Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter

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WEEK 3 OCTOBER	**MON 19TH** **5/6 Swimming**	**TUES 20TH** **5/6 Swimming**	**WED 21ST** **5/6 Swimming**	**THURS 22ND** **5/6 Swimming**	**FRI 23RD** **KVPS Trivia Night** **5/6 Swimming**	SAT/SUN
WEEK 4 OCTOBER	**MON 26TH**	**TUES 27TH** 3-4 Camp Info Meeting **3:45PM**	**WED 28TH**	**THURS 29TH**	**FRI 30TH**	SAT/SUN
WEEK 5 NOVEMBER	**MON 2ND** **STUDENT FREE DAY** (Professional Practice)	**TUES 3RD** **Melbourne Cup Holiday**	**WED 4TH** **Year 3/4 CAMP** Valley Homestead	**THURS 5TH** **Year 3/4 CAMP** Valley Homestead	**FRI 6TH** **Assembly 2.30pm**	SAT/SUN

PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

I*t has been absolutely wonderful to return to KVPS and reconnect with our students, staff and families. After an extended period away, I have been reminded of just how special our school community is. There is such a positive energy across the school, with students engaged in their learning, staff working incredibly hard to provide meaningful opportunities, and so much happening both inside and outside our classrooms. It really is a pleasure to be back*!

On Friday we had some students compete in the ***Regional Athletics.*** *Spoiler alert (Ms Hadley has prepared an article) - Victoria Wallace won long jump, Will Metcalf won high jump with Liam Patterson finishing second, Hayley Furze and Lexi finished third in discuss and shot put, Tyler Murray made it through but did not place. This means that we have three qualify for State Athletics. Which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all who made it through to Region as that should be viewed as success in itself.*



SENIOR EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT LEADER time away:

Whilst I was on secondment with Area team I still managed to visit KVPS and check-in with students. On one of my visits the Year 2 to 4 students were working on their writing, which we had planned before I left. I was so impressed with the word choice that students had used to uplevel their writing and Alex read his story to me. He was so proud of his writing and I was proud that he was confident enough to share his progress with Donna and I. Great work Alex, your story certainly was entertaining and well written.

During the role I also got to visit 21 schools across our Network from Corryong and Walwa to Harrietville and everywhere in-between. Visiting different schools and working across Primary and Secondary contexts did reaffirm the work we have prioritised, where all teachers have time to collbaoratively plan quality teaching and learning and wellbeing sequences enables consistency in practice.

VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

This Friday Mr Walker, Ms Grogan and I will be representing our school as a FINALIST of the OUTSTANDING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AWARD. This does mean we will not be able to attend our Fundariser as the award presentation is in Melbourne.

Year 5 and 6 SWIMMING and other changes this week - please make sure all students have all the required attire for swimming. This is the final week of swimming for our students.

This does mean there will be changes to the Specialist timetables and teacher's should have communicated this through their weekly newsfeed. This is to ensure teachers still get their planning time.

We acknowledge 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.

Regional Athletics 2026

What a great day for athletics it was on Friday 16th October!
Six students from our school competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival at Les O'Brien Athletics Precinct.
The students were up against tough competition from the four divisions making up the regional event.
Students from the Seymour, Shepparton, Wodonga and Wangaratta divisions
certainly showed exceptional skills on the day.
Victoria W competed in the long jump event. She did a brilliant job to win her event with a personal best effort and is now heading to the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne.
Well done Victoria and good luck in the big smoke.
Lexi Hicks competed in shot put and did well to finish in third place.
Hayley F once again stepped up to the discus event and also finished in third place.
Tyler M competed in triple jump, but unfortunately didn't place.
We were lucky enough to have two competitors in the 12 year old boy's high jump event.
Will M and Liam P have competed together in this event many times and have
been a great support for each other along their journey.
Luckily for them this journey will continue all the way to Melbourne as they finished first and second, with Will taking the honours at this carnival. Well done to both jumpers, who improved their last jumps by 10 centimetres. Well done boys and best of luck at the State Championships.



















