

# 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.*

## Tutor Learning Initiative Term 2

**Sophie, Sonny, Jacko and Sieanna are working on their reading fluency allowing them to comprehend more complex texts.**

This is done through partner reading, paired students take turns reading aloud to each other. The first reader reads a paragraph or page first, providing a model of fluent reading. Then the less fluent reader reads the same text aloud. They can help each other with word recognition and provide feedback and encouragement. The next partner rereads the passage until he or she can read it independently. Partner reading need not be done with a more and less fluent reader. In another form of partner reading, children who read at the same level are paired to reread a story that they have received instruction on during a teacher-guided part of the lesson. Two readers of equal ability can practice rereading after hearing the teacher read the passage. They use both turn taking and choral reading (Reading together)

The teacher also models fluent reading. As listening to good models of fluent reading, students learn how a reader's voice can help written text make sense. By Reading aloud daily to children and with expression, you are modelling for your students how a fluent reader sounds during reading.



## Lest We Forget



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## *From the Principal Mrs Clare Monk*

Dear Families,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy term 2. I trust that everyone has had a happy and safe holiday break and that the children have returned well rested and prepared for a term full of activity and learning.

Our final term one assembly highlighted just how much has been achieved by our students in the first term of the year. Students of the term were recognised by their teachers for making particularly strong progress through concerted effort and action. Other accomplishments including sporting success, student leadership and 100% school attendance for the term were also celebrated. Thank you to our student leaders who presided over the important assembly and congratulations to all students who have worked hard to achieve their term one goals. Congratulations to Letisha Freeman, Lenox Bowler, Harry Mitchell, Jax Wickham, Sienna Cowland, Charlie Zhang, Zoey Clays, Camellia Fernando and Omar Obied. I look forward to sharing a special lunch with these students to celebrate their efforts.

Our Easter raffle drawn was also drawn at the assembly and was very well supported by our school community with a profit of \$530. Thank you to everyone who donated eggs and sold tickets. Your generosity made it possible for many families to receive an easter hamper, with some families winning several prizes.

Our School Leaders proudly and very ably represented Warrnambool West at the Warrnambool ANZAC service and march on Tuesday 25th April. Several families joined Miss



Holdsworth and our senior students in the march to the war memorial. It is a great credit to our students and families that our school was represented at this important community event that fell so soon after the school holidays this year. Thank you to all members of our school community who paid their respects on ANZAC Day, whether through a formal service in Warrnambool or other local town, or in a more private manner at home.

Teachers commenced term 2 on Monday using their allocated common professional practice day to plan and develop units of work for the term. Due to the serious staffing shortage across the state the Department of Education have continued to allow and encourage schools to schedule a common professional practice day for their teachers to undertake this important work.

### Welcome

Across the year, in every school students transition in and out. This term we are excited to welcome two new families to our West community. Welcome to brothers Tohbie Rolins and Seth Winfield and sisters Uyen and Phuong Nguyen. We hope you enjoy your time at West!

### Cross Country Run

The course has been set in preparation for our House Cross Country to be held this Friday, 28th April at school, with the first event commencing at approximately 12 pm. Students are welcome to wear suitable clothing for distance running in their house colours. It would be beneficial for students to wear runners on the day. Presentations for the winning house and individual place holders will be presented at assembly in the afternoon. I would like to remind all families that *all* students are expected at school on this day as sport is an important part of your child's overall education.

### Facilities Upgrade

After several years of planning, fundraising and seeking philanthropic donations, construction of our nurture/sensory playground has commenced. Michael Walsh Landscaping have prepared the surface area over the holidays and the space is beginning to take shape. A variety of natural



resources, sensory plants and some commercial play equipment will together revitalise a desolate area of the school, making it a space where students can explore, play and learn in their nature environment. We can't wait to see the end result!

Staff toilets have also been upgraded over the holiday. New systems and vanities have been installed and Michael, our maintenance worker is in the process of giving the walls a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to our School Council for funding this upgrade.

### Arriving At School

It is very important that our students arrive at school ready to start the day at 9.00am. Towards the end of term one, late arrivals were becoming more numerous with many students arriving between 9.05am and 9.30am. The education and wellbeing of students arriving late is being compromised and these students are disadvantaged in their learning.

Please do not assume that important learning only begins after 9.30am. Children need to feel a sense of belonging within their class and need a few minutes to prepare for learning, settle in with their friends and classmates and prepare for the day. The first 15 minutes in the classroom each morning are crucial for setting the scene for the day.

### Division Track and Field

We wish our track and field divisional team all the best for next Friday, as they represent our school in a variety of events at the divisional athletics. This is the third level of competition, with the students

competing against students from larger city schools; government and non-government. Best of luck to Ruby-Jean, Amelia Lendon, Omar Obied, Tyller Prescott, and Karla Recinos-Najarro we are all very proud of your achievements.

### School Closures

Next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a student free day for all students, to provide teachers with the opportunity to engage with staff from network schools with author Dr Judith Howard. Judith has held both regional and state positions overseeing work in student behaviour support. Her work has a keen focus on the concerns of young learners who have experienced complex trauma.

Thursday 3rd May is a Warrnambool City Council public holiday for Warrnambool Race Day. The school will be closed on this day. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Looking forward to another fabulous term at West.

Hopefully see you all tomorrow at the Cross Country.

Regards,  
Clare Monk

**Thought of the week**





*From the  
Assistant Principal*

## **ROUTINES: WHY THEY WORK FOR WELLBEING AND SUCCESS**

Welcome back to term two! At the end of last term, our final assembly demonstrated and reflected on the fabulous work of each and every classroom. Sharing the student of the term awards, the eisteddfod performances, and the celebration of the Easter hamper winners was a reflective end to the term and now as we enter a new one, I am reminded on how important routines are for school wide consistency and respect so that we begin our term as successfully as we ended the last one.

To start with, routines help children cooperate and have clarity in what is expected for them to have a successful day. This is because school routines and expectations make it clear on what the day looks like and how it is everyone's responsibility to put their best foot forward for a successful day.

For families to contribute to their children's success at school, having a solid routine at home is important too. In the family home, children who know what to do at a particular time and day, along with what needs to be done and what each person is responsible for within the family unit, supports their ability to cope with routines outside of family circle. Having these conversations and expectations with your children also shows sends a clear message for respect and consistency when they arrive to school. Transferring these expectations and routines from home to school, is valuable for helping children feel safe, secure and in control of their day.

Daily school routines are imperative for success, beginning from the time they wake to the moment they go to bed as routines provide children with a context for learning. Through effective use of routines and transitions children learn how their world is organised and what they need to do in order to interact successfully in it.

Research also shows that routines support healthy social emotional development in childhood. In particular, children with regular routines at home have self-regulation skills, which are the building blocks of good mental health. Children who learn to do this well are better able to adapt to everyday challenges, stressors, and new expectations and transfer these to new environments such as school. Children obviously do not learn to do this all at once, just as they learn to read and write, regulation skills link to the ability to respond to routines over time.

In summary, your child deserves to learn, experience and enact on their routines so that their time at school flourishes and these skills enable them to be active and respectful citizens.

*Ms. Karen Holdsworth*  
**Assistant Principal**



Last term Karen Young visited our community and ran a parent forum and staff professional development day, to help us understand anxiety in the classroom and the proactive ways we can support this emotion.

This term in the classroom we will focus on learning more about our brain, our amygdala and what we can do to calm ourselves down when we feel stressed, anxious or worried - exploring the picture book 'Hey Warrior'.

In week 1&2 students will learn about what happens in their brains when they feel stressed and worried.

We encourage you to explore Karen Young's website below and extend these conversations into the home, too.

- [www.heyismund.com](http://www.heyismund.com) -

## Big Life in 3/4E

Our focus in Big Life over the past two days has been settling back into school routine and revisiting behavioural expectations. We have explored the Zones of Regulation and discussed how we are feeling and the reasons why. It was wonderful to hear that many of the students are feeling ready to learn after a restful break and are excited about all of the activities that they have to look forward to this term. Yesterday we were fortunate enough to attend an excursion to the Warrnambool Library to see author Gabrielle Wang. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to reconnect with each other and to become familiar with expected behaviours when representing our school on excursions. Over the next week we will begin exploring how our brain and body responds to stress and anxiety.







NEWSLETTER ISSUE  
27 April 2023



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.



## WELCOME to TERM 2

What's on for Term 2 @ TheirCare:

Lots of art & craft, loads of nature play, a pinch of mindfulness, yummy and healthy snacks, science experiments, a great deal of games, performances and heaps more!

