

The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School
'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



Our last buddies session



for 2022!



This year we have had the pleasure of having buddies with the Foundation students each week. We have to thank the amazing Foundation teachers Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake for setting up the activities each week. We have enjoyed playing dress ups, colouring and reading in the library with each other.

We have formed friendships with the younger students and they will be ones that we remember to come. The current Grade 5's are getting ready to welcome the incoming Foundation Students for 2023. We enjoyed eating our lunch together one last time this week to celebrate a great year.



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From the Principal

Mrs Clare Monk

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the 2022 school year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for what has been another wonderful year at West. As a community we should be extremely proud of our collective efforts in supporting our students and each other to ensure our school is a place full of fun and energy, where wellbeing and student learning is fundamental to everything we do.

I would like to commend our wonderful students for another amazing year full of many highlights. It's great to look back with pride and highlight some of our successes.

1. The wonderful academic progress our students are making with some achieving results above the expected levels in Literacy and Numeracy.
2. I would like to commend our students for another fantastic year, which continued with particularly good NAPLAN results, in particular, the reading, numeracy and spelling data which saw our year 5 students achieving above similar and network schools.
3. Our students continued sporting success in appearances throughout the year at divisional and regional sporting events.
4. The continued excellent survey data we received from the student, parent, and staff surveys.
5. Lastly – the amazing partnership we share with so many parents/carers who support us in the delivery of our school programs and extra curricula activities across the school. Research shows that children who have parents/carers that support the school in some way feel more connected to their school and perform better in their studies. The traditional African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" has been reflected throughout the entire year. I take this opportunity to also thank the School Council members for the dedication and commitment they have shown towards making decisions that first and foremost benefit our students.

I sincerely thank our dedicated and hardworking staff team, (Office, Educational Support and Wellbeing) for their

professionalism and dedication towards our students in so many areas. Apart from teaching the Victorian Curriculum, they work above and beyond with extra curricula activities at lunchtimes and out of school hours. I would like to acknowledge Karen Holdsworth for her support and wisdom as Assistant Principal. Together the staff have created a safe, inclusive learning environment and for every decision, meeting, phone call, email, timetable, smile... thank you. Your work has certainly demonstrated the power of the West values and you have worked tirelessly to give support and enhance students' opportunities and choices in learning. You have well and truly lived our vision of empowering all students to become independent, successful, lifelong learners.

Step Up Day

Today, students had the opportunity of spending time in their 2023 class with their new teacher and classmates. This experience frontloaded students about who their teacher would be, where their new classroom will be and meet their classmates for next year, allowing them to begin and/or consolidate already formed relationships before the school holiday period. Staff have worked hard to place students into their new classes with many factors being considered. Students spent the morning getting to know their teachers and classmates whilst Year 6 students spent the day at their respective secondary schools participating in a variety of classes that secondary school offers. Our 2023 Foundation students joined us for their final transition day with their teachers, Meagan Roberts and Renae Blake. The children confidently became familiar with their classroom setting and by recess it was difficult to figure out who were 2022 students. All the students left at the end of the morning with enormous smiles on their faces, readily sharing their time with their family members. All students were presented with a bag of 'goodies' to start them off on their learning journey, as well as a school polo shirt and hat, supplied by School Council. It was also wonderful to formally welcome Mr Scott Cooper to our school. Scott will be teaching year 4/5 in 2023. Our staff will begin 2023 on Friday 27th January as they focus on classroom preparation and collaborative curriculum planning. Our students, Foundation to Year 6, will commence school on Monday 30 January 2023.

Year Six Graduation

Tomorrow evening, the Year 6 Graduation ceremony will be held in the multi-purpose room where the families and friends of our graduating students will share in this special milestone. Our students will share a meal with staff prior to the ceremony and students are asked to meet in the library at approximately 5PM. Thanks to Sally Woolman for her

Foundation /1	Meagan Roberts / Renae Blake
Year 1/2	Geraldine Mitchell
Year 2/3	Sinead Grey
Year 3/4	Zoe Evans
Year 4/5	Scott Cooper
Year5/6	Mary-Rose McElgunn
PE / F-6 STEM/ P-2 Music/ HOL	Heath Hackett
Art	Renae Blake

organisation and setting up this very special event. On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish our graduating students all the absolute best next year and into the future. Congratulations to Jasmine John for her commitment and dedication to the Year 6 students across the year. Also, thanks to Karen Holdsworth for the many hours of preparation into making this event a memorable one for this wonderful group of young people.

