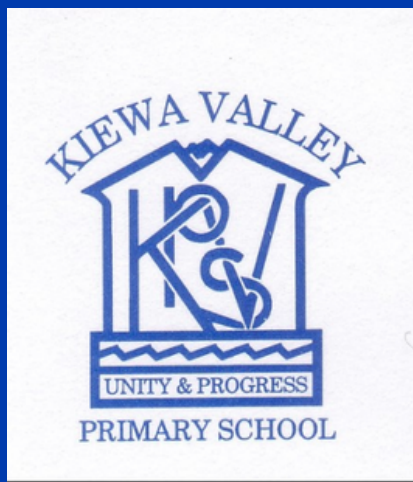


# Kiewa Valley Primary School

# Newsletter



<b>Week 2 Term 3</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> July to 1 <sup>st</sup> of Aug	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 29th	Wed 30th	Thurs 31st NETWORK PRINCIPAL DAY	Fri 1st Winter Sports Carnival 5/6	Sat/Sun
<b>Week 3 Term 3</b> Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug Australian Maths Comp this week.	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Maths Competition	Wednesday 6th Ye 3/4 CAMP	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4 CAMP	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Assembly	Sat/Sun
<b>Week 4</b> Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug to Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mon 11th Bullying No Way Week	Tues 12th	Wed 13th	Thurs 14th	Fri 15th Whole School Activity	Sat/Sun

### PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

### WELCOME TO TERM 3

Half way through the school year already. This term our focus will on Wellbeing, with staff and students. We will be continuing to develop our lesson plans and scope and sequence for SWPBS and Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum. We are HOPEFUL that we can explicitly teach students to strengthen their self-awareness and self-regulation of their emotions together with building the staff capability to identify and respond to the wellbeing needs of students in a tiered manner. Staff will be having more professional learning this term in Zones of Regulation, and ‘Connecting with Community for Be YOU, Emotional Regulation with the CASEA team from Albury Wodonga Health and Social Stencil with Ms Grogan.

### IMPORTANCE of SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniforms aim to promote student wellbeing. They help to provide a level playing field by reducing socioeconomic disparities. In turn, they may minimise pressures placed on students in relation to what they wear or how they look. In the ever-evolving landscape of education, certain traditions endure and continue to shape the school experience. One such tradition is the use of school uniforms. Beyond just a requirement, school uniforms hold the power to create a nurturing and respectful environment where students can thrive.

**REQUIREMENTS for STUDENTS TIE UP THEIR HAIR** - any student who has hair longer than their shoulders need to have this tied up or back, to reduce the spread of nits and also for health and safety requirements.

**SMART WATCHES** - A reminder that **SMART Watches and MOBILE PHONES need to be handed into the OFFICE every day. These watches are not permitted under the Governments ban on phones and smart watches in schools. Please respect the decision by the Education Department and ensure your child is aware of these requirements.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS – dates for your calendars

School Council members are busy planning for some upcoming events – which once finalised will be put out to the community. But please put a reminder in your calendars for the following:



- 1. PIE DRIVE currently open for ordering**
- 2. ROCKWIZ – A night with Brian Nankervis** – over 18 KVPS fundraiser for Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October

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 land.

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# ATTENDANCE IS SO IMPORTANT

## 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.

Last term/year, students at our school missed on average X days of school. This equates to X terms over the [X years of primary/secondary] schooling.

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 [specify relevant school staff] 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 [school notification arrangements to be added] 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.**

***Our teachers will be emailing families if a child is on track for 10 absent days or more so far this year. Whilst we understand students suffer illness and injuries which impact attendance and you might have already explained the absence it makes attending ALL OTHER DAYS so important and we never want a family feel like an absence isn't felt by our teachers.***

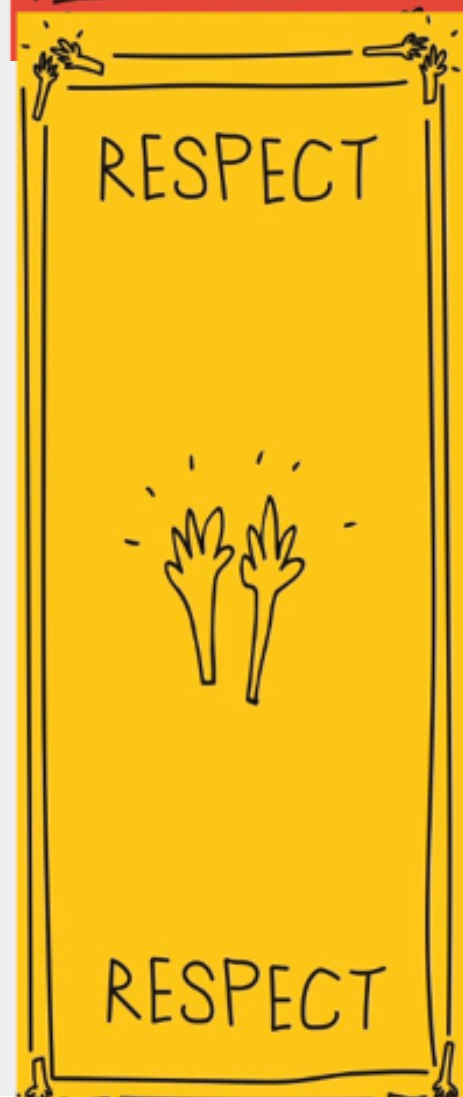
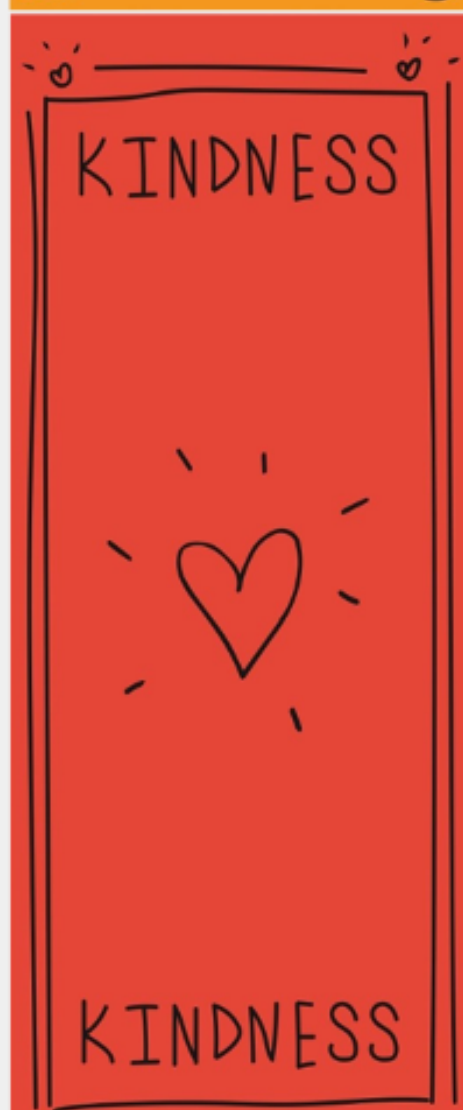
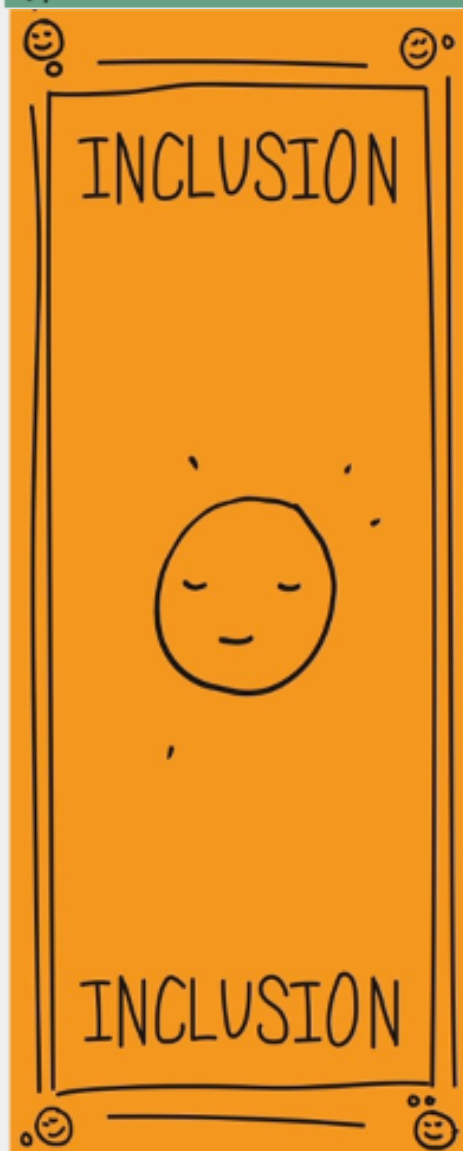


### Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight** adds up to missing **four weeks** of school a year.

  [vic.gov.au/education](http://vic.gov.au/education) 

***In 2025 (so far) 42 students have missed 20% or more of school. We are working very hard on ensuring we are providing a learning environment that supports all students - through lunch clubs, breakfast clubs, incursions, intervention for learning, focus groups, high quality teaching and learning and wellbeing supports - to ensure learning and wellbeing growth students need to be at school.***



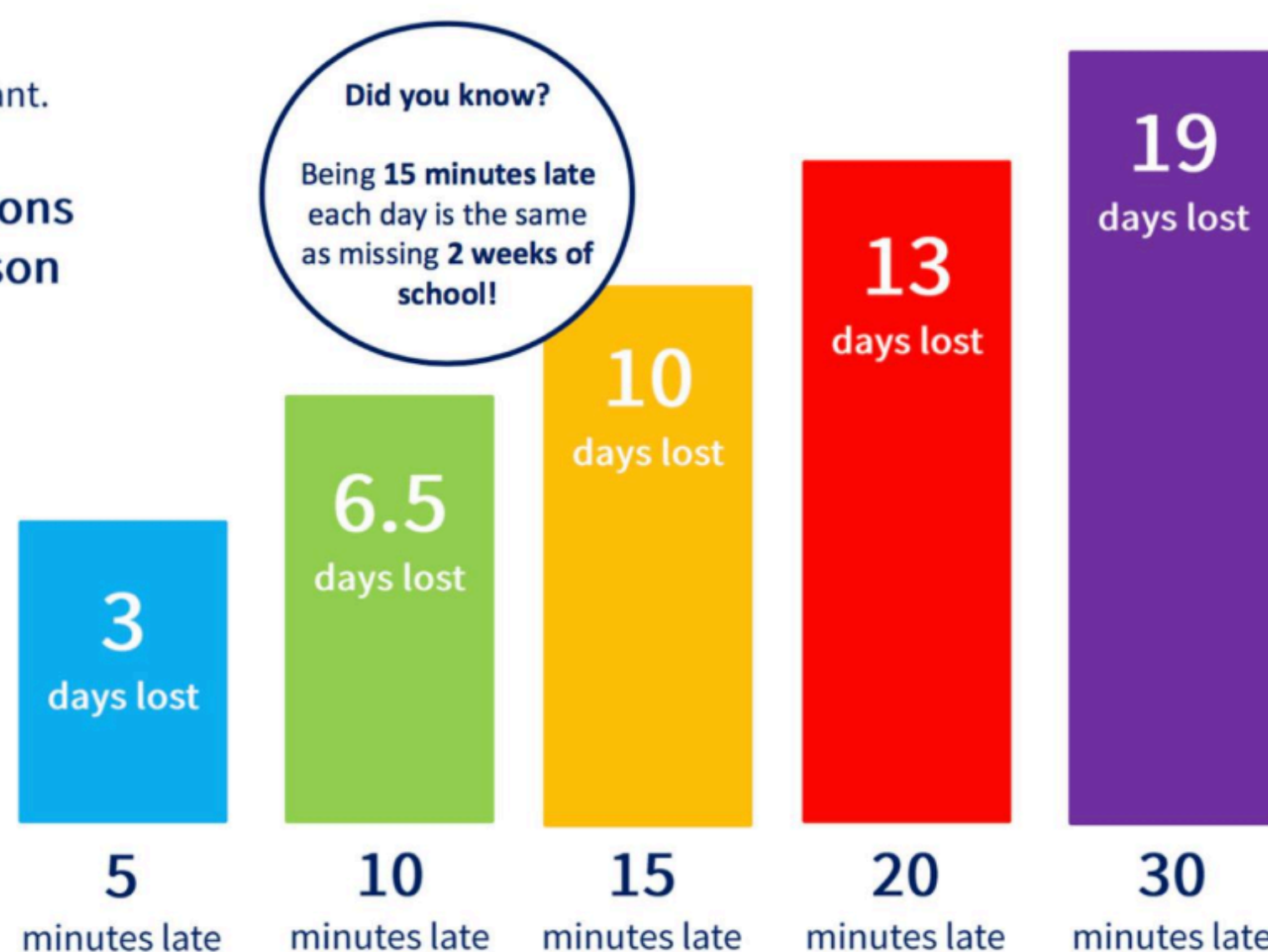
# Be KVPS READY

Every school day counts  
But every minute is equally as important.

We recognise that on occasions  
there may be a genuine reason  
for lateness ...



Good punctuality means...  
Your child is ready to learn at the start of the  
day and at the start of all lessons.



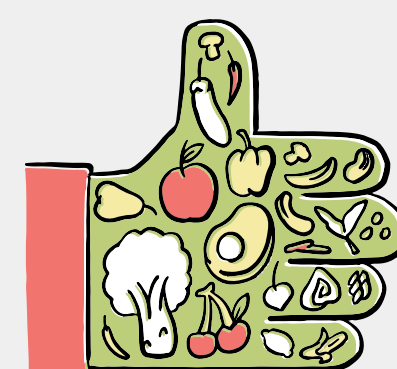
## STAY WELL THIS WINTER

This winter season, more people are getting and being hospitalised with influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others – it is never too late to vaccinate.

### Keeping our school community well

We encourage parents, carers and students to:

- wash or sanitise your hands thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after touching your face
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- stay home if unwell and consult your GP or Nurse-on-Call as needed
- stay up to date with your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.



### Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of severe illness from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies. Many can give a COVID-19 booster at the same time.

### COVID-19 booster

The COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and over. Regular COVID-19 vaccinations are the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a booster dose.

You can get your booster at your local pharmacy or GP. The COVID-19 vaccine clinic finder can tell you if you need a booster, and where to get one.

### RSV vaccinations for mothers and babies

RSV is a common virus that causes colds and ear infections. In babies, it can cause severe illnesses like bronchiolitis.

The RSV vaccine is available for pregnant women as part of the National Immunisation Program. In Victoria, eligible babies can also get the RSV vaccine until Tuesday 30 September 2025. For more information, refer to Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunisation.

You can speak with your GP or midwife about the vaccine.

### Find out more

For more information about staying well this winter, refer to:

- your GP or pharmacist
- Better Health Channel – Don't Risk the Flu campaign with translated resources, influenza and other vaccine information.
- Better Health Channel – RSV vaccine for mothers and infants

Raising Children Network – influenza, COVID-19, bronchiolitis and helping your child prepare for vaccination

STAY  
HEALTHY



## CWA, Attendance and Reading Awards



Congratulations to our CWA Award winners for this month – Josh Pantling 56W, William Veitch F1A, Kendall Meindl 56F, Ivy Thompson 34T, Hunter Jone F1M, Corey Hawkins 12L.



Congratuatiions to our May Attendance winner – Toby Cronk and June Attendance winner – Lily Thompson They took home a \$10 Kmart Voucher each.

Congratulations to our Reading Award winners – Brian Webb and Roy Roberts.

## Goodbye Mrs Vogel



On the last day of term Mrs Vogel attended assembly to say a final farewell to the RVPS COMMUNITY, Students presented Mrs Vogel with a variety of cards and thankyou messages. We wish Mrs Vogel all the best for her retirement.



# NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES, ASSEMBLY and BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA

We were fortunate to have perfect weather on the last day of term for our NAIDOC Week celebrations, whole-school assembly, and Biggest Afternoon Tea, where we also said thank you and farewell to Mrs Vogel. A heartfelt thank you to all the students, staff, families, and community members who came together to make the day such a success. Together, we raised \$355 for the Cancer Council—a cause close to our community's heart. Congratulations to the SRC for their wonderful ideas and thoughtful organisation of the fundraising event and for their leadership in hosting both the NAIDOC Week assembly and our month assembly.



# WODONGA WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Friday 25th July, many different sports teams from across the Upper Hume Division competed in various competitions.

Netball, soccer, rugby tag, minkey, volleyball and tee ball competitions were held across different venues in Wodonga, hosting teams from all around the area.

Our school entered two teams in netball, one footy team and a tee ball team.

The C grade football players had a great day out winning all their games on the day and playing off for third place in their final. They only had 11 players but managed to gel well together and play pretty impressive footy. Coach Adam was very impressed with their effort on the day.

