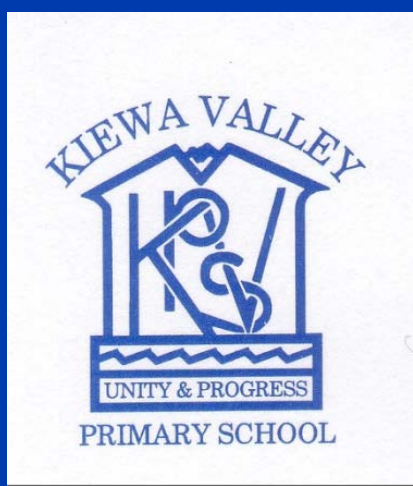


Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter



WEEK 2 JULY	<u>MON 20th</u>	<u>TUES 21st</u>	<u>WED 22nd</u>	<u>THURS 23rd</u>	FRI 24th Last day to order Hot dogs Last day to return Aust. Math Comp consent forms	SAT/SUN
WEEK 3 JULY	<u>MON 27TH</u>	<u>TUES 28TH</u>	<u>WED 29TH</u>	<u>THURS 30TH</u>	FRI 31ST Assembly Hot Dog Day	SAT/SUN
WEEK 4 AUGUST	<u>MON 3RD</u>	<u>TUES 4TH</u>	<u>WED 5TH</u>	THURS 6TH Australian Maths Competition	FRI 7TH Whole School Activity	SAT/SUN

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

SUPPORTED INDUSTRIAL ACTION:

A reminder that staff will be engaging in Protected Industrial Action on Thursday 23rd of July. As previously communicated in earlier action, my belief at this stage is that Kiewa Valley Primary School will be able offer care for Critical Service Workers' children only.

The final arrangement will be communicated to families on Tuesday evening of the 21st, once I have final numbers confirmed or the action is confirmed now that union employees have received a new agreement to vote on, as per the timeline provided to me by the Department of Education.

I wanted to give you plenty of notice to be able to arrange care for your children, as I am estimating that 90% of our teacher's will be offsite.

ENROLMENTS for 2027:

Our enrolments are OPEN fo 2027 across all year levels. Please remember our Foundation enrolments will be confirmed after Monday 3rd of August with the new Department policy and timelines for Prep enrolments.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

I would like to acknowldge the whole 56 cohort for their positive engagement in Winter Sports last Friday and representing our school with pride. Also to Beau Heffernan for his great effort at State Cross Country last week. More information in the following pages.

IMPORTANCE of SCHOOL UNIFORM:

School uniforms aim to promote student wellbeing. They help to provide a level playing field by reducing socioeconomic disparities. In turn, they may minimise pressures placed on students in relation to what they wear or how they look. In the ever-evolving landscape of education, certain traditions endure and continue to shape the school experience. One such tradition is the use of school uniforms. Beyond just a requirement, school uniforms hold the power to create a nurturing and respectful environment where students can thrive.

REQUIREMENTS for STUDENTS TIE UP THEIR HAIR - any student who has hair longer than their shoulders need to have this tied up or back, to reduce the spread of nits and also for health and safety requirements.

SMART WATCHES - A reminder that SMART Watches and MOBILE PHONES need to be handed into the OFFICE every day. These watches are not permitted under the Governments ban on phones and smart watches in schools. Please respect the decision by the Education Department and ensure your child is aware of these requirements.



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.

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ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts - The importance of regular school attendance.

At Kiewa Valley Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child’s future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher about getting support. We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school.

If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via COMPASS or contacting the Office so we can work together to support them. For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see Attendance and Missing School. Remember, Every Day Counts.

Our teachers will be emailing families if a child is on track for 10 absent days or more so far this year. Whilst we understand students suffer illness and injuries which impact attendance and you might have already explained the absence it makes attending ALL OTHER DAYS so important and we never want a family feel like an absence isn’t felt by our teachers.

In 2026 (so far) 10 students have missed 20 or more of school days. THIS TIME LAST YEAR 42 students had. Let’s KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!! Becuase this is directly impacting our learning and wellbeing results which will be shared over this term. We are working very hard on ensuring we are providing a learning envrionment that supports all students - through lunch clubs, breakfast clubs, incursions, intervention for learning, focus groups, high quality teaching and learning and wellbeing supports - to ensure learning and wellbeing growth students need to be at school.

