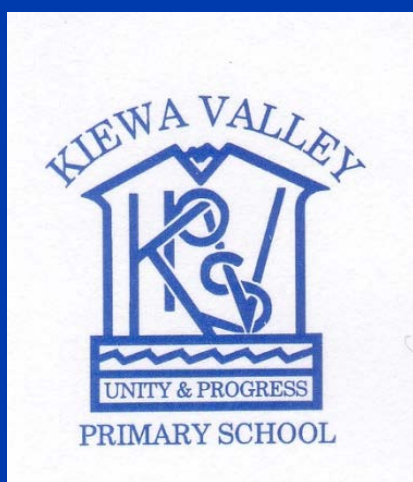


Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter



WEEK 3 JULY	<u>MON 27TH</u> Sub-Comm Meetings	<u>TUES 28TH</u>	<u>WED 29TH</u>	<u>THURS 30TH</u>	<u>FRI 31ST</u> Assembly - 3pm Hot Dog Day	SAT/SUN
WEEK 4 AUGUST	<u>MON 3RD</u> School Council	<u>TUES 4TH</u>	<u>WED 5TH</u>	<u>THURS 6TH</u> Australian Maths Competition Gr 3-6	<u>FRI 7TH</u> Whole School Activity	SAT/SUN
WEEK 5 AUGUST	<u>MON 10TH</u>	<u>TUES 11TH</u>	<u>WED 12TH</u>	<u>THURS 13TH</u>	<u>FRI 14TH</u> Art's Festival Grade F/4 - 10.30 Grade 5/6 - 12.30	SAT/SUN

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

SUPPORTED INDUSTRIAL ACTION:

I wanted to personally thank the families that were able to arrange alternate care last week whilst we navigated the challenge of continued Industrial Action. I will continue to provide as much communication through COMPASS as possible if there is any impact on school operations. Your support was greatly appreciated.

ENROLMENTS for 2027:

Our enrolments are OPEN for 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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Last week we held our final parent teacher interviews for the year. Thank you to the parents and carers who made this a priority to attend and hear from the classroom teacher directly how their child is progressing in learning and wellbeing. I thank the staff for their ongoing commitment to high quality learning and wellbeing and being able to share the next steps in learning and a more in-depth understanding of reporting.



INFORMATION about DROP-OFF and COLLECTION:

Student safety at Kiewa Valley Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised from 8.35am.

After school: School grounds are supervised until 3.45pm.

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice). Families are encouraged to contact Nat Goodwin on 0260273275 or refer to our website for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy, the full policy is available on our school website, contact the school office for a printed copy. This policy includes Kiewa Valley Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

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!! Because 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 environment 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.

Daisy Settles into School Life



including visiting classrooms, joining learning activities, attending meetings and becoming a familiar and positive presence around the school.

As part of the Dogs Connect Program, and to support Daisy's wellbeing and training, our school is now a dog-free site, meaning no dogs are permitted on school grounds unless they are officially authorised. New signage has been placed at school entrances and we thank families and the community for their understanding.

If you've spotted a fluffy new face around Kiewa Valley Primary School recently, you've probably met Daisy, our school Wellbeing Dog.

Daisy, an Australian Cobberdog, is being introduced through the Dogs Connect Program. A wellbeing dog is carefully trained and supported to work in school settings to help promote calm, connection and emotional wellbeing. Research shows wellbeing dogs can help reduce anxiety, support emotional regulation and strengthen positive relationships and engagement in learning.

Daisy has been spending short, carefully managed periods of time with students,

Although Daisy is growing quickly, she is still a puppy and learning every day. Students are doing a wonderful job supporting her by giving her space, greeting the person before the dog and continuing calmly with their learning when she is present.

Daisy has also inspired our Student Representative Council to join the Cancer Council's 50km Dog Walk for Cancer. On the days she is at school, during the month of June, students walk with her in small groups to contribute towards the goal of raising \$300 for this important cause.



Our Daisy has made the front page of the 'Kiewa River Gazette' in 'The Tallangatta Herald' in this month.

If you would like a copy please come visit us at the School office.



Lion’s Club Public Speaking Competition

Last Friday, students from Grades 3–6 participated in the next round of the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition.

Eight students were selected to represent their classes, with four students from Grades 3/4 and four students from Grades 5/6. To reach this stage, students first wrote and prepared their own speech on a given topic before presenting it to their class. From these class presentations, students were selected to progress to the next round of the competition.

On Friday, our selected speakers presented their speeches to students in Grades 2–6, teachers, Lions Club judges and visiting parents. It was fantastic to see the students confidently share their ideas and demonstrate their developing public speaking skills.

A huge congratulations to the following students for their excellent presentations:

- Harper B
- Hugh H
- Isla W
- George A
- Makensie B
- Beau H
- Willow W
- Swayze N

After some very difficult judging, our Lions Club judges selected the winners and runners-up from each year level.

- Grades 3/4
- Winner: Harper B
- Runner-up: Hugh H

- Grades 5/6
- Winner: Makensie B
- Runner-up: Swayze N

Congratulations to all eight students who took part. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, preparation and effort they demonstrated. Harper and Makensie will now progress to the next round of the competition in Thurgoona. We wish them the very best!





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



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.

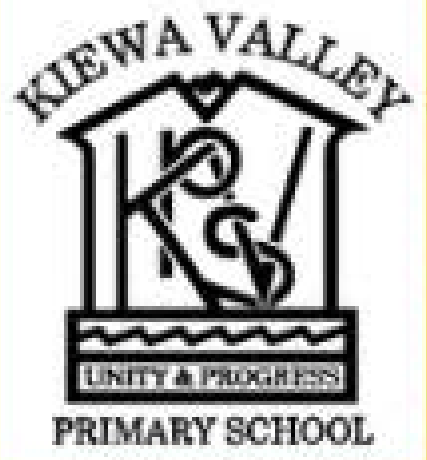
Kind regards,

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.

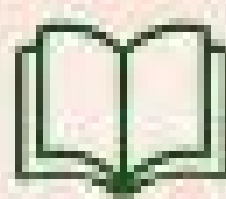
CHILDREN WHO CAN UNDERSTAND AND EXPRESS THEIR EMOTIONS:



Have more
confidence and
resilience



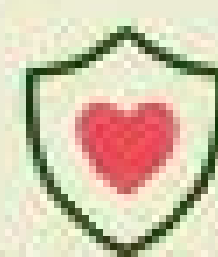
Have greater
success with
making and
keeping friends



Have better
concentration
at school

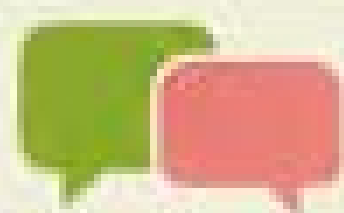


Can **calm down**
when upset
or angry



Tend to have
fewer childhood
illnesses

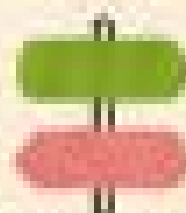
YOU'LL ALSO LEARN WAYS TO:



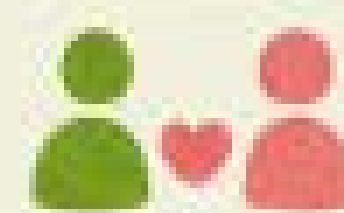
Strengthen your
connection with
your child



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

We'd love to see
you there!



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK IN PLEASE CONTACT THE EARLY HELP TEAM:



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Support Services

VACCA OVENS MURRAY

ENGAGE

Koorie Youth Group

FREE PROGRAM

Open to Koorie Youth ages
12-18 years in Ovens Murray

CULTURE

YARN

LEARN

CONNECT

- Cultural & community connections
- Build on life & technical skills
- Develop & expand in Leadership
- Become job ready
- Cultural workshops & community events

Email referral to OMintake@vacca.org

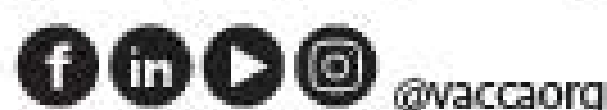
Contact: Jacinda Hunt, Snr Youth Worker

e. Jacinda.Hunt@vacca.org

m. 0482 867 697



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Wangaratta. (03) 5756 9000 Wodonga. (03) 8373 1710
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VACCA
VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD
AND COMMUNITY AGENCY
OVENS MURRAY

VACCA Ovens Murray

Traditional Mentoring Program

The Traditional Mentoring program gives young people the chance to learn through positive cultural mentoring, and build on cultural knowledge, connection to Country, building life skills, self-confidence and pride, through connection to culture, Country and traditional practices.

Group will run 1 day a week for 8 weeks

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Referrals open for young people aged between 10 – 17 years old living in the Ovens Murray region

Lunch and transport will be provided for all participants

Please send referrals to OM intake

e. omintake@vacca.org

For more details contact Dale

m. 0438 977 211

e. Dalef@vacca.org

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands across Victoria that we work on, and pay our respects to their Elders, both past and present and to their children and young people.

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