



# KIALLA CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 26/02/2026 Issue 4

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HOUSE POINTS WEEKLY WINNER  
Fairmaid



## Stars of the Week

Term 1 ~ Week 4

Jemma ~ Grade 5

Jonathan ~ Grade 4

Freddy ~ Foundation

Henry ~ Grade 2



Monday 2nd March  
Foundations start school  
full time



Wednesday 4th March  
MACC - Art - All grades  
Playgroup



Thursday 5th March  
K.C.P.S. House Athletics  
Champs



Friday 6th March  
Curriculum Day  
No school for students.



Monday 9th March  
Labour Day Public Holiday



Wednesday 11th March  
NAPLAN Begins



Parent Teacher Interviews  
Foundations, new students & students  
requiring a Learning Plan.

## Principal's Award

TERM 1 ~ WEEK 4

Violetrose ~ Grade 6



For stepping up into her School Captain role.  
She helped coordinate our first student leaders  
meeting. Well done Violetrose!

## Good Sport Award

TERM 1 ~ WEEK 4

Axel ~ Grade 6

Because you have been a good sport, a gracious  
winner and have included others.

Well done Axel!



# Term 1 ~ Calendar of Events 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23rd 2.50pm ~ Assembly School Council meeting 7.00pm S/C Finance 7.30pm - General	24th	25th MARC ~ Library No school for Foundation students 9.00am to 10.30am Playgroup	26th	27th
2nd Mar 2.50pm ~ Assembly	3rd	4th Foundations start school full time  MACC ~ Art ~ F/1/2	5th MACC ~ Art 3/4 & 5/6  Kialla Central House Athletics @ school	6th  Curriculum Day No school for students
9th <b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	10th	11th MARC ~ Library. 3.45pm to 6.00pm P/T meetings for Foundations, new students & students requiring an IEP or KELP	12th	13th East Goulburn Primary School Sports Association's Athletics Carnival in Shepp
16th 11.45am ~ Assembly 7.00pm Parents' Club AGM & General meeting	17th	18th MACC ~ Art ~ F/1/2	19th MACC ~ Art 3/4 & 5/6	20th
<b>SWIMMING WEEK AT AQUAMOVES ~ Sessions F/1/2 ~ 1.00pm to 1.45pm &amp; Gr 3 to 6 ~ 1.45pm to 2.30pm</b>				
23rd 2.50pm ~ Assembly	24th	25th MARC ~ Library	26th	27th
30th 2.50pm ~ Assembly	31st	1st Apr MACC ~ Art ~ F/1/2	2nd MACC ~ Art 3/4 & 5/6  2.15pm Holidays begin ...	3rd <b>GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>

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The Glasses for Kids Program visited our school on Monday. There were a number of our families who took advantage of this opportunity to have their child/ren's eyes checked. Letters have been sent home to families from the optometrist.

We are hosting our school tours for perspective new families with Foundation students starting school in 2027. These will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 12th March

Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March

There will be 2 sessions available each day, one at 9.15am & again at 10.00am. Flyers will be distributed through Kinders in the coming days. If you can help drop flyers off to your child's Kinder please let us know. Also if you know of any potential enrolments for next year please direct them to our FaceBook page. Here is the link to our promotional video. <https://youtu.be/hD1nCUwo0Xc> It is also available on our website

[Kialla Central Primary School](https://www.kiallacentralprimaryschool.edu.au/)



School Council plays a very important role in our school in representing our families as well as supporting me in my principal role.

We are mandated to have an active School Council by the Government as part of the Department of Education's accountability. I encourage you to consider joining School Council. We are required to hold 8 meetings throughout the year. Meetings are held on **Monday nights** from 7.30pm unless you are on the Finance sub-committee who meet at 7.00pm prior to the meeting. A meeting schedule is also available.

Our Foundation and new students as well as students requiring an Individual Education Plan &/or a Student Support Group meeting will be invited to make a time to attend a parent/teacher meeting. These interviews are scheduled for **Wednesday 11th March** from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. It is an opportunity for parents/carers to gain a general insight into how the Foundation and new students are settling in and if there are things that you need to follow up at home.

Parents/carers of students requiring an Individual Education Plan &/or a Student Support Group meeting will discuss the goals that their child/ren will be working on this semester.

Families required to attend any of the above meetings will be notified shortly.



### 2026 School Council Election

Our School Council Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 30th March** at school commencing at 7.00pm.

Andrew Kay, Ricky Myers and Luke McIntosh have completed their current 2-year term. Retiring School Councillors who still have children enrolled at Kialla Central are eligible to re-nominate for this year's elections.

There are **3 parent member** vacancies. Nominations are now being sought for our **2026 School Council election**. If you would like to discuss this role further please come and see me or I can put you in contact with one of our School Councillors to discuss the role and commitment of these positions.

Nomination forms are available at the office and need to be returned to school by **4.00pm Tuesday 3rd March 2026**.

There are a large number of students who have already had several days away from school (excluding students who have been sick) or who are leaving school early. I totally understand that there are some appointments that simply cannot be made for outside of school hours, as well as unexpected issues that arise requiring an early pick up. However, if this trend continues throughout the year, your child/ren misses out on learning that simply cannot be made up. It also has an impact on our overall attendance data of which we are accountable to the Department of Education. Your awareness and support is appreciated.



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**K.C.P.S. Athletics House Sports** are on **Thursday 5th March** on the oval at school.

This is a long standing traditional event, where students compete in a variety of athletic events, earning points for their Houses. The winning House will have their name added to the K.C.P.S. Interhouse Athletics Sport Shield, that hangs in the office above Mrs Irwin's window. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours, sports shorts/leggings and runners.

Houses colours are:

- **ARCHER** ~ Blue
- **FAIRMAID** ~ Green
- **MITCHELL** ~ Yellow

Please note: siblings are all in the same House.

Families are welcome to come along on the day. I have organised for **Fast Brew Coffee Van** to be at this event for our recess break, at approximately 10.30am. **Recess and lunch times** may vary on the day as this depends on how quickly we get through the events.

The East Goulburn Primary School Sports Association (EGPSSA) Athletics carnival is on **Friday 13th March** at **John McEwen Reserve** in Shepparton. Students are grouped according to the age they turn this year, i.e. by **31st December**. They are also split into a boys group and a girls group. Parents/Carers are responsible for transporting their child/ren to and from the **Shepparton Athletics Club** at **John McEwen Reserve**. It is near the Shepparton Sports Stadium and Shepparton Netball Courts, **corner of Brauman St & Numurkah Road**. Students need to be at McEwen Reserve by **9.00am** and they need to be picked up by **2.30pm**. Families are welcome to come along and support Kialla Central P.S. Further information will be sent home next week with the **eldest** in each family. If you have any questions please let me know.

Not all schools send their F/1/2 students to the EGPSSA's Athletics Day but we believe it is a great experience for them. Each year we ensure that we have at least one parent/carer to walk with our younger age groups. This gives the K.C.P.S. students a familiar face they know. Each



A big thank you to **Jen Bruinier** (one of our grandparents) who kindly turned over the sand in our jumping pit for our upcoming House Athletics. We are very grateful for your help in getting our jumping pit ready.

Debbie Humphries  
Proud Principal of KCPS

#### REMINDERS

**2026 K.C.P.S. Footy Tipping** is back. See further information in this newsletter.

Foundation students start full time school from **Monday 2nd March**.

**Curriculum Day** on **Friday 6th March** ~ students are not required to attend school.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is from **Wednesday 11th to Monday 23rd March 2026**.

age group has a teacher in-charge (sometimes 2) of the group who are responsible for the group for the day. They rely on parent/carer helpers to support them throughout the day. You may need to take the winners of each event over to get their ribbons or take a child to first aid or do a toilet run. If you are planning on going to this event, your child is in the younger age groups and you are happy to help please let me know.

Kialla Central Primary School are responsible for running the **Hurdles** as well as supervising the **5/6 year old girls** and the **9 year old boys**.

It is that time of the year when we are seeking **sponsorship** for our newsletter. We provide our families with the opportunity to promote their businesses. We also promote businesses who kindly donate to or look after K.C.P.S. at various times throughout the year. Attached is a flyer with all of the details if you are interested in continuing with a current sponsorship or starting one. If you require further information please see Lisa Irwin (Tues or Thurs) or me.



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## ~ CLASSROOM WRAP ~

### F/1 Mouldsdale



Our SMART Foundation word of the week is 'tin' and sentence 'It is in the big tin.' The Spelling focus is /i/ as in 'tin.' This week in maths we are using dominoes to count, subitise and add.

### Gr 2 Daffy

It is hard to believe we are already into Week 5 of the term! Our spelling focus is another short vowel sound: /u/ like in bus. In literacy we are exploring verbs. We know that verbs are doing words. We are identifying verbs in different texts and using them in our writing. We are continuing to explore 3 digit numbers in maths. We can identify, read, write, order and expand numbers with hundreds, tens and ones.



### 3/4 Humphries/Zito



This week our SMART Spelling focus is the digraph /or/ making the sound 'er' as in worm. In writing we are being very persuasive trying to convince our audience to agree with us. We are making connections in reading ... connecting to text, connecting to self and connecting to the world. In maths, we are investigating our level of understanding of number with a range of activities such as skip counting using 3,4 and 5 digit numbers, solving word problems and place value. Caleb dropped in for a visit on Friday, we were so excited to see him.

### 5/6 O'Donnell

The 5/6 SMART Spelling Focus this week is /or/ making 'eh' as in doctor. We are continuing to write persuasives with a focus on "Beach or Bush" which is the best holiday destination. We are almost halfway into our "Blueback" novel and finding out about the life Abel and his mother live. In Maths, we are looking at what makes a number – Prime, Composite, Square or Triangular. Don't forget home reading logs need to be signed and returned to school at least 3 times during the week, otherwise students will be asked to read during part of their recess time. Keep up the good work 5/6s!!



### Grade 6 Polos have arrived ...



Some of our Grade 6s were quick to model their new look.



## PERSUASIVE WRITING

Students in Grades 3 to 6 have been focusing on persuasive writing. There have certainly been some very interesting topics on our prompt writing sheets as well as suggestions during our brainstorming sessions. Here is one example from Mrs O'Donnell's 5/6 class.

### **K.C.P.S SHOULD GET A CANTEEN FOR FRIDAYS**

I strongly believe KCPS should introduce a canteen on Fridays.

There would be so many benefits for the school if we did.

Firstly, it would make money for the school because kids would like all the food and kids would buy from the canteen.

Secondly, Mum and Dad would not have to argue with tired kids. Mum and Dad should just give \$10 and they could pick their own lunch.

Last but not least, students could help in the canteen. It would help kids with their math skills and make kids more responsible.

In conclusion, we should definitely introduce the canteen. It would be great for parents, students, teachers and the whole school.

So, can we please get a canteen?

By Jemma ~ Grade 5





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# BADMINTON JUNIOR COMPETITION



**2 PRACTICE AND GRADING EVENINGS**

**COME AND TRY FOR FREE**



SCAN ME

**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026 - 4 - 6PM**  
**FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026 - 4 - 6PM**

Competition starts on the 24th April and ends the 11th September  
For further information call John on 0428 367 791  
visit [shepbadminton.com.au](http://shepbadminton.com.au) or  
Facebook (Shepparton Badminton Association).  
Entries for both school teams and individual players are welcome.  
(Entries close 10th April)  
Shepparton Sports Stadium, Numurkah Rd





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# The K.C.P.S. Footy Tipping Competition

## The BANTER Returns In 2026 ...



We use the **ESPN Footy Tipping App** as it is more time effective and easier for people to enter their tips.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO ...

Download the **ESPN App** to your phone or the device you are going to use to enter your tips. The steps are as follows:

1. Enter your email address

***Please note:** each tipper needs their own email address as you cannot enter multiple tippers on the one account*

2. Enter your name and postcode

3. Customise your account i.e. AFL, pick your team and accept the conditions

You will be asked for a **display name** for you to use in the competition e.g. Magic Magpies. It is vital that you check that your display name is available. It will tell you if your display name is taken. If this is the case, you may need to add a number to it e.g. Magic Magpies 7

4. Go to Competitions. Search for **Kialla Central PS** ~ it has our school logo and is a private Competition

5. Click on this and then click on join comp. It then asks for a password. In order to get the password payment needs to be received.

As this is a **FREE APP** it does have ads and contains betting references. However, once you have joined the comp you can prevent some of this content from being shown.

If you go to the home page and click on your profile (top right-hand corner) you can go to the **Communication and Preferences Tab**. You can select what **notifications** you want to receive and then if you scroll further down you can tick that you don't want to see the **wagering content-betting odds**. This will then block this information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding using the **ESPN App** please contact me.

### THE RULES

This year there are **24 Rounds** at **\$1.00** a round. This means it will cost you **\$24.00** for the season. You may like to pay for the entire season in advance or **\$14.00 upfront** and then **\$10.00** by Round 10.

There is a prize for tipsters who **pick 9 winners** (draws are excluded). If nobody picks 9 winners, then the prize will jackpot to the next week.

**The jackpot cannot be claimed on a draw**, however, the ESPN app automatically gives everyone a point for a draw regardless of what team you picked.

The prize pool will be determined by the number of entries received.

The prize pool is determined on a 50%, 40%, 10% split - 50% of the money goes to the school - 40% to those who tip all 9 winners and 10% for the end of season prizes.

At the end of the season, the **10%** will be distributed for the first 3 place getters and last place is as follows:

- The person/people who picks the most winners for the season receives **50%** of the prize pool;

- 2nd place receive 30%
- 3rd will receive 10% and 10% will go towards getting the wooden spoon trophy engraved.

The more people that enter, then the larger the return!

If you forget to tip you will be given the **away teams**, but if all away teams win **you will not be entitled to the jackpot.**

During split rounds of 6 or 7 games you must tip all games correctly in 2 consecutive weeks to be eligible to collect the jackpot.

Results of each week and the balance of the prize pool will be published weekly in the newsletter.

**Remember, there are no losers in our competition ...  
everyone is a winner ... and not just for their tipping ability!!**

The first ball to be bounced for the **2026 AFL Footy Season** will happen on **Thursday 5th March** when the **Swans** take on the **Blues** at the **SCG**.

It is now time to join the **K.C.P.S. Footy Tipping Competition for 2026.**

**Please fill in the form below and return it to the office by Tuesday 3rd March 2026.**

NAME	TIPPING NAME	FOOTY TEAM
e.g. Miss H	Magic Magpies	Magpies

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## Kialla Central P.S. Newsletter 2026

It is that time of the year again where we are offering the opportunity for our families to promote their businesses / workplaces in our newsletters. Details are as follows:

There will be room for 8 sponsors – business card size – to be published in our newsletter on a weekly basis. Please note: The position of these will be changed around on a regular basis to ensure fair exposure for all businesses.

Logos & details will need to be supplied to the school electronically in a JPEG file by **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. Suggestion: your business card would be perfect.

Printed newsletters will be in black & white but will appear in colour on our website.

The sponsorship period is from **Monday 20th April 2026** to **Friday 2nd April 2027**. The cost to be involved is **\$120** i.e. **only \$30 per term**. *Please note: the advertisement for your business will remain the same for the sponsorship period unless there is a change in contact details.*

If you are interested in this sponsorship opportunity please complete the form below. First in best dressed ... the first 8 replies & payment will secure this advertising opportunity.

Thanks for your support.

Debbie Humphries ~ Proud Principal of K.C.P.S.

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## Kialla Central P.S. Newsletter 2026



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Businesses will be invoiced and payment can be made by direct deposit or cash.

***Thanks for your support!***