Australian Mathematics Competition

For a number of years now, Kiewa Valley Primary School students have participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is an optional online event for students in Grade 3-6. Every year, our numbers grow with students continuing to demonstrate a growth mindset to take on new challenges.

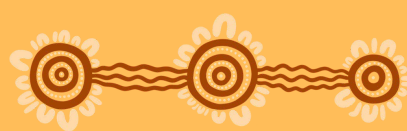
Entry is \$9.30 per student and the competition happens in early Thursday 6th of August. It’s online, for 1 hour, during school time. The competition consists of 30 problem solving questions.

There are no prizes, but all students recieve a certificate and a copy of thier results.

Information and consent forms will be sent home this week to ALL Grade 3-6 students. If your child would like to enter, please return the consent form and payment will be added to Compass for you (or you can send the correct cash if you prefer). Please see Felicite if you’d like any further information.

CONSENT FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 24TH JULY





NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS



Last week, we officially celebrated NAIDOC Week with a multi-age activity afternoon. Students rotated through a range of activities, including sharing Indigenous picture story books and playing traditional Indigenous games. These celebrations built on the rich learning experiences our students have enjoyed over recent weeks, including traditional weaving workshops with Aunty Valda and Aunty Glennys, virtual National Portrait Gallery sessions, and Phillip Green's engaging incursion exploring traditional survival techniques and cultural artefacts. We are grateful to the many people and organisations who have helped provide these meaningful opportunities, enabling our students to deepen their understanding, appreciation and respect for First Nations cultures.



WINTER SPORTS'S CARNIVAL WODONGA

Football Report

On Friday 17th July the Kiewa AFL team headed to the Showgrounds in Wodonga for a day of footy at the Wodonga Winter Sports Carnival. 15 boys and 2 girls, dressed in footy jumpers, boots and mouthguards, took part in section B of the competition. Game 1 was against Beechworth and the team went down by 11 points in a pretty tough game. The second game was against St Francis 2 and saw our team victorious with a score of 59 to 0. Game 3 versus St Monicas, saw Kiewa come away with the points 20 to 0. The last game prior to finals was against Barnawartha and our team, which was playing so well together by this stage, won with a score of 40 to 1. The team played so well together, showing regard for team mates, respect, sportsmanship for opponents and umpires and were very supportive at all times. Coach Luke was especially pleased with all members of the team and the way they went about their games for the whole day. In the final they came up against Beechworth for the second time. This time Kiewa had most of the play, but unfortunately the bounce didn't go their way and they ended up losing 8 to 18, to a bigger and stronger team. Congratulations to the footy team on a great day of footy. Thanks also must go to Luke for his expert coaching before and on the Friday.



Netball Report

The Year 5/6 students enjoyed a great day of sport and teamwork on Friday the 17th July 2026, as part of the Wodonga Winter Sports Carnival. We took 23 students to Netball at Kelly Park, making up two teams called Kiewa Valley C1 and Kiewa Valley C2 in the C Division of the competition. Both teams played 5 games throughout the day against teams from schools such as Chiltern, Rutherglen, Wodonga PS, St Monicas and Victory Lutheran. Kiewa Valley C1, wearing brown and gold coloured netball bibs, enjoyed 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Kiewa Valley C2, wearing pink coloured netball bibs, started the day strong with 3 wins and finished it with 2 losses. Overall, our Kiewa teams finished 6th and 7th on the ladder for C Division. The girls showed incredible teamwork, enthusiasm and energy throughout the day, cheering on and always supporting each other. We are proud of how well they represented Kiewa Valley Primary School. A huge thank you to Jacqui Miller for coaching and training both netball teams.



Tee – Ball Report

A wonderful day was had by all on Friday, with the weather putting on a show this year. I am so proud of the Tee-Ball team (10 players), who played in B-Division, and managed to post 4 wins from 6 games – only losing 7-5 and 9-8 in two closely fought contests.

Overall our team finished 2nd of 6 teams in the division and fell short by only 1 win.

But the day will not be remembered for only winning. The real reward was seeing the players work so well as a team, playing for each other and gaining in confidence the longer the day went on. This was a team that don't play Tee-Ball on a weekly basis and we didn't play Tee-Ball in the lead-up to the carnival in P.E. this year. But it was clear that the skills learned last year in P.E. served them well.

The players hitting went from strength to strength with each game and our fielding also improved with a couple great catches and good base fielding.

