

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.

LEARNING IN THE MUSIC ROOM

HARP

At the start of this term a new group of senior school students commenced weekly harp lessons. They have been learning the notes, fingering and a new piece of music to perform at the end of year assembly. They are making great progress!



UKULELE

1/2H have been learning about ukuleles. They are learning parts of the instrument, naming the notes on open strings, and have been playing along with a catchy song - "My Dog Has Fleas".



COMPOSING RHYTHMS AND MELODIES

Year 2/3/4 students have been creating their own music, by writing 4 beat rhythms and using them to create a melody on open ukulele strings. Here's some photos from our classroom.



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From the Principal
Ms Karen Holdsworth

Our students have had another exciting and memorable week of learning beyond the classroom. The Year F, 1 and 2 excursion to Werribee Zoo was a wonderful success — full of curiosity, discovery, and laughter. The children were captivated by the animals and habitats, and it was lovely to see them connecting with real life experiences. Staff reported excellent behaviour, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout the day — a credit to our students and their families.

Following the zoo visit, the Year 2 Sleepover was another milestone moment! For all students, it was their first experience staying overnight at school, and they handled it with confidence, independence, and excitement. From shared meals to sleeping bags and a movie night with an early morning breakfast, the atmosphere was filled with smiles and a strong sense of achievement. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell and Miss Hoy for their time away from families and commitment to their students.

These experiences are important milestones in our students' development — building resilience, responsibility, and friendships. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who make these special events possible through their care and commitment.

We were also proud to see our student leaders Jax, Omar and Nate representing our school at the Warrnambool Remembrance Day service this week. They showed great respect and maturity as they laid a wreath on behalf of our school community, honouring those who have served and sacrificed.

At school, our Year 5 students took on a leadership role by planning and leading our own Remembrance Day service in the library. These experiences help our students grow as compassionate, responsible young citizens and building to be the leaders of tomorrow.

As we approach the end of term, teachers are busy preparing student reports and finalising assessments. A reminder that Thursday 20 November is our Report Writing and Assessment Day — students do not attend school on this day. TheirCare will be available for families who need supervision; please register directly through their service if you require a place.

Planning for 2026 staffing and class configurations is currently underway. These important decisions take time and care to ensure the best balance of learning, wellbeing and opportunity for every student. Announcements will be made on Statewide Transition Day in December.

Looking ahead, our Year 5/6 Surf Awareness Program will take place in Week 9 on Monday 1st December, providing valuable water safety skills and coastal awareness — an essential part of growing up in our coastal community. Please consent on Compass and further information will be distributed in the following weeks.

The following week, on Monday 8 December, our Year 5 Leadership Day will be held. Students will explore what it means to be a leader — learning the skills of leading self, leading others, and contributing positively to their peers and community. They'll also begin preparing and presenting speeches for 2026 leadership positions.

The School Council has now confirmed our end-of-year dates:

- Year 6 Graduation – Monday 15 December
- Christmas Concert and Final Assembly – Tuesday 16 December (all families warmly invited)
- Testing Days – Wednesday 17 or Thursday 18 December (students attend only at their allocated testing time, this time will be sent home in the following weeks)
- Final Day for Staff – Friday 19 December

As the festive season approaches, we are now collecting Christmas hamper donations to support our annual fundraising event and to spread a little extra cheer. Raffle tickets will also be distributed shortly,

with all funds raised going towards the school and students. Thank you in advance for your generosity and community spirit.

Webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep, secondary school or VCE.

The Department of Education has a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition from kinder to Prep, primary to secondary school, and Year 10 to VCE

- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health. Please refer to the New year of learning webpage. [A new year of learning | vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/learning)

Thank you for your continued support as we move toward the end of another busy and successful school year.

Kind regards,
Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

Parent Payment Policy 2026

School Council have approved the 2026 Parent Payment Policy. Curriculum Contributions will be \$290.00 per student. A copy of the Parent Payment Policy will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. If you have any queries regarding Curriculum Contributions please contact the office.

Student Book Packs

Student book packs, including classroom consumables, are now available to be purchased online through Champion Education.

Online ordering instructions have been published as a News Item in Compass. If you have any queries regarding student book packs please contact the office.

Christmas Hamper Donations

Our wonderful Christmas Hamper Raffle will be on again this year. We ask families to contribute small items for the hampers. Items such as small Christmas gifts, non-perishable food items, bon bons, lollies or Christmas crafts will all be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your donation to the front office. Raffle tickets and further information will be sent home during the coming weeks.

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.

