

Kiewa Valley Primary School Newsletter



WEEK 6 MARCH	Mon 2nd	Tues 3rd	Wed 4th	Thur 5th Learning Growth Communities of Practice - Network - Mr Walker absent	Fri 6th CWA ASSEMBLY & Badge Presentation for our Leaders	Sat/Sun
WEEK 7	Mon 9th LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tues 10th STUDENT FREE DAY - all staff at professional learning with Glen Pearsall.	Wed 11th NAPLAN commences	Thurs 12th Enabling Learning Communities of Practice - Network - Ms Grogan absent	Fri 13th	Sat/Sun
WEEK 8	Mon 16th	Tue 17th	Wed 18th Reginal SWIMMING	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY 'International Day of Happiness'	Sat/Sun

PRINCIPAL UPDATE AND MESSAGE:

FETE

Our annual FETE will be going ahead on Friday March 27th. This will again be paired with our Harmony Day celebrations. This is a key fundraiser for our school but more importantly a great way to connect as a community. This year Terriane Hicks is taking on the organisation. We are looking for stallholders and would like to encourage any Year 6 student or past student of KVPS to contact the school if they would like to host a stall based on their \$20 boss stall last year. Any money raised from the FETE will be going towards a revamp of our eating area. School Council have identified this as our next outdoor space that needs some care and attention.

TREE WORKS

The Tree Works have been completed - thank you to McLeod's Trees who did a great job in working with us to reduce the impact to student play areas.

DIVISION SWIMMING EVENTS:

Congratulations to all students who competed at last Friday's Division Swimming event in Wodonga. A special mention to the following students who made it through to the next round:

1. **Makensie Billingsley** - 50m Freestyle in 12 to 13 age group
2. Mixed Relay team - **Makensie Billingsley, Tiarna Haines, Will Metcalf and Liam Patterson** in 200m Mixed Freestyle Relay.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS: EVERY DAY COUNTS

This weeks review of our attendance numbers have indicated that **ONLY 70% or 95 students** have been present at school for **95% or more of the time**. Our goal is finish the year on at least 85% of our students at 95% attendance or higher. **YOU MUST** communicate with **myself and the classroom teacher** if you are **planning a family holiday during the school term**. You can email me at kelli.jacobsen@education.vic.gov.au and the teacher through COMPASS. every minute of school missed counts. Whilst we understand that medical appointments and illness play a part, it is important that for the social and emotional and learning development of your child/ren they are given every opportunity to engage and thrive in their learning. On the following page I have an overview of our performance on NAPLAN - 85% of our students were here 95% of the time I can only imagine how much we as a school would be outperforming other schools. If your child is finding attending school difficult, either seperating in the morning or having issues whilst at school and you would like some support please reach out the classroom teacher or myself. There are many strategies and supports we can put in place. We can only put strategies in place and support if we know about them. And whilst every (mornin) we check in with all of our students to gauge their wellbeing, if they are not here we do not have this chance.



I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, learn and play. We acknowledge and show our respects to elders both past and present and we come together on the lands, the hills, the valleys and rivers to join in community, to share knowledge and culture and contributions of all first nation peoples on this land.

HIGH PERFORMING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

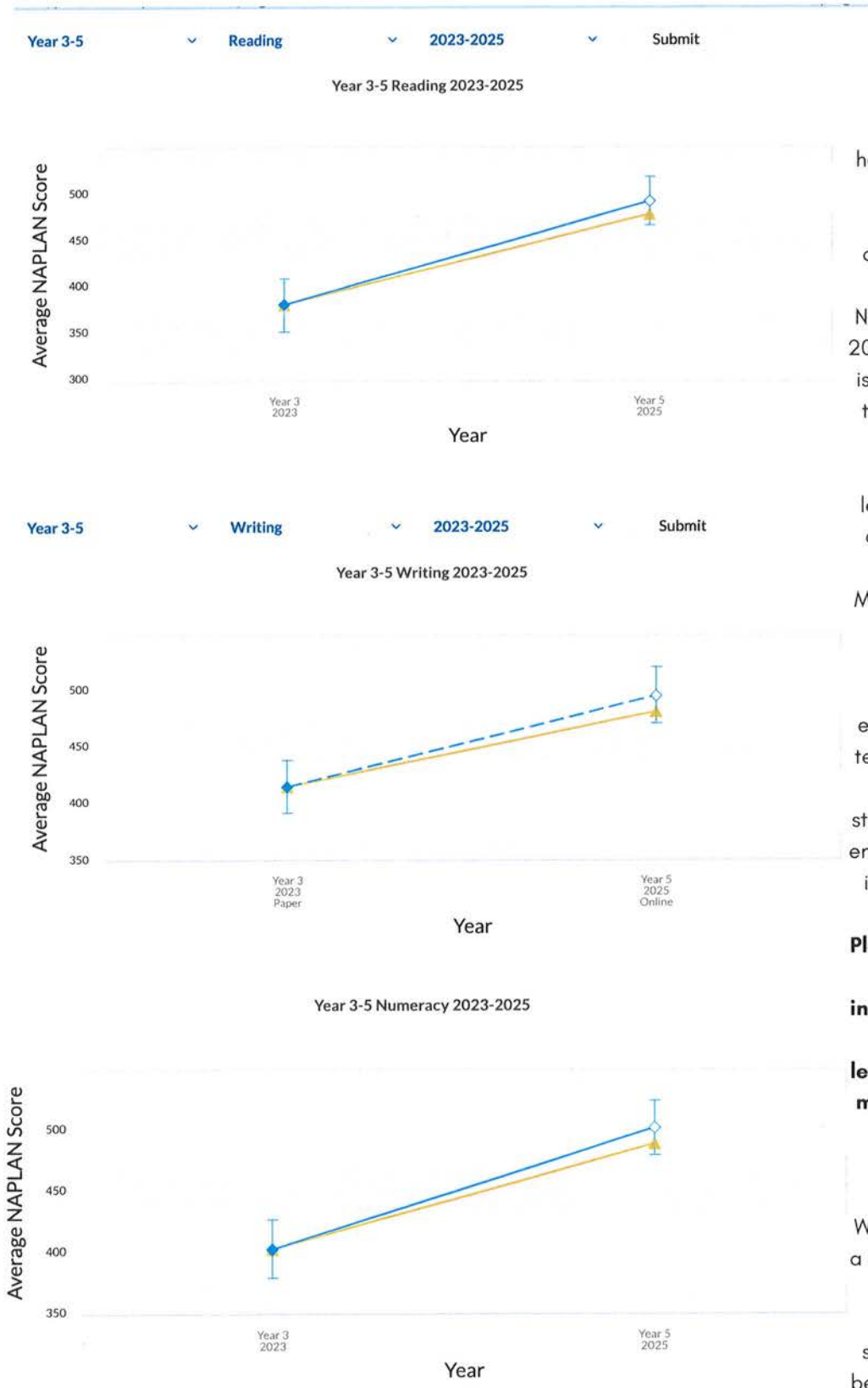


While NAPLAN is only one assessment measure of student outcomes I have always valued it to measure the growth of all students that is NOT cohort specific. More of an indication of the quality of teaching and learning as a whole. Recently I had my contract renewal meeting with the Department of Education and during my analysis of the school performance and therefore my performance over the period of 5 years I was looking for additional data to have a deep understanding of our academic growth over time.

Below is a set of graphs I located on the My Schools website (see descriptions below). **Student progress:**

The blue line shows how the school's students have improved since they did NAPLAN two years ago. The yellow line shows the improvement by other Australian students with the same starting score and similar background. Select 'All Australian students' to see a grey line showing the improvement of all Australian students.

Note, you can't compare NAPLAN progress before and after 2023 because the NAPLAN scale was reset then. You can access progress before 2023 by clicking the button '2012-2021 Progress'.



Our students have outperformed other students across all three areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy between 2023 and 2025. This is another measure that just indicates the quality of teaching and learning across all classrooms in our school. My goal has always been to reduce variance in classrooms and ensure high quality teaching. The three improvement strategies that have enabled this success is our structure of **Collaborative Planning** along with **investing in inclusive practices** - **ensuring the learning needs are met of every child** through the expertise of Ms Grogan. Whilst we also offer a robust intervention program, which means those students who may be behind are being caught up

Upper Hume Division Swimming

On Friday 27th February, 8 students from our school competed at the Division Swimming Carnival at Waves in Wodonga. It was great to see the students involved and for them to put themselves out there and give it their best shot. The students swam so well on the day against competition from the larger Wodonga Schools and this resulted in 4 qualifiers, who will head to Wangaratta to compete in the Regional Championships.

Makensie B came second in freestyle and the 12 boys/mixed freestyle relay team won a thriller in the last year event of the day. Congratulations to Makensie B, Liam P, Will M and Tiarna H, who swam the perfect race.

The mixed medley relay came third and Will M also came third in his 12 year old freestyle event.

The first two placegetters from the division carnival proceed to the regional event which will be held in Wangaratta on 18th March. Congratulations to all the swimmers, who trialled for the carnival and to the 8 students, on their efforts at this level.

Well done everyone!

