Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter

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WEEK 4 OCTOBER	**MON 26TH** FOUNDATION TRANSITION Meetings School Council	**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 Day)	**TUES 3RD** **MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY**	**WED 4TH** **3-4 CAMP** Valley Homestead	**THURS 5TH** **3-4 CAMP** Valley Homestead	**FRI 5TH** **Assembly 3.00pm**	SAT/SUN
WEEK 6 NOVEMBER	**MON 8TH**	**TUES 9TH** Cultural Performance 'Dance for the fun of it' 1.00pm Town Hall	**WED 10TH**	**THURS 11TH**	**FRI 12TH** World Kindness Day	SAT/SUN

PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Swimming is now done for the year. The students have a great time. But please remember we schedule swimming term 4 to help prepare the students for a long hot summer of swimming across many waterways in our region and whilst on holidays. However, please consider continuing the lessons privately to ensure your family stays safe by the water this summer.

LION'S CLUB SPEECHES:

Last Monday night I had the privilege of attending the Lion's Club speech finalists at the Lion's Den. Makensie from 56W and Harper from 34E presented their speeches to the members and family after making it through to the finalist round of the Lion's Club regional speech competition. The two students were calm in their delivery, making continual eye contact and engaging the audience in their speech with many forms of persuasive devices including rhetorical questions and emotive language and statistics. The topics were "if you could have dinner with any person alive or dead who would it be?" and "where would you visit if you could go anywhere in in the world where would it be and why?" Well done, it take courage and bravery to stand up in front of an unfamiliar audience and you did KVPS PROUD! We were also served an amazing roast dinner and dessert. THANK YOU Lion's Club for your continued support and encouragement of KVPS.



LEARNING WALKS and TALKS:

Since being back at KVPS I have engaged in multiple Learning Walks and Talks to check-in with students about their learning and progress. Students are asked 5 questions; What are you learning, How are you going?, How do you know? How can you improve? and where do you go for help?

Lyn Sharratt (2015, 2016, 2019, 2022) has developed Learning Walks and Talks (LWTs) as a means to gather assessment data to inform learning and teaching and give leaders and teachers feedback on how learning is progressing as a result of implementing the 14 Parameters and AWC. The 5 Questions for teachers and leaders to ask students provide the 'why' and the 'how'. The questions are connected directly to the concepts in CLARITY, page, 124. The answers given by the students will tell leaders and teachers whether the teaching has been explicit or not. This informs the culling of learning and teaching approaches in order to embed only the most impactful practices.

We have also been identifying LOOK FOR's around our implementation of Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 or VTLM 2.0. As a staff we have had a focus on Supported Application and this gives us a great indication of how we are tracking and our next steps in the implementation of a key piece of practice improvement work of the Department.

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 - WINNERS

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





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.

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Our school was a finalist in the Outstanding School Improvement Award. It is still with shock and disbelief that I can confirm WE WON the award. From the moment they announced we were the winners, the rest was a blur. I still cannot believe it. And when telling my family, that night, I even said to them I cant believe it. And simply they responded, we know how hard you all work! Whilst I was a little taken back at that, hard work doesnt always result in wins, but in talking to them over the weekend, its not just the hard work, they explained, its the care, the time on weekends clearing all the admin so you can be present with the kids at school, the late night phonecalls, the community connections and the belief that your students deserve the very best. And that about sums it up. The one thing I am truly grateful for is the continued support and shared vision and beliefs of the staff and families and students we have the pleasure of working with week in and out. This truly is a MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT. The leading school in School Improvement from across the state. There are 1613 public schools in Victoria. And KVPS has been rewarded for leading the way with school improvement. ASTONISHING!!!

Trivia Night





What an Amzing night filled with laughter fun and plenty of entertainment,
all thanks to Shane Jacobson for hosting our Trivia - Fundraiser night.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to the Dederang Hotel for providing such a beautiful venue, delicious meals and tasty drinks. Your hospitality helped make the night extra special. Thanks to Natalie Larkin and Leanne Hadley for all the organisation on the night and prior, without all your time and effort the night would not have gone as smooth as it did.

Thank you to everyone who came along, purchased raffle tickets and supported our fundraiser helping make the night a successful one. This would not have been possible without the many sponsors.

