

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

**IB LEARNER
PROFILE
ATTRIBUTES**

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

Prep Parent Morning Tea

We had a fantastic turnout at our Prep Parent Morning Tea this morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school leaders to meet some new members of the KCPS community, and for our prep parents to meet and mingle with one another. Thank-you to everyone who attended, I hope you enjoyed the morning!

Meet and Greet on Wednesday 11th February

We are hosting our Meet and Greet sessions this Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30-4:30pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher, and for your child to share their new learning space with you. Please refer to the Compass post sent out by your child's teacher last week, it includes a booking link where you can secure your preferred time.

Safe Use of Technology Information Session on Wednesday 11th February

We will be hosting a Safe Use of Information Technology session this Wednesday at 4.40pm in the Gym, straight after the Meet and Greet sessions conclude. This session is aimed at Year 4-6 families due to the iPad Program, but it is open to all school families.

Introducing our 2026 Student Leadership Team

After a rigorous process at the end of last year, we have appointed our Student Leadership Team for 2026. I am looking forward to working with our student leaders throughout the year while they act as role models in the yard, lead our assemblies, and represent the voice of their peers.

School Captains: Hamza & Jordan	Green House Captains: Kiyon & Alexi
Sport Captains: Atiner & Billy	Blue House Captains: Hamish & Sayuni
Music Captains: Danielle & Kavisha	Red House Captains: Stefan & Chloe
Art Captains: Muhammad & Zoe	Yellow House Captains: Muhammad & Zaviyar
Environment Captains: Ashnoor & Fiona	





Introducing our 2026 Teams...

Prep	
H01	Natalie Modric/Renee Mizzi
H02	Taylah Lind
H03	Abbey O'Mara
H04	Abbey Appleton
H05	Crystal Palines/ Courtney Bonnici
H06	Stephanie Troiano
H09	Emily Kalaitzis

Grade 4	
H34	Norel Sawan/Luca Tamburro
H35	Dharma Haluska
H36	Shannon Anderson
H37	Hang Mai
H38	Jane Ding
H39	Chloe Bajada/Romaine Deo
H40	Ellie Bonello

Specialist	
Physical Education	Chris Wilkolawski
Physical Education	Jackson Lesko
P.E. & Music	Krystal Sauvarin
Music	Eddy Markovican
Music	Jason Koris
Art	Jessica Swallow
Art	Marine Schreyer
Art	Nerida Ivory
STEM	Gabriel Luzar
STEM	Tanya Lee
STEM	Dan Barraza-Purcell
Staff Leave Cover	Liam Keily

Grade 1	
H10	Josh Vlahadames
H11	Jamila Abou-Baker
H12	Bryoni Ramsey/ Romy Mulcahy
H13	Emily Simovska
H14	Mia Sloan
H15	Jasmine Keating
H16	Jade Beckman

Grade 5	
H41	Kafa Zoghaib/Elise Dimatteo
H42	Melanie Cunnington
H43	Stacey Clohesy
H44	Anne Le
H45	Ashleigh Krajnc/ Stephanie Tabone
H46	Jayde Szabo
H47	Ana Hodak

Student Wellbeing	
Brooke Brown	Disability Inclusion & General Wellbeing Support
Carina Pereira	EAL Intervention/ External Allied Health Admin
Emily Sammut	Student Wellbeing Counsellor
<i>Coming soon</i>	Social Worker

Grade 2	
H17	Heath Ellis
H18	Katie Lapp
H19	Shelby Peronace
H22	Beth Warne/ Krichelle De Leon
H23	Eleanor Veitch
H24	Lan To
H25	Melanie Emery

Grade 6	
H48	Sarah Simmons/Nikita Miller
H49	Deanna Osman
H50	Shana Tenace
H51	Hayden Dunlop
H52	Sam King
H53	Bernadette Smedley
H57	Vanessa Conia
H58	Escher Richter

Grade 3	
H27	Kasey Lindsey
H28	Krystal Dennison
H29	Monique Ezard
H30	Clayton Bonello/Ashlee Bray
H31	Ritu Vazirani
H32	Preet Kaur
H33	Ritika Joshi

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in full and correct school uniform each day.

