

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.

Concert Excitement in 4/5KE!

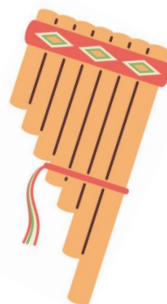


Our Year 4/5 students are full of excitement as they prepare for the upcoming school concert! Rehearsals have been filled with singing, movement, and teamwork as students practise their performance pieces. Participating in *The Arts* provides children with so many valuable benefits — it nurtures creativity, builds confidence, enhances coordination, and encourages self-expression. Working together on a shared goal also strengthens collaboration and communication skills. We're so proud of the enthusiasm and effort our students are showing, and we can't wait to see them shine on concert night!

Musica Viva



This week our school was delighted to host Musica Viva Australia's touring show *El Camino*. The concert celebrated the music of Latin America and explored how traditional instruments and songs have helped keep languages and cultures alive through times of change and hardship. Students learned that instruments like the charango (10-string guitar) and cajón (box drum) were once created in secret by enslaved peoples, transforming everyday objects into powerful tools of expression. Through the sounds of the zampoña (pan flute), storytelling, and rhythm, students experienced how music connects cultures, history, and community. It was an inspiring and unforgettable performance that broadened our understanding of the world through music.



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From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Welcome back to our final term of the year! I've recently returned from a trip of dreams – exploring iconic history, breathtaking beaches, beautiful boats and, of course, indulging in delicious Italian food and delicacies. It was an unforgettable experience, and I'm returning refreshed and excited for all that Term 4 will bring. Our staff continue to show great dedication and care, ensuring every student finishes the year achieving individual growth.

As we begin this busy and rewarding term, our expectations for learning, respect, inclusiveness, and safety remain strong.

Our Big Life theme for the fortnight is Resilience – an important quality that helps us all persist, adapt and grow, especially as we move toward the end of the school year. Please share this piece with your child as a reminder of how proud we are of the strong values that guide everything we do. These expectations aren't just words on a poster; they are the foundation of how we learn, interact, and grow together every day.

Learning is at the heart of our purpose. We encourage every student to be curious, take risks in their learning, and strive for personal excellence. Learning happens best when we support one another and celebrate effort and improvement as much as achievement.

Respect underpins all our relationships – with each other, with our teachers, and with our environment. Respect means listening, valuing different opinions, and using kind words and actions, even when things don't go our way.

Inclusiveness reminds us that everyone belongs. We celebrate our differences and make sure every student feels seen, supported, and valued. It's what makes our school community such a vibrant and caring place.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. We look out for one another and make positive choices to ensure our school remains a safe, calm, and welcoming place for learning and play

School Concert

Our much-anticipated school concert is next Thursday 23rd October!

Time: 6:00pm start (doors open 5:45pm)

Venue: Brauer College Auditorium

Entry: Gold coin donation

Students and staff have invested many hours of creative thinking and rehearsal, and the performances promise to be a highlight for our school and wider community. Families are

also invited to view our student artwork display in the foyer before the show begins. Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening of music, colour and joy!

Student Support Group meetings

Over the first three weeks, Student Support Group (SSG) meetings are being held, with Mrs Roberts and Mr Yates leading these important conversations for individuals who meet a certain criteria. Working alongside parents is important to our school, with teachers and external supports contributing to the progress of our students. These meetings are an important opportunity to set goals, share progress and celebrate student effort and growth.

Strategic School Plan

Our new Strategic School Plan is in the near stages of completion, outlining the targets and goals that will guide our school over the next four years. I look forward to sharing the finalised plan with our community soon.

Students of the Term – Term 3

Congratulations to our Students of the Term from Term 3! I'm looking forward to sharing a special celebratory lunch with these students in the coming weeks.

Glasses for Kids – Term 1, 2026

We are pleased to confirm that the Glasses for Kids Program will visit our school in Term 1, 2026, for all Foundation to Year 3 students.

Application forms were sent home last week and are due back by December. You can also submit applications using the QR code provided.

School Readiness Sessions – 2026 Foundation Students

Our School Readiness Sessions for parents and 2026 Foundation students commenced last Friday and will continue over the next three weeks. These sessions play a major role in supporting a successful transition to school, helping children and families become familiar with our learning environment, routines and staff.

