

Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter

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WEEK 8 SEP/OCT	MON 31ST School Council Meeting	TUES 1ST SEP	WED 2ND	THURS 3RD	FRI 4TH Fathers Day Breakfast 7.30am + Fathers Day Stall ASSEMBLY CWA 3pm	SAT/SUN
WEEK 9 OCTOBER	MON 7TH	TUES 8TH	WED 9TH	THURS 10TH ARE YOU OK DAY!	FRI 11TH	SAT/SUN
WEEK 10 OCTOBER	MON 14TH	TUES 15TH YEAR 5/6 CAMP Information 3.45pm	WED 16TH Book Week Dress Up Day + Parade 9am	THURS 17TH Division ATHS	FRI 18TH LAST DAY TERM 3 2.30pm Finish	SAT/SUN

ACTING PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

It has been another busy week at KVPS, with lots happening across our school and wider community.

A few important reminders

A reminder to families that student supervision does not commence until 8:35am. We are noticing students arriving earlier and earlier, so please ensure children do not arrive at school before this time unless they are attending our OHSC program.

I would also like to ask families to help us remind our wider community that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. While Daisy is our specially trained wellbeing dog, she is on site under specific conditions and for a specific purpose. This expectation also helps us maintain a safe environment for children who are on site throughout the day through school and OSHC. Dogs should not be roaming on our oval or grounds (on leash or not), and the community park behind the school provides a wonderful alternative. Similarly, our school grounds should not be used as a thoroughfare during school hours. While we value being part of our local community, we need to ensure that our school remains a safe, supervised environment for our students while they are at school.

Daisy's first milestone

Daisy has now successfully completed her first competency task! Our core Daisy team recently met with Trent from Dogs Connect, who was extremely positive about the way KVPS has brought our community along on Daisy's journey. From our 50km Dog Walk for Cancer Council, Hot Dog Day and colouring competition, to sharing her story through the Gazette, it has been wonderful to see the community embrace her. Daisy has even received a lovely letter from Helen Haines after she spotted her in the paper – see the article later in this newsletter.

Learning together

Last Thursday KVPS hosted our Enabling Learning Community of Practice, bringing together staff from across the Alpine and Towong networks. The group meets once a term to explore the Enabling Learning component of the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0, sharing practice, learning from one another and considering how we can continue to improve learning outcomes for our students. Our school is in the second year of a two-year focus on Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS). Rather than rushing through the strategies, staff are learning about each one and embedding it into practice term by term. So far we have focused on:

1.Classroom behaviour expectations and rules 2.Classroom procedures and routines 3.Encouraging expected classroom behaviour 4.Discouraging inappropriate classroom behaviour 5.Active supervision 6.Opportunities to respond

Each of these also link to the Glen Pearsal Professional Learning which all staff attended earlier in the year.

Last week at the Community of Practice, I received further professional learning in PCMS 7 – Activity sequence and choice – and PCMS 8 – Task difficulty, which I will share with staff as part of our Term 4 professional learning.

Continuing my learning

On Monday and Tuesday I will be in Melbourne, continuing to undertake the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Learning's Influence Program for aspiring and new assistant principals. I have already brought some valuable learning back to KVPS from this course and look forward to continuing to build on this.

Ms J will on site Monday, and Mr Walker will be Acting Principal on Tuesday while I am away.

Felicite Grogan
Acting Principal

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.

Daisy Update

Daisy was excited to receive a card in the mail last week, addressed directly to her from Helen Haines.



Dear Daisy,

What a show dog you are at the Kiewa Valley Primary School. What fun it would be to hang out with the students and help them with their learning. I enjoyed seeing your photo in the paper - it was very fetching!

Your role as Wellbeing Dog is very important Daisy and I am sure the teachers and students appreciate the calmness and cuteness you bring to the classroom.

You are an inspiring four-legged addition to the school and I hope your time is a howling success.

Now keep that tail wagging and keep up the good work.

With kind regards,

Helen Haines
Independent Federal Member for Indi

Studnet Voice - What worries or concerns do you have about Daisy being at our school?

Students asked lots of thoughtful questions about Daisy and how she will become part of school life.

