprimarycolourrun.goraiseit.com.au/>

### **Lost property**

We have had a piece of jewellery handed in to the office. If you are missing a piece of jewellery, please contact Karen in the office.

### **Hats**

A reminder that all students must have a school hat to wear during Lunch, Recess and PE. Hats can be purchased at the office for \$10. Please don't forget to clearly label your child's hat with their full name.

### **School Uniform Sale- 30% off**

The school uniform sale continues, with 30% off selected items available at the Uniform Group Deer Park store. Please refer to the flyer included later in the newsletter for more details.

I hope you have a wonderful fortnight, there is lots of exciting this coming up a special time for our Grade 2 students with their first day camp to Lady Northcote Discovery Camp and our Grade 3s who are having a sleepover at school... very exciting!

## Prep – Grade 2 Athletics Day

### 15 October 2024

The PE team are excited to announce we will be running a Prep to Grade 2 Athletics Day at the school for the very first time, it will be held on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. This will include traditional athletic events such as long jump, discus and shot put as well as a range of teamwork-based fun such as egg and spoon races and three-legged races. Our goal is to expose KCPS students to the skills, qualities and sportsmanship required to be safe, have fun and excel when participating in our Grade 3 to 6 Athletics Carnivals in the future.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours as we will be giving points throughout the events and crowning a winning house at the end of the day. Parents are welcome to come and support their children during allocated times as follows:

**Parent visits:**

**Prep** parents from **9:30am - 10:30am**

**One** parents from **12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Two** parents from **1:00pm - Recess (1:50pm)**

Lunch and recess will still run at normal times for the entire school so if parents stick to the allocated times this would be greatly appreciated, any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask for the PE team.

## Mental Health in Primary Schools

### *Lead the Way Psychology & Animal-Assisted Therapy*

Last term we announced an animal-assisted therapy program that will be occurring this term. By now, all students who have been selected to participate will have received a consent form. Participation may be in a small group setting or as a whole class. Last term we introduced Ranger and his handler Jodee, and we are excited to announce that along with Ranger, there will be a second therapy dog onsite on the same day to support with the wellbeing sessions. From next Wednesday, Ranger and Jodee and Artemis and Sharon will be onsite.



*Jodee and Ranger*



*Sharon and Artemis*

When engaging with the dogs (during sessions or in the yard), it is important for students to be calm and gentle. Ranger and Artemis are professionally trained dogs, but it is important to not over excite them or startle them by screaming or running at them. It is okay to pat the dogs but please ask either Jodee or Sharon first before doing so. Please see the attachment below which has been included to provide some additional information about staying healthy around dogs.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the program or want to know more, please contact Sarah Garcia.



## INFORMATION SHEET

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### INFECTION CONTROL – STAYING HEALTHY WHEN VISITING WITH DOGS

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#### What we do:

We ensure our visiting, therapy and school dogs are as happy and healthy as possible. They are always up to date with their vaccinations and preventative health care, including parasite treatments (such as fleas and worms)

#### What you can do:

There are some things that you can do to help keep yourself healthy around the dogs too;

- Always wash your hands before and after visiting, especially before preparing or eating food. You can take advantage of the hand sanitisers provided, until you can get to a tap with running water and soap.
- Dogs can carry germs inside their mouths and bottoms, so:
  - Don't let the dogs lick your face or mouth
  - Don't put your hands in your mouth, eyes or nose after visiting the dog
  - Don't touch the inside of the dog's mouth, or under their tail
  - Wash your hands after touching the dog, playing with the dog's toys, or feeding the dog



#### Let us know:

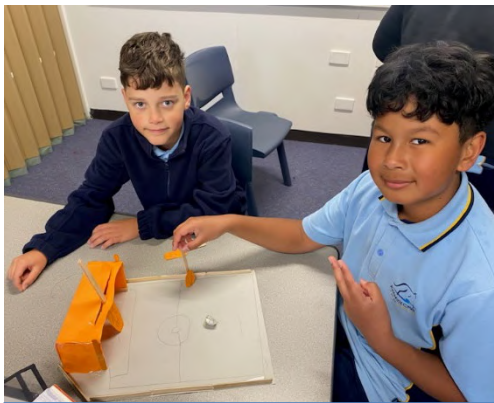
If your immune system is struggling (for example you're on Chemotherapy or are HIV positive), you're very unwell, or you're pregnant, please let our team know, so we can take extra care to help protect you.

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## Snapshots from Term 3



*Kosta and Ercan worked on building a castle.*



*Jayden and Alex spent their wet weather timetable time playing mini soccer.*

*The mini soccer board was designed and built by Jayden and Alex during their unit!*

*Well done boys.*



*Daniel and Thomas built a fort instead of playing on their iPads during inside play time.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**10 October** – Grade 3 Sleepover

**11 October** – Grade 2 Day Camp – Lady Northcote

**11 October** – Division Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments (selected students)

**14-18 October** – Semper Dental

**14 October** – Assembly at 9am. Years 4–6 in the Gym and Prep-3 watching the assembly in their homerooms.

**15 October** – Prep–Year 2 Athletics Day

**16 October** – Lead the Way Dog Therapy

**18 October** – KCPS Colour Run

**21 October** – Year 5 Fizzics Incursion

**21-23 October** – Grade 4 Camp (H32, H34, H35 & H39)

**23 October** – Lead the Way Dog Therapy

**23-25 October** – Grade 4 Camp (H33, H36, H37 & H38)

**24 October** – Year 5 Fizzics Incursion

**24 October** – Year One Disco 4.30–6.30pm

**30 October** – Assembly at 9am. Prep–3 in the Gym and Years 4–6 watching the assembly in their homerooms.

**4 November** – Curriculum Day. Students do not attend school

**5 November** – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. No school

**6 November** – Lead the Way Dog Therapy

**7 November** – Maths Challenge Games Day at Melton Secondary College (selected students)

*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/>*



# KCPS COLOUR RUN

*Friday 18th of October*

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT  
FOR OUR STUDENTS!**

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://kororoitcreekprimarycolourrun.goraiseit.com.au/>

Or use the QR Code to visit the hub page:



Click on the **SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE** button

**NOTE:** When you set up your child's account you will be prompted to record their first and last name (this will not be displayed publicly but is used to track donations). **Please add your child's home room in front of their first name to aid collection of data; e.g. H01 Sahib**

If you need any help email [help@raiseitfundraising.com](mailto:help@raiseitfundraising.com) for direct assistance

**Multiple children in your family?** No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

**RAISE AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU CAN! THE HIGHEST FUNDRAISER FOR  
EACH GRADE WINS AN AWESOME PRIZE!**



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a \$500 JB Hi-Fi Voucher!



**Prizes subject to change due to availability.**





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# 30% OFF

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SATURDAY: 10AM - 1PM

OR VISIT [PSW.COM.AU](http://PSW.COM.AU)



# Support Services

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



## **Lifeline**

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

Online Chat: [www.lifeline.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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