Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter

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WEEK 2 OCTOBER	**MON 12TH** **2/4 Swimming**	**TUES 13TH** **2/4 Swimming**	**WED 14TH** **2/4 Swimming**	**THURS 15TH** **2/4 Swimming**	**FRI 16TH** **Regional Athletics** **2/4 Swimming**	SAT/SUN
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** **Whole School Activity "Be Kind"**	SAT/SUN

ACTING PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

We have already had a busy start to Term 4, with our Foundation/Year 1 students participating in their swimming program during Week 1. This week, it is the Year 2-4 students' turn to take part, with our Year 5/6 students looking forward to their swimming program in Week 3. These programs provide valuable opportunities for students to develop their water safety knowledge and confidence.

Canberra Camp

Our Year 5/6 students enjoyed a very busy and memorable trip to Canberra last week, travelling from Tuesday to Friday. With a packed itinerary and plenty of places to explore, there certainly wasn't much downtime as we made the most of everything Canberra had to offer.



Some of the highlights included visits to Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the Australian Electoral Commission, Australian War Memorial and the High Court of Australia, where students had the opportunity to observe a live court proceeding from the public gallery. Students also explored some of Canberra's significant national landmarks and took part in a range of educational experiences that brought their classroom learning to life.

I would like to congratulate our students on the way they represented Kiewa Valley Primary School throughout the trip. We received some wonderful feedback from members of the public and the venues we visited, with people commenting on how well our students conducted themselves and how positively they represented our school. It was fantastic to receive this feedback and to see our school values reflected in the way students engaged with others throughout the experience.

A huge thank you also goes to Mr Walker, Miss Flavel, Donna, Kass and Tylah for giving up their time, spending the week away from their own families and supporting our students throughout the camp. Trips like these take considerable planning, energy and commitment, and I am incredibly grateful to the staff who helped make this experience possible for our students.

Looking Ahead

There is plenty more happening across the school this term, and we look forward to another busy few weeks of learning, activities and opportunities for our students. Ms J will be back onsite this Friday, and we look forward to welcoming her back home to KVPS.

Felicite Grogan

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.

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!!

LITTLE ANGLER PROGRAM

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the number and diversity of people fishing and enjoying Victoria's local seafood, growing healthy and sustainable fisheries sectors and contributing to Victoria's social and economic prosperity. This is why the Victorian Government distributed 95,000 Little Angler kits to primary aged students in 2023/24, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as part of a $1.5M election commitment, funded via the sale of Victorian recreational fishing licences, i.e. funded by recreational fishers.

The aim of this election commitment was to continue to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria, by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. Encouraging children to be outside and active aligns with whole of Victorian Government initiatives underway to optimise health, wellbeing, connectedness and inclusiveness in Victoria.

Following the successful implementation of the commitment, the Victorian Government will run the program again in 2026, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, offering 82,500 Little Angler kits to primary school children in 2026.

The FREE kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.
Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a fishing kit.

Opt out
Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs. **If you DO NOT wish for your child to have a kit, please contact Felicite Grogan by Thursday 15th October.** We aim to send the kits home Friday 16th October.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. The kits will also have a safety label attached to the outside of the kit bag, recommending that students wait to open the kits until they are under the care and supervision of an adult.

Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

More information
For instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish, visit the Little Angler hub.

KIEWA KINDER NEWS

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

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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

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

PRIZES - RAFFLES - FUN & GAMES

TICKET
$60 PP

TANGAMBALANGA SKATE PARK COMPETITION

NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES
SKATE - SCOOT - BMX



ALCOHOL, DRUG, SMOKE AND VAPE FREE EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT 17, 2026

SKATE 1PM / SCOOT 2.30 PM / BMX 4PM
12 & U, 16 & U & OPEN FOR EACH
ALL ABILITIES & GENDERS WELCOME

STOP #4 OF THE NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES, TANGAMBALANGA SKATE PARK
27 KIEWA EAST ROAD, TANGAMBALANGA

SKATEBOARDS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON ON THE DAY!
FOR FULL DETAILS, REGISTRATION, AND WET/EXTREME WEATHER UPDATES SCAN THE QR CODE OR SEE REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/VSA/EVENTS. FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: NORTHEASTSKATEPARKSERIES

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EOI STALL HOLDERS

Sat 28 Nov 11am - 3pm

*Indigo Shire Council's Youth Advisory Group is organising "Youth local Dep*p" a* ***second-hand clothing SWAP AND SALE*** *at Quercus, Beechworth. EOI open until 15 Nov.*

KIEWA CRICKET CLUB
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Play Develop Belong

PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET AT KIEWA CRICKET CLUB!

U12s · U14s · U16s



MISSED THE COME AND TRY DAY?

It's not too late!

We're still looking for players for our U12s, U14s and U16s teams!
All skill levels welcome – come and be part of a great club!

EXPRESS INTEREST OR ENQUIRE:

ZAC STEPHENS
Junior Coordinator
0408 104 312

SUE CAREY
Secretary & Childsafe Officer
0412 005 070

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GIRLS CRICKET

U12s

Grade 4, 5 & 6 Students



MAKE NEW FRIENDS · LEARN NEW SKILLS · BE ACTIVE & HAVE FUN · ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | KIEWA CRICKET CLUB

ENQUIRIES: Annie Heffernan 0417 449 741