Family Celebration

A reminder that all families are invited to school on Thursday 15th December at 11:30 am to our final assembly for 2022. Student of term awards will be presented, and families can watch students participate in a mini-Christmas Pageant. Come along and celebrate the end of the school year with fun and laughter after a full year of learning. After the assembly families are invited to bring along a rug and share a free BBQ sausage with their children. Save the date and hope to see you there!

Farewell

As any school year draws to a close, it is often time to farewell staff members. We have two staff leaving us at the end of the year.

Makayla Lowther joined the West team at the beginning of the year filling a traineeship vacancy, while taking a 'gap' year in preparation for university. I am sure you would all agree that Mak's quiet, very organised presence in the office has been extremely positive. She has formed strong friendships with staff and students, and her computer skills are exceptional. Mak will commence her Bachelor of Law and Criminology studies at Victoria University in 2023 and we wish her every success in future studies.

Jasmine John has taught our year 5/6 students for three terms, after the sudden departure of Liz Hopkins. Across the year Jasmine has assisted her students to focus and engage in their learning tasks and helped students feel comfortable and connected to their learning environment. Thank you, Jasmine, and on behalf of the West community I wish you the best for your future teaching opportunities.

Last Wednesday, staff farewelled our much-valued volunteer, Rinska Moritz.

Over the past 18 years Rinska has given generously of her time, volunteering as a classroom helper, a mentor as part of the Kids Hope program, and the much-loved lunchtime activity 'Knitting Club'.

Over the years Rinska has formed some strong connections with staff, students and families and her presence around the school will be missed. Rinska's will continue to volunteer her time as she heads north to help families rebuild their homes, impacted by the recent flooding.

Thanks a million for all your work over the years Rinska - it is very much appreciated.



To our families who are moving on from Warrnambool West, we hope that in the time you have been with us you have enjoyed the wonderful learning opportunities available to your children. I wish the children involved all the best and I'm sure they will take some very fond memories of WWPS.

Finally, I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year - one filled with good health, exciting memories, and great happiness. I'm certainly looking forward to spending time with my family and friends over the festive season, especially with my delightful grandchildren. Life is so hectic, and the years are flying past so it's important to spend quality time with your family. See you in 2023!

Regards,

Clare Monk





From the

Assistant Principal

Miss Karen Holdsworth

It is mind boggling to be currently in the final week of the year. A year that has been complete and without remote learning interruptions. It is a year worthy of a reflection on happiness, achievement and celebration.

As I look back on the topsy turvy four terms, the cold winter months, the crisp but clear mornings, the indoor timetables and the sounds of happy laughter in the playgrounds and bright and bubbly chatter in the corridors.. I am poignant while I reflect in the ever-changing growth of our students. This is why I do what I do, I celebrate the many successes which the children and the school have achieved this year.

2022 has been an exciting time, as we re-enter with new norms, new protocols and expectations. I love Warrnambool West, as we have a great leadership team which thrives on change, diversity and progress. We are a team who are focussed on accelerating learning, using current research and evidence to improve professional practise. The teaching and learning which we are embedding at Warrnambool West PS in 2022 and beyond, is absolutely inspiring. The opportunities being afforded to our learners is of the highest quality and meets the diverse range of learning needs.

I am fortunate to be working with some of the most dedicated educators at Warrnambool West too, and I have had the privilege to work alongside a whole team with diverse expertise and excellence this year. The drive, passion and determination; underpinned by skill, knowledge and empathy, has seen teaching and learning continue to raise progress and achievement despite the ever changing social, learning and emotional needs that we are confronted with.

The year has been full of blessings, where staff do everything they can selflessly to add to the value of our school and especially for our students. In education, we are not only teachers, ES or administration. We are personal assistants, we are actors, we are nurses, we are mediators, we are walking advertisements, cooks, carers and counsellors, and we love what we do because of our families and our students.

Thank you to our fearless and intelligent leader, Clare Monk. I would not be the person or educator I am today without her and I look forward in working alongside Clare again so that our school continues to grow and extend.

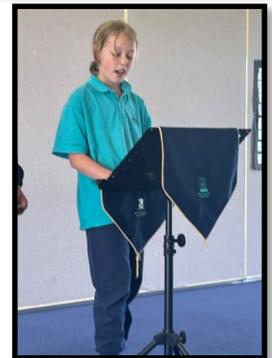
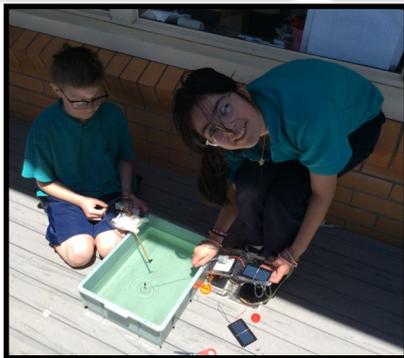
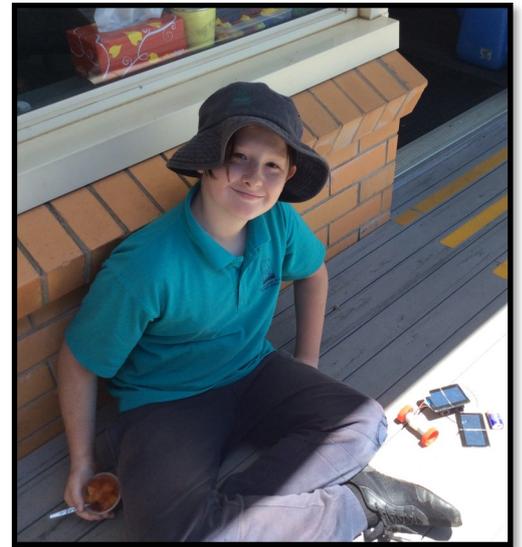
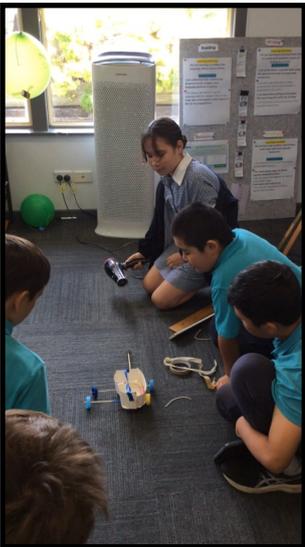
Finally, I would like to extend a big thank you and well wishes to Makayla Lowther and Jasmine John who have contributed to the wonderful operations of WWPS this year and wish them both the best for their future endeavours. And finally, I wish everyone in our community a merry and safe Christmas and thank you all for a supportive and wonderful year. Stay safe and enjoy the break.





RESILIENCE

Our theme for Big Life for Term 4 has been Resilience. In Year 4/5 we have been working on challenging ourselves, persevering when things get hard and making changes to our initial thinking or plans so that we are successful. We have been preparing ourselves for 2023 when our teacher and our classes might be different and ways we can transition easily. We have identified people in our class who can help us and acknowledged them and noticed when we can be helpful to others. These pictures are of our final 'machine creations' and us making our leadership speeches. With our machines, everyone made one but we all worked to help each other and sometimes we had to change our plans 3 or 4 times. We had a great time. Some of us are applying for leadership roles for 2023 so we took a deep breath and did our best speech. It was a challenge but worth it.





Warrnambool West PS

2022

★ Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please donate items for
the Christmas hampers.

(Christmas gifts, non-
perishable foods, bon-bons
etc)

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME AND
DRAWN ON THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT
THE FINAL ASSEMBLY



Tickets

\$2 per each ticket

\$5 for 3 tickets

Return your full raffle tickets to the office
by Monday 12th December

Many hampers and
prizes to be won!

Thank you for your
support and good luck!



Students of the Week—Week 9



Name	Class	Reason
Camellia Fernando	Mrs Roberts & Mrs Blake	For being such a wonderful learner, always doing her very best to spell words correctly in her writing and including AMAZING illustrations.
Harmony Dempsey	Ms Mitchell	For turning around her thinking and being helpful and kind. She was asking questions of others to do the best she could for them.
Kaim Dhami	Miss Grey	for being a learner and never giving up, even when his learning can be a challenge for him.
Desirei Perdio	Ms McElgunn	Desirei always uses her learning minutes wisely and completes all the work expected of her. She sets herself a challenge and always does her very best.
Namayah McLaren	Miss Evans	For being a bright, bubbly and friendly class member, and for her wonderful use of descriptive language in her writing. Well done Namayah!
Ella Wylie	Mrs John	For her outstanding effort and perseverance with all tasks that have been put to her over the last couple of weeks. Well Done Ella!
Ruby	Mrs Blake Art	For her outstanding Zentangle. Ruby-Jean has an eye for detail and this was shown with her border, string and tangles and 3D effects. Ruby-Jean shows our school values during



Important Dates: Term 4, 2022

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 11 12th-16th December	12th Years 3-6 End of Year Celebration	13th <u>State Wide Transition Day</u>	14th	15th Students Last Day Final Assembly 11:30	16th <u>Student Testing</u>
Week 12 19th-23rd December	19th <u>Student Testing</u>	20th <u>Student Free</u> Final Day for Staff	21st	22nd	23rd

3-6 End of Year Celebration



We would like to say thank you to the Peek Whurrong People of the Maar Nation for sharing their land with us. We promise to look after it, the animals and people too.



Happy Birthday!

Celebrating birthdays has a special spot in our program. Children feel they belong and are loved. It

helps by boosting self-esteem, strengthens friendships and creates great memories which will last a lifetime.

The last two weeks we celebrated Alexis Gray and Omar Obied birthdays with lots of fun, affection and treats! Heaps of laughs watching everyone hitting the pinata.



Welcome!

Elf has arrived!
He was named Crystal by children and he's promising heaps of fun! Maddie and Cadence returned his magic after been touched. They sprinkled some chocolate chips on him and he's fine now.

PUPIL FREE DAY

TheirCare will be operating on the 16th of December from 7am to 6pm.
Lots of fun and entertainment for children.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

With the holidays just around the corner, look no further for amazing holiday adventures for your children.
More info @ theircare.com.au or talk to Claudia.



Lexi



Omar

TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 9:00am

After School: 3:20pm - 6:00pm

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WWPS End of Year Celebration



You are invited to celebrate
our year of learning and fun!

Where: Warrnambool West Primary
School's undercover area

When: Thursday 15th December

Time: 11.30am

Items:

- Performances from each class
- Auslan performance
- WWPS Flute Group item
- 2023 Student Leader presentations
- Year 6 Farewell and Graduation item
and more...

Join us for a free BBQ following the
celebration!

All students may wear casual clothes for
the day. A hint of Christmas would be
amazing!



WEST WARRNAMBOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

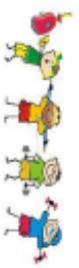


Important Holiday Program Information

Bookings are Essential! Ph/Text: 0418 944 276: E: jbourke@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult

COST: \$2 per child / Morning and Afternoon Tea Provided Every Day!

Tuesday January 10 EXCURSION (5+YRS) FLAGSTAFF HILL  11.00-1.00pm		Wednesday January 11 RESIN ART (8+ YRS)  10 – 11.30am MAKE & FLY A KITE (5+YRS)  1.30 - 3.00pm		Thursday January 12 NATURE BUS (5+ YRS) Creative Clay and Storylines  10 – 11.30am EXCURSION (6+ YRS) Warrnambool Table Tennis  1.30 – 3.00pm		Friday January 13 CREATIVE COOKING (8+YRS)  11.00-1.00pm	
Tuesday January 17 PAINT YOUR PET (7+ YRS)  10 - 11.30am		Wednesday January 18 BUNNINGS DIY! (5+YRS)  10 – 11.30am		Thursday January 19 EXCURSION (5+ YRS) KIDS KARATE & BOOTCAMP  10 – 11.30am		Friday January 20 SEW A JEANS BAG (10+ YRS)  11.00 – 1.00pm	
APPLIQUE A TOTE BAG (6+YRS)  1.30 – 3.00pm		POM - POM POOCHES (6+ YRS)  1.30-3.00pm		MOSAICS (8+ YRS)  1.30 – 3.00pm			