

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 28 March

KEY REMINDERS

Thank you to the families that have paid the 2019 Parent Payments (essential items for students) of \$160.

Last day Term One Friday 5th April at 2:30pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 5th April Last day Term One – casual dress day.

First Day Term 2: Tuesday 23rd April.

ANZAC Day public holiday: Thursday 25th April

Whole School Tree Planting Day at Kororoit Creek: Friday 26th April.

Mother's Day breakfast at the Sunshine Social: Friday 10th May 7:30am start

Naplan (Year 3 and 5 students only): 14th – 28th May

Twilight School Day: on this day school will start at 1:00pm and finish at 7:15pm. Thursday 23rd May

Whole School Photos: Wednesday 29th May

Principal
Alex Artavilla

School Council President
Gordon Mckenzie

School Supervision Times
8.45am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

'We are a child safe school and compliant with child safety standards. Child safety policies available on website.'



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Don't forget next week is the last week of Term 1. School finishes at 2:30pm. It is also a casual dress day. Plus, we have our Easter Egg Hunt Bonanza on the last day at 9:30am. Parents and their little ones are more than welcome to join us for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Also for families that are eligible to receive funding for Camps, Sports and Excursions in 2019 (require a Health Care Card), please contact the office asap to ensure you don't miss out.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the final week of Term 1, I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for your support over the past 10 weeks. Big congratulations to the Prep students for settling in so well to primary school life.

To prepare for Term 2, I wanted to use the newsletter this week to share some key events. I have also updated the 'dates to remember' section of the newsletter for your diaries.

Next term our units of work will be focused around science and include students taking part in two incursions to support their understandings. A notice will be going home for parents regarding the incursions, and how they relate to the units of work. There will be a cost of \$15 per student for both incursions. Our Year 5/6 students will also be taking part in a West Gate Tunnel engineering session later in the term run by SciencePlay kids – there will be no charge for this as it is being funded by the West Gate Tunnel School's Engagement project team.

We are also looking at having a 'Science Fair' in the final week of the term to showcase our learning to families and peers.

Speaking of units of work, for Term 3, we are planning a whole school unit of work that will centre around 'Our first people – The oldest living culture in the world'. To support us with delivering this unit of work, during Term 2 all staff will be attending a 'Cultural Safety Understanding Training' to learn more about Aboriginal perspectives within the curriculum. Departmental Koorie Support Officer will facilitate this session. Lots of amazing ideas have already been discussed which we look forward to sharing with everyone next term. It is also a great opportunity for us to continue with our Harmony Day theme 'everyone belongs'.

Other key dates and events for Term 2:

- Due to Easter Monday, the first day of Term 2 is Tuesday 23rd of April
- Twilight School Day is on 23rd of May. Information coming home first week of Term 2.
- Whole School photos is on 29th of May.

Visit to Kororoit Creek in Week 1 Term 2

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year. As April 22nd in 2019 is on Easter Monday, we will be celebrating the event on Friday 26th of April.

To celebrate Earth Day in 2019, the whole school community with once again head over to our adopted area of Kororoit Creek to add a further 500 plants/shrubs. This will take our total of plants and shrubs added to the area to over 2,500. For families new to the school, in 2015 we adopted a part of Kororoit Creek to not only support Melbourne Water and Brimbank

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Council with taking care of our natural environment but to also promote to the students the importance of looking after our local community. Most importantly, it gives all the students the chance to leave a footprint as part of our planting project, which will please the local wildlife. To add to the experience of the day we are hoping that as many families as possible could join the students for the event. Bring along some snacks for yourself, a drink, sturdy shoes and gloves. Your help will be much appreciated.

Please note that this is a local excursion experience, which parents have approved on the student enrolment forms. However, please inform your child's teacher by Wednesday 24th of April if you do not want your child to participate in this event. However, we are hoping that all students take part in the day.

As with our planting experiences in previous years, we will be sending students to the creek at varying times throughout the day.

- Prep students and their buddy class – 4A, 4B and 3/4A will be leaving the school at 9:30am
- Year 1, 2 and 6 students will be leaving the school at 10:30am (students to have their snack before heading off)
- Year 3 and 5 students will be leaving the school at 11:40am.

NOTE: Year 6 students may have interschool sports on this day. If it is raining, the event will be postponed.

Parents and families are able to walk with their child's class or meet the students at the creek. The location of our adopted area is located at the end of Sanders Avenue, Kororoit Creek Trail entrance. When you enter the Kororoit Creek trail from Sanders Avenue, follow the path right. Hope you are able to join us for this important community event! It is also a great active experience for the students in promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Grounds Masterplan Update

Lots of parents have been asking me about how things are going with the grounds plan. So far so good. The School Council Buildings and Grounds subcommittee are currently in the process of receiving quotes for the stage one works. The goal is to commence works as soon as possible, however we want to ensure that we select the right company to bring the vision to life.

It's nearly Easter Egg hunt time!

Finally, yes we are having an Easter Egg Hunt to celebrate our Term One achievements. Instead of an Easter Egg raffle, this year we thought we would enjoy one of my childhood favourite activities – searching for chocolate delights. Although I've grown into more of a pastry / apple pie / ricotta cannoli / peanut M&M type of person, I do tend to sneak in a few Easter eggs during this time of the year.

I think my enjoyment of chocolate faded during my years working in the family Milk Bar business. The mixed lolly section was a favourite destination, and I was also a big fan of the 'Golden Rough'. I was also addicted to 'chocolate ripple cookies'. Actually, I was probably addicted to all types of biscuits especially the 'Arnott's Assorted Pack' with the cream biscuits. Although I never understood the ones with the orange cream.

Anyway, I think I need to move on from my biscuit and chocolate talk and focus back on the newsletter. Hopefully you can join us for the Easter Egg Hunt Bonanza. A notice was sent home yesterday to provide details about the Easter Egg Hunt Bonanza.

Don't forget that we are hoping as many parents as possible donate Easter eggs for the hunt. To add to the atmosphere of the day, we have also booked the coffee van for parents from 8:20am.

A last minute idea in relation to the Easter Egg Hunt Bonanza is that we thought we would have an Easter Egg basket making competition. It's difficult to go on an Easter Egg Hunt without an Easter Egg basket. Therefore, I thought I would set up some homework for everyone. So get creative over the weekend, let your imagination go wild, and make the most amazing Easter Egg basket for yourself that you can use for the Easter Egg Hunt Bonanza!

Alex Artavilla
Principal