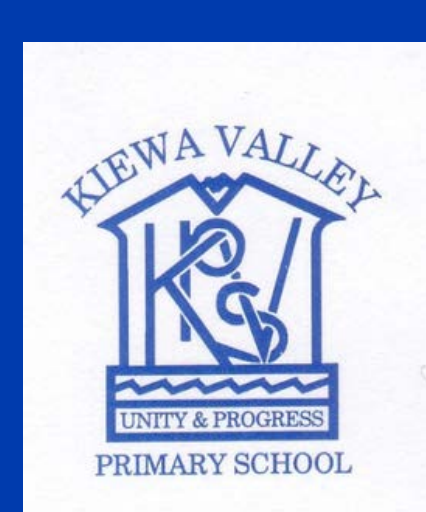


# Kiewa Valley Primary School Newsletter



<b>WEEK 6</b> MAY	<b>MON 25TH</b>	<b>TUES 26TH</b>	<b>WED 27TH</b>	<b>THURS 28TH</b>	<b>FRI 29TH</b> Whole School Activity <b>Reconciliation Week</b> Upper Hume Div C-Country	SAT/SUN
<b>WEEK 7</b> JUNE	<b>MON 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>TUES 2ND</b>	<b>WED 3RD</b>	<b>THURS 4TH</b> National Portrait Gallery NAIDOC Virtual Excursion Grade 3-6	<b>FRI 5TH</b> Student Free Day - Reporting and Assessment	SAT/SUN
<b>WEEK 8</b> JUNE	<b>MON 8TH</b> <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY -</b> MONARCH'S BIRTHDAY <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>TUES 9TH</b> Cultural Performance - Philip Green- Indigenous Technologys	<b>WED 10TH</b>	<b>THURS 11TH</b> 3-6 Paralympian Visit	<b>FRI 12TH</b> 5/6 Winter Sports Training <b>Reginal XCountry Benella</b>	SAT/SUN

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

### PIE DRIVE:

Please get behind the school and kindergarten and support our Pie Drive. Heiner's Bakery in Myrtleford are once again helping us out. Orders can be placed online on this [LINK](#). Ordering **CLOSES 28<sup>th</sup> of May** for delivery on 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

### 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.

**So far this year 49% of our students are on track to MISS at least 20 DAYS of schooling. 20 days of school missed for the year can add up quickly. If you miss 20 days or more on average each year, this adds up to 28 WEEKS or 7 months of school missed over your Primary Education.**

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 or Ms Jacobsen or Ms Grogan 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 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.**

### STAFFING THIS WEEK:

Ms J will be at Professional Learning on Wednesday and then the annual Principal Conference at the Convention Centre in Melbourne on Thursday and Friday. Ms Grogan will be Acting Principal on these days.

### CWA AWARD WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Congratulations to our CWA AWARD winners. These students were all nominated by their teachers and peers for consistently displaying our values

**F1 - William Sutherland and Elwood Harkness**

**23 - Matilda Sullivan**

**34 - Billy Murphy**

**56 - Indi Sutherland and Lexi Hicks**



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 lan4

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## Awards

### Eliza Wison

Eliza received the reading award at last Friday's assembly. Congratulations + Keep up the great reading effort Eliza.

Every five nights read, the student receives a ticket, a ticket is drawn at our monthly Assembly and a prize is given.



### FLOYD DAABOUL

Floyd received the attendance award at last Friday's Assembly. Congratulations Floyd, Every Day Counts.

Students who have attended 95% + above for the month, receive a ticket to go into the draw to win a prize.

## SRC News

The SRC are keen to support the Cancer Council as one of their charity fundraisers this year.

In June, there is a 50km Dog Walk which Miss Grogan and Daisy will take part in.

On the days that Daisy is at school, we will have students walking her in very small teams to help contribute to the 50km.

Our aim is to raise \$300. You can donate at the link below.

<https://www.doitforcancer.com.au/fundraisers/kiewavalleyprimaryschool/dog-walk-for-cancer-26>



Kiewa Valley Primary School

I'm raising money for a cause close to my heart and would love your support.

 Do It For Cancer

# DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RUN – Corryong 2026

Last Friday 22nd May, 38 students in grades 3-6 from our school travelled to Corryong to compete in the District Cross Country Run.

This competition includes runners from Corryong, Kerribana, Tallangatta and Bandiana schools. Unlike last year's race which was the perfect day for ducks and breaking the drought, we were faced with the perfect day for running.

