

The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School

'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



On behalf of Warrnambool West Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built, and we recognise their connection to the land and community. We respect the stories, traditions, and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We respect the Elders past, present and emerging on this land, as we continue our learning journey together.

Foundations 100 Days Of School!



Our Foundation students celebrated a very special milestone—**100 Days of School!** Dressed as adorable 100-year-olds, they filled the day with laughter, learning and lots of fun. Students enjoyed games, bubbles, lollies, delicious cake, and explored counting collections of 100. They also let their imaginations shine as they wrote about what they might be like when they are 100 years old!

The celebrations were made even more special when families attended to see our Principal present each student with a **100 Days of School Certificate** to recognise their fantastic achievement. It was a memorable day celebrating 100 days of learning, growing and making wonderful memories together!



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families,

It is a privilege to lead a school community where every child is known, valued and supported. At Warrnambool West Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that every student is cared for, challenged and educated in ways that best meet their individual needs. Every learning experience, event and opportunity is planned with purpose, expertise, structure and genuine care, creating an environment where students can thrive both academically and personally.

Our Year 5/6 students recently returned from an outstanding camp to Melbourne. Over three action-packed days, students experienced a wonderful mix of challenge, fun and learning, including ice skating, Bounce, the MCG, Queen Victoria Market, the Shrine of Remembrance, laser tag, bowling and Melbourne Zoo. Camps provide far more than exciting activities—they foster independence, resilience, teamwork and lasting friendships.

A sincere thank you to our families for supporting your child to attend this important experience, particularly our Year 6 students as they create memories during their final year of primary school. Thank you also to Miss Grey, Miss Hoy, Mr Yates and Ros for the significant time spent planning, organising and attending the camp. Your commitment ensured our students enjoyed a safe, engaging and memorable experience.

Yesterday, our teaching staff attended the Literacy Learning Community Professional Learning Day alongside more than 300 educators from across the region. The day provided valuable opportunities to hear from keynote speakers, learn from Department representatives and collaborate with colleagues and school leaders. Continuing to invest in high-quality professional learning strengthens our teaching practice and ultimately

benefits every student in our classrooms.

We were also delighted to receive recognition this week for the outstanding learning growth of our students. The Department of Education identified Warrnambool West Primary School for our exceptional NAPLAN Mathematics relative growth achieved by our current Year 5 students. This acknowledgement was celebrated in *The Standard* newspaper, highlighting the dedication of our staff and the commitment of our students to achieving their personal best. It is wonderful to see the progress being made at our school recognised within our wider community, and we encourage families to read yesterday's article celebrating this achievement.

This week, our Foundation students proudly celebrated their 100th Day of School. While dressing up and classroom celebrations certainly added to the excitement, the day represents so much more than reaching a milestone. It acknowledges 100 days of learning, growth, friendships, resilience and developing confidence as learners. Congratulations to our wonderful Foundation students on reaching this special achievement. We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished during your first 100 days of school.

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Friday 21 August.

These conversations are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss learning goals and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Students are only required to attend during their scheduled interview time. Our Outside School Hours Care program will operate throughout the day for families requiring care, with bookings now available on the Kidsoft digital platform.

Looking ahead, our Year 3/4 students will depart for their Halls Gap Camp in two weeks time. Experiences such as bush cooking, environmental orienteering, high ropes and visiting local attractions provide valuable opportunities for students to develop independence, confidence and teamwork. Families are reminded to return all

outstanding permission forms, medical information and final documentation as soon as possible to ensure students are ready for camp.

Next week we celebrate National Science Week, with students participating in a range of engaging learning experiences designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and problem-solving. Science encourages students to question, investigate and make sense of the world around them, and we look forward to seeing their enthusiasm throughout the week.

Our annual Book Week Dress Up Day will be held on Monday 24 August. Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character and join in celebrating the joy of reading. We look forward to seeing the creativity on display and sharing another wonderful community event together.

We are also looking forward to welcoming fathers, grandfathers and special father figures to our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 4 September. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the important role these special people play in the lives of our students. Breakfast order forms will be sent home in the coming weeks, and we hope many families can join us for this special morning.

Finally, I would like to highlight the importance of regular school attendance. Every day at school matters. Students who attend school every day are more likely to develop strong learning habits, build positive relationships with peers and teachers, and achieve greater academic success. Missing just one day each fortnight adds up to approximately 20 days of learning each year, or around one full year of schooling across a student's education. Consistent attendance helps students feel connected, confident and successful. If your family is experiencing challenges that are affecting attendance, please contact myself or Mr Yates at the school. We are committed to working alongside families to support every child to attend, engage and succeed.

Thank you for your continued support and connection. Together, we continue to create a school where every child feels united, challenged and empowered to achieve success.

From The Office

3/4 Camp

Years 3/4 Halls Gap Camp will be held on Monday 17th August to Wednesday 19th August. The remaining balance payable on this camp is \$350 per student. **Balance is due and payable no later than Friday 7th August.**

Please contact the office to organise payment arrangements or set up a payment plan. CSEF and SSB funds can be used to cover the remaining cost of the camp if applicable.

Parent Payment Contributions

Parent Payment Contributions for 2026 will be \$290.00 per student. The ongoing financial support of our families ensures that we can provide the excellent range of resources and facilities for your child/children.

We are now receiving payments by bPay, Direct Deposit, CentrePay, Cash or Eftpos. Please call into the office to organise

Uniform Donations

If you have any pre-loved uniform that your child has grown out of, please feel free to bring it into the office. We always appreciate any uniform items donated to school.



From the Assistant Principal

Building a Safe, Respectful and Inclusive School Community

Yesterday, our teaching staff had the opportunity to attend a literacy professional learning day alongside educators from across the region. It was an incredibly valuable experience, providing time to learn from experts, explore current evidence-based practices in literacy and share ideas with colleagues who are equally passionate about improving outcomes for students.

One of the greatest benefits of days like these is the opportunity to learn together as a staff. Stepping away from the busy pace of school allows us to reflect on our teaching, discuss new strategies, and refine the approaches we use in our classrooms. These conversations are an important part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring every student receives high-quality literacy instruction.

Professional learning is most powerful when it is translated into classroom practice. Following the day, our staff have continued to work collaboratively, discussing key takeaways and considering how we can strengthen our teaching to support all learners. This shared commitment to learning helps us build consistency across the school while ensuring we continue to meet the diverse needs of our students.

I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and professionalism our staff bring to every learning opportunity. Their willingness to continually develop their knowledge and hone their skills reflects the high expectations they have for themselves and for the success of every child. It is this dedication to lifelong learning that enables us to provide the best possible education for our students, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this professional learning in classrooms throughout the term.

Ms. Jodie Abbott





BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 3 & 4

This fortnight, students are exploring the Science of **Gratitude**. Noticing and appreciating the kindness and positive moments around us helps our brain release 'feel good' hormones similar to those that we release when we show and receive kindness. Gratitude is a character strength that we can choose to 'dial up'. To help build their gratitude muscles students practice the gratitude 4 step process:

NOTICE – Something kind or helpful
THINK – about why it happened
FEEL – the emotions it brings (eg. surprise)
DO – something to show thanks

Try practicing these steps at home!

Big Life with Mel

On Wednesday of week 3 the grade 3/4s learned about lots of different body parts in **personal development**. Students learned about the reproductive organs found in typical male and female bodies and watched some videos to support their understanding. The next session will focus on **puberty** and some of the physical and emotional changes students can expect as they grow up.

Some children may come home with questions about topics discussed in Personal Development. Here are some fantastic resources to help you navigate these conversations with your child:

- **Raising Children Website:**
raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/development/sexual-development/sex-education-children
- **Sexual Health Victoria:**
<https://www.shvic.org.au/for-you/for-parents-and-carers/>
- **Sex Ed Rescue:**
www.sexedrescue.com

Students of the Week - Week 8

Student	Class	Student	Class
Amira	F - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Karl Recinos	3/4WB - Mrs White & Ms Bissett
Maverick Wilson	1/2M - Mrs Mitchell	Lana Mcfarlane	5/6S - Mr Symonds
Hudson Brocks	1/2EM - Miss Evans & Ms McElgunn	Harry Mitchell	5/6G - Miss Grey
	3/4H - Miss Hoy	Jackson Chivers	Principal's Award



**South West Healthcare
School Readiness Team
Presents**

STEP UP TO SCHOOL

For children starting school in 2027
Learn from early childhood experts
about how to support your child's
transition to school
**30th July 6.30pm
Via MS Teams**

Scan QR Code to Register

South West Healthcare

**Warrnambool West Primary School
2027 School Enrolments are still open**

**ENROLMENTS
AND TOURS
ARE STILL
OPEN!**

Scan the QR code for a tour that suits you best.

Starting school is a big moment! We understand choosing the right school is an important decision. Select a tour to step into the spaces where you feel the energy, ask questions and connect with a community who will support you in making the right decision with genuine care and expertise.

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Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4 3rd - 7th August	3 Foundation 100 days of School	4	5 Pupil Free Day	6 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	7 2.45pm Assembly
Week 5 10th– 14th August	10 Science Week	11	12	13 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	14 2.45pm Assembly
Week 6 17th– 21st August	17 3/4 Camp Halls Gap	18 3/4 Camp Halls Gap	19 3/4 Camp Halls Gap	20 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	21 Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 7 24th– 28th August	24 Book Week Dress Up Day	25	26	27 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	28 2.45pm Assembly
Week 8 31st– 4th September	31	1	2	3	4 2.45pm Assembly Fathers Day Stall & Fathers Day Breakfast

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2026

Hot Food

Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.70
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.70
Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Plain Pie	\$6.00
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.60
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.80
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
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Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties

Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Extra salads 50c each (Tomato, beetroot, carrot, cucumber, onion, avocado, cheese, lettuce)	

Snacks

Finger Bun	\$3.50
Mini Slice (hedgehog, jelly, caramel, lemon)	\$2.50
Gluten Free Slice (lemon, hedgehog, caramel, strawberry cheesecake)	\$3.50

GF sandwiches & wraps available for the same price as roll. Please note this on your order.

Please write child's full name, room number and order on paper bag. **Do not write orders on envelopes.**

Correct money must be included. **No change will be given.**

If you are placing your order at school, orders are due at 9am

If you are placing your order directly through Morriss Road Takeaway, orders must be placed by 9:15am

Late orders will not be accepted



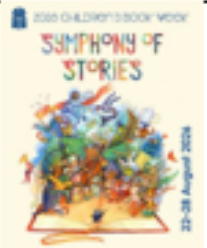
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Warrnambool West Primary School and West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House have a fabulous term of activities planned!

Join us for lots of fun with friends! Tactile activities, art and craft, story time, sing-a-longs, play areas, special themes, dress ups and much more!

Term 3

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
23 rd July	 National Tree Day PLANET ARK	20 th Aug	 national science week
30 th July	 Winter	27 th Aug Book Week Dress Up	 2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SYMPHONY OF STORIES 23-28 August 2026
6 th Aug	 Wild Animals	3 rd Sept Celebrating all significant people in our lives	 HAPPY Father's DAY
13 th Aug	 Wild Animals	10 th Sept	Flagstaff Hill Excursion! 
		17 th Sept Bring a small plate of food to share and wear your footy colours	End of Term 'Footy Party' 

When: Thursday mornings 9.30-11am

Cost: \$0

Where: WWPS Multi Purpose Room

Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea

Bring: Water bottles

We can't wait to see you! Renae and Jill 😊



SUPER DAD

Father's / Special Person Day

HAVE BREAKFAST WITH YOUR SPECIAL PERSON

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.

SAVE THE DATE!

7.30AM

\$7 Egg and Bacon Rolls
Kindly prepared by our wonderful partners, The Lions Club
Cups of tea available.

Pre-order before the day.
Order forms will be sent home as soon as possible.



WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.



Our Before and After school program is proudly managed by Warrnambool West PS School Council.
Our program educator Nicole Mcorkindale will provide the expert care your child deserves.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Games and Play
- Arts & Crafts
- Reading & Story Times

Before School Hours
Tuesday and Thursdays
7.30am - 9am

After School Hours
Monday-Fridays
3.30pm - 6pm

Scan the QR code to register online for enrolment on the Kidsoft portal.



FOR MORE INFORMATION • 5561 3161




Bridging our Community Hub

Connecting cultures, removing barriers, building belonging.



WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL | **South West Healthcare**

Partnering for Stronger Communities

Warrnambool West Primary School and South West Healthcare invite you to join our Community Hub. Supporting families to connect and access services in Warrnambool.

Date: Every fortnight in the school term.
Commencing Wednesday 17th June 2026
When: 10am - 11am
Where: Warrnambool West Primary School
Morning Tea provided

Register your interest by scanning the QR code.



or call 55613161

HELPING HAND AT ALBERT PARK

CREATE HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE - LEARN NEW SKILLS - FREE BBQ - TRY CROQUET

- PLANT TREES
- MAKE NEST BOXES
- CREATE SEED BALLS
- RECORD SPECIES
- BUILD BEE HOTELS



Coffee van on site!
FREE for first 30 people
Bring your Keep Cup!

Saturday 8 August | 10am-1:30pm

Meet at Warrnambool Croquet Club, Cramer St

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY OR COME ALONG AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!



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