Your support and cooperation are critical in ensuring that our children take pride in their appearance and represent the school in a positive way.

Shoes must be all black (no stripes or colour), and if your child chooses to wear hair accessories including bows, headbands, scrunchies, etc. please ensure that they are in the school colours.

In line with our Sun Protection Policy, from mid-August to the end of April all students must wear a school hat when outside for both lunch and recess as well as during PE etc. Please ensure that your child has their hat at school and it is clearly labelled with their name. Children who do not have a hat will be directed to play in a supervised shaded area, which will mean they won't be able to play on the oval or any of the playgrounds. Hats can be purchased at the office for \$12.

Further information can be found on our website here: <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/#uniform>.

Helmets

A quick reminder to please make sure your child is wearing a helmet if they are riding their bike or scooter to school. I have noticed many students arriving to school without helmets which as we know can be very dangerous. We want to ensure all our students arrive to school and get home safely, so please do have a conversation with your child about wearing their helmet and ensure that they are wearing one when on their bike or scooter.

E-Scooters (Electric Scooters)

It is illegal for children below the age of 16 to ride E-Scooters, please do not allow your children to ride them to school. Under no circumstances should adults be riding them on school grounds either.

I have included a Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet from Victoria Police later in this newsletter.

KCPS Policies

We invite you to view our school's policies should you wish to. They are available on our website at the following link: <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/about-kcps/#policies>

DET Mobile Phone Policy

The Department of Education has a state-wide policy in place regarding mobile phone use at schools. Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, including recess and lunchtime. The policy is designed to support teaching and learning in an environment that is free from distractions, disruptions and student inattention caused by the urge to check their phones. Please know this also includes 'smartwatches'. At recess and lunch times, students are encouraged to communicate with each other face to face and/or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device or on social media. I thank-you for your cooperation with this.

Curriculum Contributions

Kororoit Creek Primary School provides students with rich and rigorous education through the Victorian Curriculum and the IB Primary Years Programme. The Department of Education provides this for families free of charge and at KCPS we strive to provide a learning environment to cater to the needs of a diverse range of learners. To enable us to continue to successfully run these programs, we have asked that you make a curriculum contribution to support the teaching and learning of students at KCPS.

By parents contributing it allows us to channel our funds into other programs such as Athletics, Seesaw, Reading Eggs, the iPad program and many more programs across the school. These contributions allow us to maintain the standard of education that we value at KCPS. If you are yet to contribute, I ask that you consider the benefit of making the curriculum contribution to the school.

For families that have not made a curriculum contribution and wish to do so, it is preferred that all payments are made through Compass. If you have any difficulty, please contact the office on 8358 0600.

It would be appreciated if curriculum contributions could be made by Friday the 20th of February 2026.

Walking School Bus

Kororoit Creek Primary School operates a Walking School Bus to promote active transport and to assist children to walk safely to and from school. The Walking School Bus is a bus powered by legs and staffed by at least 2 staff members. The bus walks along a set route, picking up children at designated bus stops.

If your child is interested in participating in the Walking School Bus, you can collect a consent form from the school office or download the form here: <https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/extra-curricular/#bus>. You can hand the form in at the school office or to the teachers at the pickup point on the day.

The first bus will be walking this Friday, 13 February, meeting at 8:30am at 57 Inglewood Drive (empty block).

School Photos

Arthur Reed Photos will take class and individual school photos on Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th of February 2026. Sibling photos and Grade 6 Graduation photos will be taken on Tuesday the 31st of March 2026. There is no need to return any forms or money to school. Unique student codes will be issued to students when the photos are ready to be viewed online. Parents will then be able to use the unique student code to register on the online webshop and purchase 2026 photos.

School Photo Information



Are you ready for 2026 school photos?

Kororoit Creek Primary School

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th February 2026

Sibling Photo Day - 31st March 2026

**There's no need to do anything
before photo day.**

**Further details will be provided when
portrait and group images are ready.**

**Student access codes and order details will be provided to you
when images are ready to view and purchase online.**

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N 48 528 494 590
Telephone: (03) 5243 4390
Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au



Do you hold a concession card? If so, you may be entitled to Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding.

