



Cycle 1, 2024 Newsletter



Important Dates for Cycle 2, 2024

Monday 4th March	First Day of Cycle 2
Tuesday 5th March	2025 Foundation Information Session
Friday 8th March	Program (L2 - L6)
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13th March	Day Program (L2 - L6)
Wednesday 13th March to Friday 15th March	NAPLAN (L3 & L5)
Monday 18th March	Please bring your own lunch
Tuesday 19th March to Friday 22nd March	FAMP, Inverloch Foreshore
Wednesday 27th March	Day Program (L2 - L6)
Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April	Easter Long Weekend
Friday 5th April	Student Free Day (Planning Day)
Saturday 6th April to Sunday 14th April	Cycle Break
Monday 15th April	First Day of Cycle 3
Wednesday 17th April to Friday 19th April	L6 Leadership Camp
Wednesday 1st May to Friday 10th May	10 Day Camp (L5/6)

WELCOME



WEEK ONE 2024

Cycle One Reflections

by Angus

Our first cycle of the year has been a blast!

It was so exciting to welcome our students and families back for their first three days of school in Week 1. Our annual whole-school walk on our first day was full of excitement, nerves and new connections. It was lovely to welcome our Foundation students and families on our second day, and it's been a pleasure to see everyone settling in so well. We played many collaborative games, connected through Tribe-based activities, and enjoyed amazing lunches using our summer harvest.

Our second week gave our students an opportunity to get used to the flow of a more regular week at KVS and orient themselves in each of their learning areas. This rhythm was dramatically cut short in our third week, with school being cancelled for two days after the big storm. And what a wild week that was! We were relieved to learn that everyone made it through the week safely, and it was great to reconnect on Friday and share stories of life without electricity.

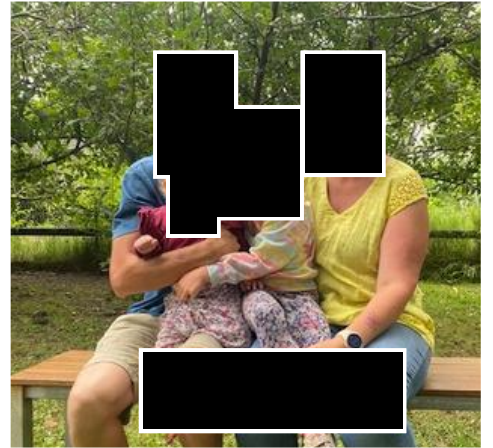
We went out with a bang in our fourth and final week of the cycle, hosting three events: our School Building Opening, the Curriculum Information Session and, of course, SCAMP. It was nice to finally have an opportunity to acknowledge our new buildings, the people who brought them into being, and how much they add to our daily lives. We unveiled a commemorative plaque with Senator Jess Walsh, which will live in our school office.

SCAMP was heaps of fun as usual, with our main events, like the KVX Games, the Boogie-Down Disco Dance-Off and Sprinkler Ninja Fest, delivering the fun in energetic fashion once again. The whole two-day festival was a wonderfully good time and a great lead-in to FAMP at Inverloch Foreshore next cycle, which we are all very much looking forward to.

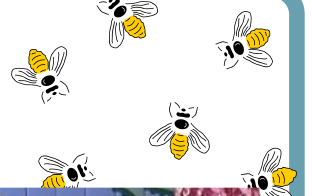
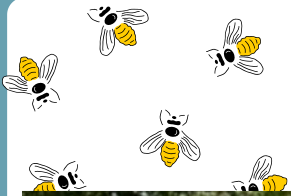
Wishing you all a great cycle break! :-)



Meet The Foundies



Sun Room Fun





The Foundation and Level 1 students launched into some summer fun this cycle with a range of 'connection and belonging' themed activities, including creative collaborations like constructing miniature buildings out of logs and Lego, creating sandpit rivers, moats and volcanoes, and collective art creations to adorn the Sun Room space.

We spent plenty of time getting to know each other, sharing interests and experiences, as Level 1 students took on a guiding role. We also familiarised ourselves with new routines, expectations in shared spaces and presentations, and what a great zh'oo'sh (clean-up) involves.



