## Kiewa Valley Primary School

## Newsletter





Week 4	Mon 23rd	Tues 24th	Wed 25th	Thurs 26th  Downball Incursion	Fri 27th Regional Basketball	SAT/SUN
Week 5	Mon 30th Super Science Circus Show	Tues 31st	Wed 1st Nov	Thurs 2nd	Fri 3rd	SAT/SUN
Week 6	Mon 6th Student Free Day	Tues 7th Melbourne Cup Holiday	Wed 8th	Thurs 9th	Fri 10 Rememberance Day Service Colour Run 12pm	SAT/SUN

#### PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

#### REMINDER about Student Free Days and End of Year Schedule

Our Student Free Days for the remainder of the year are as follows:

- 1. Monday 6th November Staff Professional Learning Day
- 2. Monday 27th November Report Writing Day
- 3. Wednesday 20th December Staff Planning Day

We will have our Pool Party on Friday the 15th December, Monday the 18th of December is the last day of classes, we will have our class parties and Reports and 2024 classes will go out to families. Tuesday the 19th December will be Alternate Program of tidy-up and some activities in mixed aged groups.

We have our Downball Incursion this Thursday which will be run by Downball Australia. The SRC have fundraised for this incursion to ensure it is free for every child in our school. We still have 37 children without permission to attend. Felicite has emailed families who have not completed the online permission form. If you are having difficulties with the form or have concerns about your child participating or potential filming/photography, please make contact with Felicite to make arrangements. We want everyone to be included if possible.

#### SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS UPDATE (SWPBS):

Staff have been engaged in professional learning after school on SWPBS. We have been developing our Teaching Matrix and our Behaviour Management Flow Chart. This matrix clearly defines our expected behaviours which are explicitly taught, modelled and reinforced in every classroom and throughout the school. Students who follow expected behaviour from our Matrix may receive a positive acknowledgement from any staff member who observes them doing the right thing. we currently use our Invisible Awards and CWA awards for this, but we are also going to be introducing tokens in 2024 which will be handed out to students doing the right thing. we will be working on how we then celebrate at a whole school level when a certain number of tokens are received at the front office.



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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#### **CLARITY DAY WITH LYN SHARRATT**

When I took on the Acting Principal role back in 2021 I had been enrolled in quality professional learning with Lyn Sharratt who is the author of the book CLARITY. I am please to say I finally completed this study earlier this year. Lyn's work is centered around student focus and supporting teachers to improve teacher instruction but also learning of students. Over the past two years our school has been working hard on improving student learning outcomes and taking a shared responsibility for all learning progress across our school, not just the students we teach. We call this work "Putting Faces on the Data" which requires staff to keep track of student learning growth through the use of our Data Wall. On this data wall we record the teacher judgements of all students across the school and map that out against the expected curriculum standards. It has enabled us to make better student focused decisions on our learning program. From here we have developed a more in-depth instructional model for mathematics which promotes students developing a deep knowledge and understanding of their learning in maths, being able to explain how they came to an answer and promotes the thinking over just getting an answer down. We have been recognised across our area for this work by our peers and it was great to share this with other school leaders and Principal's. However after attending two days with Lyn at the end of last week, my commitment to doing a better job for our students has grown stronger. Not only will we continue our work on improving teaching, in 2024 we will be focusing on better assessment practices and building students confidence to not just know what they are learning and WHY but where they need to take their learning next. We have started this work with learning goals but we need to piece this together for our students by improving descriptive feedback. One area I was able to focus on with my two days of learning last week was an Assessment Waterfall and Bump It Up walls which enables students to see how they can improve their learning by having access to and seeing on display their work and exemplar models of work to lift performance. They make a personal connection and see where they are and then work with the teacher to plot progression forward. It really is a simple process but an extremely worthwhile one, for students to develop their confidence and self-efficacy.

An aspect of professional practice I remain committed to is always remaining a learner myself. When you take on a Principal role it can be difficult to prioritise this however it is important to me that whatever I ask of our teachers, I participate in myself, so I can better understand this for our students.

We have also been working really hard on what Lyn calls "the Third Teacher" this is our anchor charts that are on display around our classrooms. These are crucial for students to be referring too as the learning unfolds as it gives students somewhere to go for help with their learning if the teacher is conferencing or working with a small group.







#### **Tutoring Group Takes the Stage**

Last term my reading tutoring group from 45A performed two Readers Theatre (The BFG and How Maui Slowed the Sun) to a few classes. The group practised for a few weeks, built their confidence and performed in front of their peers. I would like to say how proud I am of Robert Clarke, Charlie Furze, Thomas Murray, Zach Modra and Xavier Shedden for their growth mindset that allowed them to step outside their comfort zone…it takes a lot of courage to get up in front of classmates and perform. They realised that Readers Theatres helped them to improve fluency, intonation and expression! Well done!!

Laurie Mooney (tutor and director)







# S NUMERACY NEWS S

WEEK 4, TERM 4, 2023

#### **Numeracy in the Backyard**

How did you go with the Aussie Bird Count? Here are my statistics to the right. Although the official count is over...there is still so much maths that we can find in this activity.

If you completed the bird count, compare your data to mine.

- How many species did you see? Was is it more or less than me?
- How many birds did you sight altogether? Was your total greater than or less than mine?
- Which bird did you see most frequently? Was it the same as me?
- Could you record your data in a table? Could you turn this data into a graph?

If you didn't take part in the bird count you can still find maths in my data.

- What was the most and least common bird I saw?
- Rank my birds in order from least sighted to most sighted.
- Which day did I see the most number of birds? Which day did I see the least number of birds?
- Go outside this afternoon and see how many birds you can count in 20 mins. Compare your data to mine.

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AUSSIE BIRD COUNT - OCT 2023

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	7 Checklists submitted							
*	11 Species sighted							
*	88 Birds sighted							
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	Blue-faced Honeyeater Entomyzon cyanotis	3						
	Common Blackbird Turdus merula	10						
	Crimson Rosella Platycercus elegans	9						
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	House Sparrow Passer domesticus	2						
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	Red Wattlebird Anthochaera carunculata	21						
	Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis	2						
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#### This the last week for 'Young at heART' exhibition!

The exhibition is open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm from 3rd – 28th October at the Gateway Gallery on the Lincoln Causeway.

Congratulations to the following students from our school who have works exhibited: Caitlin Veitch, William Shedden, Quinn Bryant, Lewis Hamilton, Bryn Kirk, Evelyn Larkin, William Taylor, Pepper Haeusler, Josie Haeusler, Eva Smith, Grace Pleming, Tyler Heffernan, Lexie Henson, Luca Chaplin, Swayze Nimmo, Emily Sutherland, Makensie Billingsley, Harper Bartel, Mia Miller, Alary Brain, Hugh Heffernan, Lily Dinneen, Jack Knight, Raine France and Airleas France. Wire sculptured trees and string art designs exhibited are from: Zach Modra, Luca Chaplin, Harvey Sharman, Elsie McCrohan, Liv Knight, Joe Goodwin, Makensie Billingsley, Ryan Shanahan, Billie McVean, Evie Britton, Hayley Furze, Bella Rasmussen, Laney Cheshire, Bryn Kirk, Ryan Jamison, Anneliese Loffler, Mia Miller, Kadin Humphrey, Saedi O'Brien, Beau Coomber, Frankie Ibbott, Deepna Dahal, Victoria Wallace, Harper Creber-Callaghan, Raine France, Talli Wood, Elly McRostie, Will Metcalf, Val Daaboul, Zeke Bryant, Jaxon Walker, Isabel Goodwin, Toby Cronk, Sienna Butler, Alex Mathews, Patrick Adams, Emily Sutherland and Liam Patterson.

We would love to see our families, friends and wider community members embrace this opportunity to celebrate the talents of our local youth.

To assist with the cost involved, it would be greatly appreciated if visitors could make a gold coin donation. The donation box will be located at the gallery entrance. We hope you enjoy the exhibition.



### DOWNBALL AUSTRALIA INCURSION

On Thursday 26th October, we will be hosting a Downball Australia Incursion. Each class will attend a session and learn the basic skills of Downball and participate in a class tournament. The SRC have fundraised for this incursion through their sock drive and sporty dress up day. They will continue to fundraise throughout the term so that this incursion will be free for all students.

Downball Australia have a google form for parents/carers to complete to give their child permission to participate in the incursion and to have photos taken and/or be filmed. This was sent out as a Compass Newsfeed last week. Please register your child ASAP.

https://forms.gle/gh5PR11hX2rM5sHS8

If you have any questions, please contact me. Felicite



Free icypole to each student

# CCLOUR CRUN RUN 2023

Parents welcome to join in



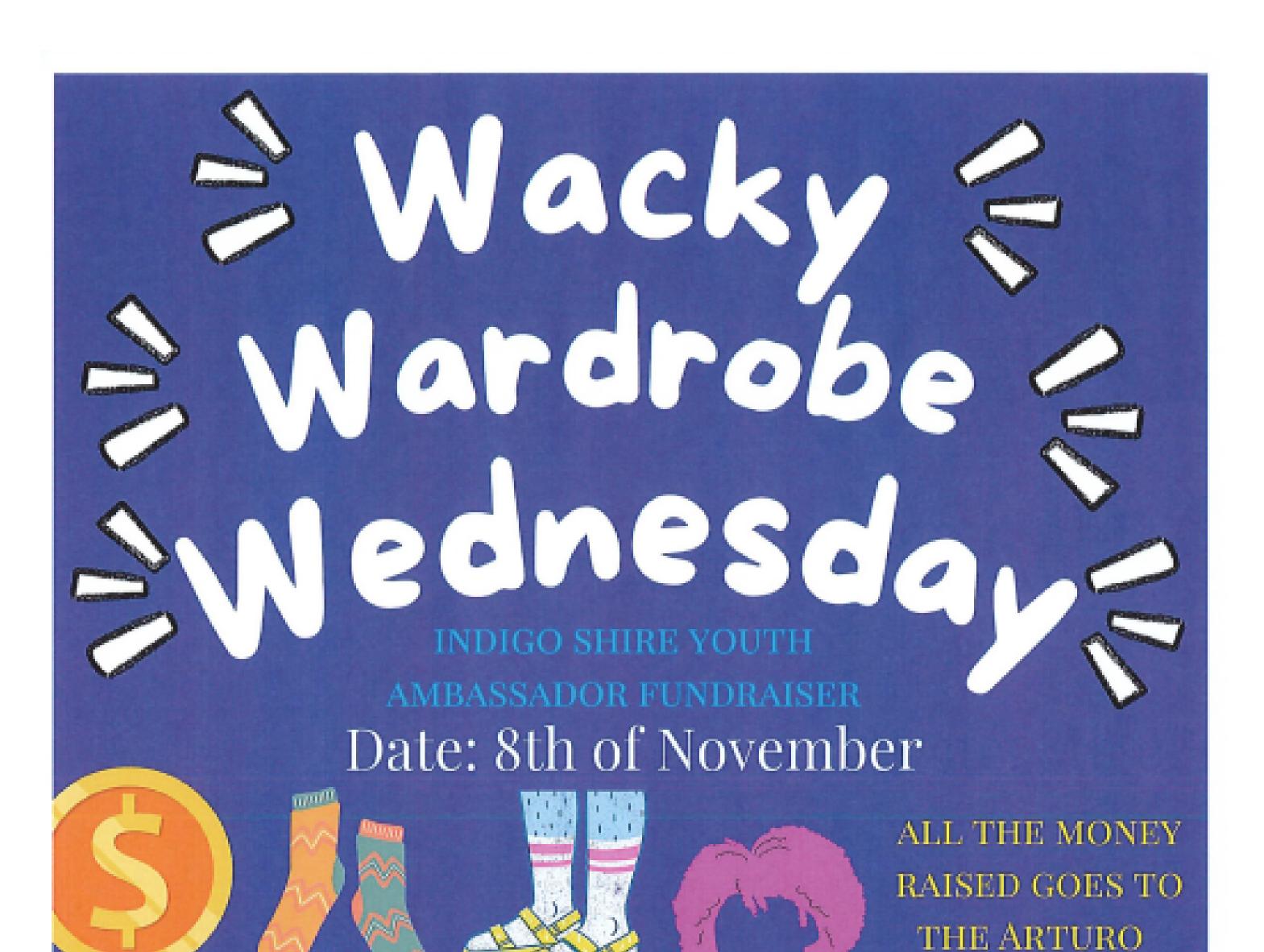
**Fundraiser Event** 

WEAR A WHITE OR LIGHT COLOURED T-SHIRT & CREATE A RAINBOW OF COLOURS AS YOU RUN THROUGH THE COLOUR-SPRAYING CHECKPOINTS

# FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023 12-2PM

the colour run will be held on the School oval. It will include a few optional obstacles along the way for some added fun.

Proceeds will go towards KVPS Pipeline of Projects



TO DRESS UP YOU'LL NEED A GOLD FRIENDSHIP GROUP
COIN DONATION \$1 OR \$2

Join us for the Wackiest Wednesday you've ever experienced. You can wear wacky clothes, wacky hair and any wacky accessories. We will be hosting a guess how many wacky things are in the jar competition as well. The cost is \$1 for 3 guesses. If you guess the right number you get a prize. We can't wait to see you in your wackiest outfit!



Thank you from our 'Recycled Royalties' Team Samhaira, Phoebe, Mackenzie and Harvey



## Indigo Shire Australia Day awards are now open

Every year, on Australia Day, we recognise our Shire's most outstanding Citizens and community organisations.

If you would like to reognise someone deserving in your community nominate them now for an award.

#### Categories include:

- Indigo Shire Citizen of the Year
- Indigo Shire Young Citizen of the Year
- Indigo Shire Community Organisation of the Year
- Emma George Junior Sporting Scholarship

Nominations close on Friday 10 November at 4pm. For more info and to apply: <a href="https://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/australiaday.or.drop">www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/australiaday.or.drop</a> in to your local library.