The CSEF program for 2026 is now open.

If are eligible you will receive \$400 per student that can be used to contribute to any costs relating to a camp, sporting activity or excursion your child attends. Payments are made directly to the school and are linked to the student. Unused funds are carried over each year.

If you have applied for CSEF previously, you do not need to apply again.

If you think you might be eligible, please complete the application form attached at the back of the newsletter and return to the office with a copy of your concession card. Please refer to the attached flyer from the Department of Education for further information on eligibility.

If your concession card is in your child's name, they are not eligible for this funding.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11 February 2026** – Meet and Greet Sessions 3.30-4.30pm
- 11 February 2026** – Safe Use of Information Technology Session, 4.40pm in the Gym
- 13 February 2026** – Walking School Bus begins
- 13 February 2026** – Interschool Sports, Away at Burnside Primary
- 16 February 2026** – District Swimming Carnival (selected students)
- 17 February 2026** – Assembly at 2.30pm. Prep-3 in the Gym
- 18-19 February 2026** – School Photo Days
- 18 February 2026** – No swimming today due to school photos, make up lesson scheduled 25/03
- 18 February 2026** – Dog therapy begins (runs weekly on Wednesdays)
- 20 February 2026** – Interschool Sports, Home (no Cricket)
- 24 February 2026** – Year 4 Let It Grow Incursion- H34, H35, H26 & H37
- 26 February 2026** – Year 4 Let It Grow Incursion – H38, H39 & H40
- 27 February 2026** – Interschool Sports, Away at St. Peter Chanel Primary
- 3 March 2026** – Assembly at 2.30pm. Years 4-6 in the Gym
- 6 March 2026** – Interschool Sports, Home
- 9 March 2026** – Labour Day Public Holiday. No school
- 13 March 2026** – Interschool Sports, Away at Movelle Primary
- 16 & 18 March 2026** – Swimming Showcase
- 17 March 2026** – Assembly at 2.30pm. Prep-3 in the Gym
- 20 March 2026** – Interschool Sports, Home
- 23 March 2026** – Make Up Swimming Lesson for the lesson missed due to Labour Day 09/03
- 25 March 2026** – Make Up Swimming Lesson for the lesson missed due to School Photos 18/02
- 25 March 2026** – School Picnic 4-6pm
- 26 March 2026** – GRIP Student Leadership Conference
- 31 March 2026** – Sibling Photo Day
- 2 April 2026** – End of Term Assembly. Years 4-6 in the Gym
- 2 April 2026** – Last day of Term 1. Students are dismissed at 1.30pm



For more dates, please view our School Calendar on Compass and our website
<https://kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au/parents/#calendar>

Please view our Parents Page for weekly year level updates, swimming timetables, camp dates, curriculum days, canteen information, information on available support services 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/>

Follow us on Instagram! <https://www.instagram.com/kororoitcreek.primary.kinder/>

Mental Health in Primary Schools Program

Animal-assisted therapy program

A reminder that the therapy dog program will begin on Wednesday 18th February. If you received a consent form for the Term 1 program, please consent as soon as possible. Families who do not provide consent will be withdrawn from this term's program and their child's place offered to another student.

All families will have also received a consent form to potentially participate throughout the year in an unstructured program offered with the dogs. If you are wanting your child to have the opportunity to partake in this, please consent as soon as possible.

Please feel free to reach out to Sarah Garcia if you have any queries.

Supporting children with ADHD



Triple P - Single Session - Supporting Children with ADHD

Do you have questions about what ADHD is and how to support your child if they have been recently diagnosed? Join us to learn more in a supportive space.

- For parents of children aged 5-12yrs.
- Join us to learn more about ADHD
- We will explore strategies to assist your child with learning and focus.
- Supports for you and your child.
- We will discuss other helpful tips and advice.