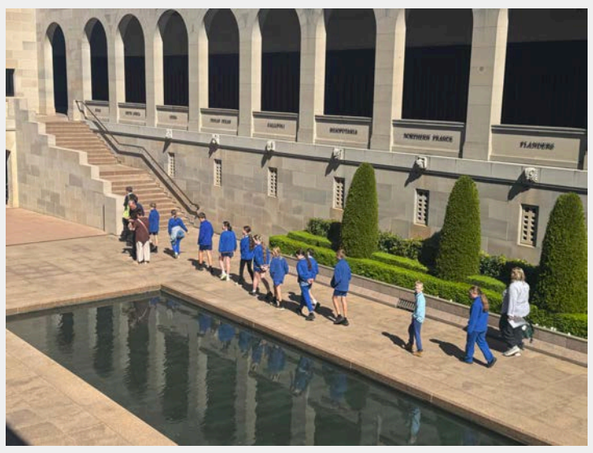
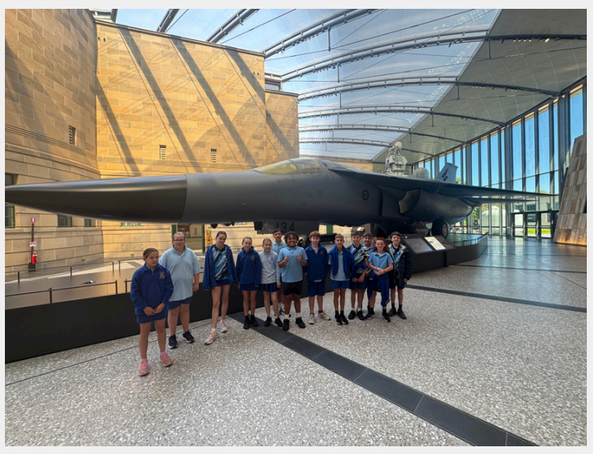
Year 6 Camp - Canberra

Four action-packed days in Canberra certainly gave our Grade 5/6 students plenty to talk about—and probably a good reason for an early night when they arrived home!
We hope families have enjoyed hearing about the experiences, discoveries and memorable moments from our time in the nation's capital.
One of the highlights for staff was the positive feedback we received about our students. At almost every venue, members of the public commented on their manners, behaviour and politeness. Our students represented KVPS wonderfully and should feel very proud of themselves. We certainly were!
Our adventure also included an unplanned stop on Tuesday morning when our driver, Jake, noticed a coolant leak. Thankfully, we pulled into a roadside stop with toilets and plenty of room to stretch our legs and enjoy an early morning tea while a replacement bus was organised. Students took the unexpected change in their stride, remaining safe, comfortable and ready for the next part of the journey.
Thanks to the quick work of Jake and Martins, we were back on the road with only around 10–15 minutes lost from our schedule. The original bus was repaired soon afterwards, with the culprit turning out to be a cracked component worth about 50 cents. Who knew such a tiny part could create such a big talking point? The students weren't too concerned—they considered the replacement bus an upgrade!

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding to our school in the amount of $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school following completion of the excursion and was factored into families' camp payments.
Since returning, students have been busy writing Camp Activity Reflections about their experiences. Over the coming weeks, we hope to share some of their writing in the newsletter, giving our school community a student's-eye view of the amazing places we explored.











Year 6 Students Camp

Questacon - By Axel + Will Y

Being at Questacon in Canberra was a fun and exciting experience for me and a kid called Will. There were lots of interesting science exhibits, interactive activities and amazing displays to explore. We enjoyed trying different experiments and discovering how science works in everyday life. There were so many things to see and do, and every activity taught us something new.

