

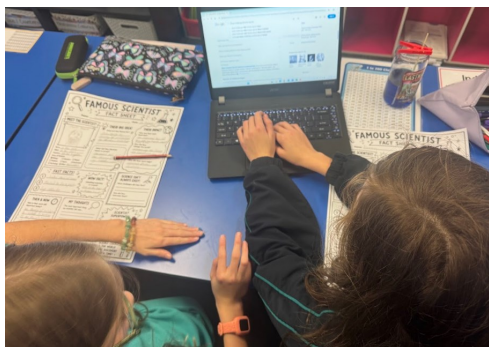
The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School

'WWPS is a Child Safe school'

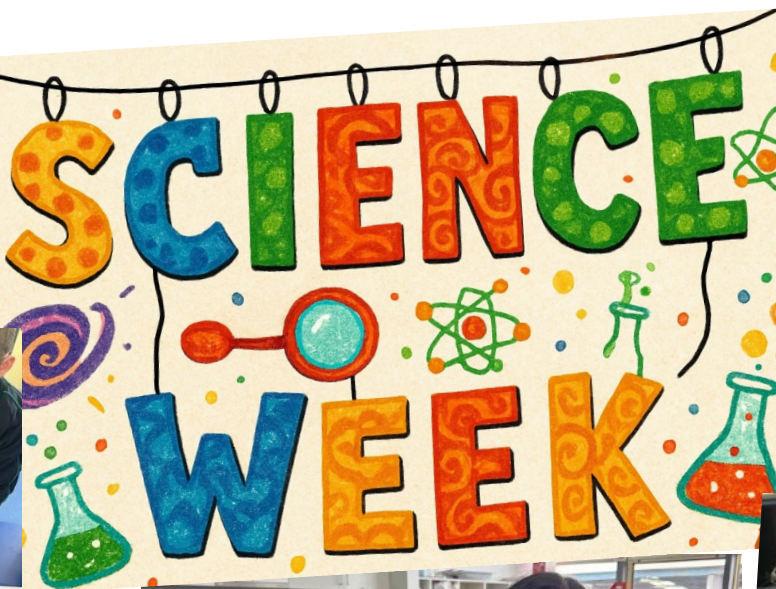


On behalf of Warrnambool West Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built, and we recognise their connection to the land and community. We respect the stories, traditions, and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander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



Last week, WWPS celebrated Science Week, with classroom teachers bringing science into their classrooms through a range of fun, hands-on activities.

Students had the opportunity to explore, investigate, ask questions and discover more about the world around them. It was fantastic to hear students sharing their excitement about the experiments and activities they were doing.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal
Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families,

What a productive and active term it has been! It has been wonderful to see our students progressing across so many facets of their school lives, all academically, socially, emotionally and personally. Our focus on creating opportunities for students to challenge themselves, build confidence and develop independence continues to be evident across the school.

Year 3/4 Halls Gap Camp

This week, our Year 3/4 students experienced an exciting and memorable camp at Halls Gap. From the Halls Gap Zoo and high ropes to orienteering, bush cooking and an Amazing Race, students embraced challenges, showed perseverance and enjoyed plenty of opportunities for bonding and fun. These experiences build confidence, independence and resilience in ways that are difficult to replicate in the classroom. A huge thank you to Miss Hoy, Mr Yates, Leah Evans, Mrs White and Ms Bissett for the time, organisation and care they put into preparing for and attending camp. We appreciate the time away from your own families to provide our students with such valuable experiences and memories.

Welcome to WWPS

We are pleased to welcome a number of pre-service teachers and Education Support staff to Warrnambool West Primary School for their practical placements. Miss Evans has settled seamlessly into our Year 3/4 team. We also welcome Ms Manuell, who will join our Foundation classroom for a four-week placement, and Mr Attrill, who is returning to WWPS for his second placement in Year 3/4. We value the opportunity to support emerging educators and share our practice with the next generation of teachers and education professionals.

We have also welcomed a number of new families to our growing community. I enjoy getting to know the students and their families and I am certain their time at WWPS is a rewarding and valuable experience.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We look forward to welcoming families for Parent Teacher Interviews tomorrow. These conversations are an important opportunity to connect with your child's

teacher, celebrate their progress, discuss areas for growth and work together to support their continued learning and development. Strong partnerships between home and school make a significant difference to student success. If for some reason you are unable to meet with your child's teacher, please let us know and we can endeavour to have the conversation at another time. Full day care is available for the day with Nicole. Please register and log into Kidsoft for bookings.