Our fair play and sportsmanship was second to none and the team did our school proud with how they presented themselves.

Every player had a highlight they were proud of over the course of the day and we celebrated every player before heading home on the bus.

I would also like to congratulate Tauriel, Bella and Lilly who did not hesitate in offering themselves to another team if they were short.

Congratulations boys and girls – you were awesome! I will remember this Tee-Ball team for a long time. It was a great day. Mr T



STATE CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Congratulations to Beau Heffernan who went to Melbourne last Thursday to compete in the State Cross Country Run at The Yarra Valley Racing Club.

Beau fell at the start of the race, but managed to get up and carry on and complete his 3km run.

The winning time was 10:51 and Beau finished in a time of 12:51.

A great effort Beau, congratulations and well done!





The Wodonga District Arts Festival has been a cherished tradition for many years—some parents might even remember performing at the old Wodonga Civic Centre! The Arts Festival includes both Visual and Performing Arts exhibits, with over 2,000 students involved. This year will see eight concerts take place between Tuesday 11th and Friday 14th August at the Galvin Hall (part of Wodonga Senior Secondary College).

Entry for audience members is \$5 each. This cost supports the committee with running costs including the hire of equipment and the release of staff to co-ordinate the event which involves students from 12 schools! The cover charge is paid by cash or card at the door. If you have plans to attend more than one concert, keep hold of your program as this will allow re-entry without paying again. Please Note: This payment is separate to additional charges for your child's transport to and from the event.

The Concerts are at 10:30am and 12:30pm each day. Gates open approx. 15min before each event to allow access to the Visual Arts display and to get a good seat!

Students from Kiewa Valley Primary will be performing on Friday 14th of August at the following times:

Grades F-4 – 10:30am

Grades 5-6 – 12:30pm

COVER DESIGNS – EXCITING NEWS!!

A big thank you and congratulations to all the students who submitted a cover page design for the 'Arts Festival 2026' program cover design competition!

I am happy to announce that one of our very own students has been chosen to have their artwork displayed on the 'front' cover of the Arts Festival Program!!! I look forward to announcing the winner at our next assembly.

Please see below some of the wonderful artwork submitted by our KVPS students. I am incredibly impressed by the creativity, imagination, and effort they all put into their work. Each piece reflects the students' unique ideas and artistic talents, and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

See you at the Arts Festival at the end of Week 5 cheering on our wonderful performers!

Ms Jen Robinson
Visual and Performing Arts Teacher
Arts Festival Contact KVPS

Daisy's HOT DOG DAY!

100%
TAIL-WAGGING
GOOD!

ORDERS
CLOSE
FRIDAY
24TH JULY

*Celebrate with
Daisy!*

MADE
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SERVED
HOT!

Please place orders via [Flexischools](#).
Orders open on Monday 13th July
and will close Friday 24th July



DAISY'S HOT DOG DAY

Because every dog deserves the best. ♥

HOT DOG & PRIMA DEAL \$6

FRIDAY 31ST JULY

SRC Fundraiser
For Daisy Equipment
(Harness and classroom dog beds)



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FEW TICKETS LEFT

Ask the Experts: Big Behaviours, School Refusal, Assessment and Diagnosis

Free
Tue, 21 July • 9:30 AM

Reserve a spot

Start this week!

LUNCH CLUBS TERM THREE

MON CROCHET with Mrs Cariss	THURS READING with Mrs Elliott
TUES CHOIR with Ms Robinson	FRI Board Games with Ms McKimmie
WED DOWNBALL with Mr T	Our Lunch Clubs are a safe and inclusive space for whoever wants to join.