They also complement the additional transition sessions planned later in the year, ensuring our new students begin their school journey with confidence and excitement.

Big Day Out & Year 2 Sleepover

Our Foundation to Year 2 students are looking forward to their Big Day Out at Werribee Zoo, followed by the first exciting sleepover "camp" experience for our Year 2 students. Planning for this special event began last term, and it promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our younger students to learn, explore and build independence in a supportive environment.

If you require any further information, please contact Meagan Roberts or Geraldine Mitchell.

Story Dogs Program

Story Dogs is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children's reading and communication skills by children reading to an accredited companion dog and its handler.

Our Story Dog program commenced yesterday with Sheryl and the adorable Pip. Pip stole our hearts with her gentle, smiley nature and we feel she is the perfect fit for our school. A small group of students in Years 1 and 2 each have a 20min reading session with Sheryl and Pip. We are excited to welcome them to our community.

Compass Notifications

We have currently updated some processes in Compass for our staff to manage with more efficiency. This includes a Celebration component. When staff recognise outstanding contributions, work habits, positive outlooks and good decision making in students, this will be entered onto Compass and parent/carers will receive notification via email of this achievement.

We recognise the importance of student, family and school communications and feel this connection between home and school through acknowledging the positive and expected behaviours. When you receive a notification, discuss this achievement with your child at the end of the day!

Farewell to TheirCare

TheirCare has provided a safe, engaging, and caring environment for our students before and after school, and we appreciate the positive relationships they have built within our school community.

We would like to inform families that **TheirCare** will be finishing up their partnership with our school at the end of this term. We sincerely thank the TheirCare team for their support and dedication to our students and families over the years. Their Care co-ordinators will be in contact with families regarding the final date at Warrnambool West.

Further information regarding **new arrangements for before and after school care in 2026** will be shared with families shortly.

We wish the TheirCare team all the very best for the future and thank them once again for their commitment to our school.

Importance of attendance

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

We understand that special consideration may sometimes need to be given. In our setting we have identified those we consider particularly vulnerable and with whom we want to work on improving attendance using specialised interventions.

Our school wide protocols and staged response for checking in with families due to multiple and sequential absences include:

- Teacher phone call after two days of non attendance.
- Leadership members make contact with families
- Family and school meeting requested
- Wellbeing staff link external supports
- Education Department assistance

It is important for your child to be present at school, however if you are requiring assistance please contact myself or our wellbeing mentor, Mr David Yates.

Take care over the weekend and welcome back!

Kind Regards,

Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

Curriculum Contributions

We thank all families who have financially contributed towards Curriculum Contributions this year. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. If you have not yet contributed, we encourage you to do so prior to the end of the year.

Information will be sent home in the coming weeks regarding ordering 2026 Students Book Packs and Curriculum Contributions for 2026. If you have any questions at all, please contact the General Office.

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.