DATE: Tuesday the 24th February - 2026

TIME: 5.30pm-6.30pm

WHERE: Online - Via Microsoft Teams

COST: FREE



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You can contact us via:

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Grade 1 email	Grade1support@kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au
Grade 2 email	Grade2support@kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au
Grade 3 email	Grade3support@kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au
Grade 4 email	Grade4support@kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au
Grade 5 email	Grade5support@kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au
Grade 6 email	Grade6support@kororoitcreekps.vic.edu.au
Phone	(03) 8358 0600

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

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

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Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet



VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



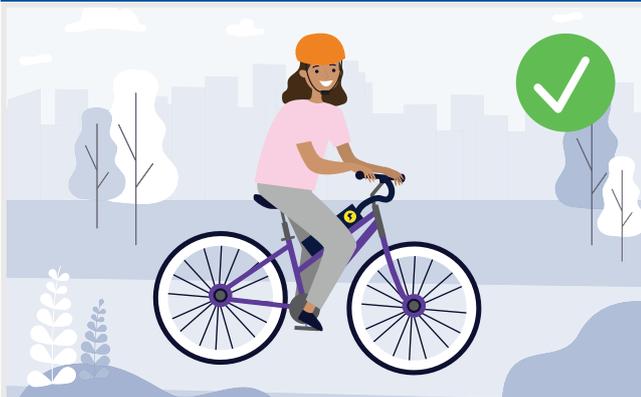
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



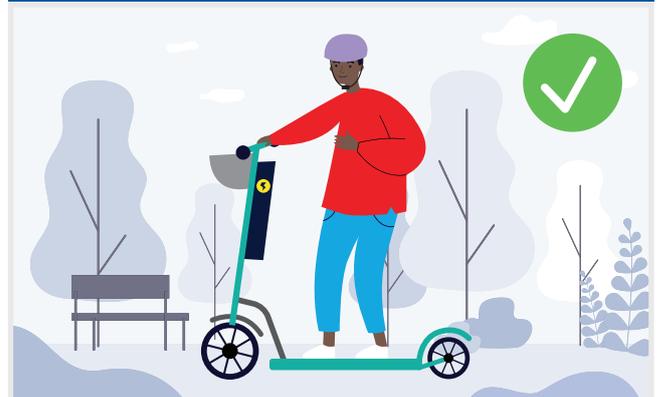
E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School Ref ID

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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OR Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

**Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____/____/202__

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF **must meet both** of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility](#).

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts](#).

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au](#)

Kororoit Creek Primary YMCA Outside School Hours Care

Hello OSHC Families,

Welcome to Term 1! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed as we kick off an exciting new year. Our team is thrilled to see familiar faces returning. We've missed the energy, laughter, and creativity the children bring each day. We're looking forward to another great year of learning through play.

A warm welcome to all the new students starting with us this term. We're committed to helping everyone settle in smoothly with supportive educators, fun activities, and a warm, caring environment.

A glimpse of week 1 of term 1



A relaxation moment after school
with board games



A stem experiment

A friendly reminder

Signing In & Out Please ensure your child is signed in/out daily using our digital system. This is essential for their safety and our record-keeping.

If your child will be absent or picked up early, please let us know via: text, email, phone call or you can mark your child absent from your my family lounge app.

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Kororoit Creek Primary YMCA Outside School Hours Care

We have a wonderful mix of returning and new educators this year, all excited to support your children's learning and play. If you have any questions, feedback, or suggestions for our program, please reach out. We value family input and love working together to make OSHC the best it can be.

Check out some of our recent activities!



[Mindfulness colouring challenge]

[Children are participating in a colouring challenge.]



[Domino challenge]

[Children are creating domino train to go under a tunnel.]

Wishing everyone a fantastic Term 1

Warm regards

YMCA OSHC Team

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TERM 1 ACTIVITIES IN OSHC

Across Term 1 we will have lots of fun activities centred around these celebration days.

Week 1: (26 - 30 Jan)

Week 2: (2 - 6 Feb)

Week 3: (9 - 13 Feb)

Week 4: (16 - 20 Feb)

Week 5: (23 - 27 Feb)

Week 6: (2 - 6 March)

Week 7: (9-13 March)

Week 8: (16 - 20 March)

Week 9: (23 - 27 March)

Week 10: (30 March - 3 April)

