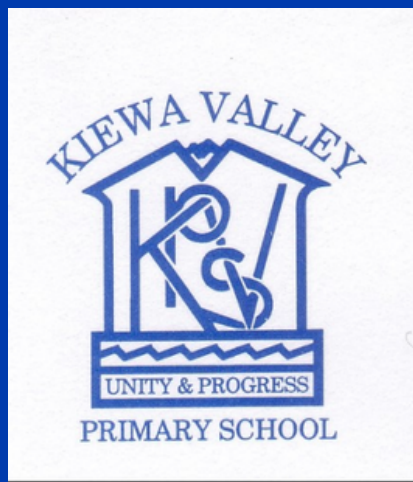


Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter



Week 6	Mon 14	Tues 15	Wed 16	Thurs 17	Fri 18 District Athletics	SAT/SUN
Week 7	Mon 21 STARS Cricket Clinic	Tues 22 Somers Camp	Wed 23	Wed 23	Fri 25 Book Week Dress Up	SAT/SUN
Week 8	Mon 28	Tues 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 1 Sept Fathers Day Stall & Breakfast	SAT/SUN FATHERS DAY

PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

The next couple of weeks are very busy with many events.

This Wednesday we are getting behind the Matilda's by encouraging all students to wear something green and gold. This is not a casual clothes day.

We have DISTRICT Ath's this Friday and I wish all of our competitors the very best. I certainly know the relay runners have been practising hard.

Then the following week we have the STAR's Cricket Club hosting a clinic for our Year 1 to 4 students. 11 students then head off to Somer's Camp with Ms Hadley on Tuesday the 22nd August and we finish the week off with our Annual Book Week Dress-Up celebration,

The next two weeks are also very busy for me with Principal Meetings so please make sure you are checking our weekly update for staffing changes. Remember that if you need to make a time to see me over the next two weeks, please make a time through the Office.

We are also reminding all families to RSVP for our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 1st September. Please do this via the Office.



TOP: Our Grounds are looking magnificent at the moment.
Far Left: Our Chess Club participants, teaching our budding chess players.
Middle: These boys created a homemade quoits.
Above: Shops have made a come back.



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.

SMART WATCHES and Mobile Phones

We have had an increase of students wearing SMART WATCHES and bringing their mobile phones to school. I want to remind everyone that the following is a summary of the Department of Education's Policy which DOES NOT ALLOW students to have access to these devices during the school hours.

This is for the safety and wellbeing of all students.

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours (this is at our OFFICE).
- For the purpose of this policy, a mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.
- Exceptions to the policy may be applied if certain conditions are met. Exceptions can be granted by the principal, or by a teacher. Exceptions must be documented.
- Where students bring a mobile phone to school, the school must provide secure storage.
- Schools will manage non-compliance with their local mobile phone policy in accordance with their existing student engagement policies.

Here are some Q and A responses to concerns parents and carers may have, as provided by the Deptmant.

Why is the mobile phone policy important and what is the evidence-base for it?

The mobile phone policy was introduced in 2020 to reduce distractions in the classroom, reduce cyberbullying in schools and improve face-to-face interactions in the school yard.

A summary of research articles that provide information about the reason for the policy is available [here](#).

A recent Review of the policy has found that it has reduced the use of mobile phones during school hours, with a range of benefits noted by principals and teachers, including:

- greater student focus on their learning
- increased student socialisation or physical activity during breaks
- fewer incidents of cyberbullying during school hours
- fewer critical incidents involving mobile phones during school hours.

Who does the mobile phone policy apply to?

The policy applies to all Victorian government school students.

Can my child/ren still bring a mobile phone to school?

Students can bring a mobile phone to school, but it must be turned off and stored securely during the school day. Parents can still contact their children through the school's administration office in emergencies.

Who is responsible for my child's mobile phone when at school?

Mobile phones brought to school are not covered by the school's insurance if they are lost, stolen or damaged.

For more information, please see the Department's Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses policy.

Are there exceptions for use?

The mobile phone policy allows for a small number of exceptions. For example, where the mobile phone is used to manage a health condition, or to support a classroom learning activity. Teachers can grant a classroom-based learning exception. All other exceptions are handled by the school principal.

More information about exceptions can be found [here](#).

How do I contact my child in an emergency?

In emergencies, parents can still contact their children through their school's administration office.

What will be the consequences for my child/ren if they are caught with a mobile phone during school hours?

Schools will enforce the policy under their existing student engagement policies, for example, through detention or a loss of school-based privileges.

Does the policy include other mobile devices, e.g. smart watches?

Wearable devices, iPads and other personal devices are excluded from the Department's mobile phone policy. However, the Department's policy also allows schools to choose to include other mobile devices as part of their local policies. At our school, other mobile devices are/are not included in our local policy.

If mobile devices are brought to school, students must switch off all notifications during the school day.

What is my role as a parent or carer?

Parents and carers are encouraged to support their children to become safe and responsible technology users.

What advice is available to families when it comes to managing screen time and in supporting safe online behaviours?

The eSafety Commissioner provides several resources for families:

Tips for Managing Screen Time – Provides tips and advice on what families can do to help their child(ren) balance their time on and offline

Online Safety: A guide for parents and carers – Guide offering practical skills and advice about how to tackle the big issues associated with online activity

Screen Smart Parent Tour – Explores topics such as social media, screen time, protecting personal information, cyberbullying, contact with strangers and accessing inappropriate content.

The Department also has a number of resources for parents and students on its [Bully Stoppers](#) webpage.

What if I have additional questions about the policy?

The Department's mobile phone policy can be accessed [here](#). Please refer to your school's local mobile phone policy for more specific information on the implementation of this policy in your school community.



