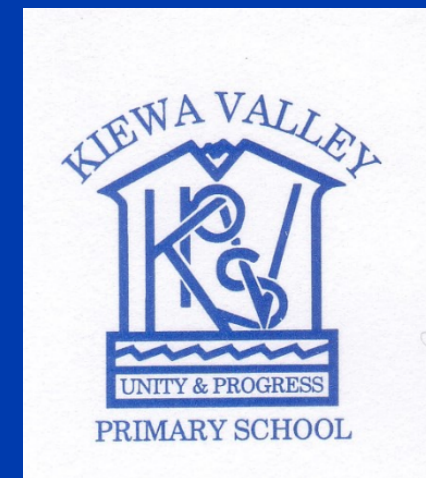


Kiewa Valley Primary School Newsletter



Week 1 Term 4 6th of October to 10 th October	Mon 6th Oct Swimming F-2	Tues 7th Swimming F-2	Wed 8th Swimming F-2	Thurs 9th Swimming F-2	Fri 10th Swimming F-2 Upper Hume Aths	Sat/Sun
Week 2 Term 4 Mon 13 th Oct to Fri 17 th Oct	Mon 13th Year 3 and 4 Swimming Ms J at Prof. Dev in Melbourne	Tuesday 14 th Year 3 and 4 Swimming Ms J at Prof. Dev in Melbourne	Wednesday 15 th Year 3 and 4 Swimming	Thurs 16 th Year 3 and 4 Swimming Ms J at Network Prin Meeting	Fri 17 th Year 3 and 4 Swimming	Sat/Sun
Week 3 Term 4 Mon 20 th to 24 th Oct	Mon 20 th 56 Swimming School Council Sub- COMms	Tuesday 21st 56 Swimming	Wed 22nd 56 Swimming	Thurs 23rd 56 Swimming Ms J and Ms Grogan at Behaviour Prof. Dev Wang Mr Walker at Leading Maths	Fri 24 th 56 Swimming Mr Walker at Leading Maths	Sat/Sun

PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

Parents on School Council:

We currently have 2 parent vacancies on school council for the remainder of this year and first term next year. These positions have been vacated due to Jess Hutchinson moving on to School Council as a staff member - now that she is employed in the Kindergarten and another parent resigning. If anyone is interested in joining please contact the office.

MURAL UPDATE:

Kirrily Anderson has completed our mural. I am so pleased to see the vision and story behind it come to life. We will be announcing in the coming weeks our official opening.

ROCKWIZ FUNDRAISER:

A reminder to get your tickets for a night of Music Trivia fun with Brian Nankervis from Rockwiz and ABC. Tickets are available per table or individual tickets are also available. This is our final fundraiser for 2025, and funds will be put towards the payment of a new bubbler/water system.

REMINDER of STUDENT FREE DAYS:

This term we have multiple student free days, to round out the year and to set-up for 2026. These days are important to enable ALL staff to get together to undertake professional learning, revise our teaching and learning and plan for 2026.

Monday 2nd of November - school staff will be undertaking Mastering Morphology with SPELD professional learning.

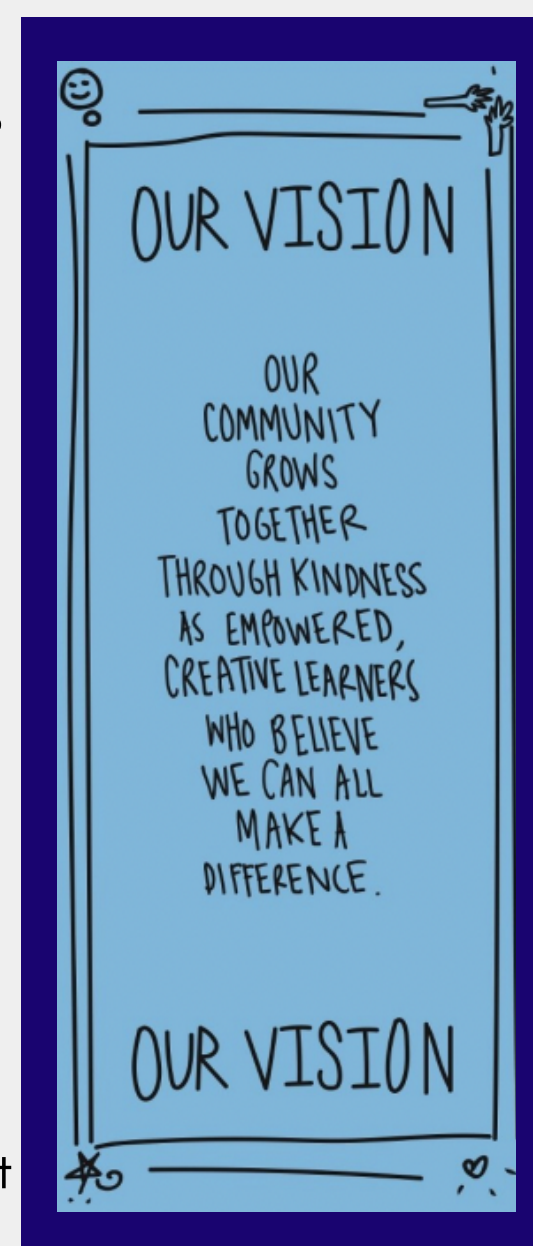
Monday 1st of December - is a day for teachers for reporting and assessment

Friday 19th of December - staff will be engaged in professional learning - focus TBC either Spelling or Learning Difficulties.

The final day of the year for Outside Hours School Care will be Thursday 18th of December. I hope this give families plenty of time to plan ahead.

PLANNING for 2026:

This term we spend many hours putting together the most beneficial class structure and classes for students. I would like to ask that if any parent has any class related requests for 2026, could you please put these in writing and email them to me at kelli.jacobsen@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 17th October. Please indicate the reason for the request in the email. Whilst we do our best to accommodate reasonable requests we do not make any guarantees and will be communicating any requests received after this date may not be able to be considered. I should be able to confirm class structures and teachers by the end of week 4 and you will be informed of which class your child is in on Monday the 15th December.



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

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy REVIEW



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Office on 0260273275.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students and members of our school community understand:

- our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students
- expectations for positive student behaviour
- support available to students and families
- our school's policies and procedures for responding to inappropriate student behaviour.

Kiewa Valley Primary School is committed to providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for all students. We understand that students reach their full potential only when they are happy, healthy and safe, and that a positive school culture, where student participation is encouraged and valued, helps to engage students and support them in their learning. Our school acknowledges that student wellbeing and student learning outcomes are closely linked.

The objective of this policy is to support our school to create and maintain a safe, supportive and inclusive school environment consistent with our school's values of RESPECT, INCLUSION, KINDNESS and INTEGRITY.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all school activities, including camps and excursions.

CONTENTS

- School profile
- School values, philosophy and vision
- Wellbeing and engagement strategies
- Identifying students in need of support
- Student rights and responsibilities
- Student behavioural expectations and management
- Engaging with families
- Evaluation

POLICY

1. School profile

Kiewa Valley Primary School was established in 1953 and is located in the small township of Tangambalanga, approximately 20 kilometres from Albury/Wodonga. We have 190 students

Feedback
will be collected with students through our whole school student forums and survey's.

Parent's can email feedback to

kelli.jacobsen@education.vic.gov.au

You can VIEW the whole policy on our website on this [link](#). We are accepting feedback until end of week 1 Term 4. And then the Learning Environment Sub-Comm will be finalising the updated policy - being lead by Ms Grogan.

Acceptable Use Policy - UPDATED

We have an updated the Acceptable Use Policy that ALL students who use a school computer or have a BYOD MUST read and sign the updated form. These will be sent home early Term 4.

Student Dress Code has been Updated

APPENDIX A: KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the Year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform.

COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS

Sky Blue short or long sleeve polos with school logo
Plain Royal Blue shorts, track pants or skort without decoration or retail brand name*
Royal Blue polar fleece, bomber jacket or windcheater with school logo*
Blue and white checked dress or navy checked tunic*
Royal Blue broadbrim hat in terms 1 and 3*
Navy blue tights

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Plain sky-blue skivvy
Royal blue beanie and scarf

FOOTWEAR

Appropriate footwear is to be worn including:

- Closed-toe sandals
- black school shoes
- runners

No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

JEWELLERY

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in ears are acceptable. Watches (may NOT be smartwatches) and medical bracelets are acceptable. Necklaces and chains that worn underneath clothing are acceptable

HAIR

For hygiene reasons and safety reason hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied up. No coloured hair, except for special events, such as crazy hair day, or Book Week, Arts Festival.