However, the scariest part of the day was definitely the giant drop slide! As Will and I stood at the top, looking down at the steep slide, our hearts started pounding, and our legs felt like jelly.

We could hear people sliding down, and we wondered if we were brave enough to try it. I took a deep breath, gathered my courage and pushed myself forward, while Will watched nervously.

Suddenly, I was racing down the slide at incredible speed, feeling as though my stomach had dropped to the ground. The wind rushed past my face, and I let out a loud scream as I reached the bottom. Will decided to give it a go too, and soon he was flying down the slide, screaming all the way! Even though it was terrifying, we both felt a huge rush of excitement and relief when it was over. We were proud of ourselves for facing our fears and giving it a go.

Overall, my visit to Questacon with Will Young was an unforgettable adventure filled with science, laughter, fear and excitement. It was an amazing experience that I will always remember,
Questacon was one of the most fun places I've been to.

Questacon - By Gianna

We went to Canberra and it was Tuesday the 6th of October and we got to Questacon from 2:00-4:00pm.

When we got to Questacon, we had to split into 3 groups. I was in Mr Walker's group with Alexis P, Beau, Bella, Billie, Chase, Chole, Claire, Elly, Lexie H, Jaxon, Lewies, Will M, Mali, Patrick, Willow and Zeke. The lady that was our guide let us go onto the free-fall-slide first. We had to wear a special suite otherwise you would get friction burn.

I was the first person from our school to go down the free-fall-slide.

Next, we went to the Earthquake room. There was a fake turtle and a screen showing what damage can happen in an earthquake. After that we waited for 15 minutes for the lightning strike to go off and it was very loud, but it went forever.

Next, we went into a room to wait for the other groups, but I personally thought it was more for baby's and kids under 4 years old. Finally, the other groups arrived, and we could go to the shop. At the shop there were squishes, bouncing puddy and many more things but I got a Nedo. We had to put our things in a box and we weren't allowed them until we got back to school but I didn't mind because I did not really need it anyway.

Questacon - By Tori

On Tuesday during our Canberra camp, 5/6 visited Questacon we split into 3 groups and spread around the different rooms and activities. All different rooms had different and fun activities to do and things to learn. There were things to do like watch lighting strike In a big room and the sound of it, go down the free fall drop slide that was fun
you had to hold on a bar then we had to drop and slide down.

We went to the earthquake room and stood in it and the room Shaked and moved. There was so many random things there that we could do and science things. It showed how some things work and it explained it so good.

There were little things to do like make paper cups and watch them spin up over the air coming out of the machine. We got to solve puzzles and figure things out. There was so much stuff that we did and so many different rooms with so many things in them. There would be things hanging from the ceilings and cool things that confused your brain and you would think how does that work?

We also went to the Questacon Shop, and we could use our money that we had bought to buy something if we wanted to. I Bought a squishy and changing coloured putty.

We were at Questacon from 2:00-4:00. And in that time, there was so much fun stuff to do and see most of the activities there were hands on and we could all do something and play with the things there.

Leumeah Lodge - By Harper

On Tuesday during Canberra camp, Kiewa Valley Primary School stayed at Leumeah lodge.
The girl students had four rooms four bunkbeds each room. Boy students had three bedrooms.
Four bunkbeds and one room with three bunkbeds.
The rooms weren't that big but enough to fit all the students the bathroom had a sink area a shower and a sink area and a toilet area. Leumeah lodge had a pretty nice eating are- really big tables which were pretty clean for a lodge. The food was nice- we had pancakes for breakfast most mornings. We always had different dinners. Most of the beds were comfy the blankets kept all of us really warm- almost too warm. The bedrooms were nice, the food was nice and it was clean in the eating area. Overall, Leumeah Lodge was a pretty nice place to stay.