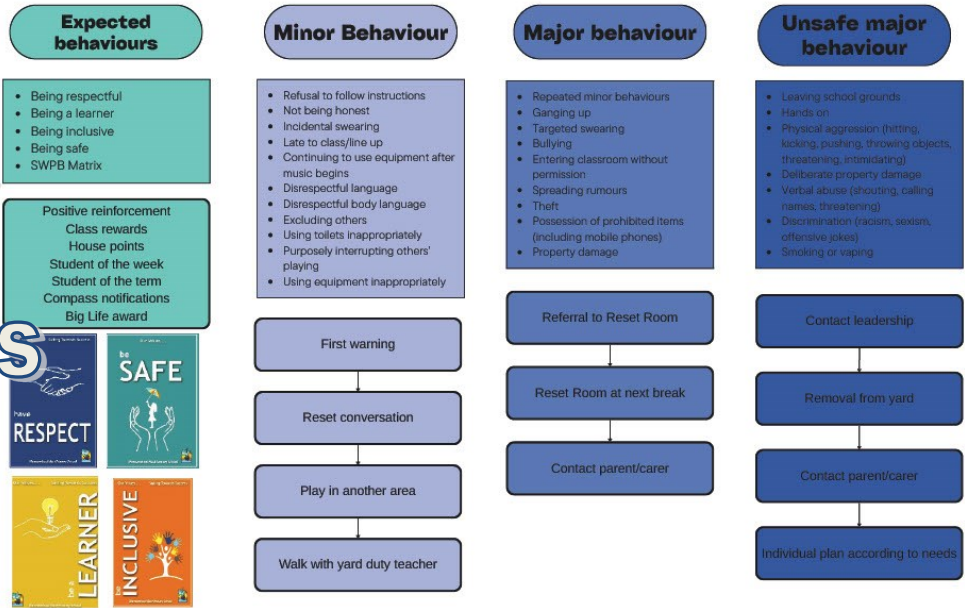
Asthma and Allergy Action Plans

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, these should be completed by doctors. This is important information to keep up to date in the case of an emergency.



WWPS Yard Behaviour Flowchart

New Behaviour Flowcharts



In the last few weeks of term and the first two weeks of this term, staff at WWPS have been working on developing consistent processes across the school when responding to behaviours. Focused classrooms maximise students' on-task learning time by minimising disruptive behaviour and disengagement. Research shows that students cannot learn as well in classrooms that lack consistency, have too many potential distractions or do not offer ample opportunities to engage. Teachers can create focused classrooms by implementing clear structures and routines, modelling appropriate behaviours, and actively engaging students in their learning.

We have:

- Established a system of rules and routines that are consistent across the school
- Designed a model that includes explicitly teaching and modelling appropriate behaviour

All students are familiar with the flow charts attached and we have noticed a clear improvement in low level disruptions to class learning. Please chat to your children about their experience of this improved approach at school.

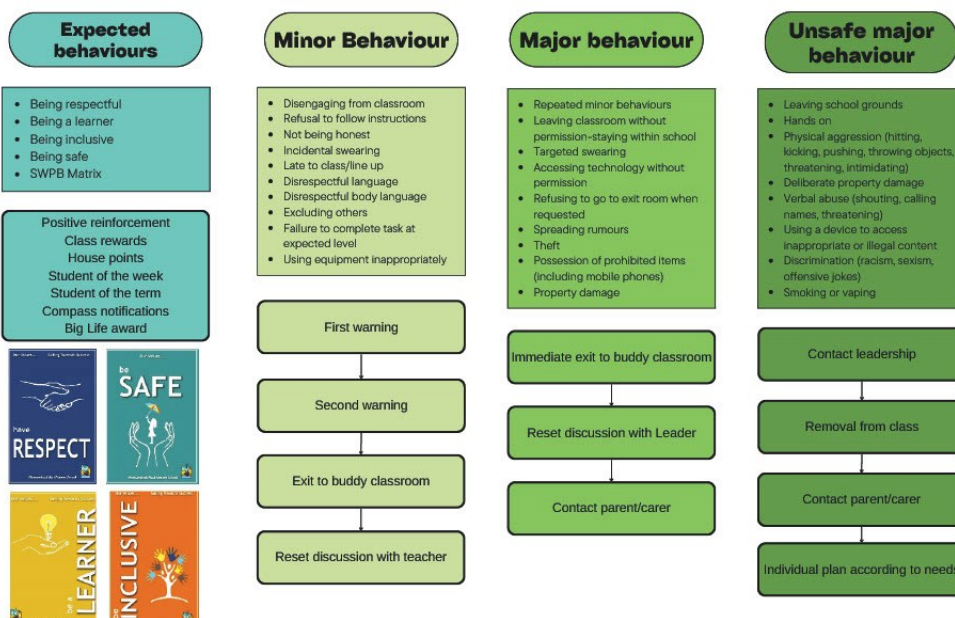
We have also created a space called the 'Reset Room' at breaks. This is to support students who have been involved in major behaviour actions. Students are then involved in a restorative conversation where students are supported to

identify what happened, the impact, reteach behaviours and repair relationships.

Parents and carers will be contacted when students attend the reset room, to ensure clear communication is upheld between parents and the school. Any feedback or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher, Karen or Jodie.



WWPS Classroom Behaviour Flowchart



*Kind Regards,
Jodie Abbott
Assistant Principal*

Big Life

Term 4
Weeks 1 & 2

This fortnight in Big Life we are exploring what **resilience** is and ways we can be resilient. Resilience means being able to cope with tough or tricky situations, and finding ways to bounce back. It's about being flexible in how we think, feel and act so we can adjust when things don't go to plan.