Book Week

Book Week is next week, with an exciting range of activities planned for our students. We begin with our Dress Up Day on Monday 24 August. Get creative, use your imagination and come dressed as your favourite book character. Most importantly, enjoy the day as we celebrate the wonderful world of books and reading!

Attendance Matters

A reminder to families about the importance of regular school attendance. Every day of learning counts. Regular attendance supports students to maintain learning progress, develop positive relationships and feel connected to their classroom and school community. If your child is experiencing difficulties attending school regularly, please contact us. We are committed to working alongside families in a supportive and non-judgemental way to help every child attend, engage and succeed.

Respectful Behaviour at School

We are fortunate to have a welcoming and supportive school community, and we ask all families to continue to model respectful behaviour towards one another and our staff. The Victorian Department of Education expects school communities to be places where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

A reminder also that our classrooms continue to operate until 3.20pm. We appreciate families being on time to collect children and ask that you avoid arriving too early, as students and teachers are still engaged in learning. Arriving from approximately 3.10pm onwards provides ample time to collect your child while allowing classroom learning to continue uninterrupted.

Father's Day/Special Person's Day Breakfast

Our wonderful volunteers from the Lions Club are supporting our very special breakfast to acknowledge the important work our dads, grand-dads, uncles, mothers and any significant person do for our students. Order forms for the breakfast were sent home earlier in the week. Please support the school and our volunteers and come along with your child. Keep Friday 4th September

free on your calendars and return your order form by Tuesday 1st September.

Online Safety

As our senior students increasingly use technology for learning and communication, online safety remains an important focus. Students are learning how to make safe choices online, protect personal information, communicate respectfully and seek help if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and regularly check in with children about their online experiences.

Have Your Say – Parent Survey

Our Parent Survey opens this week, and I encourage all families to take the opportunity to provide feedback. We want to hear what you value about Warrnambool West Primary School, what we are doing well and what constructive improvements could make our school even better.

Importantly, we would also like to understand how connected families feel to our school community and what we can do to strengthen that sense of belonging. Your feedback helps us reflect, identify priorities and continue to improve together.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. It is a privilege to see our students growing in confidence,

independence and capability, and to work alongside families and staff who genuinely care about their success.

Staffing Update

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news that Sinead Grey will be taking a 12-month transfer to Nullawarre and District Primary School in a Leading Teacher position, commencing Monday 31 August.

While we are certainly sad to see Sinead leave Warrnambool West Primary School, we are also incredibly excited for her to take up this wonderful leadership opportunity. Sinead has made a valued contribution to our school community, and this opportunity reflects her aspiration to lead and influence curriculum development and improvement. We wish her every success in this next step and look forward to hearing about her experiences throughout the year.

I am pleased to let families know that Hannah Lougheed will step into the 5/6G classroom for the three weeks remaining this term. At the beginning of Term 4, Danielle Cuthbertson will move across to 5/6G as Daniel Symonds returns from his extended holiday.

From The Office

Fathers Day Breakfast / Fathers Day Stall

Fathers day/ Special person breakfast will be celebrated on Friday 4th September in the Multi purpose Room from 7.30 Am. Order forms have been sent home with students this week. If you need another order form please collect one from the office. **Can all order forms please be returned by Tuesday 1st September with correct change .**

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

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.



From the Assistant Principal

The Power of Practice

One of the most important parts of learning is also one of the simplest: practice.

When our students are learning something new, it is not enough to understand it once. Students need opportunities to practise new knowledge and skills, receive feedback, correct mistakes and revisit learning over time. With purposeful practice, skills become more accurate, efficient and easier to recall.

In our classrooms, teachers use a range of evidence-based practices to help students achieve mastery. This includes explicit teaching and modelling, followed by guided practice before students work independently. Teachers regularly check for understanding so they can identify what students have learned and provide additional teaching when needed.

Students also revisit important learning through retrieval practice. This means bringing previously learned information back to mind rather than simply looking at it again. For example, students might practise previously taught spelling patterns, recall maths facts or answer questions about a text they have read.

Another important part of mastery learning is deliberate practice. Rather than simply doing lots of questions, students practise a specific skill with a clear purpose. Teachers provide feedback, address errors and give students further opportunities to practise until the skill becomes secure.

We also use spaced practice, where important knowledge and skills are revisited over days and weeks rather than taught once and left behind. This helps students retain what they have learned and apply it in new situations.

This is why you might notice your child practising something at school that they have already learned. We aren't going backwards-we are helping learning stick.