Tee ball was played at Willow Park and the tee ball players showed increasing skills as they worked through their draw. It was good to see the skills at catching, fielding and batting improving as the day went on. The team ended up in third place at the end of the competition.

The two netball teams were competing in the C and D grade competitions at Kelly Park. Their coaches Jacqui, Rachel and Ruby were impressed with the way the girls played and worked well as a group on the day. Both teams were successful and came home with the winning trophies for the two sections. Well done girls!



# Arts Festival Cover Design Competition

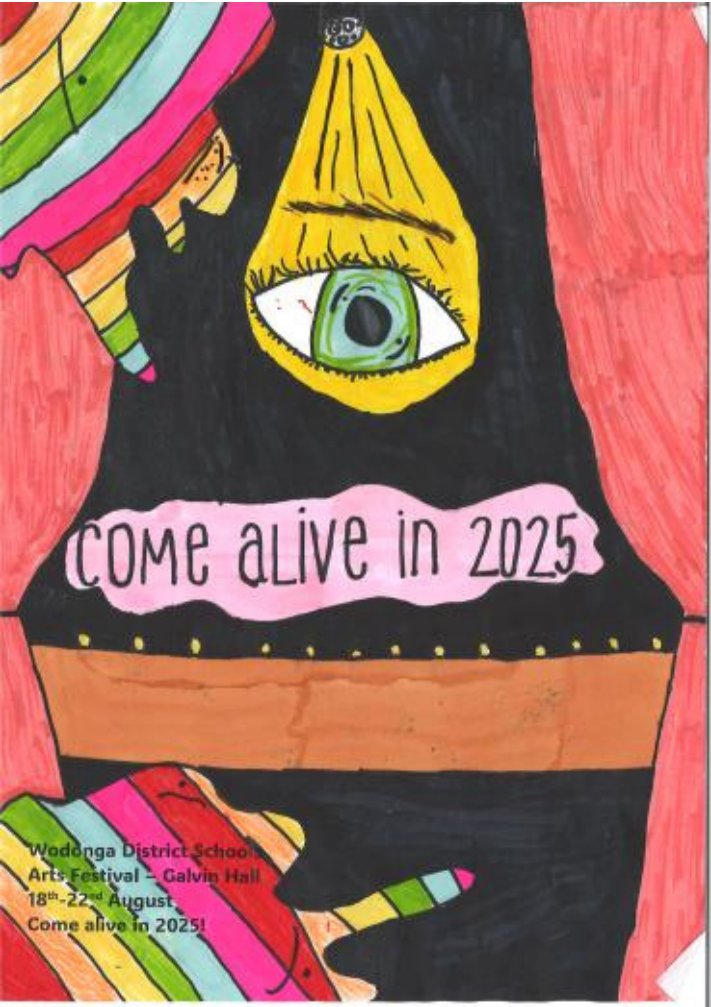
The 2025 Wodonga District Schools Arts Festival is in week 5 this term, from the 18 to 22nd of August. Students will travel by bus to the event on their allocated date and perform in front of an audience at the Galvin Hall at Wodonga Senior Secondary. There will also be student Art displayed in the foyer of the event for students and families to browse before or after their concert. More information will be sent out closer to the dates, however we do know that Kiewa Valley Primary students will be performing on the following times:

Grades 3-6 – Thursday 21st August @ 12:30pm

Grades F-2 – Friday 22nd August @ 10:30am

A big thank you and congratulations to all the students who submitted a cover page design for the Arts Festival 2025 program design competition! There were plenty of fabulous designs from KVPS to be considered for the program covers for the event.

Konrad McClelland (Yr 3)	Victoria Wallace (Yr 4)	Harvey Johnston (Yr 1)

Lexie Henson (Yr 4)	Emily Sutherland (Yr 6)	Valerie Daaboul (Yr 4)
		
Matilda Vickers (Yr 5)	Willow Miller (Yr 5)	Caitlin Veitch (Yr 4)
		
Isla Wallace (Yr 3)	Eleanor Wheeler (Yr F)	Laney Cheshire (Yr 5)

As there were a lot of strong entrants in the competition this year from schools all over the district, none of our designs were chosen. But well done to all the students who submitted their art works, they were just fantastic!

I look forward to seeing you at the Arts Festival in Week 5 to support and cheer on our wonderful performers.

- Ms Jen Robinson (Performing Arts Teacher, KVPS)