High Court of Australia - By Alira

On our second day at Canberra on Wednesday, we went to the high courts of Australia
which is also the highest court in our whole entire country.
During our time at high courts of Australia, we got to explore and learn more about our
Australian democracy and different levels of court.
We also got to watch a real debate in action, about high rise buildings being demolished in Melbourne.
When we first got into the court room, we were on the balcony we had to bow to show our respect,
before then sitting down...and of course you must be silent.

High Court of Australia - By Zeke

At the High Court, we went to 2 rooms. The first, we watched a real case, where people were
protesting about the apartment buildings in Melbourne being demolished.
At the second room, we did a role play.
The people included were: Jaxon, Me, Gianna, Chloe, Lexi, Will, Liam and Justice.
The case started off as us grouping up and discussing matters. It went like this:
Jaxon (Mrs Stone) went to Woollies and slipped on an oily chip and broke every bone in her back. She could not work or move a single inch. The Woollies workers debated how they had cleaners who clean the complex every 20min. Then my team went back to replying on how if they cleaned up quicker then Jaxon wouldn't have broken his back in the first place. Then his children died of starvation, so he won the case.
When we left, I wanted to tell Liam something, so I sprinted down the stairs and fell, so with my foot I boosted myself and it was like I was flying. I landed on the small of my back, so I rolled and landed in a ninja position.

Australian Institute of Sport - By Chase

On the first night of camp, we visited the Australian Institute of Sport. We arrived and went to the gift shop after that we split into groups and somebody showed us around. We saw the basketball athletics the gym volleyball swimming pool areas. We met back up with the other groups and got to play in the Sportex room- my favourite activity was the cricket.

VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS - FINALIST

I am THRILLED to announce that Kiewa Valley Primary School has been announced as FINALIST in the Outstanding School Performance category for the Victorian Education Excellence Awards.

I am so proud of our community and the work we have achieved together. There are two other schools in our category and this is a testament to the continual school improvement work we have been undertaking together.



2026 Team Award finalists Outstanding School Improvement

The Outstanding School Improvement award recognises exceptional school staff within a Victorian government school who have demonstrated excellence to improve whole-school outcomes through strategic planning and improvement initiatives, and have made a significant contribution to developing effective partnerships with the broader community to improve overall school performance.

Kiewa Valley Primary School

Kiewa Valley Primary School has been recognised for its clear, evidence-based and collaborative approach to whole-school improvement. Led by a strong commitment to student learning and wellbeing, the school has embedded data-informed practice, professional learning, coaching and continuous improvement across all teams. This sustained work has helped rebuild community trust, strengthen school culture and deliver significant gains in student outcomes, including progress from a 'Transform' rating in 2023 to a 'High' rating in both learning and wellbeing in 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! We are grateful today for working in such an outstanding school and I hope you too recognise that your CHILD is being EDUCATED in one of the State's best schools!!

KIEWA KINDER NEWS

KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kiewa Valley Primary School OSHC is looking for a qualified Educator with a **Diploma in** Early Childhood Education and Care to join our team on a casual basis, working as needed for an immediate start.

Please apply by: *Please email a copy of your resume and qualifications to be considered.*

Please phone 0260273275 or email natalee.goodwin@education.vic.gov.au for further information or to discuss the role.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

OSHC - 2027

Reminder to all Kiewa Valley families to please notify OSHC if they intend on using this wonderful service in 2027

Mob: 0448 484 933

Natalie.Goodwin@education.vic.gov.au

KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Trivia Night

HOSTED BY SHANE JACOBSON
AT THE DEDERANG HOTEL

Friday 23rd OCTOBER, 2026
Dinner 6 PM
Trivia 7 PM

$60 TICKET PRICE INCLUDES TRIVIA, MEAL AND DRINK (FROM SET MENU)

Tickets $60 per person,
Tickets purchased from Kiewa Valley Primary School office during school hours

Ph: 02 6027 3275

TICKET $60 PP

Every dollar raised will support Kiewa Valley Primary School's next major project: redeveloping our student outdoor eating area.

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