Our Breakfast Club is a HUGE success with students. Here are our helpers who ensure our students have access to food on Friday mornings if they are hungry or need a hot chocolate to warm up.

We could not run our Breakfast Club without the kind and ongoing support of the Lion's Club Food Share and Saputo. THANK YOU to these local businesses and organisations.





The year 1 and 2 classes had a wonderful time buying, selling and adding up their money playing shops during maths week.



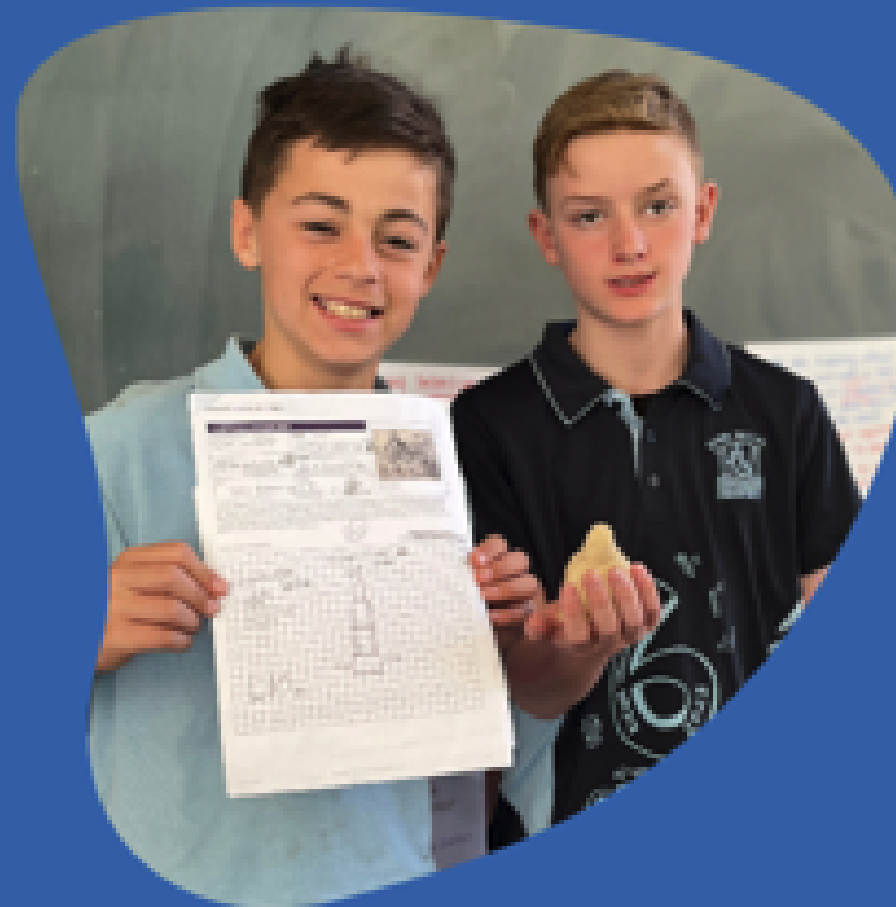
NUMERACY NEWS

Hands on Learning in 5/6

WEEK 6, TERM 3, 2023

Fractions

Our Grade 2 - 6 team focus this term is to look at how we can increase our students' understanding of fractions by using more visual and meaningful representations. Grade 5/6 have been learning about fractions using pattern blocks, tiles, counters, cuisenaire rods, paper folding and by drawing their own representations.



7 Ancient Wonders Investigation

Earlier this term, Grade 5/6 undertook an investigation about the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. Teams chose an ancient wonder to research, found the dimensions of their wonder and converted to metric units if necessary. They then drew a blueprint of the wonder to a scale of their choosing and had to justify their reasoning. The final step was to recreate their wonder from playdough using basic 3D shapes.

RECYCLING NEWS



SUBPOD FOR SCHOOLS



With your support, Subpod will donate a complete composting system, raised garden bed, and aerator to Kiewa Valley Primary School, empowering students to learn about sustainable food production and reducing waste.

We need 300 sign ups, so please share this with your family and friends...if you have multiple emails, please consider signing up multiple times to help us reach our target sooner. It's FREE!

All you have to do is sign up to show your support at...
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Thank you from our 'Recycled Royalties' Team
Samhaira, Phoebe, Mackenzie and Harvey

Get involved in something GREAT



Any students wanting to join the MS ReadATHON please visit the following link.

All funds go to help families living with MS and other Neurological conditions



<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/join/KiewaValleyPrimarySchool>



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Where are my socks?

Ever feel like your socks just disappear?

Get behind KVPS and purchase wool blend socks with profits going towards a new bike shed for Kiewa Valley Primary School.

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(3 pair in a pack)

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YOU ARE INVITED

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Join us to say THANKS to our fathers' and father figures at our Father's Day celebration.

FRIDAY FROM 7 - 8.30 AM

Egg and Bacon Rolls
Coffee Van onsite
RSVP Monday the 28th Aug to Office

SEPT

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BUDDING ARTISTS or CREATIVE MINDS

About the competition

Wild At Art: threatened species art competition for kids helps children unleash their artistic creativity while learning about Australia's incredible plants and animals.

Children are invited to submit an artwork of one of Australia's many threatened native animals or plants, along with a short written description of why they chose that species.

The competition is open to all children aged 5-12 who live in Australia. Online submissions will be open from Monday 17 July 2023 to Thursday 7 September 2023, Threatened Species Day.

Finalists and winners will be announced in October.



SPRING MARKET  **SUNDAY 10TH SEPT**

9AM - 1PM

**COULSTON PARK
RECREATION RESERVE**

NEXT TO TANGAMBALANGA BOWLS CLUB

ENTRY VIA KIEWA EAST ROAD

**MARKET STALLS FOOD
COFFEE GIANT LAWN GAMES**



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