The goal is not simply for students to get something right today. The goal is for them to know it, remember it and use it confidently tomorrow, next week and later in their learning.

Learn it. Practise it. Remember it. Use it. That is the power of purposeful practice.

Ms. Jodie Abbott



What Our Brain Is Telling Us In 1/2 M



This week 1/2 M have been exploring what each section of our brain is in charge of.

We have been looking at what our brain might look like when we are feeling kind.





BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 5 & 6

In weeks 5 & 6, students explore the qualities of a **healthy friendship** and how our words can either strengthen or weaken those connections. Students will learn that strong friendships are built on **trust, kindness** and **respect**. Helpful behaviours such as sharing, including others, listening and solving problems calmly can help our friendships grow. On the other hand, hurtful actions such as excluding, teasing, being hands-on, speaking rudely or breaking promises can weaken our friendships.

To support this learning at home...

- Share stories about your own friendships
- Notice & praise your child when they show kindness, respect or empathy
- Role-play tricky friendship moments & brainstorm responses together
- Notice & celebrate healthy friendship qualities in stories & movies.



Big Life with Mel

On Wednesday of week 5, Grade 3-6s continued their **personal development** sessions. The grade 5/6s learned about lots of different **body parts** typical to male and female bodies and why it is important to know the correct words for our body parts. The 3/4s learned about **puberty** and the common physical, social and emotional changes that occur as young people gradually begin to change from children into adults.

Some children may come home with questions about topics discussed in Personal Development. Here are some fantastic resources to help you navigate these conversations with your child:

- **Raising Children Website:**
raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/development/sexual-development/sex-education-children
- **Sexual Health Victoria:**
<https://www.shvic.org.au/for-you/for-parents-and-carers/>
- **Sex Ed Rescue:**
www.sexedrescue.com

Students of the Week - Week 8

Student	Class	Student	Class
Patrick Bellamy	F - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Sophia Yu	3/4WB - Mrs White & Ms Bissett
Charlotte Gray	1/2M - Mrs Mitchell	Harmony Dempsey	5/6S - Mr Symonds
Cooper Hurse	1/2EM - Miss Evans & Ms McElgunn	Payton Hogg	5/6G - Miss Grey
	3/4H - Miss Hoy	Amira	Principal's Award



Warrnambool West Primary School 2027 School Enrolments are still open

**South West Healthcare
School Readiness Team
Presents**

STEP UP TO SCHOOL

**For children starting school in 2027
Learn from early childhood experts
about how to support your child's
transition to school**

**30th July 6.30pm
Via MS Teams**

Scan QR Code to Register



**South West
Healthcare**



**ENROLMENTS
AND TOURS
ARE STILL
OPEN!**

Scan the QR
code for a
tour that
suits you
best.



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Starting school is a big moment! We understand choosing the right school is an important decision. Select a tour to step into the spaces where you feel the energy, ask questions and connect with a community who will support you in making the right decision with genuine care and expertise.

Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 17th– 21st August	17 3/4 Camp Halls Gap	18 3/4 Camp Halls Gap	19 3/4 Camp Halls Gap	20 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle 3/4 Camp Rest Day	21 Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 7 24th– 28th August	24 Book Week Dress Up Day	25 GALS Workshop @ Deakin	26 Foundation Excursion to WWNH 3-6 Personal Development.	27 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	28 2.45pm Assembly F-2 Excursion to Brauer 'Shrek'
Week 8 31st– 4th September	31 Literacy & Numeracy Week	1 2027 Foundation School Readiness 2.15pm– 3.15pm	2	3 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	4 2.45pm Assembly Fathers Day Stall & Fathers Day Breakfast
Week 9 7th– 11th September	7	8 2027 Foundation School Readiness 2.15pm– 3.15pm.	9 3-6 Personal Development	10 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	11 2.45pm Assembly Basketball—SSV (3/4)
Week 10 14th– 18th September	14 Gals Project Launch & Basketball—SSV (5/6)	15 2027 Foundation School Readiness 2.15pm– 3.15pm	16	17 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	18 2.45pm Assembly

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



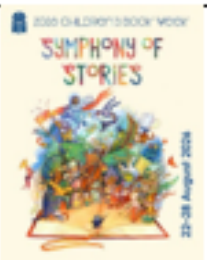
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Warrnambool West Primary School and West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House have a fabulous term of activities planned!

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!

Term 3

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
23 rd July	 National Tree Day PLANET ARK	20 th Aug	 national science week
30 th July	 Winter	27 th Aug Book Week Dress Up	 2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SYMPHONY OF STORIES 23-28 August 2026
6 th Aug	 Wild Animals	3 rd Sept Celebrating all significant people in our lives	 HAPPY Father's DAY
13 th Aug	 Wild Animals	10 th Sept	Flagstaff Hill Excursion! 
		17 th Sept Bring a small plate of food to share and wear your footy colours	End of Term 'Footy Party' 

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 😊



SUPER DAD

Father's / Special Person Day

HAVE BREAKFAST WITH YOUR SPECIAL PERSON

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.

SAVE THE DATE!

7.30AM

\$7 Egg and Bacon Rolls
Kindly prepared by our wonderful partners, The Lions Club
Cups of tea available.

Pre-order before the day.
Order forms will be sent home as soon as possible.



WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.



Sailing Towards Success.

Our Before and After school program is proudly managed by Warrnambool West PS School Council.
Our program educator Nicole Mcorkindale will provide the expert care your child deserves.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Games and Play
- Arts & Crafts
- Reading & Story Times

Before School Hours
Tuesday and Thursdays
7.30am - 9am

After School Hours
Monday-Fridays
3.30pm - 6pm

Scan the QR code to register online for enrolment on the Kidsoft portal.



FOR MORE INFORMATION • 5561 3161



24TH AUGUST 2026

BOOK WEEK

Symphony of Stories

★ LET'S CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF BOOKS!

DRESS UP DAY MONDAY



Dress as your favourite book character and bring the stories to life!

DAILY CLASS CHALLENGE



Each day, classes will take on a fun challenge. Work together, be creative and earn points for your class!

BOOK WEEK BINGO



Complete bingo challenges all week for a chance to win a prize!

READ, IMAGINE, INSPIRE!
★ EVERY STORY MATTERS ★

★ LET'S MAKE 2026 BOOK WEEK OUR BEST ONE YET! ★

WARRNAMBOOL COASTER ART SHOW 2026 OPENING PARTY!

SATURDAY 22ND AUG 2PM-8PM
@ THE F PROJECT
224 TIMOR ST, WARRNAMBOOL



PRIZES DONATED BY -

The F Project | One Day Studios | Library Cafe | Henna Street Picture Framers | Blarney Books | Warrnambool City Youth | Collins Booksellers | WEEDS | Day Kitty | Shi Ra Ya Sushi | My Craftersnoons | Emma Stenhouse | Hotel Warrnambool | and many more AMAZING local businesses.

COASTER ART SALES (CASH ONLY / NO HOLDS)
MUST BE PAID ON THE DAY OF PURCHASE

ART WORKS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE 16TH SEPT @ THE F PROJECT

EVENT SOUND TRACKED BY 0D - SWIM

Young Creative Musicians & DJ's launching their new 'Submerged 26' Compilation of South-West Electronic Sounds live in the F Project Laneway.





Before school care & After School Care Newsletter

Date: 20/08/2026

Adventures we got up to!!

What an exciting fortnight we've had at OSHC! We have been busy putting our imaginations, creativity and curiosity to the test with our Design & Developer and Science Week adventures! During Design & Developer Week – Behind the Design, the children discovered that great games don't just happen overnight! They became game designers themselves, creating their very own board games and card games, complete with their own rules and ideas. The children also worked together to design a giant obstacle course game, filled with twists, turns and unexpected challenges!

Then came Science Week, where our budding scientists got hands-on with some fun experiments and theories. We investigated whether static electricity could travel from one person to another using a balloon, held exciting balloon races, and challenged ourselves to aim flying balloons into a hula hoop!

We also got creative making our own marble mazes and tracks, experimenting with movement, speed and different designs. To finish things off, we explored our senses by making sensory sand! And we're not stopping there!

This week we're jumping into "Little Inventions Made BIG!" where the children will become inventors, problem-solvers and creative thinkers as they turn their little ideas into BIG inventions! We can't wait to see what they come up with!

Information

Come join the fun and book now to secure your spot!! Please don't hesitate to contact us for any questions.

To make a booking do so by the parent Kidsoft app. Remember you must do two bookings for the day if you require both morning and afternoon for the day.

Before school Multipurpose room, Warrnambool west PS and afterschool multipurpose room, OSHC for afternoons. Remember that there is parent teacher interviews on the 21st of August, full day care is available. Please double check if your children are booked into the **Full day Care multipurpose room.** Children will need to be **booked into full day care** not OSCH for this Friday. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or the school.

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Session times

Before School Care:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
7.30am to 9.00am

After School Care:
Monday to Friday
3.20pm to 6.00pm