

The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School

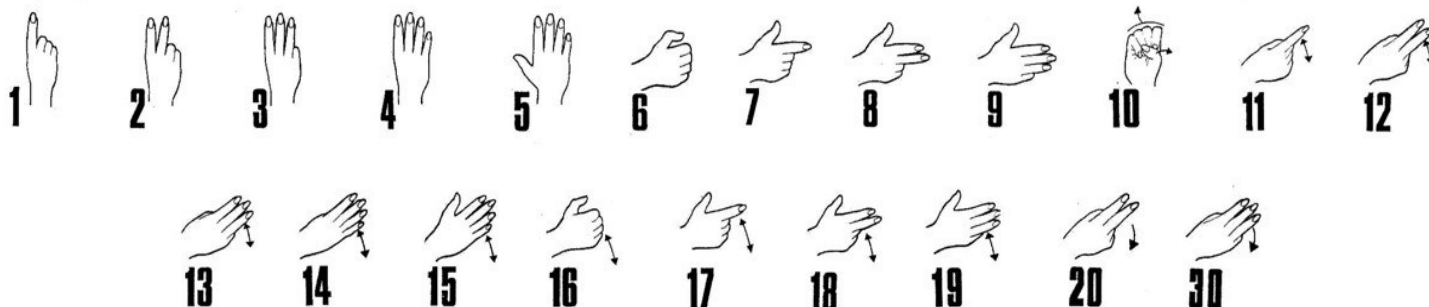
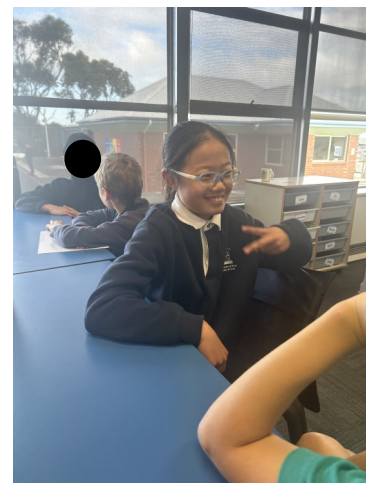
'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



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.

Counting in AUSLAN

This fortnight, students have been learning to recognise, read, write, and count the numbers 1–30 in AUSLAN. Through games, songs, hands-on activities, and number challenges, they have been building confidence in identifying numbers, ordering them correctly, and understanding their value. We have also been practising counting forwards and backwards and finding numbers before and after a given number.



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From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I have found myself reflecting on the many moments that shape both our school and my own leadership journey. New beginnings, challenging moments, celebrations and achievements all contribute to who I am as a leader. They remind me of the importance of looking after myself so that I can best support, guide and serve our school community.

One of my personal goals this year has been to remain solution focused. Rather than dwelling on challenges, I have worked to focus on what we can do together to move forward positively. This mindset has been strengthened by the incredible people around me.

I would like to sincerely thank our staff, students and families for their ongoing support, partnership and commitment. The sense of unity across Warrnambool West Primary School makes me incredibly proud. Together, we continue to create a community where everyone belongs and can thrive.

Keeping Our School Healthy

As winter settles in, we kindly ask families to keep unwell children at home. If your child is experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever or generally feeling unwell, please allow them time to recover before returning to school. This helps minimise the spread of illness and keeps our students and staff healthy.

Staffing News for Term 3

At the end of this term, we farewell Sasha Suckling from the office team as she relocates to South Australia. Over the past four years, Sasha has been an integral part of Warrnambool West Primary School and has contributed enormously to our community. While she will be greatly missed, we wish her every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter.

I am pleased to announce that Petra Lammers will be stepping into Sasha's role. Petra's knowledge of our school and dedication to supporting our community will ensure a smooth transition.

We are also delighted to welcome Kate Jollie to our Education Support team. Kate will be working in 1/2EM and brings warmth, enthusiasm and a nurturing approach to supporting children. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students. Declan Murphy will be supporting 5/6S for the remainder of the year, his knowledge of classroom

routines, student needs and the relationships he has built across the school will continue within the senior classroom. He heads off to Japan for a short holiday next week and will return with amazing stories of the culture he adores.

With further news, we briefly farewell Daniel Symonds for Term 3 as he embarks on an overseas adventure with his partner for twelve weeks. We wish Daniel a wonderful term of travel, exploration and new experiences.

Stepping into Daniel's role for Term 3 is Danielle Cuthbertson, who has recently relocated to Warrnambool. Danielle brings a wealth of educational experience and expertise, and we are excited to welcome her to the Warrnambool West team for Term 3 in Daniel's absence.