Massive congratulations to the winners of the Trivia Night " Where is Trent"





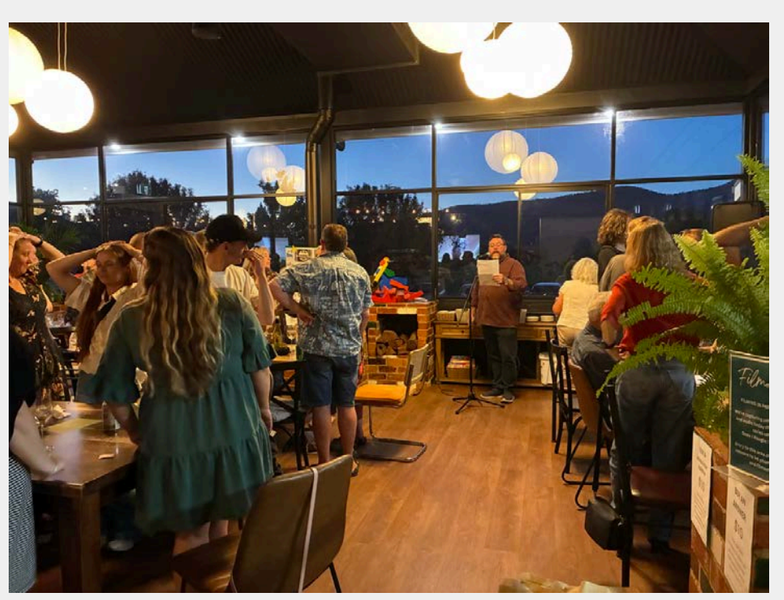


Raffle Ticket Winners

Jappo Donks - Nathan Baker
Dederang Hotel - Ally Read
Huon Hill - Cade Heffernan
Men's Shed - Dean Murphy
Tangam Chemist - Simon + Cade Heffernan
Cofield Wines- Mitch Trafford + Mauve Short
AG Warehouse Dog Food - Jarrod Mc, Enzo Vogel, Leni Bartel + Nev Hadley
Boost - Peter Read
Meat Tray - Jenny Visser
Core Movement - Sav Sutherland, Jen Brooks, Jenny Larkin + Laura Adams
Pickle Ball - Tara Visser
Peards - Mel Smith, Debbie Duncan, Beau Heffernan, Tex Nesbitt + Alan Dean.
Hamper - Susie Croucher
Gold Class - Kass Costello + Felicite Grogan x2
Cinema Pack - Crockett family, Mick Lumby, Nikki Coleman, Felicite Grogan + Phil Newton
Yetti Travel Mugs - D+C Wheeler
Wine - Ash Sutherland
Top Shop Voucher - Elle + Josh Bartel
Saputo - Steve Larkin + Scott Walker
Voucher - Caity Kerr









Daisy Update

You may have noticed a ‘new’ dog around the school. Daisy had a hair cut over the holidays and looks like a new woman. At around 9-10 months, the adult fur of the Australian Cobberdog, starts to come through and can often get matted in the puppy fur. This happened to poor Daisy and despite the brushing, the groomer recommended a fresh start for her.

We are really proud of the way Daisy has returned to school this term. She is much calmer and continues to mature. She loves greeting people in the office and learning about poetry and fractions in our focused classrooms. We continue to learn her signals for when she needs a break at school. Usually when she goes into Miss Grogan’s office, it’s her way of saying, ‘I need a bit of space please’ and it’s important we respect this.

Being at school is tiring for everyone, including Daisy, which is why she needs her rest days. On school days, she gets home, has dinner and then curls up for the rest of the evening not wanting a bar of anyone.













Year 5/6 Students Camp Reflection

AIS
By Swayze

We hopped on the bus and drove to the Australian Institution of Sport I sat next to Smith we talked about bunnies.
Then we got there it was very big I bought a pen and a mini footy from the shop.
We split into 2 groups I love my group we looked at the volleyball practise place it was good, the gymnastics place a girl made her own move I forgot it our last spot was the swimming pool where the races, synchronise swimming and water pollo they is cameras in the pools so the athletes can see what they need to improve on.
We went to do some sport games at the end there was basketball skiing biking pullups jaice got the record without cheating. Wheelchair race. We had a limit for people in the basketball ring it was 5. High jump was packed but the soccer and cricket was getting projected.
The closed one was bob sledding I bet it would be fun.
At the end of the day we loved the tour and games.

Mount Ainsley Lookout
By Patrick

On the way up it was very steep it felt like the bus was going to tip over. At the top there was a concrete tower that when you stood in front of it you could see the war memorial, then Anzac parade, then Lake Burley Griffin, then old parliament house and then new parliament house in a perfect strait line. Mr Walker told us all the places that we could see and the significant of the triangle.

Cockington Green Gardens
By Liv

On Wednesday the 7th of October we went to Cockington Green Gardens. When we arrived, we sat out the front of the train station and waited for our turn we then hopped onto this miniature train that went around the whole place.
Each carriage had its own name like Sally-Anne and Bill.
We then split into our three groups so that it was easy to get around. When we started walking around,
we looked at all these miniature houses, at first but then it got interesting.
It started to ger to the funny sculptures like the soccer stadium where a player was getting a yellow card and the player was crying.
We then headed over to the international area where we looked at all these different sculptures and monuments like the Eiffel Tower or the classic New Zealand house. There were also famous palaces and other big buildings.
In the middle of Cockington Greens was a little creek and mini lake filed with clear blue water with money of all currencies.
At the end of our walk around the garden we went to the overpriced gift shop where I brought a magnet then we left.

Cockington Green
By Mali

On Thursday of camp the 56w went to Cockington Green.
We went on a train ride around the gardens, I sat next to Dylan.
Then we split into groups and went exploring. We looked at all
the miniature houses my favourite was the man on the toilet.
At the end we went into the gift shop.
I enjoyed seeing the little trains running around the gardens.

Ten-Pin Bowling
By Tex

On Wednesday night the 5/6 students of Kiewa Valley Primary School went to Zone Bowling Belconnen.
First, we went into a small party room and read through all the rules & expectations for bowling.
The people in my lane we're, Jaice, Smith, Lilly, Alira, Talli - (Mr Walker because Talli wasn't there) and me - (Tex).
Alira went first then Lilly then Jaice then Talli (Mr Walker) then Smith then me (Tex)
On one of my bowls, I put some spin on it and it went from one side of the lane to the other side of the lane and got a strike.
Mr Walker (played for Talli) scored a strike almost every time, but missed a few. Talli (Mr Walker) came first with 150 points.
I came 4 with 74 points and I can't remember everyone else' score.
Overall bowling was a great experience with my friends and classmates.

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PARLIAMENT HOUSE
BY CLAIRE

ON THURSDAY, WE WENT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE. IN GROUP 2, WE WENT TO DO A ROLEPLAY,
AND WE HAD A SPEAKER, PRIME MINISTER AND ALL THE OTHERS.
WHEN WE DID THE ROLEPLAY, WE HAD TO TALK AND DEBATE HOW LONG WE CAN PLAY SPORT EACH DAY. T
HEN WE WENT ON A TOUR AROUND PARLIAMENT HOUSE.
WE WENT TO SEE THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE SENATE IS THE RED ROOM, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS THE GREEN ROOM. WHEN WE WERE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, WE TALKED ABOUT WHO SITS WHERE AND WHO TALKS. WE TALKED ABOUT HOW SOMETIMES THE KING COMES TO THE SENATE.
WHEN WE ROLEPLAYED, THERE WAS A THING THAT HAD A CROWN ON IT, AND IT WAS CALLED THE MACE. THEY HAVE A BIG BLACK SPEAR IN THE SENATE.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT
BY LIAM

ON THURSDAY EVERYONE AT CAMP WENT TO THE ROYAL AUSTRALIA MINT AND WE HAD GROUP 1 AND GROUP 2. WE WALKED INTO THE MINT AND GOT OUR GUIDE AND WALKED UP STAIRS WITH MONEY EVERYWHERE IN THEM. WE GOT UP THERE AND WENT TO A WALL WITH MILLIONS WORTH OF COINS. THEY HAD BLUEY, POPPY, VEGEMITE, HONEY BEE, MOB OF ROOS AND EVERY POSSIBLE COIN AUSTRALIA HAS MADE.
THEN WE MADE A COIN ON A MACHINE (VIDEO GAME) THEN WE SAW MITAS, A ROBOT THAT LIFTED THE BARRELS OF BLANK COINS TO GO IN THE CONVEYER AND HE SOMETIMES WAVES. ALSO, WE GOT TO PLY THESE HARD VIDEO GAMES
WHICH WE HAD A SPINNER AND TRIED TO STAY IN THE LINES.
WE WALKED DOWN THE MINT SHOP AND GOT TO MAKE A COIN. AND I MADE A COIN WITH A FLOWER AND THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY. I ALSO MEASURED MY HEIGHT IN COINS AND I WAS 540 DOLLARS' WORTH OF COINS.
THEN WE WENT OUTSIDE TO HAVE LUNCH WHILE GROUP 1 CAME IN TO DO THEIR TOUR (OUR LUNCH WAS ROLLS FROM LEUMEAH LODGE.)

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY
BY: DEEPNA

ON THURSDAY, OUR GROUP WENT TO THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY AT AROUND 1:30 TO 2:30PM WHERE WE SAW SOME BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS MADE BY GREAT ARTISTS. WE HAD A GUIDE BUT I'M NOT SO SURE OF HER NAME, IF I MUST SAY, SHE WAS REALLY PRETTY. WE LOOKED THROUGH THE GALLERY & EVEN SAW THE CREATOR OF THE TREEHOUSE BOOKS, WE SAW THIS BIG CREATION OF HIM ON A TREE & HIM HOLDING ANOTHER MINI HIM HOLDING ANOTHER MINI HIM WHICH WAS COOL.
WE ALSO DREW ON PAPER WHEN WE SAW THE CATHY FREEMAN PORTRAIT OR DRAWING. WE HAD TO DRAW WHAT WE SAW ON THE PORTRAIT OF HER RUNNING AND PEOPLE ON THE SIDE LINES CHEERING HER ON SAYING, "WE LOVE YOU, CATHY!" I WAS HONESTLY KIND OF PROUD OF MY DRAWINGS SINCE I TRIED MY HARDEST TO ADD DETAILS IN SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. I THINK I SPOTTED A BUTTERFLY, A TROPHY, A POT WITH FLOWERS, VINES LIKE COMING DOWN THE PAGE. IF I CAN REMEMBER, THEN THAT'S ALL.
ALSO, THE FIRST GALLERY WHICH WE VISITED, WE SAW AN OLD-ISH WOMAN WHO WAS AROUND 40 – 50 STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF HER APARTMENT WITH MESS AROUND EVERYWHERE, THE STUFF WAS NOT PUT IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND SOME OTHER STUFF BELONGED IN THE KITCHEN LIKE A RANDOM LEMON ON THE COFFEE TABLE.
THE GUIDE ASKED US WHAT WE THOUGHT OF THE PICTURE AND SOME PEOPLE SAID THAT SHE JUST MOVED IN, I SAID SHE LOOKED PARANOID, WHICH SHE OF COURSE DID & I THOUGHT I WAS CLOSE TO THE DESCRIPTION. THE GUIDE THEN TOLD US THAT SHE WAS MOVING OUT AND SHE THOUGHT IT WAS UNFAIR THAT SHE HAD TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE OF SOMETHING BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY.
HONESTLY, THIS WAS MY PERSONAL FAVOURITE SINCE I DO REALLY LOVE ART AND PAINTING. WHILE WE WERE WALKING AROUND, WE ALSO SAW THIS GUY OR MANY GUYS STANDING AND THE TREES HAD FACES AND THE GUYS WERE HOLDING A PAPER IN THEIR HAND WITH A QUESTION MARK ON IT. THE GUIDE LADY ASKED US WHAT WE NOTICED ABOUT THE PAINTING, ONE OF THE TEACHERS THAT I'M SURE WAS KASS, SAID THE START OF BUILDING CANBERRA? I REALLY CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT THE WHOLE PAINTING WAS ABOUT, BUT IF I MUST SAY, LOOKING AT ALL THE GALLERIES WERE REALLY COOL AND ASPIRING, WELL ESPECIALLY FOR ME.
AT THE LAST LOOK, WE WERE ALLOWED TO FREELY EXPLORE, I'M SURE I WAS WITH MAKENSIE BUT I ALSO CAN'T REMEMBER IF SHE WAS IN MY GROUP OR NOT. AS THE OTHERS WERE EXPLORING AND LOOKING AT THE SMALL CUTE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE, MAKENSIE AND I WERE READING DR SEUSS. THE OVERALL PLACE WAS INTERESTING TO LOOK AT AND I SURE DID HAVE SOME PAINTING IDEAS IN MIND.

LUNCH CLUBS TERM FOUR

MON

SUDOKU

with
Miss Grogan

THURS

INSECTS

with
Mrs Litchfield

TUES

CHOIR

with
Ms Robinson

FRI

GARDENING

with
Linda

WED

TRIVIA

with
Miss Flavel

Our Lunch Clubs are a safe and inclusive space for whoever wants to join.

Gundowring Landcare invites you to

GONE FISHING

CAST YOUR LINE, WATCH A DEMO, LEARN ABOUT NATIVE FISH SPECIES & SUSTAINABLE FISHING PRACTICES. ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME.

THURSDAY
NOV 12TH
4PM—6PM

BOYDS BRIDGE RESERVE GUNDOWRING

FREE EVENT
BBQ DINNER

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