Leanne Hadley

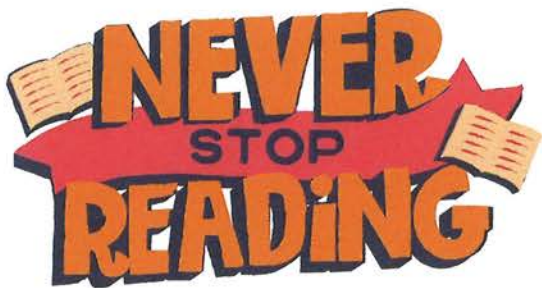


160 Nights of Reading and Attendance Award

Each year every student who has read for at least 160 nights will receive a certificate and a free book. Please remember the importance of hearing your child read every night. There is strong connection amongst years of research that say if a child's reading ability (accuracy, fluency and comprehension) is high their overall academic performance is improved. If your child is NOT bringing home a reader every night - please chat to the class teacher about this. To keep the momentum of reading nightly on our students radars we do have a reading award at assembly. Every week your child reads for at least 5 nights - they will get a raffle ticket in the whole school draw. Once again to be drawn out students need to be present at Assembly.

We also have an Attendance Award at every assembly. There are two requirements to be in the running for the attendance award:

1. 95% attendance for the month and 2. Ensure you are at school on the day of Assembly to be in the draw to win. Ms Grogan will gift the lucky winners a Kmart Voucher.



**Carpark - A reminder that the kindergarten car park is ONLY for kindergarten students and families. All Foundation families need to park in the carpark and walk up the pathway. There is NO PEDESTRIAN access through the kinder carpark by crossing the road.
This is for effective traffic movement and the safety of all.**

Wellbeing Dog – Dogs Connect Program

Last Friday, all students gathered together to learn about our new wellbeing dog, Daisy. Over recent newsletters, we have shared that a wellbeing dog was “coming soon”, and it was lovely to officially introduce Daisy to our school community (via a slideshow). Families may recall that a Family Consideration Checklist has been sent home. These will be carefully reviewed before Daisy comes onsite, and we will continue working closely with families who have questions or concerns to ensure every child feels safe, supported and included in the program.

During Friday’s session, students learned about What a Wellbeing Dog is and the three key expectations for interacting with Daisy. There was also a student Q&A, with many thoughtful and curious questions asked. While Daisy will not be officially onsite this term, as we continue preparing our community, she may occasionally visit the office so she can gradually become familiar with the environment. There were certainly plenty of “awwws” and giggles when students saw photos of Daisy settling in at home, and we hope your child/ren came home feeling excited.

Updates will continue to be shared through the newsletter, so please keep an eye out for further information. I will also be available at the fete to chat with families about Daisy and the Dogs Connect program.

For now... please enjoy reading Daisy’s profile 🐾



HELLO, I'M

Daisy

Birthday: 24th Nov, 2025

Zodiac Sign: Sagittarius



ABOUT ME

I'm an Australian Cobberdog puppy - a purebreed labradoodle. My breed make perfect wellbeing dogs as we are calm, empathetic and have a hypoallergenic coat.

MY HOME

I'm living with Miss Grogan who is my primary carer but sometimes I will stay with Ms J.



CHILLIN' OUT

THINGS I LOVE

- Stealing slippers
- Running under the sprinklers
- Belly rubs
- Chicken wings
- Chewing on everything!



I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET EVERYONE!



Kiewa Valley Primary School

COMMUNITY

FETE

Friday 27th March 2026

2pm - 5:30pm

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN

Market Stalls

Food Stalls

Raffles

Face Painting

Student Run Stalls and Games

Emergency Services Displays

Performances and Entertainment

Open to the whole community, everyone welcome!



KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

DONATIONS FOR HAMPERS TO THE OFFICE
BY FRIDAY THE 20TH OF MARCH

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\$1 A TICKET
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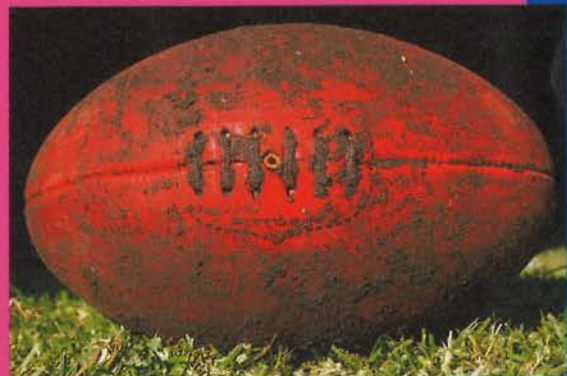
RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN AT THE FETE

2PM TO 5PM



All Kindergarten to Year 6 families will receive tickets to sell. We encourage everyone to support our raffle and FETE.

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**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN**

BEGINS WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

4.30PM-5.30PM

EVERY WED FOR 10 WEEKS

(NO SESSION ON THE 8TH APRIL)

AT TANGAM NETBALL/FOOTBALL GROUND

**More Information on the Kiewa/Tangam Community or Kiewa
Junior Netball and Football Club Facebook Pages**