Winter Sports Success

Congratulations to our soccer and mixed netball teams for their outstanding efforts at last week's Winter Sports competition.

Our soccer team demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day, losing only one game and representing our school with pride.

Our mixed netball team achieved a fantastic result, winning all of their games and progressing to the next stage of competition. We wish them the very best of luck as they compete tomorrow. Go WWPS!

Reconciliation Week

Throughout Reconciliation Week, students engaged in important learning and conversations centred around this year's theme, *Bridging Now to Next*. The week provided opportunities to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, deepen understanding and acknowledge the importance of reconciliation for all Australians.

One highlight was our Warrnambool West Choir's participation in a beautiful collaborative video choir performance of *Beds Are Burning*. Thank you to Mrs Moir for her work in bringing this project together. Families are encouraged to visit our Facebook page to view the inspiring video.

Student Reports

Families may notice that some student reports look slightly different this semester due to industrial action undertaken by members of the Australian Education Union (AEU) regarding report comments.

Importantly, student assessment, teacher judgement and achievement reporting remain unchanged. The quality, accuracy and professionalism behind each report continues to reflect the expertise and dedication of our teaching staff.

You may also have noticed the absence of Seesaw cyclical reporting this term. This aligns with upcoming reporting changes being introduced by the Department of Education.

Reports will be sent home on the final day of term. Thank you

to our staff for their commitment and professionalism in preparing these reports.

Enriching Learning Beyond the Classroom

Our Geography excursions and incursions will provide valuable opportunities for students to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences.

Highlights this term include:

- The Year 5/6 Coastal Walk with local expert Dr John Sherwood.
- The Year 3/4 Multicultural Festival.
- The Foundation Nature Bus excursion.

These experiences enrich our curriculum and help bring learning to life for our students.

Recording Student Absences

Please remember to correctly enter your child's absences through Compass whenever possible.

If you are experiencing difficulties accessing Compass, please contact the office and our staff will be happy to assist.

Accurate attendance coding is a Department requirement, and unexplained absences impact both school and system data. Your support in ensuring absences are correctly recorded is greatly appreciated.

Last Day of Term – Winter Woollies Day!

To celebrate the end of Term 2, we invite all students to participate in our Winter Woolly Day on the final day of term.

Bring out your snow gear, scarves, gloves, beanies and even your warmest woolly socks as we embrace the winter season together. We look forward to seeing everyone rugged up and ready for a fun-filled day!

Take care everyone. Take a moment to share a moment with someone special, whether it is a kind text, an extra effort to talk with someone you care about or a passing smile or greeting. Everyone deserves and needs a kind word from someone.

Have a great rest of your week!

Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

5/6 Camp

Years 5/6 Melbourne Camp will be held on Monday 27th July to Wednesday 29th July. The total cost of this camp per student is \$447. Consent, medical and payment forms have been sent home with students. Please complete these forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible. This ensures we can run a fun and well organised camp for all students.

3/4 Camp

Years 3/4 Halls Gap Camp will be held on Monday 17th August to Wednesday 19th August. The estimated cost of this camp per student is \$340. Expression of interest forms have been sent home with students. These are due back Friday 26th June 2026 with a deposit of \$50. If this form has not been returned by this date, your child will not be able to attend camp.

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.

CSEF Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities. If you have a valid, means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$400 for eligible school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, forms are available from the front office.

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 payment arrangements.

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

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a professional learning day focused on supporting students who are learning English as an Additional Language (EAL). The day provided valuable insights into evidence-based strategies that help EAL students access the curriculum, build their language skills and experience success in the classroom. It was a wonderful reminder of the strengths that multilingual learners bring to our school, and I look forward to working with staff to continue strengthening our practices so that every student can thrive.

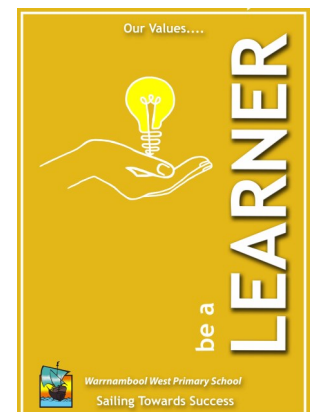
At Warrnambool West Primary School we are proud of the rich diversity within our school community. Our students, families and staff come from a wide range of cultural, linguistic, religious and personal backgrounds, and this diversity strengthens our school every day. We are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, respected, valued and included.

Celebrating diversity is an important part of who we are as a school. We want every student to feel a strong sense of belonging and to know that their identity, culture and experiences are valued. Through our teaching and learning programs, we actively promote respect, empathy, inclusion and understanding, helping students develop the skills they need to thrive in an increasingly diverse world.

As educators, we know that fostering these values is a partnership between school and home. We encourage families to have conversations with their children about treating others with kindness and respect, appreciating different perspectives, and recognising the strengths that diversity brings to our community. These discussions help build positive relationships and contribute to a welcoming environment for all.

Our school has policies, procedures and learning opportunities in place that support inclusion and ensure that all students feel respected and supported. Racism in any form is unacceptable and is not tolerated. As a school we take appropriate action to reinforce our commitment to creating a school environment where everyone belongs. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in helping us create a school community where every student feels valued, respected and empowered to learn.

Ms. Jodie Abbott



a big life in 3/4WB

make your mark



This term, students in 3/4WB have been focusing on being ‘Calm and Clear’. They have explored ways to care for their emotional ‘zones’ and developed strategies to help regulate their feelings and return to calm state when needed.

Students have investigated what happens in their bodies when they feel stressed, worried or anxious, learning to recognise the physical signs that indicate that they may need a calming strategy. They have also discussed the difference between ‘scary safe’ and ‘scary dangerous’ situations.

“Scary dangerous is a big shark coming towards you ready to bite” – Lizzy

“Something that is scary safe is a rollercoaster” – Natalie

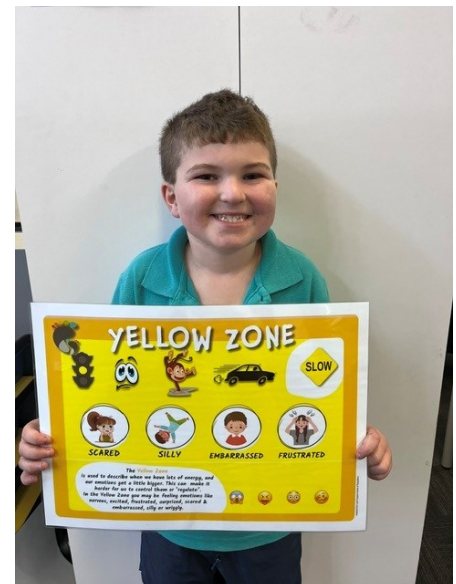
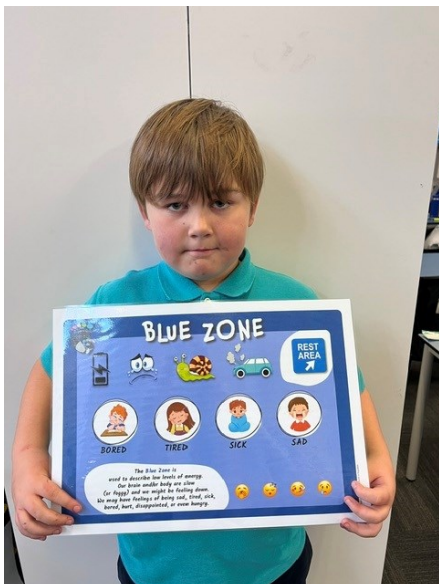
“Scary dangerous is a snake trying to bite you” – Sophie

“Scary safe is when it is dark outside” – Mason



THE ZONES OF REGULATION

<p>Blue Zone (Low Energy & Mood) - Sad, Tired, Sick, Bored</p>	<p>Green Zone (Ready to Learn & Calm) - Happy, Focused, Calm, Proud</p>
<p>Yellow Zone (Elevated & Caution) - Frustrated, Worried, Silly/Wiggly, Excited</p>	<p>Red Zone (High Energy & Intense) - Angry, Terrified, Elated/Out of Control</p>





BIG LIFE

Term 2 Weeks 7 & 8

This fortnight we are exploring the science of breathing. When we feel anxious, stressed, or overwhelmed, our brain's amygdala (the part responsible for detecting danger) gets activated. This can lead to a fight, flight, or freeze response, even when we're not in real danger. Breathing deeply and slowly tells our brain we are safe. It helps shift control back to the prefrontal cortex – our "thinking brain" – so we can respond calmly and not react out of fear or stress.

Why breathing works:

- Deep breathing increases oxygen flow, helping our body relax
- It slows our heartrate and lowers stress hormones like cortisol
- It gives kids (and adults) a simple, accessible way to pause and reset.

To support this learning at home:

- Model calm breathing yourself during tricky moments
- Practice short breathing techniques daily, when calm (find some fun beathing activities on YouTube such as triangle breathing)
- Create a 'calm corner' at home with books, sensory tools, blankets, etc



Big Life with Mel



On Wednesday of week 7 the Foundation small groups learned about **Healthy Friendships**. Students discussed what it looks/sounds/feels like when friendships are working well, and what can happen when they are in an unhealthy zone. The Grade ½ small groups learned about **body clues** using a game that compares animal body clues with human ones. In the afternoon, 1/2EM learned about parts of our body that are **private** and how we can notice our **early warning signs** when a situaton feels unsafe.



Students of the Week - Week 7



Student	Class	Student	Class
Texas	F - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Bella Lin	5/6S - Mr Symonds
Tim Xu	1/2M - Mrs Mitchell	Ratul Renjith	5/6G - Miss Grey
Blayd Bowler	1/2EM - Miss Evans & Ms McElgunn	Ratul Renjith, Heather Gemaro	Specialist - Mr Fitzgibbon
Sophia W Yu	3/4H - Miss Hoy	Cheyda Kelly, Jason Lin	Specialist - Ms Kavanagh
Molly McColl	3/4WB - Mrs White & Ms Bissett	Zephaniah Howell	Principal's Award



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 9 15th - 19th June	15	16	17	18 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	19 11:30am 5/6 Geography Walk 2:45pm Assembly
Week 10 22nd - 26th June	22	23	24 Foundation Excursion	25 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	26 Last Day Term 2. 2:30pm finish
27th June - 12th July	School Holidays				
Week 1 13th - 17th July	13 First Day Term 3	14 GALS Workshop	15	16	17 2:45pm Assembly
Week 2 20th - 24th July	20	21	22	23 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	24 2:45pm Assembly

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2026

Hot Food		Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties		Snacks	
Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.70	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90	Finger Bun	\$3.50
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.70	Roll	\$6.80	Mini Slice (hedgehog, jelly, caramel, lemon)	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.90	Gluten Free Slice (lemon, hedgehog, caramel, strawberry cheesecake)	\$3.50
Plain Pie	\$6.00	Roll	\$6.80		
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.60	Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.90		
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.80	Roll	\$6.80		
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00	Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90		
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50	Roll	\$6.80		
		Extra salads 50c each (Tomato, beetroot, carrot, cucumber, onion, avocado, cheese, lettuce)			

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



Warrnambool West Primary School

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 2

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
4 th June		18 th June	
11 th June		25 th June	 End of Term 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 😊

World Knit in Public Day @ WWNH

Saturday June 13, 2.00 - 3.30pm

Live music by **Gabby Steel**
Merran Moir and the Westside Singers

Barista coffee + afternoon tea provided
Lucky door prizes
Free for everyone!
Enquiries – Jill 0418 944 276

EMBRACE THE DARK
& CELEBRATE THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

SOLSTICE

Search Party

JUNE 20, 2026
LAKE PERTOBE, WARRNAMBOOL

Entertainment including
FireLily Dance - Rudders - MixTape Trio - JAGR - DJ Good Intentions

Plus Exciting Activations
Volter International Neons - The Lanternist - Nurture by Nature
Projections by One Day Studios - Guru Dudu Silent Disco Tours
Food Vans - Mobile Sensory Room - Roving Glitter Artists

WINTER WOOLLY DAY

COME DRESSED UP IN YOUR WINTER WARMERS!

Rug up, it's Winter time!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 26th June

Dress up in your Beanies, snow gear, scarves, woolly socks!

hello winter

PLAYWELL EVENTS PRESENTS

WARRNAMBOOL BRICK SHOW

SAT. 27TH & SUN. 28TH JUNE 2026

GENERAL ADMISSION \$10 • UNDER 3 FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW ONLINE
LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE.COM.AU



SHOW TIMES

SAT. 27TH JUNE
10:00am to 4:00pm

SUN. 28TH JUNE
10:00am to 2:00pm

Wide variety of custom LEGO models on display

- LEGO Play Tables
- Lots of Interactive Activities
- Assorted LEGO items available for purchase

WHERE IS IT?

LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE
185 TIMOR STREET
WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280

Warrnambool West Primary School 2027 School Enrolments are still open

ENROLMENTS AND TOURS ARE STILL OPEN!

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.

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

35 HODDLE STREET, WARRNAMBOOL, 55 61 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 join our Community Hub. Supporting families to connect and access services in Warrnambool.

Register your interest by scanning the QR code.

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

or call 55613161