Asthma and Allergy Action Plans

If your child/children have asthma or allergies, we require an Action Plan to be completed annually. Copies of these forms are available at the office, and should be completed by doctors. This is important information to keep up to date in the case of an emergency.



From the Assistant Principal

It's hard to believe that there are only five more weeks of learning left for 2025 for our students, we still have so much to look forward to. Teachers are currently preparing for the end of year reporting, carefully assessing student progress and reflecting on the wonderful growth that has taken place across all areas of learning. This important process helps ensure that every student's achievements are recognised and celebrated.

At this time of year, it's also a great opportunity for families to have conversations at home about the improvements their child has made throughout the year. Whether it's progress in reading, confidence in maths, or growth in personal and social skills. Taking time to talk about these achievements helps children reflect on their efforts and feel proud of how far they've come. These discussions can be powerful in building motivation and setting positive goals for the next year ahead.

As we approach the end of the year, we're looking forward to celebrating the many successes of our students, both big and small. Whether it's academic improvement, personal growth, or the kindness and teamwork shown throughout the year, there's so much to be proud of! We can't wait to share and celebrate these achievements together as a school community.

Ms. Jodie Abbott

Colour Me South West Warrnambool Show

Congratulations to our talented artists!

A huge well done to all the students who entered their landscape artwork into the Warrnambool Show this year! We're so proud of everyone who took part and represented our school with creativity and enthusiasm.

An extra congratulations to the 19 students who walked away with either a first, second or third place. What an amazing achievement!



Recently in the Art Room

In the Art room, students have been learning about the art element *space* and how it can be used to create depth and interest in their artwork.

They've explored positive and negative space through creative cutting and collage activities and how artists use *composition* to arrange elements effectively.

It's been wonderful to see students applying these concepts to make their own well balanced artworks.



Big Life

Term 4
Weeks 5 & 6

In weeks 5 & 6, students will be learning about **neuroplasticity** – our brain's ability to adapt and change throughout our lifespan. When one brain cell (or neuron) sends a message to another, it builds a tiny connection. The more we practice a skill, like reading, writing or riding a bike, the stronger and faster these connections become. It's a bit like walking the same path through long grass: at first it's tricky, but the more we walk it, the clearer and easier it gets.

Coming up in weeks 7 & 8 we will explore **growth and fixed mindset**.

You can support this conversation & learning at home by:



Exploring simple facts and functions about our "amazing" brain.

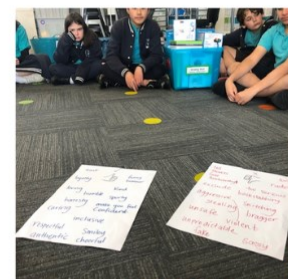
Acknowledging setbacks and reminding your child that mistakes help the brain grow.

Celebrating progress and reflecting on how practice has made tricky things easier.

Adding "yet" to "I can't do this", to build confidence and a growth mindset.

Big Life with Mel

On Tuesday of week 5, Mel worked with the F/1 students thinking about ways we can all be both **strong** and **gentle**. Mel also worked with the 1/2s exploring permission and **consent**, and how we can respectfully ask for, accept or refuse consent. The grade 4/5s also learnt about **consent** – what it is, how to ask for it, and how it looks and sounds in a range of scenarios. The grade 5/6s focused on **transition to high school**, in particular, how to make new friends.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7 17th - 21st November	17	18 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation transition session	19	20 Report Writing Day - Student Free Day	21 2:50pm Assembly
Week 8 24th - 28th November	24	25 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation transition session	26	27	28
Week 9 1st - 5th December	01 5/6 Surfing	02 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation transition session 5/6 Surfing	03 5/6 Surfing	04 5/6 Surfing	05 5/6 Surfing
Week 10 8th - 12th December	08	09 Statewide Transition Day	10 3-6 Sovereign Hill Excursion	11	12
Week 11 15th - 19th December	15 7pm Year 6 Graduation	16 Students Final Day	17 2026 Testing Day	18 2026 Testing Day	19 Staff Final Day

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2025

Hot Food

Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.50
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.20
Plain Pie	\$5.60
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.50
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50

Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties

Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50
Roll	\$6.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.70
Roll	\$6.70
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.50
Roll	\$6.50
Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50
Roll	\$6.50
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

Student of the Week - Week Four

Name	Class	Name	Class
Kai Robe-McLeod	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Leo Harding	5/6 - Miss Grey
Wirran Clarke	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Malaki Lawson	Art - Mrs Bissett
Molly McColl	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell	Kimi Yu	Music - Mr Fitz
Nate Cutts	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Seth Metcalfe	STEM - Mr Fitz
Namayah Theobald-Daly	4/5 - Ms Evans and Ms Kavanagh	Kimi Yu	Music - Mr Fitz



Student of the Week - Week Five


Name	Class	Name	Class
Koa Robe-McLeod	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Tuurann Clarke	5/6 - Miss Grey
Harry Mitchell	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Seth Metcalfe	Art - Mrs Bissett
Tyler Monagle	4/5 - Ms Evans and Ms Kavanagh	Lana McFarlane	Mr Fitz



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

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WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME!



FAMILIES / COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN USE AND NOMINATE OUR SCHOOL WHEN DEPOSITING YOUR CONTAINERS!

THE SCHEME REWARDS VICORIANS WITH A 10 CENT REFUND FOR EVERY ELIGIBLE CAN, CARTON AND BOTTLE RETURNED.

SUBMIT YOUR CONTAINERS AT YOUR NEAREST COLLECTION POINT NOW TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL

For further information, call the front office on 55613161

CELEBRATE THE END OF SCHOOL

FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 & 2 PARTY!

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 9.15AM-12.15PM

We are heading to the Botanical Gardens for a morning of fun! Activities include Parachute Play, Nature Walk, Bark Rubbings and much more!

CONSENT NEEDED ON COMPASS BY DECEMBER 5TH

NO COST, A MOVIE AND TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED BACK AT SCHOOL! SNACKS, LUNCH AND DRINKS WILL BE REQUIRED

GLASSES FOR KIDS SIGN UP TODAY!



The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



SIGN UP HERE
Scan this QR code to sign up now



STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF

GLASSES FOR KIDS

VICTORIA Department of Education

A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief Initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@gasesforkids.com.au

The Dennington Carols

have moved to

St John's Primary School
Russell St, Dennington
Friday 5th December at 6pm

Entry is a gold coin donation | Gates open and food and drinks are available to purchase from 5:30pm

Gold coin donations to Wish Collective
Brought to you by the **Warrnambool Lions Club** in conjunction with the Dennington Community Association
This is a smoke, vape and dog free event





Toddle on Hoddle Term 4

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!



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Date	Theme	Date	Theme	Date	Theme
14 th October	Welcome Back Spring into Spring! 	4 th November	Melbourne Cup 	25 th November	100 th Session of TOH
21 st October	Seniors Month Archie Graham Visit 	11 th November	Remembrance Day 	2 nd December	Last Session! Christmas Party
28 th October	Halloween 	18 th November	World Children's Day 		

When: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea

Where: WWPS Multi-Purpose Room Cost: \$0

Bring: Water bottles and a smile! We can't wait to see you! Renae and Jill 😊

2026 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

SCHOOL TRANSITION SESSIONS

2026 Foundation students attend 1 hour sessions with their teacher in their future classroom. They will explore a range of literacy and numeracy activities as well as Music, Visual Arts, Auslan, and P.E. We encourage the children to attend by themselves if they can.

- Tuesday 18th November 2:15pm-3:15pm
- Tuesday 25th November 2:15pm-3:15pm
- Tuesday 2nd December 2:15pm-3:15pm
- State-Wide Transition Day Tuesday 9th December 9am-12pm

3 hour session without their parent/guardian. They will receive a 'showbag' of goodies and information for 2026, including a new school t-shirt and school sunhat.

A parents information session will be held in the library from 11:30am-12pm

Classrooms Sports Art Music Auslan

Contact for any queries

55 613161

Warrnambool West PS



STORY DOGS PROGRAM

Donate

PAWS FOR A CAUSE

Help Us Shave Mr Yates!

Pip and Cheryl from Story Dogs, a non-profit organisation kindly share their time at WWPS.

Your donation will support the program further, so that many more students, dogs and owners in the program continue reading at school.

Take part in losing Mr Yates' beloved hair, Friday 28th November at Assembly!
Donate to share the shave!



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Primary School**



**100 SESSIONS OF
TODDLE ON
HODDLE!**

CELEBRATE WITH RENAE & JILL!

25TH NOVEMBER 9.30-11AM

MULTI PURPOSE ROOM WWPS

PARTY FOOD PROVIDED!



**West Warrnambool
Neighbourhood House**



Warrnambool West Primary School's

PLEASE
DONATE
CHRISTMAS
ITEMS!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This season is the perfect time to win and celebrate. Join our raffle and enjoy the chance to take home hamper prizes for your family.

ACCEPTING ITEMS NOW,
PLEASE HAND TO THE FRONT
OFFICE.

Raffle drawn at the final assembly,
Tuesday 16th December 2025

Raffle tickets sent home
soon.