The trip up to the Upper Murray was foggy and cool and the weather remained as such for most of the day. The sun finally made its way out for the latter part of the day and the trip home.

The 9-10 year olds were the first to race, followed by the 11s and then finally the 12 year olds. Congratulations to all competitors who tried hard on the day and certainly showed their best.

To progress to the next stage students had to place in the top 10 in each race.

The following 19 students qualified to compete in the Division Cross Country Run, which will be held at Willow Park in Wodonga on Friday 29th May.

9-10 boys – Hudson M – 7th and Tyler H – 10th

9-10 girls – Gianna D – 2nd, Ava Jones – 4th, Tilly W – 7th, Olivia McC – 8th, Bella J – 9th

11 girls – Victoria W – 5th, Lexie Henson – 6th, Ivy T – 8<sup>th</sup>, Justice L – 10th

12 girls – Billie Mc V – 3rd, Makensie B – 5th, Val Daaboul – 6th, Harper CC – 7th

12 boys – Beau H – 1st, Will M – 2nd, Liam P – 6th, Smith N – 8th.

Special mention must go to our first place getter on the day...congratulations to Beau on his exceptional run. Congratulations to all runners and good luck to the students who are running in Wodonga this week.

Leanne Hadley



# SWPBS – ORANGE DAY CELEBRATIONS

We had a lovely day last Wednesday celebrating Orange Day across the school in recognition of filling our 'Inclusion' tokens tube. It was great to see everyone wearing a splash of orange and enjoying the activities held across the day. Thank you to Makensie and Liv who organised a multi-age 'Capture the Flag' activity at lunchtime and then an obstacle course at fruit snack time. There was also an indoor option of colouring activities at lunch. Students enjoyed fresh carrots and oranges at fruit snack before heading off to play.

This day coincided well with 'Wear Orange Wednesday' in recognition of our SES volunteers.



# DOGS CONNECT – Common Q & A for Families

**Q** Is there going to be a dog roaming around the school as it pleases?

**A** No, there will always be very thorough planning and supervision related to all of the dogs movements.

**Q** How do I let the school know about some of our religious considerations?

**A** All families will be given the opportunity to give us information that we will need to be aware of and plan for.

**Q** Where does the dog live?

**A** The dog lives with a primary carer who is usually a staff member at the school. School announcements will inform you of these details.

**Q** How often will the dog be at school?

**A** The school dog will start out attending 1 day per week and may build up to a maximum of 3 days per week.

**Q** What if my child is scared of dogs?

**A** Fear is something that will be respected and acknowledged as very real. We hope to discuss this with anyone who needs to.

**Q** Is this dog just for the kids with high needs?

**A** The school wellbeing dog will become a very familiar member of our entire community, not just for specific individuals or cohorts.

**Q** Can my child play or interact with the school dog?

**A** We will be looking to create as many possibilities to create connections between any interested students and the school dog, however, this may take some time.

**Q** Is the dog at risk of too much stimulation at school?

**A** If the school dog is living a really balanced work life, aligned with the Dogs Connect training model, we believe a healthy state will be sustained.

**Q** What if my child is allergic to dogs?

**A** This information will be collated by the school and your child can be included on many different levels without being at risk.