*These items are available from Beleza in Wodonga, or we have good quality Second-hand items available from the Office. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.

Attendance and Reading Awards

Seb Dedic was awarded the Attendance Award for having 95% or more attendance for August and William Sutherland won the Reading Award.
CONGRATULATIONS

Linda will be adding to our awards each month, with the Tidy Classroom Award. Linda will nominate (secretly) the class who keeps the room the tidiest. There will be a whole class reward.



INTEGRITY



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INCLUSION



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KINDNESS



KINDNESS

RESPECT



RESPECT



CWA Award Winners

Our CWA Award Winners from our Assembly last term

Rhys Pantling - 56F

Brooklyn Thompson - 56W

Victoria Wallace- 34T

Tiarna Haines - 34E

Lilli Hamilton - 12L

Elva Furnari - F1M

Ellee Diamond - F1A

*The CWA Award recipients are acknowledged for their dedication to displaying our school values and were **NOMINATED** by their PEERS. Congratulations to each and everyone of our winners for August.*

Upper Murray Speech Pathology: Term 4 Groups

Upper Murray Speech Pathology is excited to be offering two group programs in Term 4 2025. Kindergarten and school age sensory feeding groups. These groups will support children to learn about the different steps of eating and how to increase their variety of foods in a safe and playful manner.

Alissa Gigliotti has over 13 years supporting children and adolescents in sensory feeding and has undergone multiple postgraduate trainings to increase her knowledge and expertise including the Sensory Oral Sensory (SOS) Feeding Program.

Interested in joining? Email Alissa at alissa.gigliotti1@bigpond.com – hurry, spots are limited! NDIS plans welcome.

UPPER MURRAY
Speech Pathology

SCHOOL -AGE SENSORY FOOD GROUP

Is your child a Sensory eater?

They may benefit from accessing a Sensory Feeding Group with a certified SOS feeding therapist.

Ages: Primary school
When: Term 4
Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30

Location: Upper Murray Speech Pathology
69 Towong Street, Tallangatta, Victoria, 3700

Contact: alissa.gigliotti1@bigpond.com
0490 544 512

UPPER MURRAY
Speech Pathology

Kindergarten sensory feeding group

Is your child a Sensory eater?

They may benefit from accessing a Sensory Feeding Group with a certified SOS feeding therapist.

Ages: 3 years to 6 years
When: 8 weeks
Wednesday October 29 - Dec 17 2025
12pm - 1pm

Location: Upper Murray Speech Pathology
69 Towong Street, Tallangatta, Victoria, 3700

Contact: alissa.gigliotti1@bigpond.com
0490 544 512

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD - NOMINATIONS OPEN

Let someone know they are making a difference

Every year we recognise the people that are going above and beyond in their community.

Young people inspire us through leadership and drive positive change. Celebrate them by nominating for the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

SCAN ME

Nominate online or at a council office.
Nominations close 4pm October 12.
Awarded January 26, 2026.

The facts on why **READING** every day is important!

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words

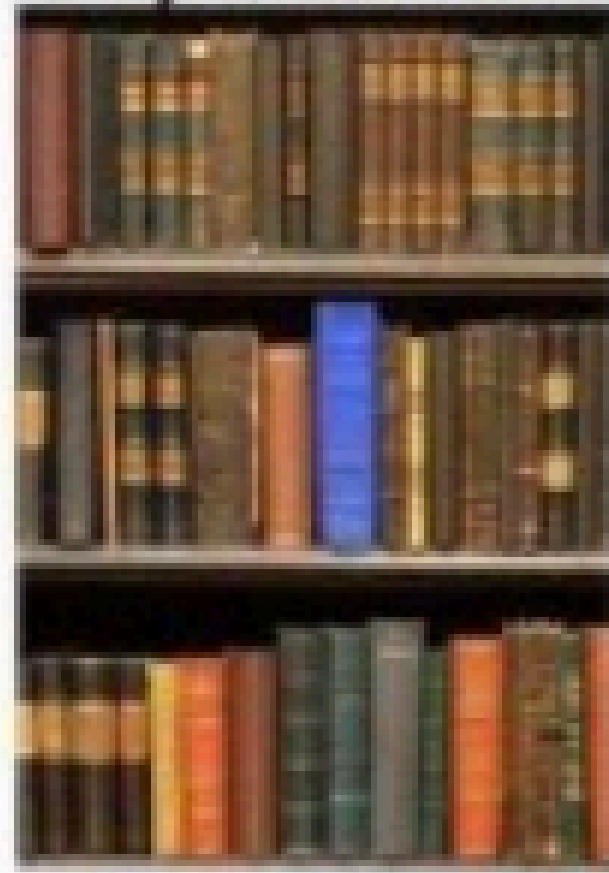


90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words

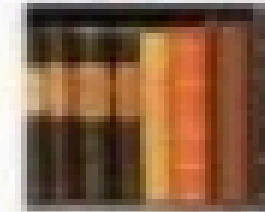


50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

While this might be old research - the numbers haven't changed....

Kiewa Valley
Primary School

Come and
Join Us

MUSIC TRIVIA

Night



TUESDAY
28 OCT

FROM
7PM TIL
9PM

Enjoy a night with **ROCKWIZ** legend **Brian Nankervis** and put your music trivia to the test at the KVPS Music Trivia night. Bring your gold coins for games. Ticket price includes an after dinner platter. BYO drinks. **Over 18's ONLY**. Tickets available from KVPS Office or by calling 0260273275.

FUN GAMES - COULSTON PARK COMMUNITY HALL



Tables of up to 10 available for \$250 a table - or single tickets available for \$30 a head and join other like minded people

General Ideas

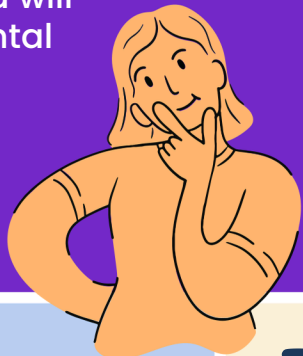
CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

OCTOBER

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10.10.2025

1 REFLECT

Reflect on the communities you connect with, and one way you will connect this Mental Health Month



2 JOIN A GROUP

Join a new community club or group – positive social support can help us manage stress.

3 EXERCISE

Connect through exercise! Stretch with a friend or family member to start your day together.



4 TAKE NOTICE

Notice your surroundings—think about what connects you to your neighbourhood.

5 HELP OUT

Connect with people in your life or community who may need a hand – drop an offer of help in a note in a letterbox.

6 BE KIND

Connect with kindness – showing kindness can help others, and improve your own wellbeing.

7 GIVE BACK

Give back to the communities you are connected to – make a to-do list of ways to help out or donate.

8 DANCE

Connect through dancing! Share your favourite song with someone else and boogie!

9 REST

Prioritise rest—being well-rested helps you show up for your community.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

10 SHARE

Share how you are connecting with your community and tag #WMHD25

11 JOURNAL

Journal about how connecting with others makes you feel.

12 CONNECT

Connect through something new – try a new interest, class or group!



13 COFFEE

Connect through a coffee or a meal – prepare or share with friends, family, or neighbours.

14 PARK DATE

Connect with your friends in nature and have a picnic.



15 EXERCISE

Move your body—walk with a neighbour or join a local walking group.

16 IN PERSON

Mix it up – take a break from screens and connect with someone face-to-face.

17 CHECK IN

Make a phone call to a friend or loved one, or another member of your community, to check-in.

18 GRATITUDE

Write down 3 things you're grateful for in the communities you are connected to.



19 SAY HELLO

Start a conversation with someone new today to build confidence and community.

20 COMMUNITY

Connect through your local council – councils offer a variety of programs and activities that support community connection and participation.



22 TALK

Catch up with someone and talk about what community means to you.



21 BREAKY

Share a healthy breakfast with someone close to you.

27

POSITIVITY

Write 3 positive affirmations and share them with a friend.



23 TREAT YOURSELF

Treat yourself and support a local café or restaurant.



24 VOLUNTEER

Volunteer or find one way to help in your community.



30 SOCIAL MEDIA

Swap negative social media vibes for your local community centre's social media page for ways to get involved in the community directly around you.

26 HOBBIES

Enjoy one of your hobbies and invite someone to join you.

28 READ

Join a community book club.

29 CELEBRATE

Celebrate achievement with someone who supported you.

31 MAKE A LIST

Make a list of the community connections you will keep on building to connect with your community!

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

OCTOBER

Youth Ideas

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 10.10.2025

1 SET AN INTENTION

Working towards a goal can keep you focused and motivated.



2 CLEAR YOUR MIND

Take a 10-minute mindfulness break to reset.



3 EMBRACE MORE QUIET

Turn off non-essential phone notifications.

4 OUTDOOR MINDFULNESS

Spend some time in nature, noticing the sights and sounds around you.

5 BIG STRETCH!

A 5-minute morning stretch boosts both your circulation and your mood.



6 THE BRIGHT SIDE

Write down three things you're grateful for.

7 SPREAD POSITIVE VIBES

Send a kind message to a friend.



8 QUALITY TIME

Spend time with a family member or your chosen family to stay connected.

9 DRESS UP

Have a makeover or dress-up day with a friend to feel like your best self.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



10 SAY HELLO

Start a conversation with someone new today to build confidence and community.

11 PUSH YOURSELF

Do something out of your comfort zone. Growth comes from trying new things.

12 RECONNECT

Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a while.

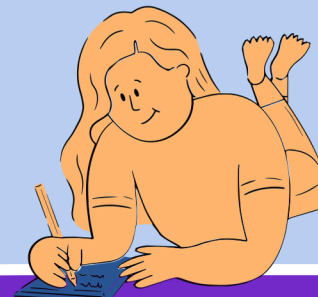


13 REFLECT

Try journaling or doing a meditation to reflect at the end of the day.

14 FEEL ORGANISED

Start the day by writing down your to-do list - it'll keep you on track.



15 DIGITAL DETOX

Take a break from social media today.

16 BOOST THE VOLUME

Create a feel-good music playlist for hard days.

17 GET CREATIVE

Try a new recipe or craft to break up the day and add some fun into your routine.

18 HOBBIES

Start learning a new hobby or skill - learning stimulates the brain!



19 SELF-COMPASSION

Practice being kind to yourself today.



20 ENDORPHINS

Go for a walk or run to release some feel-good hormones.



22 COMMUNITY

Visit a local event to meet new people who share your passions and interests.



23 PARK DATE

Connect with your friends in nature and have a picnic.



24 KEEP LEARNING

Signing up for a local class or group is a great way to naturally build friendships.

25 ONE DAY AT A TIME

Focusing on the day ahead can help when the big picture is overwhelming.



21 EXPLORE

Become a tourist in your own town and visit somewhere you've never been before.

30 EAT TOGETHER

Food is a universal form of connection.



26 SOLO DATE

Time alone recharges your batteries so go out on your own or do something you enjoy at home.

27 OWN YOUR JOURNEY

Reflect on your personal journey and how far you've come.

28 BE PROUD

Celebrate small wins. Progress is progress and every step matters.

29 VOLUNTEER

Helping others feels good and connects you to your community.

31 LEND AN EAR

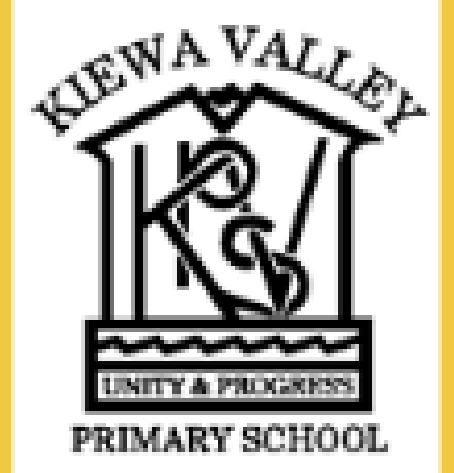
Ask someone how they really are, and truly listen.



Kiewa Valley Primary School

Prep

'PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL'
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
25TH OF NOVEMBER 9.10AM



Transition 2026



01

**KINDER STUDENTS
TRANSITION DAY
ONE
25TH NOV
9AM TIL 11AM**

02

**KINDER STUDENTS
TRANSITION
DAY TWO
2ND DEC
9AM TO 1PM**

03

**KINDER STUDENTS
TRANSITION
DAY THREE
09TH 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 25th of November.

If you have any worries about your child and their transition please contact Kelli Jacobsen (Principal) at the Office 0260273275.