Term 2 Week 10 — Thursday 26th June 2025



Warrnambool West Primary School

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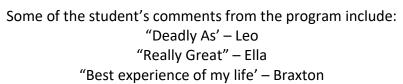
On behalf of Warrnambool West Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built, and we recognise their connection to the land and community. We respect the stories, traditions, and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We respect the Elders past, present and emerging on this land, as we continue our learning journey together.



Chop n Chat

West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House wound up their fourweek Chop n Chat Cooking Program with a delicious meal of fried rice - cooked by the program participants!

The children were also awarded a certificate of participation and a \$25 voucher to spend at Materia Brothers Fruit and Vegetable shop in Liebig Street.



















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From the Principal Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear Families.

semester, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt learning to ensure smooth implementation. You can thanks to our wonderful school community.

and the way you approach your schooling and friendships teacher. each day. Most students have worked hard, grown in your learning, and shown great strength in character. I would like to challenge the next steps for our students and ask If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or your how you can make further improvements to yourselves as child's teacher. We're committed to keeping you informed learners and how many can work on their traits, work and involved every step of the way! ethics and respect for self and others.

To our families - your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership are so important to me and the staff. Whether it's helping with reading at home, attending meetings for your child, or simply being there and showing up for your children to see that home and schoolwork together – it makes a difference.

To WWPS dedicated staff – thank you for the passion, care, and commitment you bring to every day. The way you Term 3 Student Led Conference nurture, guide, and teach our students with such professionalism is deeply appreciated. To Sasha and Chelsea in the office, you continue to smile each day, assist Friday 8th August — a powerful opportunity for students to all students and work hard in the operational side of school life and I am grateful to have two amazing people to work with.

Dogs Connect Program Progress of implementation.

Our core group are well underway in completing the modules for Dogs Connect program implementation. The community communication is attached to this link. Further information will be provided as the stages are progressed and completed.

Dogs Connect for Families

Final Day of School Movie Day

Thank you to Sinead and our Junior School Council members for preparing a whole school event for the last day of term, Friday 4th July. Consent for your child to watch the movie; Inside Out have been sent home. As it is rated PG and we require parental consent.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home next week outlining the achievements and progress your child has made this semester. As indicated earlier in the term, teachers are now required to report against the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0. You may notice some changes however; the student reports will continue to show progress against the achievement standards.

Your child's learning is still guided by a structured, well-As we come to the end of another school term and first supported curriculum. Teachers have received professional continue to support your child by talking to them about To our students – thank you for your curiosity, your effort, what they're learning and staying in touch with their

> For more about the Victorian Curriculum, visit: https:// vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/foundation-10/f-10-curriculum

Staff Absence

Ms Brianna Kavanagh has taken leave until the remainder of the term and student families have been notified of her absence. Replacement teachers have been utilised, and I must commend the students for their positive approach to the visiting teachers and have demonstrated the behaviours we expect at WWPS. Well done 4/5!

We're excited to inform you of our upcoming school council approved Student-Led Conferences next term on take ownership of their learning and share their progress with you. Your child is only required to attend school at their allocated interview time to showcase their learning, reflect on their achievements and for teachers to answer any questions in regard to their school report. Compass bookings will be open in the first week of term 3 and TheirCare will provide care for the day. Please book with TheirCare if required.

Camps and Excursions

Term 3 is a busy term for our students and staff. Our Year 3/4 students will attend Camp Kangaroobie in Week 6 -Monday 25th August – Wednesday 27th August and our Year 5/6 students are fortunate to attend Camp Wilkin in Anglesea in Week 3 – Monday 4th August – Wednesday 6th August. School Council have approved Time In Lieu days on the Thursday after each camp (7th August and 28th August) Children who attend these camps are not required on this

day.

the end of this term, please contact Chelsea for payment swimming ability form. This is crucial for your child's safety arrangements. Letters have been sent home with School requirements. Qualified swimming instructors are notified Saving Bonus and CSEF credit information. Please sign of your child's ability level prior to attending the lessons. these forms and return to school ASAP.

standards during camps as they do during regular school soon as possible. activities. In Victorian government schools, student behaviour expectations during camps are governed by the Department of Education and Training's (DET) policies. These policies aim to ensure that camps are safe, inclusive, and educational experiences for all students.