The student-generated Sparks theme of 'Collectables' saw us enjoy the process of designing and discussing new trading cards.

A big highlight for the Sunnies was SCAMP in Week 4. It was wonderful to see our younger ones dressed in a range of wild costumes, jumping into all the excitement on Day 1 and fully participating in all the morning events, including Chalk-O-Rama, the Opening Ceremony, and the KVS Games. In the afternoon, the Boogie-Down Disco Dance-Off was very popular in the air-conditioned comfort of the Art Shed, but things soon heated up with wild dance moves and enough energy to power a small village! In the afternoon Sunnies tested out the Sprinkler Ninja Fest slip 'n' slide and enjoyed delicious homemade fruit ice cream.

The fun continued on Day 2 of SCAMP with costumes and energy reaching new heights. Tribes Dodgeball saw our KVS Tribes competing (KVS style) in a multi-aged game of skill and accuracy, and the number of Foundation students keen to join in on the fast-paced game reflected the inclusive spirit of the community. Ariel shared her amazing face-painting skills in the Sun Room in the afternoon, and the Sunnies joined in as the community gathered around the intense energy of the 'Pong On!' Table Tennis Tournament to witness the pressure of the final rounds.

Well done, Sun Roomers, on a great first cycle. Enjoy your cycle break!



Triskel Update

by **Scotty**

Cycle 1 is always an exciting time to be a Triskel student at KVS, as we always begin the year with a deliberately designed 'soft start'.

The core themes of this year are similar to any year at our school – fun, connection, belonging, and spontaneity. Week 1 began with the distinct absence of formal presos as we focused on reconnecting with mentors and peers with an abundance of games and activities, featuring KVS classics like 'Chickens, Foxes and Snakes' and sprinklings of new favourites like 'Very Very Scary Ball'.

Weeks 2 and 3 saw our first press of the year take place. This gave the students an opportunity to get to know their learning areas and mentor and set up their materials. We spent much of our time establishing the core routines that form the basis for learning in the Triskel space, such as how to complete and hand in tasks, how to complete ongoing tasks, how to check and use our planners, and how to organise the resources that we need for each of our learning tasks.

Whilst the cycle was interrupted by the unexpected and widespread power outage, we came back in good spirits, ready to send off Cycle 1 with yet another fantastic SCAMP!

KVS Kitchen Garden By Maxine

It's been an abundant time in the garden! We have had bountiful harvests of cucumbers, potatoes, carrots & zucchinis. But a garden is more than just producing food, it's a place to connect, make friendships, a place of beauty & fun.

We had lots of fun with our spontaneous pickle making. People picked prickly pickles, perfect for pickling peppery pickles. And let's not forget our 'harvest goddess' Scarecrow that won first prize at the Foster show.

Next cycle sees us shift into our autumn season with brassica seedlings on the way.



First Place!



Foster Show Scarecrow Competition



Day Program: Snorkelling - By Dan

Shack Bay in the Bunurong Marine National Park put on a wonderful show for our first day program for 2024.

29 students from levels 3-6 eagerly donned their snorkelling gear over 2 days of near perfect conditions.

At high tide, some of the more confident and adventurous snorkellers entered the water from the rocks at the far point, being greeted by a curious Sea Sweep, darting Wrasse and brightly adorned Horse Shoe Leatherjackets.

The low tide groups wandered over the spiky sea snails around the closer headland to a sheltered weed covered pool. At least a dozen species were spotted, including a Southern Eagle Ray, schooling Garfish and a suspiciously Pokemon-like Globefish.

Some students really pushed their boundaries, and progressed at remarkable speeds, going from I'm not sure I can do this... To, this is amazing!!! While others were reminded of how much they loved sticking their faces underwater to experience the wonder which sits just below the surface.

An old cavity sitting at a depth of 3-4m was also a major highlight for some 🧑‍🎓

If you're keen to head out snorkelling while the water is still warm(ish), Shack bay is better when the swell is less than 1m and the winds are low or blowing from the SW, W or N. If you want more local snorkelling tips, feel free to get in contact 🗨️



School Building: Official Opening

By Rachel



We warmly welcomed Senator Jess Walsh to KVS this cycle, for our long awaited official opening of the Triskel and Kitchen buildings, a capital works project that began in 2020 and was completed in 2021.

Senator Walsh enjoyed a tour of our school and unveiled a plaque to commemorate the project during the opening ceremony, which will be on display in the school office.

We were also delighted to welcome two of the founding members of the village school community, Hadassah Wanstall and Fiona McKenzie. Fiona managed the capital works project from its conception through to completion, resulting in the beautiful aesthetic spaces we enjoy working in each day. Special acknowledgement was also given in loving memory of Mike Wanstall, whose creative vision and legacy lives on in the design of the school's buildings.

Of course, no KVS celebration would be complete without some delights from our kitchen and the opening ceremony was no exception, with a beautiful spread of delicious Chocolate and Zucchini Cupcakes enjoyed by all.



Medical Alert:
Anaphylaxis

At KVS we have two students who have severe allergies, to fish (including salmon & tuna) and jumping jacks & bullants.

These students have specific health care plans in place to ensure their safety and appropriate medical care if required.

Staff have had training in anaphylaxis first aid and we have implemented strategies to keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can.

Whilst these children are taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child about the importance of not sharing food with others without checking with a mentor, washing hands after eating, alerting a mentor if they think they have seen jumping jacks or bullants in the school grounds and letting a mentor know if they think their friend with allergies is sick. We also ask that you do not send any food containing fish to school.



There are epipens in several locations across the school including the Office First Aid area, Sun Room, Art Shed and school buses.

SCAMP

- by Sarah



Two days filled with fabulous Scamping! What a way to end Cycle 1!

The scene was set by a glorious chalk mandala, each section completed by a Tribe. We sat in a circle and watched each Tribe run through a banner to the Tribe theme songs. Whether it was Puff the Magic Dragon or Intergalactic, the mood was electric, and each Tribe bonded together in their victory lap. K VX Games kicked off the festivities and, as always, was an extremely popular event. Spectators sipped chai or weaved a scarecrow into life, as other students ripped up the asphalt on all sorts of wheels. The Boogey Down Disco took place in the air-conditioned Art Shed, as the temperature soared. It was a raging success, with students filling the raised podiums with their signature dance moves, before chowing down on delectable sushi for lunch. The first day finished with the Sprinkler Ninja Fest, an event that can only be described as EPIC! Imagine throwing yourself onto black plastic and hurtling your way down through a sudsy river, whilst sprinklers rained down onto you! It was as good as it sounds!

Day 2 brought cooler conditions, and as the bubbles filled the air, Tribe Dodge Ball was played out, with increasing intensity! Pong On, the annual table tennis competition had a record number of participants, and the victory was eventually taken out by Marc, in a nail-biting final against Eddie. Face Painting, Twister, Ice-Cream and Pizza were also some of the Day 2 highlights. Scamp is a perfect precursor for FAMP, which will be happening in Cycle 2. It is a fantastic way to finish the first cycle, and celebrate connections and community.





KVS SLIP 'N' SLIDE

Looking Ahead

	Sun Room	Triskelion
Cognition & Connection	Kimochis	Connection-to-Place
Literacy	Introduction to Synthetic Phonics	News Articles (Information Reports)
Numeracy	Number Formation & Counting Patterns Addition & Subtraction (L2)	Place-Value & Number Sense
Humanities, Science & Digital Technologies	Science - Inquiry Process Humanities - Family, Food & Ritual	Humanities - Australian History
Art	Calm - Art Cubes	
PE	Ball Handling & Coordination	
Kitchen/Garden	Harvesting + Autumn Planting	
Sparks/Passion Projects	Italian Restaurant	x5 Ongoing Projects from 2023 x7 New Projects 2024
Out & Abouts, Day Programs & Camps	Beach Adventures + FAMP	Beach Adventures + FAMP
PLPs	N/A	N/A

Koonwarra Village School respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the South Eastern Kulin Nation - the Bunurong People. We extend this acknowledgement to the neighbouring Gunaikurnai people.

■ ■ ■ We pay our ■ ■ ■ respects to their Elders, past and present, and recognise their role in caring for Country over tens of thousands of years.

We acknowledge our true history and appreciate the significance of our connection to place as we live, work, play and walk together.