**Q** Will the dog be too distracting for my child's learning?

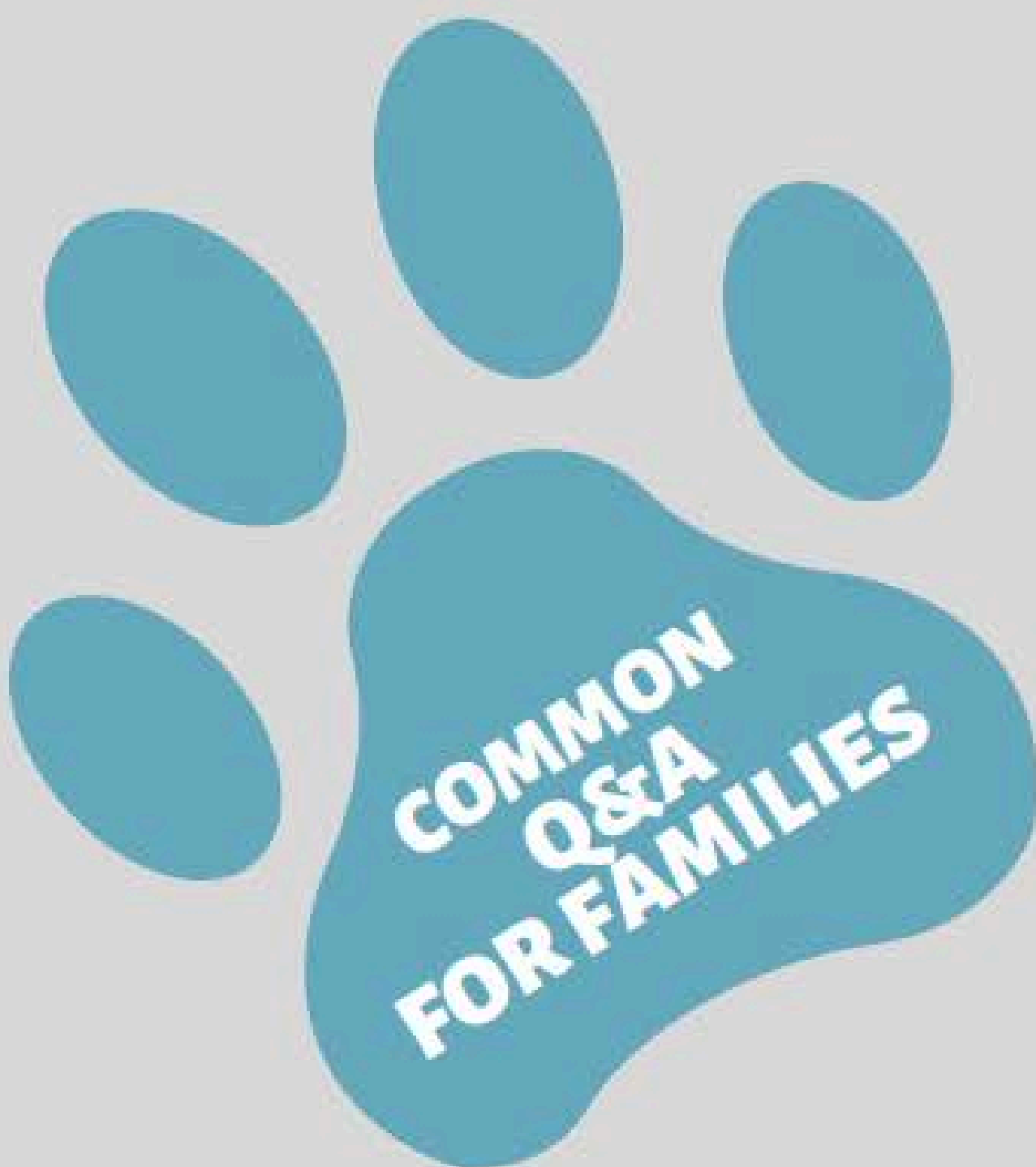
**A** This program, when done well, has proven to have far more positive impacts on learning than negative.

**Q** How is having a dog at school good for my child?

**A** When connection is built authentically between human and animal we see reduced anxiety, lowered heart rates, increased social and emotional development and more.

**Q** What if the dog bites someone?

**A** In our policy manual we have a strict protocol that will deal with any such issues should they arise.



**DOGS CONNECT**  
RESTORING BALANCE

# SCHOLASTIC



## Book Club



Issue 4 – is now open for orders and catalogues will be sent home with students this week.

Orders need to be completed by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

All orders need to be made online via the Scholastic LOOP ordering system.

Every purchase made, earns Scholastic Rewards for our school. Which we use to buy new books for our school library giving students the opportunity to borrow.



### SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

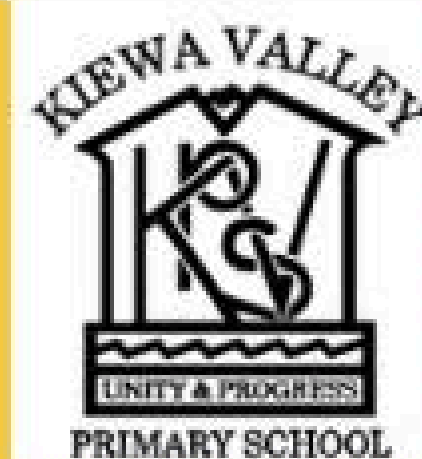
Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**



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## Foundation

# Transition 2027

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



### 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**

## 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.

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