They wondered:

- When will Daisy be ready to spend more time in classrooms? - Daisy is starting to visit classroom doorways and doing quick walk throughs. We are in the process of creating a school-wide timetable for Daisy to visit classrooms and ensure she has the play breaks and rest breaks she needs. This is part of competency task 2.
- How old is Daisy? - Daisy is now 8 months old.
- What Daisy eats and what her favourite toy is? - Daisy has raw mince rissoles with a mixture of beef, roo, sardines, and vegetables. She also has raw chicken wings or duck feet. For a treat she likes mashed banana, doggy peanut butter and natural yogurt on her licky mat. Her favourite toys are 'ducky' who is usually at school and 'turtle' who is usually at home. She loves chasing a tennis ball and playing with the tug toys.
- Where Daisy rests at school? - Daisy rests in the office, but her 'leave me alone space' is in Miss Grogan's office. Daisy takes herself to the corner in Miss Grogan's office under the table when she has had enough and needs a safe place to sleep.
- How does Daisy help people feel better? - Daisy's breed are known to be intuitive and know when people need support. She is already showing that she knows when someone is sad and needs a sniff or a cuddle. As she gets older she will continue to learn how to help others.
- Whether they will get opportunities to spend time with her. - Daisy will spend time in the classrooms watching everyone learn. As she becomes more comfortable there will be times when you can give her a pat and say hello.

Students also showed they were thinking about Daisy's wellbeing by asking questions about how to keep her safe, what happens if she gets scared, and how we can make sure everyone follows the expectations. Our students are very good at knowing the expectations and are on high alert when they see people bringing other dog's into our school yard and quickly tell an adult as they know the rules.



**LOOK HOW
MUCH
I'VE GROWN!**



District Athletics

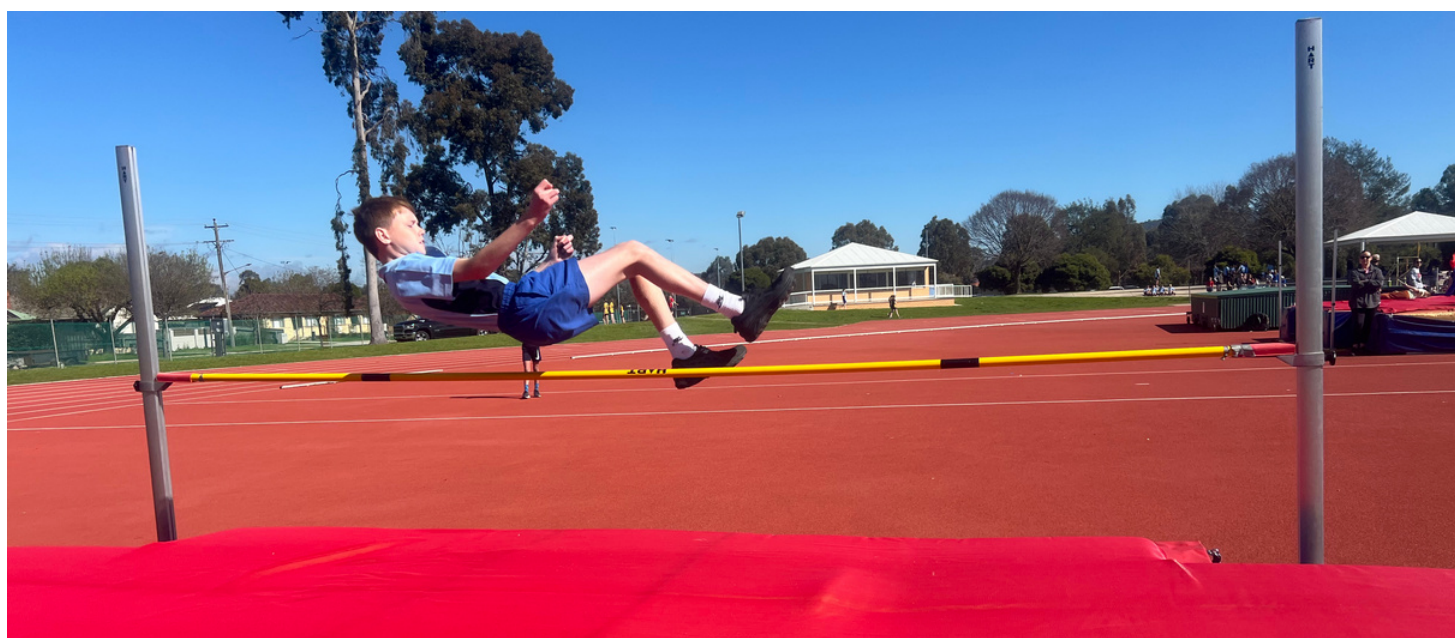
What a perfect day, Friday 28th August turned out to be for the District Athletics Carnival at Les O'Brien Athletics Precinct.