Our canteen is online with Flexischools

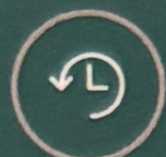
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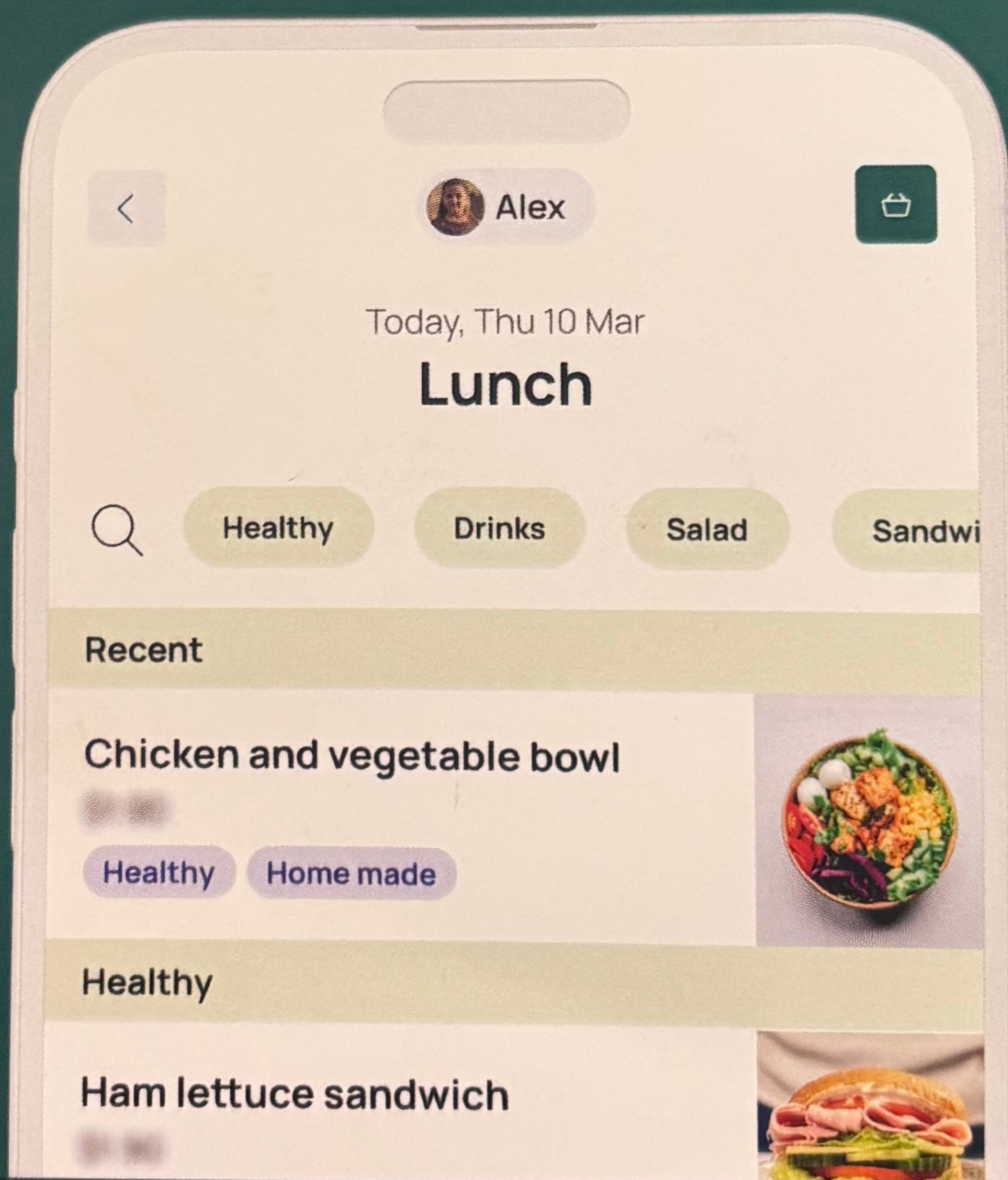
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01/07/2026

Dear School Community,

Winter Trading Hours for Wodonga Store

Please be advised that the Wodonga store will be operating to reduced 'Winter Trading Hours' from Monday 13th of July. We'll be opening to these hours through term 3, and will reopen to our standard trading hours from the start of Term 4.

Please see our Winter Trading Hours below:

Monday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Wednesday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Thursday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Friday - 10:00am to 4:30pm

Saturday – 10:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday – Closed

We'll send more information later in the year when we have confirmed the dates for our return to standard trading.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause, and thank you for your understanding.

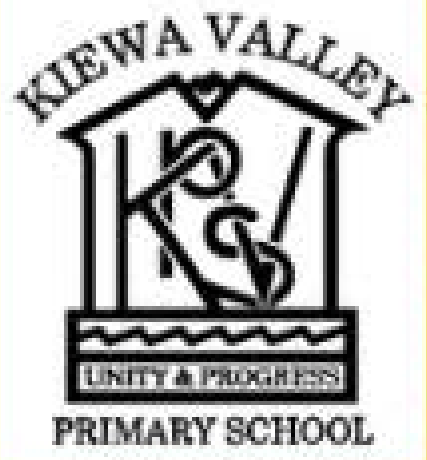
Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms

Kiewa Valley Primary School

Foundation

Transition 2027



'PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL'
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
24TH OF NOVEMBER 9.10AM



INFORMATION

At Kiewa Valley Primary School we recognise the importance of making sure that your child is happy and secure in our school environment before they commence their first year of school.

We invite your child to participate in three visits to school, beginning Tuesday 24th of November.

01

**KINDER STUDENTS
TRANSITION DAY
ONE**
24TH NOV
9AM TIL 11AM

02

**KINDER STUDENTS
TRANSITION
DAY TWO**
1ST DEC
9AM TO 1PM

03

**KINDER STUDENTS
TRANSITION
DAY THREE**
08TH DEC
9AM TIL 3PM

If you have any worries about your child and their transition please contact Kelli Jacobsen (Principal) at the Office 0260273275.

EARLY HELP

TUNING IN TO KIDS

A FREE PARENTING PROGRAM FOR
PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS



Build **stronger**
connections
and support your
child to thrive
emotionally

Over 6 weeks you will gain knowledge and skills to help teach your child to manage, understand and communicate **their feelings and experiences**.
Open to parents/caregivers with a Victorian address.

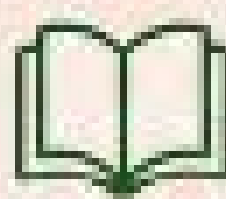
CHILDREN WHO CAN UNDERSTAND AND EXPRESS THEIR EMOTIONS:



Have more
confidence and
resilience



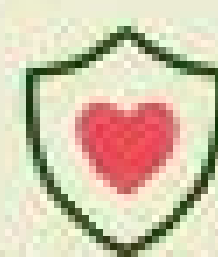
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success with
making and
keeping friends



Have better
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at school

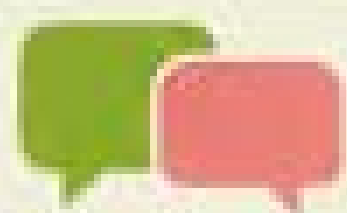


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when upset
or angry



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fewer childhood
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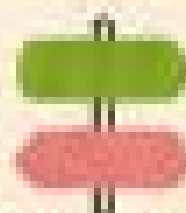
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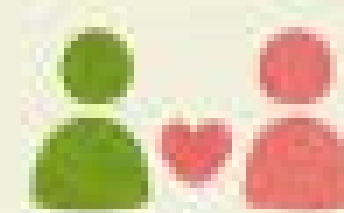
Strengthen your
connection with
your child



Manage
challenging
behaviours



Set boundaries
and teach
new skills



Teach your child
to deal with
conflict



WHERE:

Windbreak 3690,
198 High St Wodonga
(behind the
Close Collective Cafe)



WHEN:

Wednesdays,
5th Aug - 9th Sept
10:30am - 12:30pm



BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

**We'd love
to see
you there!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE EARLY HELP TEAM:



earlyhelp@junction.org.au



(02) 6043 7400



Junction
Support Services

EARLY HELP

PARENTING KIDS WITH AUTISM

A FREE 6-WEEK PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

A supportive and neuro-affirming environment to gain knowledge and skills about how to support your child with Autism.

LEARN AND SHARE
ALONGSIDE
OTHER PARENTS

HEAR FROM
AUTISTIC
GUEST
SPEAKERS

TOPICS COVERED:



UNDERSTAND AUTISM

Learn more about Autism and how it can show up.



YOU MATTER TOO

Exploring your experience as a parent and taking care of yourself.



SENSORY NEEDS

Sensory needs and how to support these.



REGULATION

The nervous system and ways to support regulation.



EMOTIONS

Help your child manage emotions and develop emotional intelligence.



ANXIETY & MASKING

Supporting your child with masking, shame and anxiety.



Open to parents and caregivers of children aged 0–12 years with autism or suspected autism, with a Victorian home address. No diagnosis required.



WHERE: Windbreak 3690 Youth Space,
198 High St Wodonga
(Close Collective Cafe)



WHEN: Thursdays, from 6th Aug - 10th Sept



TIME: 11:00am - 1:00pm



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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you there!



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