Bookings @ [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)





### TIMES

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


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

### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

 1300 072 410

 [info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)

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## Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2 1st - 5th May	1st Staff Professional Learning Day School Closed	2nd	3rd	4th May Races Shire Public Holiday No School	5th Division Athletics Assembly
Week 3 8th - 12th May	8th 3/4 Camp	9th 3/4 Camp School Nurse visit District Cross Country	10th 3/4 Camp	11th	12th Mother's Day Stall Assembly
Week 4 15th - 19th May	15th	16th School Open Day	17th	18th	19th Division Cross Country Assembly
Week 5 22 - 26th May	22nd	23rd	24th National Simultaneous Storytime 11am	25th F-2 excursion to 'Frozen' at Emmanuel College	26th Assembly National Sorry Day

## 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 a WEDNESDAY**

**\*LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN ON A CLEAN PAPER BAG THAT IS BIG ENOUGH TO FIT THE STUDENTS ORDER IN IT.**

**\*THE CORRECT MONEY MUST BE INCLUDED. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.**

**\*PLEASE DO NOT SEND LUNCH ORDERS IN AN ENVELOPE.**





# Students of the Term



Name	Class	Reason
Letisha Freeman	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For always listening so well in class and trying her best at everything she does. Letisha is very creative and invites other children to join in her pretend play. She has settled into the class routines beautifully and has worked hard to achieve her goals; particularly learning to write her name, which she now does perfectly.
Lenox Bowler	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	Lenox is an attentive student who pays careful attention to everything that is happening in the classroom. He is a fantastic listener and observes tasks keenly. He is also thoughtful, considerate and polite of the needs and wants of others. This is something he shows on a daily basis.
Harry Mitchell	2/3 - Miss Grey	For his amazing achievement this term. Harry has a true love of learning and is always putting his best effort to better his learning. He is constantly demonstrating our school values and strives to be the best learner he can possibly be. I am so proud of your achievements, and I can't wait to see you achieve more as the year goes on.
Jax Wickham	3/4 - Miss Evans	Jax has demonstrated great leadership, responsibility and kindness in the 3/4 class this term. He has consistently displayed the school values of being safe, respectful, inclusive and being a learner. Jax takes pride in his learning, carefully organising and presenting his work to a high standard. He listens carefully to feedback from the teacher and embraces challenging tasks with a positive attitude.
Sienna Cowland	4/5 - Mr Cooper	For a fantastic term one of learning. Each day Sienna comes into our classroom ready to learn and be a kind, caring student. She always puts in a consistent effort and contributes to classroom discussion. Keep up the great work!
Charlie Zhang	5/6 - Mrs McElgunn	Charlie has consistently displayed our School Values and stepped up as a leader in the upper school. He is always respectful and polite and comes to school ready to learn and with a smile on his face. Charlie works hard in class and use his learning time wisely. He is a super student to have in our school and is a pleasure to teach.
Zoey Clays	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For an outstanding term of work in the art room. Zoey listens carefully to all instructions, watches taught processes and completes her art pieces to a high level. Zoey shows our school values daily and enjoys all that art brings to her school life.
Camellia Fernando	STEM - Mr Hackett	For her creative thinking and beautiful presentation of work in STEM across the term. Camellia regularly contributed to and utilises the word wall in her responses.
Omar Obied	PE - Mr Hackett	For his outstanding contribution in PE, after school programs and interschool athletic events. Omar is a kind and helpful member in the classroom who is determined to give his 100% effort into any sport or physical challenge he faces.







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2024 ENROLMENTS  
NOW WELCOME



OPEN DAY TUESDAY  
16th MAY

Everyone is welcome to see our school in action.  
Open classrooms from 11:30a.m - 1pm.  
Auslan and classroom performances from 1pm.  
A community BBQ lunch will be provided.

Please call us on 55613161 for individual tours of the school from 8th May  
35 Hoddle Street Warrnambool Vic 3280 [warrnambool.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:warrnambool.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## [Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation \(Prep\) for 2024](#)

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 28 July 2023**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the state-wide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

**For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at [vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep).**

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 5561 3161 or [warrnambool.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:warrnambool.west.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to request an enrolment form.

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**Warrnambool West Primary School** has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$19.00	\$3.13 - \$19.00	\$3.13
After School Care	3:30pm – 6:00pm	\$26.00	\$3.90 - \$26.00	\$3.90
Cancellation / Late Booking	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

**Service Phone Number: 0458 100 401** Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410.

#### How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and click on 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

\*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located



# SEAL & SPP

[Select Entry Accelerated Learning & Sporting Pathways Program]

## INFORMATION SESSION

**Monday 1st May**  
**COLLEGE HALL**

**SEAL @ 6pm**  
**SPP @ 6:30pm**

We invite prospective 2024 SEAL & SPP Year 7 students and families to join us for a detailed information session on each of the programs for 2024.



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