

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.



5/6 Camp

In Week 3, our Year 5/6 students had a fantastic time at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea, taking on new challenges and enjoying exciting activities such as rock climbing, the leap of faith, bike riding, orienteering, bush cooking, and low ropes.

It was wonderful to see everyone working together, supporting each other, and giving their best effort. By the end of camp, they were all very tired, but many said it was the best camp they had ever been on! A big thank you to Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Holdsworth, Miss Grey, Michelle, and Mr Yates for attending and making the camp such a great experience.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families,

What a wonderfully busy and rewarding Term 3 it has been already! Heading into week 4 of the term, our school has been buzzing with events, achievements, and special moments that reflect the spirit and talents of our students.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Last Friday, we were thrilled with the turnout of families taking the time to meet with their child's teacher. These meetings are an important opportunity to share progress, celebrate achievements, and discuss next steps in learning. We value the chance to work in partnership with you – your insights about your child's strengths, interests, and needs help us provide the best possible support at school.

A special thank you to our teachers for the time and preparation that goes into making each meeting meaningful and informative. Together, we are building strong connections that help every student thrive.

If you were unable to attend on the day, please reach out to your child's teacher to discuss the progress of your child. This is valued time and we want all families to be involved in their child's learning and life at school.

Book Week

On Tuesday, the school came alive with colour, creativity and a love of reading as students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. Our parade was a celebration of imagination and storytelling.

The 2025 theme; 'Book an Adventure' deliberately encourages children to dream and travel the world with their imaginations. 2025 is also a milestone year for Book Week as we celebrate 80 years! For 8 decades, CBCA has been dedicated to inspiring young minds to journey through the countless worlds that books offer. It is always memorable seeing students in princess costumes, action figures, pre-teen characters and also for staff to take the opportunity to transform themselves! The special WWPS flight attendants were a massive hit!

Junior and Senior Swimming Lessons

During the first half of term 3, students from all year levels have participated in swimming lessons, building their confidence, skills, and water safety awareness. It was wonderful to see both juniors and seniors challenging themselves and supporting each other in the pool. Well done to Mr Fitzgibbon for planning these important events.

Year 5/6 Camp

Our senior students embraced new challenges, developed independence and strengthened friendships during their unforgettable camp adventure last week. Exploring the beautiful Anglesea township and Camp Wilkin townsite, the teamwork, resilience and laughter were a joy to see. Fostering independence, cooperation and learning new skills are always a highlight. Many awards for kindness, cleanliness and team work were presented while on camp.

NAPLAN Results

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students on their NAPLAN achievements, with reports sent home recently. The results reflect the students' hard work and the dedication of our teachers in supporting their learning journey. With many highlights, there are always opportunities for

further work. Instructional changes, improvement initiatives and a heavy focus on teacher expertise will be key components of our improvement plans in the coming years.

100 Days of Foundation

Our Foundation students reached their big milestone with a day full of fun, activities, and celebrations last Thursday. The joy on their faces was priceless and with walking canes, grey hair and some knitted cardigans, the students celebrated their 100th day making many memories. Well done to our Foundation staff; Meagan Roberts, Renae Blake and Tanya Tampion for ensuring our students are provided the foundational skills of learning. It is a day to recognise effort and progress. This celebration boosts confidence where it helps children see themselves as capable learners who can stick with challenges.

JSC Bake Off

A delicious and creative event organised by our Junior School Council is on Friday, with plenty of sweet treats and community spirit to be on show. Thank you to all the bakers and judges who have supported the event. The generosity of our community donations means we can make a real difference in the lives of people facing mental health challenges. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative. Together, we are

showing our students and our community that even small acts can have a big impact on mental health. I am proud of our school leaders and their initiative to raise awareness for Let's Talk and Jeans for Genes. Thankyou Miss Grey for guiding our leaders to organise a fun and delicious event!

School Review

This term also saw the completion of our School Review process. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our progress, celebrate our successes, and set clear goals for the future. We are excited for the next chapter in our school's growth.