As we already implement positive behaviour strategies for students at school, parents may be called to discuss and develop Behaviour Support Plans for students requiring additional assistance on camp and for students to attend with succession plan. Again, we expect families to work with staff and create a space of mutual trust, respect and positive outcomes by talking with your child and child's teacher.

Swimming in Term 3

Mr Fitzgibbon has been busy liaising with our external swimming organisations for our annual learn to swim

program. Consent on Compass is required, and I know Camp consent and payments are to be organised before many families have already returned the important This is a mandatory requirement from the Department of Students are expected to adhere to the same behavioural Education. Please return this form and provide consent as

NAIDOC Week

To all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families of our school community, we wish you all a Happy NAIDOC Week during the school holidays: a time to connect with each other and celebrate. Our school will continue to learn the rich history and culture of this Country, the oldest living culture in the World. Keep an eye out for activities and events across the week.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest over the break. Take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready for the exciting learning ahead.

Warm regards, Karen Holdsworth

From the Office

Curriculum Contributions

We would like to 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 child / children. If you have yet to contribute, we encourage you to do so. Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

School Savings Bonus Update

After 30th June 2025, parents/carers will no longer have access to the SSB system. You will no longer be able to purchase textbooks or uniforms using the SSB credits.

Any unspent amounts will revert to school activities credits (camps, excursions etc). The amounts will be available to use from early August.

If you wish to purchase uniform with SSB credits before 30th June, please come into the office to organise this.

Camp Payments

Just a reminder that 5/6 Camp Wilkin payments are due Wednesday 23rd July. Please refer to notes sent home with students for more information or contact the office.

TheirCare

Theircare runs before and after school care every day. Theircare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children while being provided quality care, flexibility and commitment.



Theircare runs from 7:00am-8:45am and 3:20pm-6:00pm and is available to all students. Please call 0458 100 401 or 1300 072 410 or visit www.theircare.com.au for more information and to book your child into out of school hours care.



From the Assistant Principal



Holiday Fun at Home: Our Favourite Winter Activities

It's hard to believe the holidays are nearly upon us—term two has been packed with activity! When it comes to winter break in our household, we usually decide to stay close to home rather than heading away. Fortunately, there's so much to enjoy locally, and many of the best experiences are completely free. All you need is a warm coat and a beanie! Here are some of my family's favourite things to do during the winter holidays.

Logan's Beach

It's whale-watching season, and Logan's Beach is one of the best places to try your luck at spotting a Southern Right whale. Head to the viewing platform or walk down to the beach—there's already been a sighting in the past few weeks! Just be sure to dress warmly, especially if you're on the platform—it gets very windy.

Warrnambool Library

Our beautiful new library space now has a café again—great news for coffee lovers like me! It's a fantastic place to explore books and creative zones, and during the holidays, it offers a full program of free activities. Kids can join the Lego Club, Creative Club, Code Club, Drama Adventures, Writing Workshops, Lego Stop Motion, or Cartoon Workshops—all in a cosy, welcoming environment. Check online or call the library to book your spot.

Botanic Gardens

Even in winter, the Botanic Gardens are a magical place. Find a break in the weather, bundle up, and head out to explore. We love creating scavenger hunts and racing around to take photos. You can also play on the cannon, swing in the playground, explore the nature area, or watch the ducks on the pond. It's perfect for a game of hide and seek or chasy too.

Shelly Beach Walk

One of our favourite family walks starts at Thunder Point and winds down to Shelly Beach. The trail is full of interesting sights, and once you reach the beach, the fun really begins. Search for sea creatures, admire shells, play in the sand, or explore the rocky terrain—it's always an adventure.

Walk from Moyjil (Point Ritchie) to Granny's Grave

This is one of my all-time favourite walks—whether you're walking, riding, scooting, jogging, or pushing a pram. It's a manageable distance, and the playground at Granny's Grave is a great reward at the end. There's also a grassy area perfect for kicking a ball. Even in winter, there's something so refreshing about walking near the sea and breathing in the salty air.

