

# 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.*

## Oral Reading Fluency in 4/5C

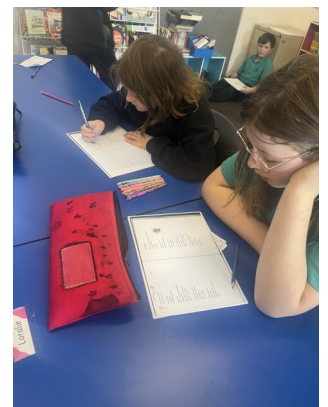
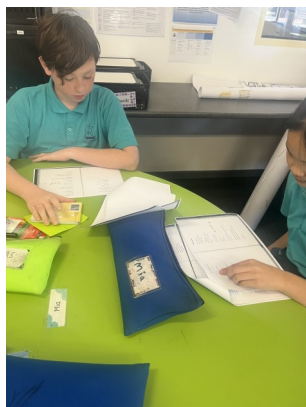
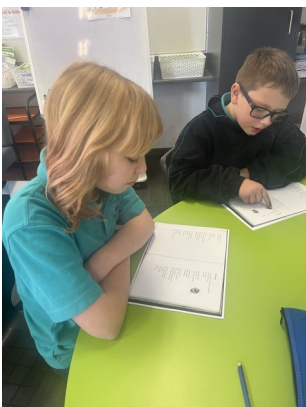
Over the last few weeks students in 4/5C have been introduced to oral reading fluency and how it can be used to improve their reading comprehension.

In order for reading fluency to be strong, students must have

- Highly accurate word level reading
- Prosody (appropriate phrasing and expression)
- Appropriate speed

Reading aloud with books that have already been read to them, allows for students to self correct their reading.

In their fluency reading pairs, students are reading our class novel, Bindi (written from the perspective of an 11 year old indigenous girl).



Ruby S

6 weeks ago, I was reading 143 WRPM (all correct).  
Now I am reading 168 WRPM with 100% correct.  
Reading aloud has helped my fluency.

Loralie

Before I was stuttering when I read and now because I  
have been practicing reading aloud, I can read 117  
words per minute and read these words clearly.

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## *From the Principal*

### *Mrs Clare Monk*

Dear Families,

Welcome to week four at West! It has been fabulous to enjoy the sunny days and watching our students at play. As always, the last fortnight has been extremely busy with many events occurring across the school involving students participating in community events, camp, National Tree day and celebrating the once in a life-time milestone of our Foundation students of 100 days of schooling.

What a fantastic day we had celebrating 100 Days of Foundation/One class school on Friday. There was some extremely cute 'oldies' dressed up and I would like to thank our families for the efforts you all went to. Mrs Roberts, Mrs Blake, and Sarah looked fantastic too. The children celebrated this significant milestone, with cake and bubbles. The children have come a long way in their journey into full time formal schooling and have made huge growth in their learning and maturity. Our year 5/6 buddies joined in the celebrations, performing a rap song specially written for their little buddies. I would like to thank staff for their organisation of the day. It is so nice to be able to celebrate such a milestone.

#### **Camp Wilkin**

What an amazing experience for our year 5/6 students who recently returned from an incredible three days at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. Students were encouraged to challenge themselves with exciting activities like Leap-of-Faith, Rock Climbing, Flying Fox, Low Ropes, Bike Riding, and Initiatives /Team Building. Each activity group formed strong bonds over the course of the camp, building team moral and group work skills.

The leap-of-faith was especially a challenge for students. If it looked high from the ground, it seemed even higher once you were up the top! Climbing to the top of a 15-metre pole and jumping off may not be everyone's idea of fun, but for the students willing to challenge themselves and have a go, it was the thrill of a lifetime.

Night-time activities saw the fun continue. Students had the chance to explore the campgrounds at night, looking at the stars and hoping to spot some night-time wildlife. The night campfire was very popular with the opportunity to roast some marshmallows and spend time chatting with

friends.

Thank you to all families for supporting our camping program. Also, on behalf of all our students, parents, staff and especially myself, I would like to thank: Karen Holdsworth, Mary-Rose McElgunn, Tanya Tampion and Mark Robinson who also were incredibly generous in giving up their personal time to attend camp; without their support, the camp would not have been the success that it was.

#### **Book Week Dress-up Day**

*Advanced notice....*Book week is a fantastic opportunity for your child to celebrate their favourite characters from their favourite books by dressing up. Book Week is coming up soon! A dress up day is planned for Wednesday 23rd of August at 9:15 am (families invited). This year we ask your children to embrace the theme "Read, Grow, Inspire". This exciting invitation opens a world full of possibilities when it comes to book week theme ideas. This is an opportunity for children to step into their own story and to foster a love of books. Students will participate in a variety of Book week activities throughout the week, with local kinder children joining us across the week. Further details will be uploaded onto Seesaw.

#### **Father's & Special Friend's Day - Save the Date!**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will once again host a Fathers and Special Friends Breakfast with the support of the Warrnambool Lions Club. A special cooked breakfast for students and their 'loved' ones is on offer from 7:30 -9 am. The menu is still to be finalised and will include Pancakes with maple and berries, egg and bacon rolls. Order forms will be made available soon. The Father's Day stall will also run on this day with students able to purchase a gift for \$7.00.

#### **Bunnings BBQ Fundraising Event**

We are very excited to announce that we have been offered the opportunity to hold a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on **Saturday 26th August**. This is a highly sought-after event and will be an amazing opportunity for our school to raise funds to contribute to future grounds/building projects. We are requesting community help on the day to cook sausages and serve customers. If you or a family member are able to assist in one of the following 2-hour blocks, it would be appreciated: 9.00-11.00am / 11.00am-1.00pm / 1.00-3.00pm / 3.00-5pm. We are hoping to have 3-4 people for each shift. Please be aware you will be committed to stay for the whole 2 hours and that children are not able to attend with you.

If you are able to volunteer, please use the form attached to mark down all the times that you are available to help

and return this form to your child's teacher. We will send out confirmation of times next week.

I am very grateful for the fundraising members of Council as they are proactive and willing to do so much heavy lifting. This event requires a significant time commitment, and we would love to have as many families involved as possible.

*"Many Hands Make Light Work"*

### Safe Play

Just a reminder that we have a no 'hands on' rule at school – like most other schools do! Can you please remind your children to play safely as everyone has the right to feel safe at school and we do not want injuries or torn/stretched clothes. Any student who deliberately hurts another student will be out of the yard for 24 hours. All students are aware of this rule and staff will be extra vigilant around tackling on the football oval. We will be working with the students to address this and appreciate your support by having a conversation about this with your children at home. The impact is always greater when we are working together.

### Parent/ Carers/ Guardian Survey

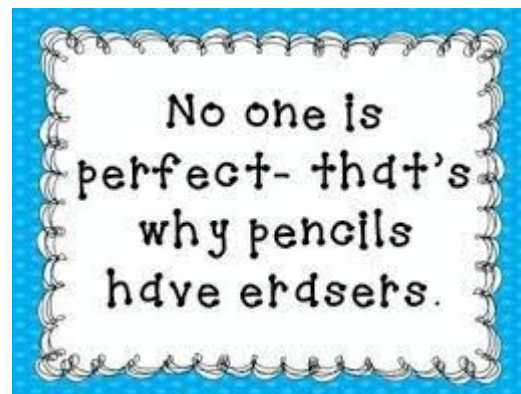
Our school is once again conducting The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. This is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We have opened the survey to all families so we can gather a wider perspective from all our families. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey

results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Families will receive a Compass notification and PIN inviting participation in the survey. <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> The Survey will be open from Monday 14th August to Friday 8 September 2023.

### Science Week

To celebrate Science week, we will be hosting a Pop-Up Science Fair on Wednesday the 16th of August. The event will begin at 9:15 am, with the student talent show sure to be a highlight of the morning. Artwork linking to the theme 'Powering future industries' will also be on display. A flyer has been posted on Seesaw outlining details of this event.

Thought of week...



Enjoy the Sunshine while it lasts!

Regards,  
Clare Monk

## FROM THE OFFICE...

### Parent Payments

A reminder to all families that if you have outstanding 2023 contributions, we would appreciate it if payment can be finalised as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you have outstanding contributions, please contact our office staff.







*From the  
Assistant Principal*

### **Planning Mathematical Learning Experiences by Looking at Mathematics in a New Way.**

Professional development experiences are key essential components for teachers where we now teach in a society that is constantly changing and progressing. Schools are at the cold front of society's expectations where new generations of learners will enter their working lives with skills and jobs/careers that haven't even been designed yet.

This is the ongoing nature of education where teachers are faced with the expectation of having agility to meet these evolving learning needs. We would not do what we do if we did not want to see the success of our students.

Seeing mathematics in a new way has been a core component in my own professional development and I get quite excited at the nature of change and how our learners at WWPS will be in the best hands when learning mathematics.

Meagan Roberts, Sally Woolman and myself became curious learners, mathematicians and opened our minds to the well known researchers, teachers and leaders in maths in Ballarat last week. Among many teachers from around the state, we were honoured to meet and converse with new colleagues and in awe with the knowledge and expertise in one room!

Teaching mathematics with an open mind is the connector piece to enabling capable and numerate students. These are the key takeaways of the days:

- Students need to offer more than one way to get to the answer to show a deeper thinking.
- Estimating always, gives a picture of students' number sense.
- Groupitising - we all see the numbers differently but get the same answer.
- Maths in art.
- Playful maths - play with it.
- Brain growth and change (neuroplasticity) and importance of the struggle. Embrace the struggle.
- Students need to be at the 'edge' of their understanding.
- Build, draw, make connections – all needed and important.
- Physical, visual representations stay in long term memory. Students need to actually feel it, play with it and remember. No matter what age!!
- Big picture thinking and precision thinking should have a balance.
- ISH – numbers. Give students the opportunity and confidence to talk and be a part of a conversation, teaching moment. Ish numbers takes away the need to be right, and gives confidence to students to reason their 'ISH'
- Before you calculate or work with precision, give me what you think.
- Visual maths opens perspectives.

With these points in mind, our students are always at the centre of everything we do. Our students are fortunate to have the experts in front of them every single day and to have the opportunities to see mathematics as connections, as real life experiences and developing their key concepts in creative, concrete and relevant ways!

*Ms. Karen Holdsworth*



Our Big Life Focus over the past few weeks is all about **inclusion**  
and learning how we can **understand others**  
across the school and wider community.

**Here are some of the ways we are practicing inclusion in HoL.**

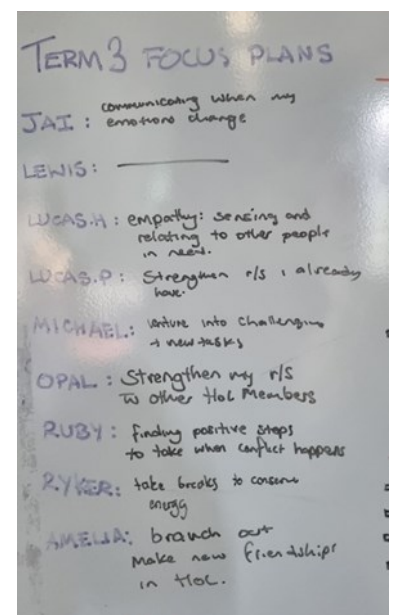


### *Inclusion is accepting everyone's differences.*

As part of the Hands-on Learning program all students have an individualised focus plan. Team members work with their teachers to identify the right type of goal. These goals are proudly displayed in the HoL shed. Inclusion is accepting that all our members might be working on a separate personalised goal. At the end of each HoL day we vote in an MVP (most valuable person) who took steps to work on their focus plan throughout the day. Students recognise others' goals and differences as part of this process. Last week our MVP was Opal for working on her goal, strengthening her relationships with those around her and in the program.

### *Understanding what inclusion looks like.*

I can listen to others' thoughts and opinions and when they are not the same as mine, that is okay. There are lots of decisions being made in HoL; everything from how to construct a build to what to have for lunch! All voices matter, we respectfully listen to others and accept that it is okay if my opinions are not selected for the solution, that it is okay.



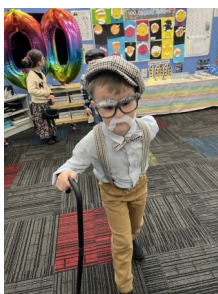












## The One Hundredth Day

Chant by Teaching Mama

Hip, hip, hooray!  
It's the one hundredth day!  
Of learning and growing at school each day.

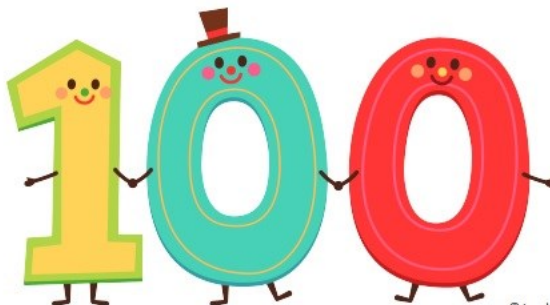
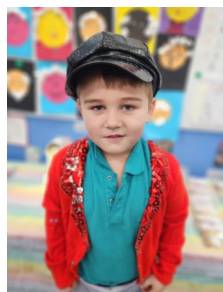
We have so much fun and learn a lot, too!  
We're hardworking students and that's what we do.

One hundred's a number that's means quite a lot.  
Can you count it, too?  
Let's see what you've got!

We'll count it by ten,  
Let's see what you know.  
Get ready, get set... 1-2-3 GO!

10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70  
80, 90, 100...we did it! That's plenty!

Oh happy, oh happy, one hundredth day!  
Let's make it a great one –  
Hip, hip, HOORAY!



## Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 14th - 18th August	14th Science Week begins	15th Toddle on Hoddle	16th	17th HOL to St Pius Junior Hooptime	18th Assembly
Week 7 21st - 25th August	21st Book Week begins	22nd Toddle on Hoddle	23rd Book Week Dress Up Day!	24th Meals On Wheels	25th Assembly
Week 8 28th - 1st September	28th Literacy/Numeracy Week begins	29th	30th	31st 'GALS'	1st Senior Hooptime Father's Day Stall
Week 9 4th - 8th September	4th Senior Swimming	5th Senior Swimming	6th	7th Senior Swimming Meals on Wheels	8th Senior Swimming
Week 10 11th - 15th September	11th Senior Swimming	12th Senior Swimming	13th Senior Swimming	14th Senior Swimming School Concert 6:30pm at Brauer	15th Student Free Day





## Students of the Week - Week 3



Name	Class	Reason
Scarlett Downes	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For being a kind and considerate class member. Scarlett is inclusive of all students through the school. We are super proud of her achievements in class this week. Keep trying hard Scarlett!
Mackenzie Lamaro	3/4 - Miss Evans	For settling into her new school well, making new friends, being a great learner and demonstrating expected behaviours. Well done Mackenzie!
Ella Hand	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For her inclusive manner in the art room. Ella happily helps and works with all peers each and every lesson. She has a caring nature and is a joy to teach. Well done Ella!



## Students of the Week - Week 4



Name	Class	Reason
Sophia Yu	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For her wonderful positive attitude to learning. She is noticing her Magic Words when reading and really tries to say the sounds to read words in Sounds Write. She joins all of our activities with a happy smile.
Jetta Monagle	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	He is achieving his learning goals and working on feedback given. Jetta's maths brain is quick to connect strategies to tasks and it is lovely to hear his reasoning. Keep up the fantastic work Jetta!
Harry Mitchell	2/3 - Miss Grey	For showing our school value of being inclusive. Harry is always respectful and includes everyone. He is always one of the first students to help anyone out and will always check in on everyone to make sure they are feeling good. Well done, Harry!
Rylie Meloury	3/4 - Miss Evans	For being a fantastic helper and great learner this week. Well done, Rylie!
Michael Lawn	4/5 - Mrs Woolman	For modelling being a learner by having a go at his maths and seeking feedback. Well done Michael!
Winne Chivers	5/6 - Ms McElgunn	Winne has shown great resilience and perseverance in her learning. She attempts all tasks and is a great role model for demonstrating the positive traits of a learner. It is great to see Winne coming to school everyday with a smile on her face.
Sienna Cowland and Mia He	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For their fabulous dedication towards the portraits of our Principals. The results were stunning! Thank you a million girls!



# Lunch Orders

## Warrnambool West Primary School

### LUNCH ORDER LIST

Meat Pie	\$3.40	Salad Roll	\$6.00
Pastie	\$3.40	Ham and Salad Roll	\$6.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.70	Chicken and Salad Roll	\$6.50
Small Sausage Roll	\$1.80	Hedgehog	\$3.00
Nibble Pie	\$1.80	Iced Donut (Pink or Choc)	\$2.30
Salad Sandwich	\$5.90	Cinnamon Donut	\$2.10

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**\*LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AT SCHOOL BY 9AM ON WEDNESDAYS**

\*Lunch orders are ONLY available on **Wednesday**

\*Lunch orders must be written on a clean paper bag that is big enough to fit the student's order in it

\*The correct money must be included. No change will be given.

\*Please do not send lunch orders in an envelope.

# WANTED

The Foundation/Year One class are looking for donations of small offcuts of wood for their woodwork table in Play-Based Learning. If you have any, or know of someone who does, we would be so grateful for your help.

We are also looking for donations of items for the children to pull apart with screwdrivers on their 'tinkering table.' For example, unwanted toys, typewriters, keyboards, phones etc.



West Warrnambool  
Neighbourhood House  
Invites you to

# TODDLE ON HODDLE

Playgroup for toddlers aged 0-5yrs  
Tuesdays 9.30-11am  
Morning tea provided  
Enquiries: 0418 944 276

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# MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP

ALL WELCOME

Warrnambool Library  
Monday Mornings  
10.30am to 11.30am  
Starts Monday 11 July!

FREE

## Merrivale & West Warrnambool Sustainable Scarecrow Trail

Join us at Lane Pavilion on Thursday August 10, 1.00–2.30pm  
Marine Litter presentation by Colleen Hughson (Beach Patrol 3280)  
Sustainable Scarecrow overview by Brenda O'Connor  
\* Light refreshments provided \*



Following the presentation community members are invited to meet weekly at  
Lane Pavilion to craft and construct their own sustainable scarecrows!  
Contact West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House for more information 0418 944 276



**Safe Seats  
Safe Kids**

## IS YOUR CHILD TRAVELLING SAFELY?

**FREE CHILD CAR RESTRAINT FITTINGS  
& SAFETY CHECKS**

► St Pius X Primary School, 32 Hoddle St, enter via, Ross Street,  
W. Warrnambool on Tue 29 August 2023 between 10am - 2pm  
To book go to: [www.safeseatssafekids.com.au](http://www.safeseatssafekids.com.au)



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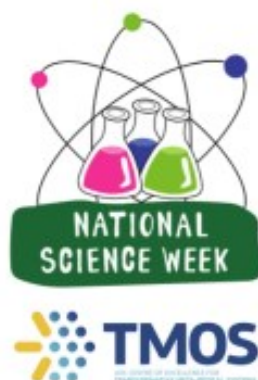
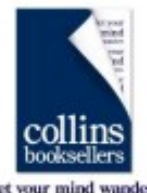
# AUGUST 2023

**OPENING HOURS - MONDAY & TUESDAY 9AM-5PM, WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-6PM, SATURDAY 10AM-2PM.**



## **BOOK LAUNCH - 'NATURE NINJA SAVES THE NATURAL WORLD' TANIA MOLONEY** **Saturday 5th August 10.30am - Bookings required.**

Warrnambool Library and Collins Booksellers Warrnambool are thrilled to present a special storytime with local author and Nurture in Nature founder Tania Moloney, to celebrate the release of her debut picture book, 'Nature Ninja Saves the Natural World'. The event will include a book reading, a mask making workshop, Q&A and book signings with book purchases available in the library on the day, or at Collins Booksellers Warrnambool before or after the event.



## **SCIENCE WEEK - TMOS SCIENCE ROADSHOW 'THE STORY OF LIGHT'** **Thursday 17th August 4pm and 5pm**

As part of National Science Week, the Warrnambool Library is thrilled to welcome TMOS (Transformative Meta-Optical Systems) who will present their interactive all-ages workshop 'The Story of Light'.

The Story of Light – from antiquity to the future of meta-optics. Learn about the sun, fire, lenses, electromagnetism, refraction, diffraction, interference, photons, lasers and the exciting world of meta-optics. Hands-on demonstrations include being able to replicate some of the historical experiments which led to some of the biggest discoveries in light and learning how to physically show these exciting concepts at home! This is sure to be an en-light-ening experience for adults and kids who have a passion for science and discovery!



## **PYJAMA DAY STORYTIME WITH MACKILLOP & BROPHY FAMILY SERVICES** **Thursday 24th August at 5pm**

Dress your little one in their PJ's, grab a special teddy and join us for Pyjama Day Storytime with MacKillop Family Services and Brophy Family and Youth Services. Following the Storytime, leave your teddy at the library for a teddy sleepover! The Pyjama Foundation supports children in foster care with learning, life skills and confidence. This event is presented in partnership with MacKillop Family Services & Brophy Family and Youth Services. More foster carers are needed in our region, come along and learn more about how you can be involved.



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August 1st - Sept 5th  
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- Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

**Bookings now open!**

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees Before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	\$20.81	\$2.08
After School Care (ASC)	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	\$28.47	\$2.85
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$65.70	\$6.57
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy. \*\*Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy. \*\*\*Standard fee costs including insurance/accident.

**Cancellation Fees**  
(No Child Care Subsidy is applied to Cancellation Fees)  
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**  
Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: **\$10.00**  
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

**Late Booking Fees**  
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)  
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**  
Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

**Late Pick-up Fees**  
(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)  
**\$1 per minute** after service close time.

Service Phone number: 0458 100 401  
Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

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## SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS

Contact us:  
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Phone: 0355613161

Dear parents,

The next School Council Fundraising Committee activity is a Bunnings sausage sizzle on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Please indicate any time you can help and return this slip to the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 9am – 11:00am
- ☐ 11:00am – 1:00pm
- ☐ 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- ☐ 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Kind Regards

*Clare E. Monk*

Principal  
Warrnambool West Primary School