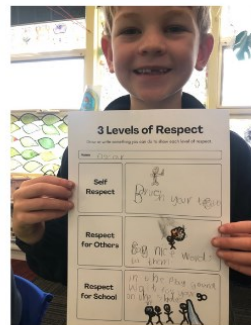
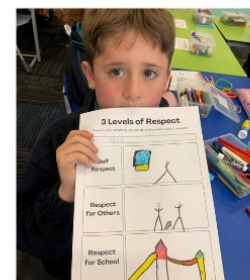
WAYS WE CAN HELP Build Resilience at Home:

1. Notice and celebrate your child's effort, persistence, and problem-solving.
2. Encourage them to "have another go" and remind them of their past successes.
3. Model positive coping strategies like taking a breath, staying calm, and looking for solutions.
4. Talk about mistakes being part of learning, helping us grow and learn.
5. Highlight your child's unique strengths (kindness, curiosity, creativity, humour, etc.) and how they can use these to overcome challenges.
6. Support them to recognise their feelings and choose helpful and safe ways to respond.

Big Life with Mel

On Tuesday of week 1 Mel worked with the Grade 4/5 students on **help-seeking**. Students discussed the types of problems we can solve on our own, and those we might need help with from a friend, adult or support service.

The grade 1/2 students learned about 3 levels of **respect** – self respect, respect for others & respect for our school. The Foundation students learned about **helpers** at school and in the community, and the Grade 5/6 students explored **transition to high school** and some strategies to support this change.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 20th - 24th October	20	21	22 2/3/4 Pillowcase Program	23 11:30am Concert Rehearsal School Concert	24 2:50pm Assembly 1:45pm School Readiness for 2026 Foundation students (see page 11)
Week 4 27th - 31st October	27	28 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle	29	30	31 Freaky Friyay! 2:50pm Assembly 1:45pm School Readiness for 2026 Foundation students (see page 11)
Week 5 3rd - 7th November	03	04 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle	05	06 F-2 Big Day Out Yr 2 Sleepover	07 Year 2 Rest Day
Week 6 10th - 14th November	10	11 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle	12	13	14 2:50pm Assembly
Week 7 17th - 21st November	17	18 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation students transition session	19	20	21 2:50pm Assembly

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2025

Hot Food		Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties		Snacks	
Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.50	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50	Finger Bun	\$3.50
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.50	Roll	\$6.50	Mini Slice (hedgehog, jelly, caramel, lemon)	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.20	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.70	Gluten Free Slice (lemon, hedgehog, caramel, strawberry cheesecake)	\$3.50
Plain Pie	\$5.60	Roll	\$6.70		
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.50	Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.50		
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.50	Roll	\$6.50		
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00	Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50		
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50	Roll	\$6.50		
		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

Student of the Term - Term Three

Name	Class	Name	Class
Cheyda Kelly	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Dulcie	Art - Mrs Bissett
Tina D Lin	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Cooper Hurse	Music - Mr Fitz
Jax Parsons	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell	Phoenix Goodrem	PE - Mr Fitz
Ally Clays	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Mackenzie Wickham	STEM - Mr Fitz
Joy Lin	4/5 - Ms Evans and Ms Kavanagh	Payton Hogg	Music - Ms Moir
Indigo Fitzpatrick	5/6 - Miss Grey		



Student of the Week - Week One

Name	Class	Name	Class
King Baje	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Isabelle Clays	5/6 - Miss Grey
Cindy Gilligan	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Hank Sebire	Art - Mrs Bissett
Nate Moon	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Remi-Jay Young	Mr Fitz
Elsie Mitchell	4/5 - Ms Evans and Ms Kavanagh	Charlotte G	STEM - Mr Fitz



THEIR CARE NEWSLETTER




WEEK ONE 2025

WELCOME BACK WEEK!

What an amazing start to Term 4 at TheirCare! 😊 It's been wonderful seeing all the bright smiles and excitement as we kicked off the week.