Special Mention: Warrnambool Art Gallery

The Warrnambool Art Gallery is a gem—and it's free to enter! We often visit just to enjoy the exhibitions, but over the holidays they also offer low-cost activities (usually around \$5). You can make Incy Wincy spiders, build dreamcatchers, learn about insects, or try botanical printing. It's a wonderful way to get creative, surrounded by inspiring art.

These are just some of the things my family will be getting up to over the holidays—alongside plenty of couch time and cosy relaxation! I hope this gives you a few ideas for staying active and entertained during the coldest time of year.

Ms Jodie Albott



This week our BIG LIFE focus has been getting through frustration and challenges.

In STEM lessons we've kicked off by sharing ways to stay calm, then practised deep big belly breaths that reinforce the breathing strategies students have been discussing in their classrooms.

Lying on their backs with a shoe balanced on their stomachs, students watched it rise and fall as they filled their lungs. A few slow breaths helped everyone feel steadier and ready to dive into their investigations.





























Big Life Boost Weeks 9 & 10

This fortnight in Big Life students are exploring the emotion **frustration** and learning positive ways to cope and keep going when things feel difficult.

At school, we've talked about how frustration can show up in everyday situations — like when we can't figure out a tricky maths problem, or when a classmate doesn't listen to our idea. These feelings are completely normal! In fact, frustration is a sign that our brain is learning and being challenged, which helps it grow stronger — just like a muscle.

We're helping students learn that instead of giving up or allowing their big feelings to stop them from reaching their goals, they can try:

- Using **calming strategies** like deep breathing or taking a short break.
- Flipping their perspective and using **positive self-talk** such as "I can do this" or "I just need more time" to problem solve.
- Asking for help or trying a new approach.

With practice, we can develop the strength of **perseverance** - the ability to persist through challenges and setbacks without losing motivation, especially when we feel frustrated or discouraged.

How You Can Help At Home:

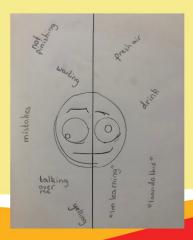
- Talk about it Share times when you feel frustrated and how you handle it.
- Name the feeling "It's okay to feel frustrated it means your brain is working hard."
- Model calm and flexible thinking Show how to pause and try another way.
- Praise perseverance Celebrate effort, not just getting it right.

These small steps help children build confidence and emotional strength — in and out of the classroom.

Big Life with Mel

In week 9 at West, Mel worked with the grade 4/5 class discussing what makes us frustrated & practicing strategies we can use to calm down and persevere through challenges. Mel also worked with the grade 1/2/3 drumming group, introducing challenges that require students to hold on to their rhythm while others speed up, get louder or change rhythms. This reminds us how tricky it can be to stay calm when others around us are not, and how it is much easier if we have a person near us who is playing the same rhythm (or showing the same expected behaviour) as us.













CULTURAL COOKING WEEK!

Dear Families,

This week at TheirCare, we turned up the heat in the kitchen and took our taste buds on a world tour! Our Cultural Cooking Week was a huge hit with the children as they explored new flavours, learned about different countries, and got hands-on in preparing food from around the globe.

What We Cooked Together:

Each day brought a new culture and a new delicious dish to try:

Russia - We kicked off the week with warm and comforting potato dumplings, which the children loved shaping and rolling themselves.

Ireland - The children were all smiles while flipping and enjoying fluffy Irish pancakes, topped with their choice of spreads and fruit.

Australia - We made our own traditional Aussie damper, leaming about bush cooking and enjoying it warm with butter or honey!

Italy - Pizza day was a favourite! The children helped prepare and serve classic pizza, learning fun facts about Italian food and family traditions.

- Japan To finish the week, we made Inari-Zushi, a special kind of sushi using sweet wrap pockets instead of seaweed something the children specifically asked to try! Many were excited to taste something new and unique.
 - 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 winter science and another week of fun, learning, and adventure at TheirCare!

