

Kiewa Valley Primary School

Newsletter



Week 5	Mon 26th Year 3 and 4 Camp	Tues 27th Year 3 and 4s return from camp	Wed 28th No Foundation Students	Thurs 29th	Fri 1st Assembly and CWA Awards SRC presentations 2.45pm	SAT/SUN
Week 6	Mon 4th Getting to Know You 3.45 to 5.45pm	Tues 5th School Photo Day	Wed 6th Getting to know You 3.45 to 4.45pm	Thur 7th	Fri 8th	SAT/SUN
Week 7	Mon 11th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Tues 12th	Wed 13th NAPLAN	Thur 14th NAPLAN	Fri 15th NAPLAN	SAT/SUN

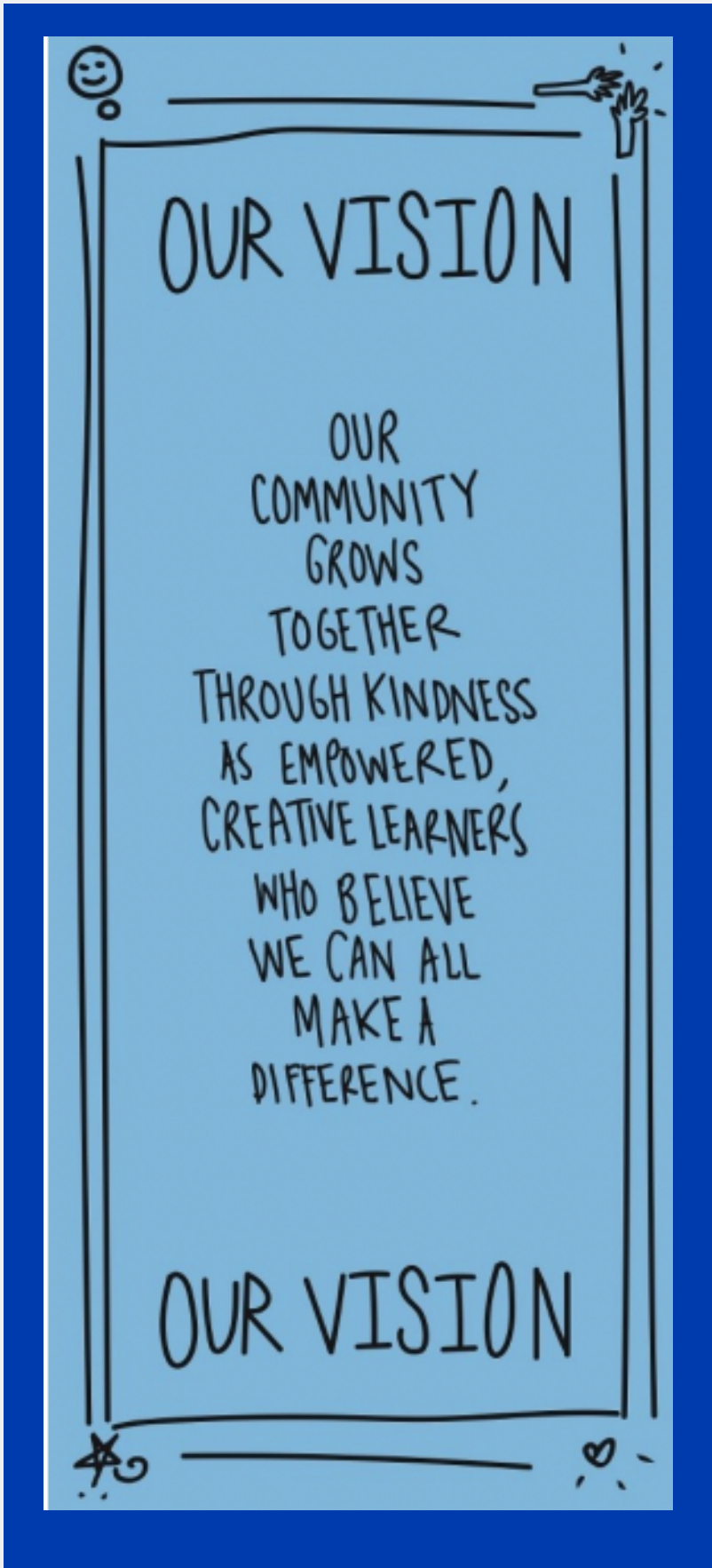
PRINCIPAL UPDATE:

MOBILE PHONES and SMART WATCHES

Last week I attended an Area Principal meeting in which the Deputy Secretary again reinforced the importance of schools upholding the Ministerial Order for the State Government. To avoid us having to enforce the order can I please ask ALL PARENTS and CARERS to again explain to their child/ren the importance of handing their PHONES and SMART WATCHES to the Office upon arrival at school and then collect again at the end of the day. I will be putting together a flyer over the coming days which explains the key messaging in the policy and order from the Government.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS:

At the Principal meeting last week David Howes, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education shared with us staggering results of Public Schools at the VCE level. 10 Public Secondary or P12 Colleges had scored the same VCE scores as some of the most elite Non-Government Schools. 6 of these were rural Secondary Schools, performing the same as Wesley College, Xavier College, Melbourne Girls Grammar and Scotch College. Now this is extremely impressive but what stood out for me was the important role public education plays in supporting your child/ren to achieve their dreams no matter what they are. Whether that's a trade, the forces, police person or heading off to University. Our aim at Kiewa Valley Primary School is always to support the education of your child so they have an excellent foundation and understanding of their learning so they can achieve their goals. Be resilient and show perseverance in learning and be kind and respectful community members, which are inclusive of all. CONT.



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.

We may not have the most modern, visually pleasing learning environments at the moment, but we do have excellent teachers who are focused on the best learning opportunities for all our students, both academically and socially and emotionally to set them up for a successful future. And I am EXTREMELY proud of that. We provide a rounded curriculum and extra-curricular activities to develop strong connections with our students and most of all we CARE.



2024 FOUNDATION students

Our Foundation students have made a great start to school and are settling in well. Our Buddy Program continues to support them managing break times and eating and taking care of their belongings. Keep up the great work Foundies.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS REMINDER:

Week 6 we will host our 'Getting to Know You Interviews' this is a chance for you to meet with this years teachers face-to-face and explore your goals for your child this year in learning and wellbeing and establish a positive connection with teachers early on. Please make sure to see Specialist Teachers too who will have availability throughout the week depending on their days of work.

STRENGTH SURVEY REMINDER:

A reminder for all Year 2 to 6 students to please complete the VIA Strengths Survey with your child by next week. We are using this data to get to know your child/ren better and set up wellbeing displays in classrooms. This is a free survey and parents and carers will need to support students in answering the questions. Students are then asked to bring in their TOP 5 strengths. You can complete the free survey here <https://www.viacharacter.org/surveys/takesurvey>.

FATIGUE:

As we hit mid point of the term we know that many of our students can struggle with fatigue and tiredness.. Often they have a full weekend of sports, family events and play dates and sleepovers. For me my weekends are too about family time and rest and recuperation. Please just be mindful, with the weather expected to remain hot over the coming weeks that we work together to give our students the option of some down time on their weekends or at least know that if you have some busy weekends coming up that you let the teachers know so we can support your child/ren whilst they are at school.

FETE and EASTER RAFFLE:

Our FETE is fast approaching. If you are available to help out with the set-up or pack-up please let the office know. Set-up will be from about 11am and pack-up from 5pm. We will also be asking for parents to volunteer time with their child to support their class stall. Also we are taking donations for our Easter Raffle. These can be dropped into the Office.

If your child has a small business and they would like to have part of a student stall section for the FETE, could you please email me, with what they are selling. Students will be expected to make a \$5 donation to run a stall.

All funds raised by School Council events in 2024 will be going towards covering and upgrading our netball and basketball courts.

Division Swimming:

Last Friday, 3 students from our school competed at the Division Swimming Carnival at Waves in Wodonga. Archie, and Makensie swam in both freestyle and backstroke events, swimming strongly in freestyle and both coming in third place in the backstroke. Emily competed in freestyle and did a great job to persevere and finish her swim strongly. The first two placegetters from the carnival on Friday proceed to the regional event to be held in Shepparton in March.

Congratulations to the three swimmers and well done on your efforts at this level. A huge thank you to Shae and the sports leaders from Tallangatta Secondary College who helped out with timing of the events on the day.



SWPBS UPDATE

(School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support)



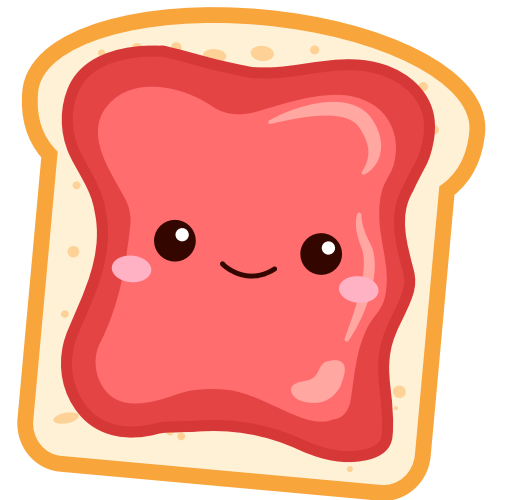
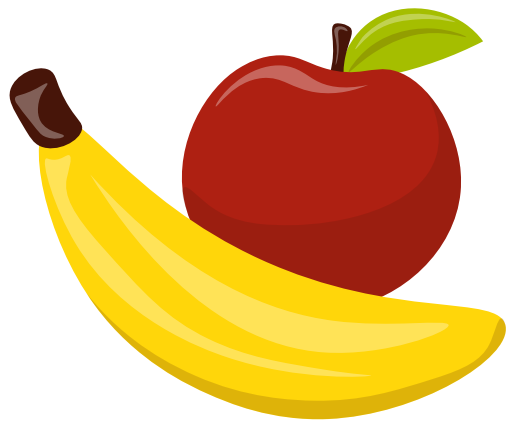
At the end of Week 4, we can see that 'Integrity' is ahead in the token tubes. Another great reminder of how amazing our students are at KVPS.

It has been lovely to see this finger knitting group sharing skills and including all ages in their activity.



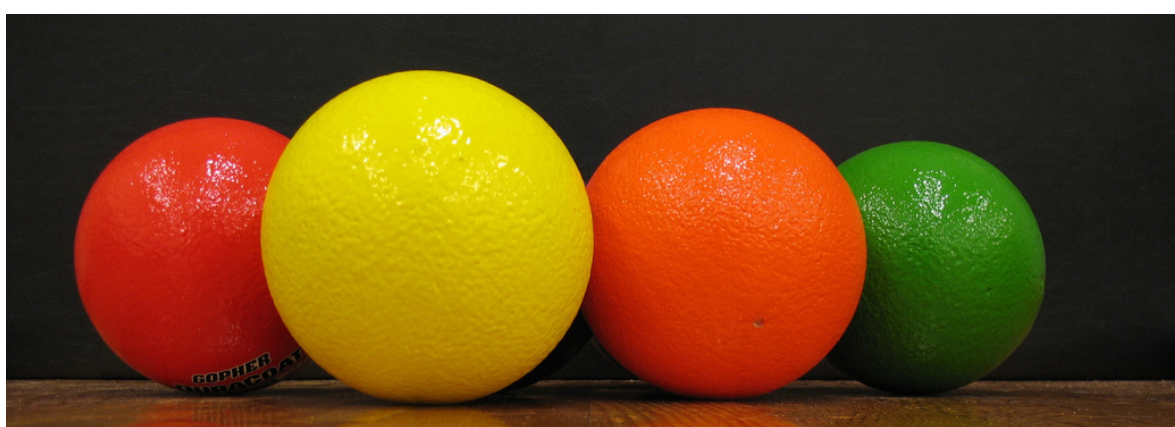
BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder about Breakfast Club, particularly for our new families. On Friday mornings we offer a selection of toast, fruit and yoghurt served from the canteen.



LUNCH CLUBS

Dodgeball with Mrs Middleton is this term's Wednesday lunch club. Students get to vote which version of dodgeball they'd like to play. This week it was Jedi dodgeball. It was great to hear the feedback from Mrs Middleton that all students were displaying integrity during this game and 'going out' when it was their turn, without needing prompting. Well done KVPS!



NUMERACY NEWS

Numeracy at Home

We use numeracy everyday. There are so many incidental ways that we can incorporate it into our daily routines. Below are some great ways you can support your child's understanding of numeracy in real world contexts.

Are We There Yet? (Foundation - Grade 2)

- Mark important dates on a calendar
- Discuss what time you should start getting ready
- Time how long it takes to travel to different locations
- Estimate how long it takes you to:
 - brush your teeth?
 - drive to the store?
 - get dressed?
 - jump up and down 10 times?
- Investigate how long it is to your children's birthdays (in months, weeks, days or hours)
- List your daily schedule. What time do you get up? What time do you go to school?



Are We There Yet? (Grade 3 - 6)

- Collect important dates and mark them on a calendar
- Time how long does it take us to travel to school
- Estimate how far you've travelled, the distance to your destination, and how long it is going to take
- Find the arrival time: e.g. If it is 4:38 pm now and it will take us 15 minutes to get there
- Enter dates into a digital calendar: e.g., identify the day of the week, the time between dates and set reminders
- Help to make a travel plan using timetables
- Read the public transport maps to follow along with each stop



KVPS EASTER EGG RAFFLE.

We are preparing our raffle tickets to be sent home to families. These will be sent home with the eldest student on Friday for our Easter Egg Raffle. Each book will contain 20 tickets. Families are welcome to use both sides of the ticket which will give you 40 tickets @ \$1.00 per ticket. Please return all sold and unsold tickets and money to the office by Thursday 21st March in time for the draw at the FETE on Friday 22nd March.

We ask families to please drop any donations for the easter egg raffle off at the office by Friday 15th March.



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024

Our annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on **Tuesday 5th March 2024**.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

Kiewa Valley Primary School

Tuesday 5th March 2024

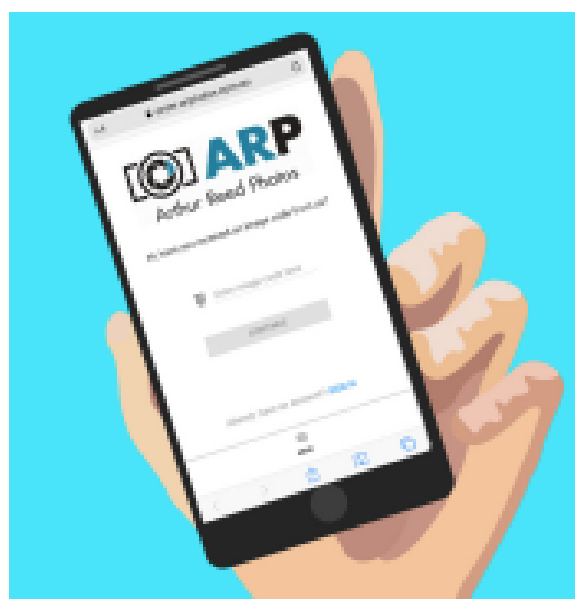
**There is no need to return any forms or payment
to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to
all students on or after photo day**

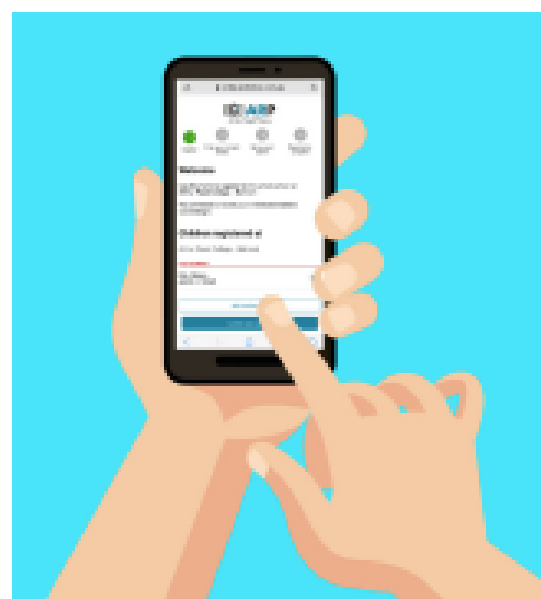
When you receive your child's 2024 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

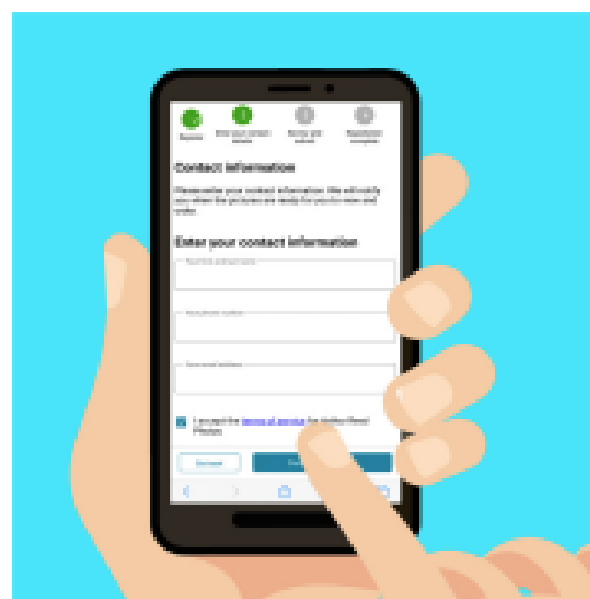
1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2024 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

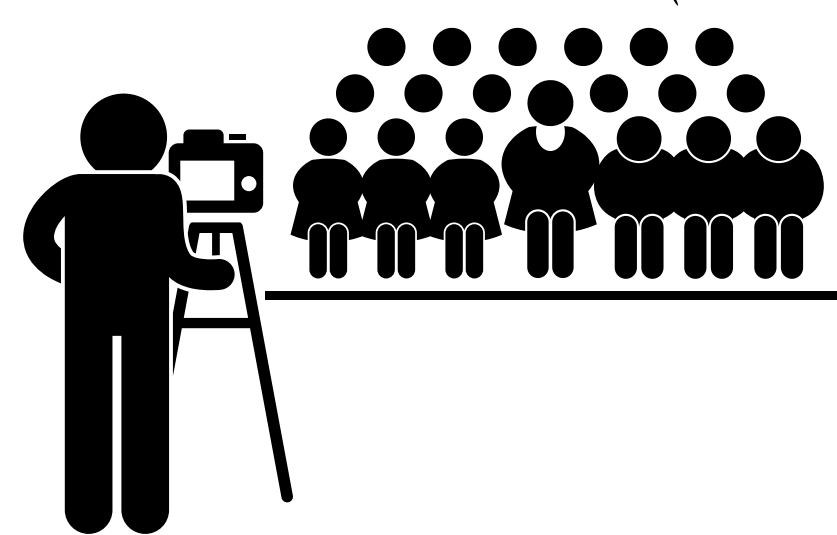
That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads

• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024****



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.....KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL.....
INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL

COMMUNITY FETE

JOIN US AT OUR SCHOOL FOR
AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN!

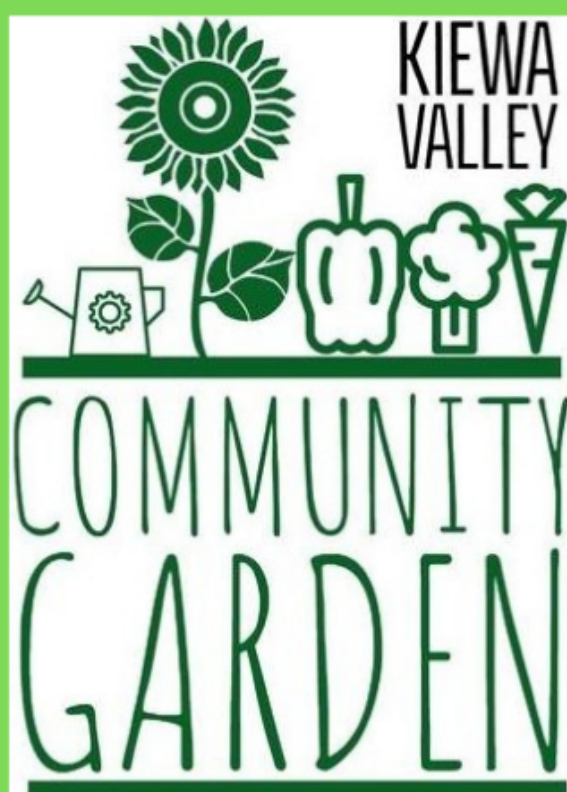
We are now taking expressions of interest from stall holders. For more information or for a copy of our stall application, please contact us at kvpsfete@hotmail.com or 0488249275

FRI 22 MARCH

2024

TIME: 2PM - 5PM

KIEWA VALLEY PRIMARY
SCHOOL GROUNDS



KIEWA VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN ENGAGEMENT EVENT

COME ON DOWN TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THIS SPACE. THERE WILL BE COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM 9AM AND A FREE LIONS CLUB BBQ FOR LUNCH. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT OF...

We will also be running our working bee during this event. If you would like to participate bring along some gardening gloves. We will be weeding, mulching, preparing the beds and planting new plants.



17 MARCH
2024

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024
9AM-12PM
COMMUNITY GARDEN
JACKMAN DRIVE,
TANGAMBALANGA

LUNCH CLUBS TERM ONE

MON

Bizarre Brain Busters

with Jules (Mr M)

THU

BOARD GAMES

with MR T

TUE

Arts and Crafts

with Miss Flavel

FRI

GARDEN CLUB

with Linda

WED

DODGEBALL

with Mrs Middleton

Our Lunch Clubs are a safe and inclusive space for whoever wants to join.

Tangam-Kiewa SEASONAL Markets

AUTUMN MARKET

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

9AM - 1PM

**COULSTON PARK
RECREATION RESERVE**

ENTRY VIA KIEWA EAST ROAD

**MARKET STALLS FOOD MUSIC
COFFEE FACE PAINTING**

paperlanterneventsau@gmail.com
paper lantern events au

Scan here to apply for a market site online

UMFC's VAFPRR Community Connector Program Presents:

MAN CAVE

Community Champions Speakeasy Event

FREE EVENT!

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS SPEAKEASY?

The Speakeasy delivers experiential workshops that aim to normalise the everyday challenges of young people.

This workshop is aimed at Champions in the community who can support young people to become more open and equipped to deal with these challenges and adversities.

UMFC has committed to address the growing concern of children and adolescent mental health and use of violence in the home. No matter who you are, everyone goes through stuff, good and bad. This Speakeasy is a way to bring the community together.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

The Community Champions Speakeasy event is a 90-minute workshop designed to support our Champions in the community to come together to develop strategies to support children and young people who are engaged in your community, clubs and or groups.

Speakeasy is a prevention and early intervention program with a vision to equip attendees with the tools and capabilities to confidently provide support with the aim of improved mental wellbeing for children and adolescents.

Details & Registration

WODONGA

Tuesday 27th February, 2024

UMFC, 27 to 29 Stanley Street 6:00pm

WANGARATTA

Wednesday 28th February, 2024

Wangaratta Library, 21 Docker Street 6:00pm

Light refreshments provided

February 18th 2024

THANK YOU...

Thank you to those who attended our meeting today. Thank you to those who have been watering our garden. Thank you to the members who are contributing time and effort behind the scenes to help us reach our goals for this year.

MARCH...

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH:
Tangam-Kiewa Seasonal Market 9am-1pm

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH:
Community Garden Engagement Event

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH:
Kiewa Valley Primary School FETE 2pm-5pm

PRODUCE...

Parsley is ready now, tomatoes and cucumbers will be ripe and ready soon.

Our community garden is for the community. Everyone is welcome to pick some produce, pull some weeds, turn on the sprinkler for a quick water while you are there.

To keep updated join our facebook group "Kiewa Valley Community Garden".