Key events ahead

Senior Swimming to continue throughout week 5
First Nations Leader Day 27th August
Year 3/4 Camp Kangaroobie Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th August
Fathers Day Stall/Breakfast Friday 5th September
Whole school Science event Friday 12th September

Thank you to our staff, students, and families for starting off the term as a vibrant and successful one.

Karen Holdsworth



Principal





Big Life

Term 3
Weeks 3 & 4



Big Life Boost Focus: Gratitude

This fortnight students will be learning about the science of **gratitude** and how we can use it. In primary classrooms, teaching and practising gratitude activates the release of 'feel-good' hormones, which boost students' mood and emotional wellbeing, and over time, promote empathy, stronger relationships, and greater resilience.

Gratitude like kindness, is a **character strength** that we can choose to 'dial up'. Here is a process you can use at home to help support the development of gratitude:

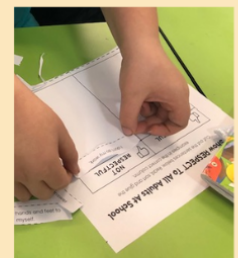
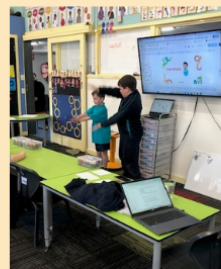
- 1 NOTICE- "What's something good you noticed today?"**
 It could be something small: a smile from a friend, a yummy lunch, the birds in the garden, or finishing a tricky task.
- 2 THINK- "Why do you think that moment was important for you?"**
 This helps your child reflect and connect the dots between experiences and values.
- 3 FEEL- "How did that make you feel inside?"**
 Recognising emotions strengthens self-awareness and emotional literacy.
- 4 DO- Encourage children to show their gratitude in action**
 Write a thank you note, draw a picture for someone, or give a kind compliment.

Adapted from <https://www.viacharacter.org/>

Big Life with Mel

On Tuesday of week 3, Mel prepare the Grade 3/4 and 2/3 classes for **Big Life Filming** which will be happening in week 7. On Tuesday 2nd September, Fitzmedia will be coming to film some classes while they play Big Life games & brain breaks. Those videos will be incorporated into future Big Life lessons. We look forward to celebrating their learning with this exciting initiative!

Mel also taught the F/Is about **helpful thinking** when we are facing a challenge, and the 1/2s about the **respectful** behaviours we should show to all adults at school.



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5 18th - 22nd August	18 3-6 Swimming Book Week!	19 3-6 Swimming 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	20 3-6 Swimming Jeans for Genes Day	21 3-6 Swimming	22 3-6 Swimming 2:50pm Assembly
Week 6 25th - 29th August	25 3/4 Camp	26 3/4 Camp 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	27 3/4 Camp 5/6 First Nations Leadership Day	28 3/4 Rest Day	29 2:50pm Assembly
Week 7 1st - 5th September	01 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	02 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	03	04	05 2:50pm Assembly
Week 8 8th - 12th September	08 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	09 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	10	11	12 2:50pm Assembly
Week 9 15th - 19th September	15	16 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	17	18	19 Last Day Term 2 2:30pm finish

Lunch Orders

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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

SOTW - Week 2

Name	Class	Name	Class
Hank Sebire	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Bella Lin	4/5 - Ms Kavanagh and Ms Evans
Logan McLean	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Omar Obied	5/6 - Miss Grey
Jerami Dodson	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Jayden Couzens	STEM - Mr Fitzgibbon
Willow Hogg	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell	Wirran Clarke	PE - Mr Fitzgibbon
Lexi Gray	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Nate Mahony	Art - Mrs Bissett



Student of the Week









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Toddle on Hoddle Term 3

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!


Date	Theme	Date	Theme
12 th August	Science Week 	2 nd Sept	Father's and Father Figures Day 
19 th August	Book Week Dress Up 	9 th Sept	Wattle Day 
26 th August	Turtles 	16 th Sept	End of Term Wear Your Favourite Colour! 

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 ☺




JEANS FOR GENES

Wear Your Favourite Jeans to Support
Kids Born with Birth Defects or Genetic
Conditions!

**Wednesday 20th
August 2025**

**GOLD COLD
DONATION**

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