Warm regards,

Nicole

Their Care Coordinator



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Times

Before school care 07:00AM-08:45PM After school care 03:20PM-06:00PM

Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 11 30th - 4th July	30	01 Toddle on Hoddle	02	03	04 Last Day Term 2 2:20pm finish
	School Holidays 5th - 20th July				
Week 1 21st - 25th July	21 First Day Term 3	22	23	24	25 2:50pm Assembly
Week 2 28th - 01st August	28	29 Toddle on Hoddle	30	31	01 2:50pm Assembly
Week 3 4th - 8th August	04	05 Toddle on Hoddle	06	07	08 2:50pm Assembly

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School **LUNCH ORDER LIST 2025 Hot Food** Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties Snacks Ham & Cheese Sandwich \$5.50 Nibble Pie (GF available) \$2.50 Finger Bun \$3.50 \$6.50 Half Sausage Roll (GF av) \$2.50 Mini Slice (hedgehog, jelly, Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich \$5.70 caramel, lemon) \$2.50 \$4.20 Sausage Roll \$6.70 Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich \$5.50 Gluten Free Slice (lemon, \$5.60 Plain Pie hedgehog, caramel, strawberry Roll \$6.50 Steamed Dim Sim \$1.50 cheesecake) \$3.50 Chicken & Cheese Sandwich \$5.50 GF Steamed Dim Sim \$2.50 Roll \$6.50 Chicken Nuggets \$1.00 Extra salads 50c each GF Chicken Nuggets \$1.50 (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

SOTW - Week 8

Name	Class	Name	Class	
Zephaniah Howell	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	James Carreon, Jason	Art Mrs Dissott	
Evie Clays	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Lin, Molly McColl	Art - Mrs Bissett	
Megan Clough- Beauchamp	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell	Letisha Freeman	PE - Mr Fitzgibbon	
Nate Moon	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Scarlett Downes	STEM - Mr Fitzgibbon	
Skyhla McCorkindale	5/6 - Miss Grey	Hailey Wylie	Music - Mr Fitzgibbon	







Toddle on Hoddle Term 2

Join us for lots of fun with friends! Tactile activities, art and craft, story time, sing-alongs, play areas, special themes, dress ups and more!

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
10 th	Creepy	24 th	Grandparents
June	Crawlies	June	Day

17 th	Lizards	1 st July	End of Term
June			Rainbow
			Party!

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 🔞



















WIN! A year's supply of books' + \$500 book credit for your school

Open to all young writers in Years 5 - 8 living in the Great South Coast region

Shortlist will be judged by bestselling & award-winning author JUDITH ROSSELL

> Winning entry will be published in full in The Warrnambool Standard



*FOR FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS AND ENTRY DETAILS, SCAN THE QR CODE





PROGRAM MONDAY 7 JULY TO FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025 Places Limited, Ages 8-12 Enrolments close 1/7/25

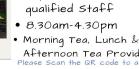
- Activities
- Bike Riding
- Fishing
- Coastal Walks
- Beach Games











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Afternoon Tea Provided Please Scan the QR code to acce our registration form. Enrolments close on Tue of July

· Qualified Teacher Led Experienced and

West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House School Holiday Program



12 - 16 Pecten Avenue Park



Important Holiday Program Information

Bookings are Essential! Phone/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 July 8	Wednesday July 9	Thursday July 10
ART of GLASS (Age 8+)	SEWING ADVENTURES (Age 7+)	LOCAL LANDSCAPES (Age 5+)
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Monday July 14	Tuesday July 15	Wednesday July 16	Thursday July 17
CREATIVE COOKING with CWA (Age 7+)	PREHISTORIC FOSSIL HUNT (Age 5+)	CROCHET FOR KIDS (Age 7+)	MONSTER MADNESS 3D Cartoon Creatures (Age 5+)
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Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au





April 9th 11:30-1:30

This program will consist of a mixture of dance styles Hip Hop , Jazz, Acro/Cheer and Musical Theatre. we will include strength and conditioning games, dance routines, and performances.

your children will be provided with a safe space to be themselves , learn and meet new friends with the very best instructors

Desilva Dance Company Ages 5-7 \$25 per child

BATTLE OF THE BOYS DANCE CLASS

A COMBINATION OF DANCE STYLES FOCUSED AROUND HIP HOP

THURSDAYS 4-5 PM

GRASSMERE HALL AGES 6-9

\$16 ONE HOUR CLASS NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED



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