Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter

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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 6TH** **Assembly 3.00pm**	SAT/SUN
WEEK 6 NOVEMBER	**MON 9TH**	**TUES 10TH** Cultural Performance 'Dance for the fun of it' 1.00pm Town Hall	**WED 11TH**	**THURS 12TH**	**FRI 13TH** World Kindness Day	SAT/SUN
WEEK 7 NOVEMBER	**MON 16TH**	**TUES 17TH**	**WED 18TH**	**THURS 19TH**	**FRI 20TH**	SAT/SUN

PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

Supervision of our yard does not commence until 8.35am each day. Students should not be onsite before this time, if they are they need to come to the Office for supervision. If you need supervision of your child before this Before School Care is available and you may contact Nat Goodwin for enrolment.

WORLDS TEACHERS DAY:

Last Friday we acknowledged World Teachers Day - by shining a light on all the fabulous work our teachers do in inacting our vision and connecting this to high expectations in learning and wellbeing. All our students dressed up in colourful clothes and teachers were presented with an artwork made up of all the amazing things about them that our students recognise and wanted to acknowledge. Some students even took time to write their own personal messages which was much appreciated. THANK YOU TEACHER's we value every minute of learning you give and all the time, effort and support.

CAPITAL WORKS GRANT OUTCOME:

On Friday we received a letter from the Minister of Education announcing we had BEEN SUCCESSFUL in our Capital Works Grant for an INclusive undercover learning space. The scope of the work are; to create a safe, inclusive, and engaging outdoor learning environment that supports the sensory, emotional, and physical needs of all students, including those with additional needs.The designated outdoor area is accessible to all students from Prep to Year 6 and is to be transformed into a purpose-built undercover learning and play space promoting inclusion for all students.

Key Features include:

Undercover Structure:

- Weatherproof shelter to allow year-round use

- UV protection and rain coverage

- Open sides for airflow and natural light

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair-accessible paths and entry points

- Design inclusive of neurodiverse and physically diverse learners

The educational purpose of the space is to promote and support sensory regulation and overall wellbeing, creating an environment where all students can thrive. It is designed to foster inclusive and play-based learning experiences that cater to diverse needs and abilities. The space will encourage physical activity, and collaboration, supporting both structured and unstructured learning opportunities. Additionally, it will provide a valuable alternative setting for students who benefit from movement or sensory breaks, helping them to re-engage with learning in a calm, supportive environment.



Examples of Art work being created by our students currently

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!!!

STATE ATHLETICS

On Thursday 29th October, three students from our school competed in the State Track and Field Carnival in Melbourne. Tori W, Will M and Liam P all travelled with their parents to the big smoke to take on the best competitors from around the entire state of Victoria.

Tori competed in long jump and managed to set another personal best jump with 4:13. She finished 5th out of 16. What a terrific effort!!

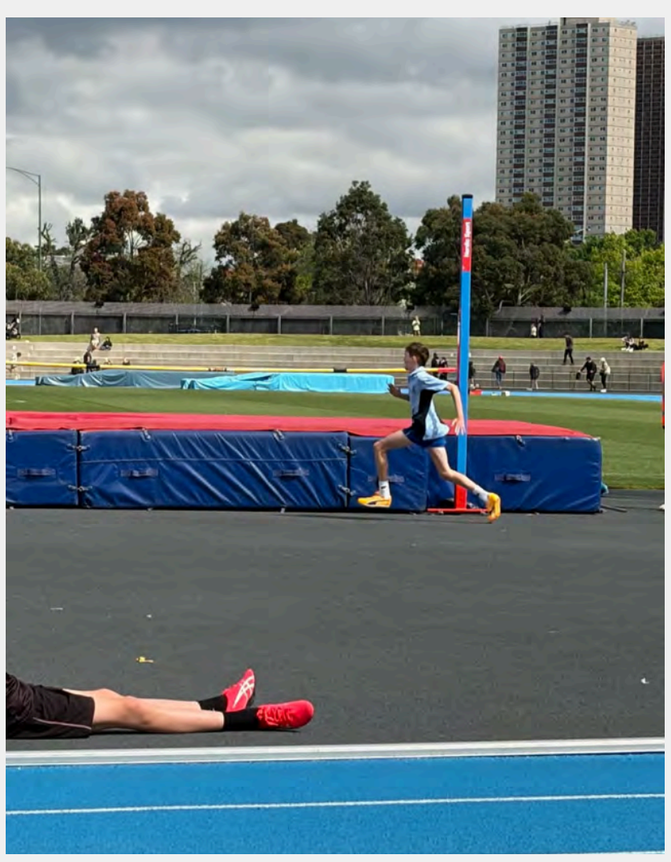
Liam and Will supported each other once again in the 12 boys high jump. The two have been jumping against each other for many years and are each the others' best supporter.

Will finished in equal 8th place clearing 145cm and Liam finished in 5th place with another PB of 151cm.What an excellent result from the boys!!

Congratulations to all three students, who should certainly be so proud of their efforts against high quality athletes.

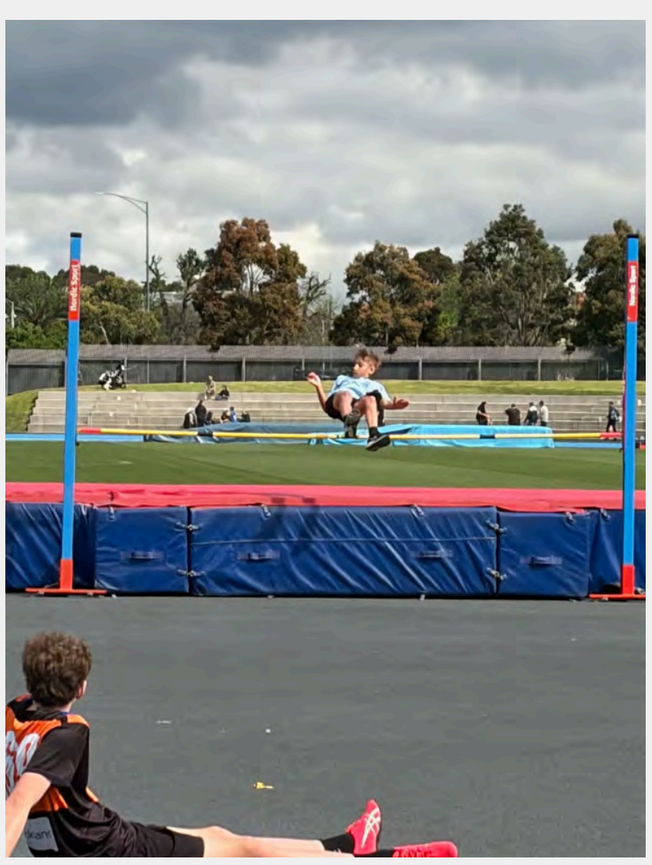


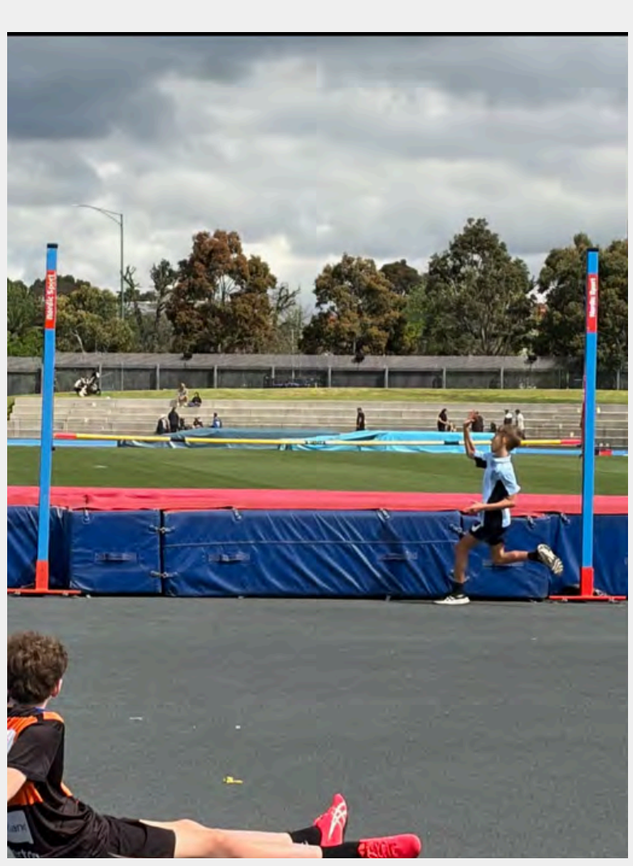










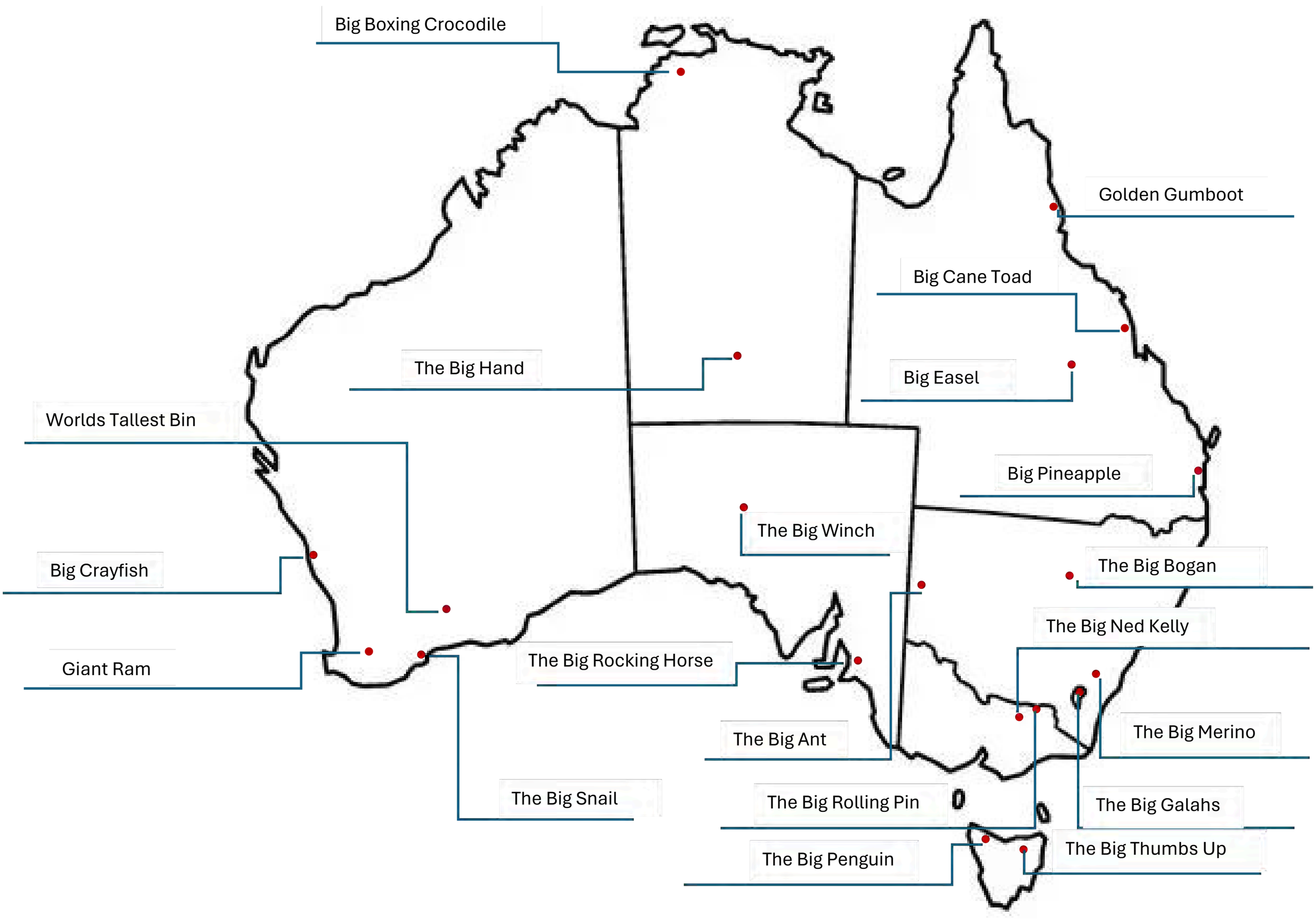


Trivia Night

For those that attended the Trivia night on Friday 23rd at the Dederang Hotel, you will understand the following map of Australia with all the “BIG THINGS” as one of the activities that we had to complete.
Here are the results for you to ponder over.















SRC News



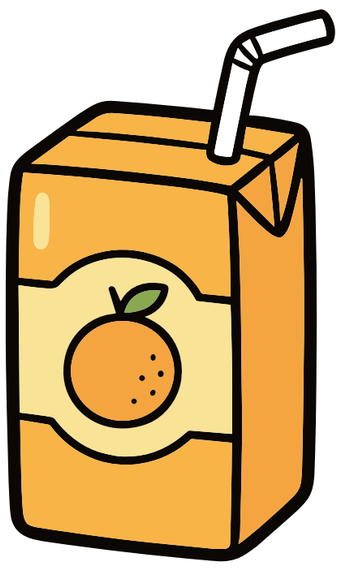


The SRC has been busy planning some activities for the remainder of the year.

This term, the SRC is hoping to organise a Pizza, Prima and Donut Day, with a date to be confirmed. Similar to our Hot Dog Day earlier in the year, families will be able to order items through the Flexischools app, with options including pizza slices, primas and donuts. More information, including ordering details and the date, will be shared soon.

Towards the end of the term, the SRC will also be selling Zooper Doopers for $1 at lunchtime on a few Fridays, with money raised going towards various charities. These days are always popular with students and provide a lovely opportunity for them to practise handling money, making their own purchases and enjoying a little canteen experience.

We know there is always so much happening at school, and every term is a busy one! However, providing opportunities for our SRC representatives to share their ideas, have a voice and bring activities to life for their peers is an important part of student leadership.



We appreciate our school community getting behind the SRC and supporting the activities and fundraising initiatives they are keen to organise. Keep an eye out for further details!

Food and dietary requirements: As always, if your child has any dietary requirements or food-related needs, please get in touch with their classroom teacher or Felicite. We are always happy to work with families to ensure every student can be included in our food-related activities.

School-Wide Postive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) News

A little reminder about our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) approach and how we celebrate the positive behaviours we see across our school.

At KVPS, our school values are Kindness, Respect, Inclusion and Integrity. Our school behaviour matrix helps students understand what these values look like in different areas and situations around the school.

When staff notice students demonstrating these values, they can be awarded a token. Students then place their tokens into our school value tubes in the office, helping us recognise and celebrate the positive contributions students make to our school community.



We have fallen a little behind with our whole-school token tube celebrations this year! While we are mindful of not adding too many extra activities to an already busy school calendar, we have a couple of celebrations still owing that we are looking forward to sharing with students.

Coming up, we will be celebrating both a Green Day and a Red Day. Our Green Day celebration will be linked with a very special occasion - Daisy's birthday! More details about both celebrations will be shared closer to the dates.



For these days, we simply offer students the opportunity to wear a splash of the celebration colour. This might be a coloured T-shirt, some coloured socks, a hair tie or another little splash of the colour. There is absolutely no need to buy anything special or dress up, it is just a fun way to join in the celebration! There is no cost to families to celebrate these reward days, any costs associated are covered by the school.



We look forward to recognising our students and celebrating the positive behaviours that help make KVPS such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

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.

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

Foundation Transition 2027



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.