41 students from our school travelled to Albury to compete in the District Athletics Carnival.

Up against Corryong, Baranduda, Tallangatta and Kerribana, our students certainly showed their true colours with many successes over the course of the day in all events.

The students should be so proud of their efforts in individual and the relay events and many now look forward to the next Division Athletics Carnival on the second last day of this term.

We have 17 students who have qualified for the Division Athletics. What a great effort!



BOOK WEEK

DRESS-UP DAY

Come dressed as your
favourite Book character

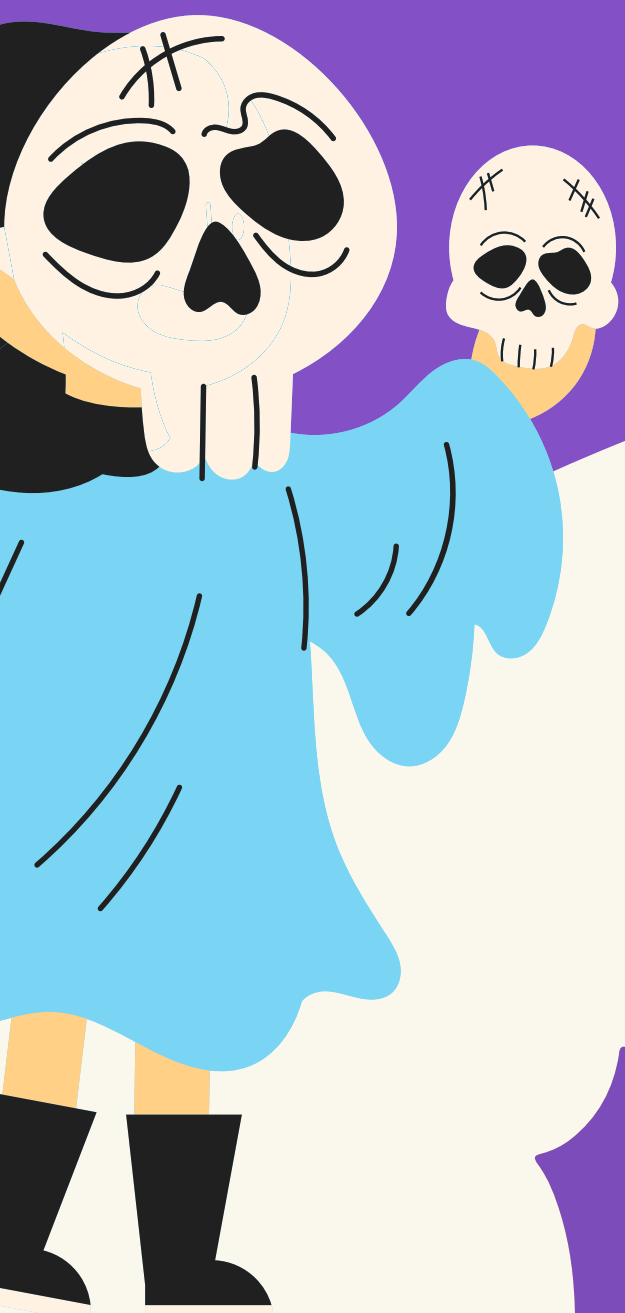
Kinder + All school Event

**Wednesday 16th
September**

The last week of Term 3

Students will come to school
dressed in their costumes,
with a whole school parade at 9am.
Followed by classroom activities.

**Presented by
MR CROUCHER
with his PIANO Acordion**



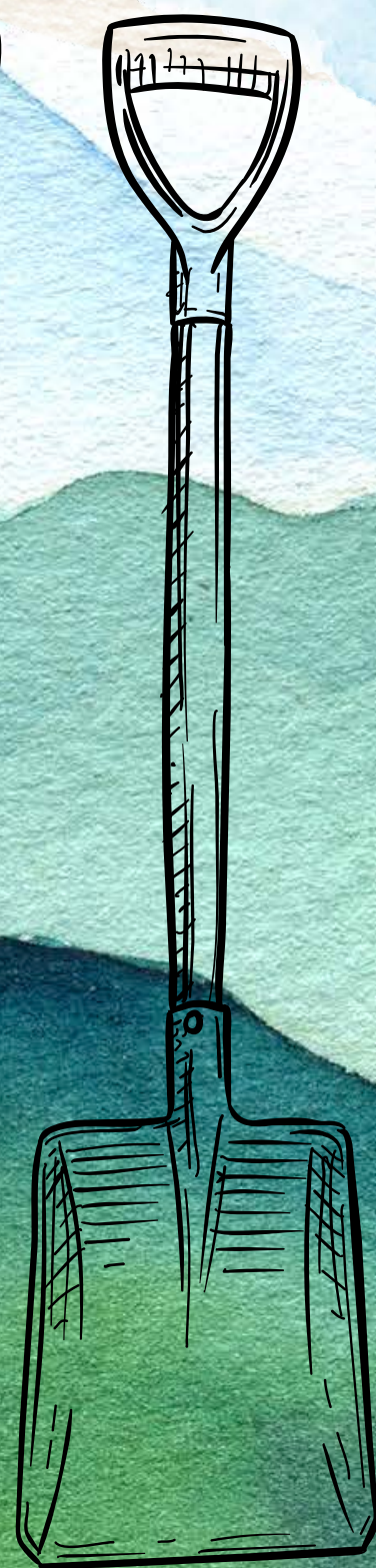
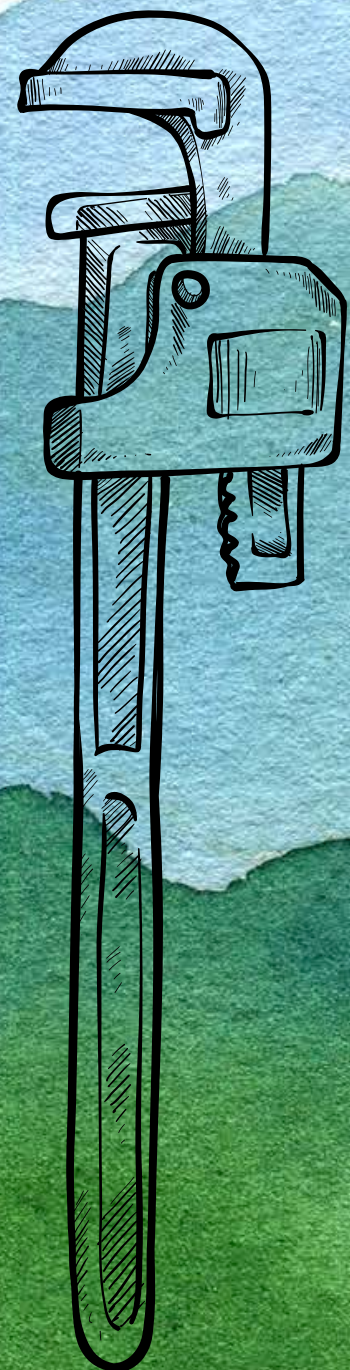
Father's Day Stall

All Funds
raised go
towards
our school

Friday
4th
September

ALL
GIFTS
\$10

The Stall is
run by our
Senior SRC



CELEBRATE YOUR LOVED ONE AT OUR

Father's Breakfast

Kiewa Valley Primary School would love to invite you and the special Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, Person in your life to our fathers Day breakfast.

Friday 4th September 7.30am

RSVP by Wed 2nd August



**EGG + BACON
ROLLS PROVIDED**

**COFFEE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE**