

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.

Colour Run 2026



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families,

As we finish up week four of the term, positive feedback from teachers, families and extended members of our community has absolutely warmed my heart. It is clearly evident that key learning is constant across our school. Whether students are building sense in number facts, strengthening sentence level writing skills, or developing increasingly complex vocabulary in English, our learners are consistently extending their skills each day. Alongside academic learning, students are strengthening their routines, learning dispositions and positive habits that support success. Classrooms are calm, welcoming environments where students feel supported, focused and ready to learn.

A successful Colour Run last Friday saw many smiles and laughs, wet and colourful clothing and community bonding. A big thank you to Mr Fitzgibbon and Ms Kavanagh for organising a wonderful Colour Run event. It was fantastic to see our students enjoying such a fun filled day together. I would also like to acknowledge family members; Lynn, Janelle and Nicole for preparing the BBQ for students. Your support helped make the event a great success. There were plenty of laughs along the way, including the opportunity for Mr Fitzgibbon and myself to be slimed for everyone's entertainment, and a well sought after raffle prize! Most importantly, the event raised approximately \$500 for our school, which is a terrific achievement. Thank you to our families and community for your ongoing support.

This week, our Junior School Council acknowledged Ramadan and the Chinese New Year, supporting student learning about culture, inclusion and respect. Opportunities like this are important in celebrating the diversity of our school community and helping students develop understanding and empathy for others.

Next week is South West Sport Week, where a range of local sporting clubs will volunteer their time each lunchtime to introduce students to new activities. Students will have the opportunity to try Hockey, Touch Football, Pickleball, Cricket and Soccer. I encourage all students to get involved, learn new skills and perhaps discover a new club or activity that supports a healthy and active lifestyle.

We are also continuing to reinforce our expectations around respectful language across the school. Staff are re-teaching and supporting students to use kind and respectful words, particularly when speaking about and to members of our community. Families can support this work by reminding children that when wearing the school uniform, they are representing our school and the values we stand for; being safe, showing kindness, respect and inclusion.

Some exciting news across the school is the commencement of a shade sail structure over the oval playground area in the coming weeks. Providing a sun safe environment for our students is important to us, which also encourages a healthy, active play time across all seasons. And in continuing the improvement of our school grounds is the resurfacing of our basketball and netball court areas. Kangaroo Courts will resurface this area in the coming months so that students can play on a safe and improved surface, playing the sports they love! We are looking forward to these improvements this term!

Please view our calendar of events as there are some key activities and excursions ahead and I remind families to access Compass and Seesaw so you do not miss these important events.

As I round off my piece, I would like to remind you to keep safe, be kind to each other and I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Take care everyone.

Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

Lunch Orders 2026

Lunch orders are available every Wednesday from Morriss Road Takeaway. Please write your child's order on a brown paper bag with correct payment enclosed. Students can bring their order to school by 9am or your child's order can be placed directly with Morriss Road Takeaway by 9:15am.

An updated lunch order list is available on Compass.

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.

Please also provide medication to the school with a completed Medication Authority Form for any allergies or Ventolin if your child has asthma.

CSEF Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities. If you have a valid, means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$400 for eligible school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, forms are available from the front office.

Parent Payment Contributions

Parent Payment Contributions for 2026 will be \$290.00 per student. The ongoing financial support of our families ensures that we can provide the excellent range of resources and facilities for your child/children.

We are now receiving payments by bPay, Direct Deposit, CentrePay, Cash or Eftpos. Please call into the office to organise payment arrangements.

Grade 6 Jumpers

Class of 2026 jumpers have arrived at school. Students will receive their jumper early next week once we have received payment. The cost of the 2026 jumper is \$62. To discuss payment options or to set up a payment plan, please contact Chelsea at the school office.



From the Assistant Principal

What a wonderful start to the school year it has been! It has been a joy to see our students return with such enthusiasm and positivity, and I'm incredibly proud of how quickly they have settled back into school life.

Across the school, students are already well established in our routines and expectations. From smooth morning transitions to focused classroom learning and respectful playground behaviour, our students have shown that they are ready to learn and ready to shine. This strong start sets a positive tone for the year ahead and creates a calm, purposeful environment for everyone.

Our school values continue to guide everything we do. It has been fantastic to see students:

- **Being inclusive** by welcoming new classmates and making sure everyone feels they belong
- **Showing respect** to each other, to staff, and to our learning spaces
- **Being safe** by following routines and looking out for one another
- **Being learners** by giving things a go, asking questions, and persisting even when learning feels challenging

These values are not just words — they are clearly visible in the everyday actions of our students, and they help make our school such a supportive and connected community.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support in reinforcing routines and expectations at home. Working together makes a huge difference. We're looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and many moments to celebrate.

Ms. Jodie Abbott

★ SOTW - Week 2 ★

Name	Class	Name	Class
Will McColl	Found - Mrs Blake and Mrs Roberts	Gavin	3/4 - Mrs White and Ms Bissett
Cindy	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	Charlotte Cowley	5/6 - Mr Symonds
Josh Wentworth	1/2 - Miss Evans and Ms McElgunn	Nate Moon	5/6 - Miss Grey
Jax Parsons	3/4 - Miss Hoy	Clark McKay, Tina N Lin Phoenix Goodrem, Letisha Freeman	Specialist - Mr Fitzgibbon Specialist - Ms Kavanagh



a big life in 1/2EM



This term we have been re-visiting zones of behaviour. We played a game of corners where we danced and picked a corner when the music stopped. Depending on where the dice landed, we had to act out a specific zone.

Red Zone



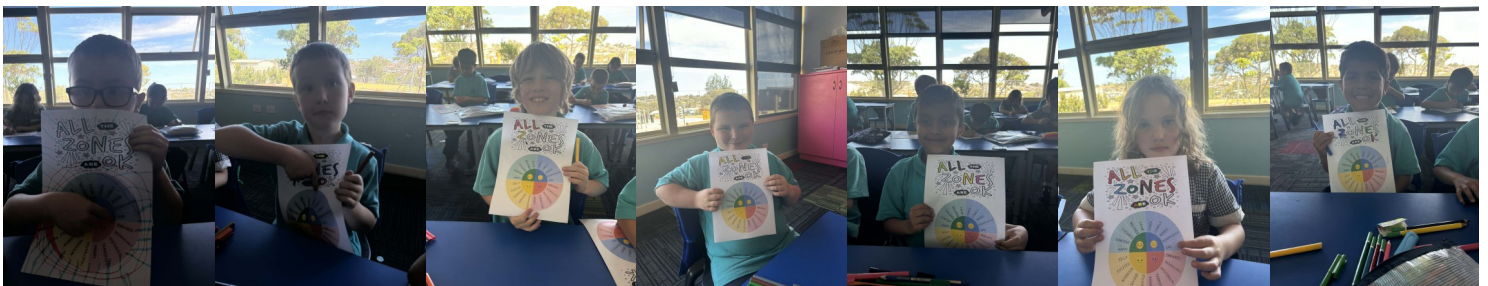
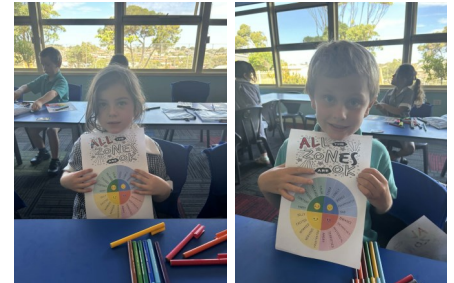
Yellow Zone



Blue Zone



Green Zone



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5 23rd - 27th February	23	24 Toddle on Hoddle	25	26	27
Week 6 2nd - 6th March	02	03 Toddle on Hoddle	04	05	06 Student Leader Congress 2:45pm - Assembly
Week 7 9th - 13th March	09 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 Toddle on Hoddle	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN 2:45pm - Assembly
Week 8 16th - 20th March	16 NAPLAN	17 Toddle on Hoddle Glasses for Kids	18 Whole School Athletics Day	19	20
Week 9 23rd - 27th March	23 3-6 Swimming	24 Toddle on Hoddle 3-6 Swimming School Photos	25 Staff PD - Pupil Free Day	26 3-6 Swimming	27 3-6 Swimming

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2026

Hot Food

Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.70
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.70
Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Plain Pie	\$6.00
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.60
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.80
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50

Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties

Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
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



Warrnambool West Primary School

Warrnambool West Primary School and West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House are excited with the return of...

Toddle on Hoddle '26

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 more!

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
5 th February	Summer 	5 th March	Farms - Chicks 
12 th February	 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	12 th March	Bugs 
19 th February	 pancake Day	19 th March	 HARMONY DAY
26 th February	Farms - Pigs 	26 th March	Neighbour Day 
		2 nd April End of Term party, dress up and bring some food to share!	 HAPPY EASTER

When: Thursday mornings 9.30-11am


Cost: \$0

Where: WWPS Multi-Purpose Room

Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea

Bring: Water bottles

We can't wait to see you! Renae and Jill 😊



HOOK in 2 HOCKEY
HOCKEY SOUTH WEST


COME AND TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE
ALL HOCKEY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Venue: Warrnambool Hockey Complex
Albert Park (off Cramer Street)

Scan the QR code to register for a FREE session
Saturday 14 Feb. 9-10am Wednesday 18 Feb. 4.15-5.15pm
Saturday 28 Feb. 9-10am Wednesday 4 March 4.15-5.15pm



Enquiries
juniors@hockeysouthwest.org.au




We Want YOU in 2026

OCFNC are seeking players to join our U13.5 & U11 Teams

Both boys and girls are eligible to play in these competitions

ENQUIRIES TO SIMON DAWSON 0439 395 330





HOGS BEACH CLINIC

Join the NRL HOGS - Brad Fittler, Dale Finucane, Jada Taylor & Quincy Dodd



Monday 23rd February
4:00pm - 5:00pm
McGennans Beach
Warrnambool

FREE | 3-18 Year Olds



Register Now!

Cultivating Carers

A new carer support group in Warrnambool. Cultivating Carers is a kitchen-garden-themed wellbeing program for carers.

noon - 3pm, Monday 23 February, and
1-3pm, Thursday 26 February (second workshop for grouting)

Making Garden Mosaics
Did you know bees can't swim? A mosaic bee bath will help them wet their whistle and keep them afloat. Make your own mosaic Bee Bath or Bird Plant Stake. Places limited, bookings essential.

10am - 1pm, Thursday 5 March
Making a Wicking Bed
Watch and learn as we make a wicking bed, which is a self-watering, contained garden system that uses a water reservoir at the base to deliver moisture upward to plant roots via capillary action, like a wick.

1 - 3pm, Monday 16 March
Cooking & Nutrition workshop
Join in and bake a one pot wonder to take home (chicken and vegetarian options). Gabby McKenna, Dietitian - Southern Coast Nutrition will talk us through health benefits as we slice and dice.

All workshops are free for unpaid carers. **For bookings or to ask questions call Brenda on 0418 392 948** or send an email to: breezyblenda@gmail.com

Gardening ● Nutrition ● Wellbeing
Cooking ● Connection ● Self-care