We dived straight into creativity with sensory play, making little masterpieces from nature's own craft materials 🌿🌻. The energy was unstoppable as the children enjoyed the sunny outdoors, racing, laughing, and playing favourites like Lava Monster Tag, soccer, basketball, or simply running around and having fun!

Inside, our young authors got busy writing exciting stories about their holiday adventures, while others explored their artistic side with colouring and Lego building 🧱.

It's been a fantastic start to the term, full of imagination, movement, and laughter - we can't wait for more adventures with your children in the weeks ahead!

💙 Thank You for Your Support!
make sure to make a booking asap to secure your spot!

Next Week Sneak Peek...
We've got even more exciting activities coming up—stay tuned for Outer Space and another week of fun, learning, and adventure at TheirCare!

Warm regards,
Nicole
TheirCare Coordinator



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Times

Before school care 07:00AM-08:45PM

After school care 03:20PM-06:00PM



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!



Warrnambool West Primary School

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 ☺

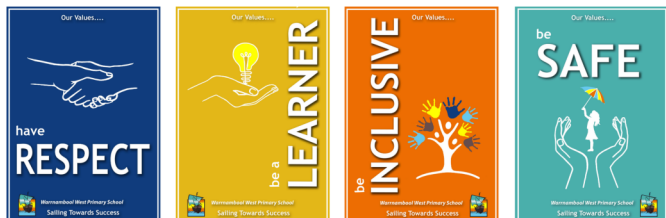


WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



House Points: Living Our Values

Students can earn points for demonstrating our school values. Each positive action is worth 50, 100, or 200 points for your House. Every point helps your house climb the leaderboard. Give it your best and support your team!



GOLD – 200 POINTS

SILVER – 100 POINTS

BRONZE – 50 POINTS

BIG LIFE FOCUS – 100 POINTS



WWPS, join us for...

FREAKY FRIYAY!


Wear your spookiest best for a day of fun!

31 OCTOBER
9.15AM PARADE


Followed by 6 rotations including...
The Disco of Danger, Haunted House, Scavenger Hunt and Fabulous Feasts



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME



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

COBDEN ROTARY MINI GOLF

25TH BIRTHDAY

- FREE MINI GOLF
- FREE DRINKS
- BBQ-(ANY DONATION APPRECIATED)
- FREE FACE PAINTING
- FREE FAIRY FLOSS
- FREE BALLOON CREATIONS
- FREE LOLLIES
- LOTS OF PRIZES

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 11AM-3PM






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You're not alone
Strengthening Parents Support Program (SPSP) is a free service funded by the Victorian Government.

We support parents and carers of children between the ages of 0 - 18 with a disability or developmental delay.

Our supportive group and program offer a safe space to share experiences, find information and hear from experts on a range of topics. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with other parents and carers facing the same challenges and share a similar parenting journey.



Connect to parents and carers
 For coffee catch ups, find social support and connection with other parents and carers.



Date and Time
 We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month
 9 & 23 Oct, 6 & 20 Nov & 4 Dec
 10:00am to 11:30am



Location
 71 Koroit Street, Warrnambool

To find out more and to register, call Gen today!



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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



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



Warrnambool West Primary School

SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM. GETTING READY FOR 2026 AT WWPS.



Friday 10th October
1:45pm – 3:15pm

Friday 17th October
1:45pm – 3:15pm



Meet our team
Warrnambool West's 2026 Foundation students come to the school library to participate in activities run by Foundation teachers and Allied Health Professionals from South West Healthcare.



Friday 24th October
1:45pm – 3:15pm

Friday 31st October
1:45pm – 3:15pm

Parents attend the sessions with their child and they have the opportunity to discuss ways to assist their child's development and school readiness. We share afternoon tea together and begin making connections with teachers, peers and other parents.

Contact Us

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Our Location



35 Hoddle Street, Warrnambool

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

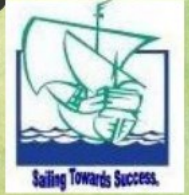
Classrooms Sports Art Music Auslan

Contact for any queries

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Warrnambool West PS





**Warrnambool West Primary
School presents:**

**"AN EVENING
ON BROADWAY"**



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT
5.45PM



BRAUER COLLEGE
AUDITORIUM, CARAMUT
ROAD

DOOR ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION