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Warrnambool West Primary School

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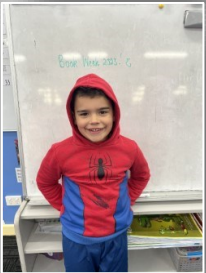
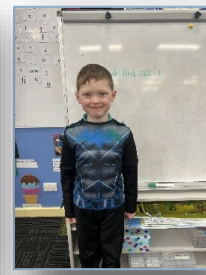
On behalf of Warrnambool West Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built, and we recognise their connection to the land and community. We respect the stories, traditions, and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander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

Celebrating Book Week in F/1 RB

Our Foundation and Year One class have enjoyed listening to a 2023 short listed book read by a staff member each lunch time this week.

They spent time rotating around different Book Week activities in Learning Community 1 on Wednesday. F/1's highlight was dressing up!
We love Book Week!

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From the Principal

Mrs Clare Monk

Dear Families,

Today as I write this newsletter, our school has been overtaken by a sea of book characters as part of our book week celebrations. It seemed many of the characters that we have grown to love and cherish had stepped out of their books and into our assembly area. Students from Foundation to Year 6 dressed up as their favourite story book character and paraded class by class across the room to much applause and appreciation from the audience. Princesses, superheros, and fairytale characters sparked wonderful conversations around the school throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped their child to dress up and join in today. For some dressing up is not a thing and that is okay too.

This week I am absent from the school as I am assisting school in our region with their school reviews and attending the VPA conference in Melbourne today and Friday. Although these events take me away from the school, they provide opportunities for understanding what the trends and issues are currently facing our schools as well as providing me the opportunity to ask questions, share knowledge and ideas, as well as network with other school leaders.

Pop-up Science Fair

Congratulations to the years 3-6 students and Mr Hackett for their organisation and presentation of a variety of science experiments at the pop-up fair last Wednesday. The students were extremely excited to show- case their coding projects and experiments to the wider school community. The highlight was students showcasing science experiments they created at home and demonstrating these to staff and students. Mrs Blake also organised a display of student artwork linking into the theme 'Powering

future industries" that was designed as part of the celebrations. We are extremely fortunate to have such passionate staff teaching these specialist areas.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our Father's Day and Special Persons breakfast is on again on Friday 1st of September from 7:30am-9am. Order forms were sent home with students last Friday and we ask that they are returned to school with money ASAP. ***This invitation is extended to family members, not just the males.*** The Warrnambool Lions Club have kindly agreed to volunteer their time to prepare a special cooked breakfast for students and their 'loved' ones. The menu sounds delicious! This was a wonderful celebration last year for our school community, and we are hoping that all families will join us for this event. The Father's Day stall will also run on this day with students able to purchase a gift for \$7.00.

Staffing

Karen Holdsworth commenced some well-earned long service leave today. On behalf of our school community, I wish Karen all the best for her travels around Europe. Karen will return from leave at the beginning of term four.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to welcome Kalli Dart to the role of TheirCare coordinator. Kalli was introduced to the students last week and has already met some of our regular members who attend TheirCare. Kalli is very keen to continue to build on the strong the program that Claudia established, and she welcomes any inquiries or new enrolments. A reminder that the service is available from 7-9am each morning and 3:20- 6pm each weekday.

School Attendance

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Please remember to log your child's absence using Compass early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly or alternatively, please phone the school office to record the absence. The Department of Education monitor our individual

school attendance data and it is a requirement that schools follow-up with families with students that have high absences. As a school we recognise that some absences are due to illness however we also are aware of students staying at home when they are well. I strongly urge all families to contact the school if you require assistance with your child's attendance.

Morning Drop Off

We are starting to see many students turning up far too early to school. Students should only be dropped off at 8:45am. Our teachers are not on duty before this time and not actively monitoring the yard. Should you require your child to be at school before this time, you must access before school care with TheirCare. www.theircare.com.au

If your child is attending Breakfast Club, they are welcome to be dropped at school from 8:30 am, however we ask that you reinforce that they must remain inside until 8:45am.

We will be following up with early arrivals and will ask you to make appropriate arrangements.

Enjoy the remainder of your week,

Regards,
Clare Monk



Thought of the week:

Drop Off in the Morning Supervision 8.45am - 3.30pm

Come along to Bunnings this Saturday and support our school by purchasing a sausage and drink. Our fundraising committee will be there from 9am manning the BBQ.

Pop on down and say hello!





*From the
Assistant Principal*

A Holiday is More Than Just a Break

Hello everyone, this will be my last contribution to the newsletter for Term 3 as I am heading away for long service leave for the remainder of the term.

I am having mixed feelings regarding leaving the term, 3 weeks before holidays. Not only will I miss the smiling and eager faces of our students, but I will be missing some wonderful events planned for our great school community. The hard work of the school council in planning for the ever so popular Bunnings BBQ, our Father's Day/Special person breakfast, and especially, our annual concert where students (and staff) put so much effort and creativity into their performances. I can not wait to see videos and images of this wonderful and successful event.

The journey I am undertaking will not only be eye-opening, jaw-dropping but of course inspiring. The trip has been planned to provide me with challenge, provide me with new experiences and also provide me with an opportunity to take me out of my comfort zone.

Stepping outside of this zone will have some huge benefits (I am hoping!) We are always encouraged by many people in our lives to step outside and find out how these experiences can shape us. To clarify, stepping out of my comfort zone doesn't mean I need to absolutely dive headfirst into something I have no idea about or take uncalculated risks, as this holiday has taken many months of planning and organising.

Travelling to another country where English is not the predominant language will be the first challenge I will face. However, I have taken the time to learn some fundamental native words to get me by. This I feel, not only respects the country I am entering, but will also assist me in being an independent traveller. I feel this will stretch me, grow me and benefit me in so many ways. I am doing something I love and learning new skills to be able to achieve this.

My confidence will grow, my flexibility and adaptability will flourish and with this, more opportunities will present themselves as my travels continue. By simply learning a new language, my holiday experiences will benefit from it.

Although I have travelled in the past, I am realising that this feels like I have not done it before. It is all new. I will be able to discover myself more and be aware of what I am able to achieve, what I will be challenged by and what I will be able to do when I return. I am excited about this.

I hope I have not over complicated the simplicity of my holiday plans by analysing the benefits, although I know the break will be rejuvenating and rewarding. How my emotional agility will benefit long term and be rewarded by not 'stressing' but observing, not 'reacting' but reflecting when in a strange country.

So even on this short reflection of what is ahead for me, I can already see the benefits and the personal stretch I will experience. This will also sit alongside the benefits of being immersed into culture, food, scenery and people.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and productive end of term. Enjoy the break when the term finishes and I look forward to coming back and sharing my holiday in term 4 with everyone.

Take care!

Ms. Karen Holdsworth



A Big life in Visual Arts

Our school's Behaviour Intention this fortnight 'Showing how I can act safely at school,' has provided the students in Visual Arts time to reflect and revisit our safety rules.

In Art class, we can be safe by walking, using wet areas safely and using the materials in a safe manner. We can take care of those around us by recognising which ZONE we are feeling. We know WWPS staff is there to help us feel calm and understand what works for each other. We understand the importance of listening and watching instructions carefully.



OUR WEEK 7 AND 8 BEHAVIOUR INTENTION; IS SHOWING HOW I ACT SAFELY AT SCHOOL

- I can show this by; using calm body language; not waving my hands about when I am talking and using eye contact when I am listening.
- Using quiet, kind and helpful words when I talk to people, shows that I respect them and value their safety. I can calmly discuss problems

Before and after school;

I take the time to use the crossing, I always look both ways when crossing the road.

When I walk home, I do not talk to people I don't know. I use the footpath to get home safely.



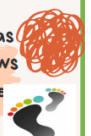
Listening to instructions in the yard and in the classroom is important. This helps me stop what I am doing, think about the impact and be aware of how others may feel.



When I am feeling in the yellow zone, the adults are there to help me feel calm, they understand what I need and can help me understand what works for me.



When using school equipment safely such as balls, iPads, computers and stationary shows that I can safely use what is provided for me at school.





NEWSLETTER ISSUE

24 August 2023



I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of Elders past and present.

Who are you

Our theme for week six was who are you. The children drew or painted pictures of the people who belong in their families.



This week as I am new I have been focusing on getting to know the children and families. I have been gathering suggestions from the children for activities they might want set up and for planning the meals.

I have introduced some morning and afternoon group times and routines that the children are adapting to well.

Braxton's Birthday Celebrations

Braxton's 9th Birthday Celebration. On Thursday we had a belated birthday celebration for Braxton. We had mini chocolate chip muffins and sang Happy Birthday to him.



Puzzle cards

Remi did a great job and was very proud of his efforts matching all the puzzle card pieces together.



New Coordinator

Hi my name is Kalli and I will be working as the new coordinator for Their Care at Warrnambool West Primary School. I hold a Diploma in Children's Services and for the past few years I have worked within the childcare sector. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.



TIMES

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

After School: 2:15pm - 6:00pm

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Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7 21st - 25th August	21st Book Week begins	22nd Toddle on Hoddle	23rd Book Week Dress Up Day!	24th Meals On Wheels	25th Assembly
Week 8 28th - 1st September	28th Literacy/Numeracy Week begins	29th	30th	31st 'GALS'	1st Senior Hooptime Father's Day Stall
Week 9 4th - 8th September	4th Senior Swimming	5th Senior Swimming	6th	7th Senior Swimming Meals on Wheels	8th Senior Swimming
Week 10 11th - 15th September	11th Senior Swimming	12th Senior Swimming	13th Senior Swimming	14th Senior Swimming School Concert 6:30pm at Brauer	15th Student Free Day
18th - 24th September	School Holidays				
25th - 1st October	School Holidays				

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 **Wednesday**

* Lunch orders must be written on a clean paper bag that is big enough to fit the student's 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 Week - Week 5



Name	Class	Reason
Letisha Freeman	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For being a model learner in our classroom. Letisha listens, watches and attempts all tasks with a smile. She is an avid reader at home and was awarded her Golden Magic Word certificate this week. Keep up the great efforts Letisha!
Sophie Nguyen	1/2 - Ms Holdsworth	Sophie always demonstrates a true love of learning. She is curious. Askes questions and seeks clarification for her next steps.
Paige Gemao	2/3 - Miss Grey	For always including others by making them feel welcomed and safe. Paige always has a friendly smile, uses kind words and is the first to invite others to join her in learning activities or out in the yard.
Tyler Crawford	3/4 - Miss Evans	For being a respectful, hard-working and resilient student who always tries his best. Tyler listens attentively during lessons, is developing his independent working skills and asks for assistance from the teachers when he needs it. He is a kind and caring friend to others.
Nate Mahony	4/5 - Mrs Woolman	For taking on feedback with his writing and asking clarifying questions about his learning. Nate always participates on every aspect of his learning with a positive mindset.
Zoey Clays	5/6 - Ms McElgunn	Zoey is always an eager learner. She listens attentively and then completes all the tasks expected. She tries her hardest and is always willing to help those around her.
Ruby-Jean Jennings-Richardson	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For always thinking outside the box! Ruby has a natural creative flair and her work is admired by her peers and myself weekly. Ruby experimented with Baking Soda, dye and vinegar to create a checked piece of work for our Science Fair next week.



Students of the Week - Week 6



Name	Class	Reason
Deja Brigham	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For her outstanding improvement in reading. Deja loves to learn new things and sets an example to others with her willingness to have a go and her positive energy.
Addilyn Walker-Daly	1/2 - Mr Cooper, Ms Holdsworth	For showing kindness in the classroom by helping to set up things each morning. She is always helpful to her friends when they need it.
Erica Gibbins	2/3 - Mr Cooper	For always showing kindness and speaking to others respectfully. This week she has been an excellent learner, always listening carefully to the teachers.
Sieanna Pearson-Leone	3/4 - Miss Evans	For always showing kindness towards her peers and teachers. Sieanna shows that she cares about others by using kind words and actions. She shows her gratitude towards others by saying 'thank you'.
Ruby Storer	4/5 - Mrs Woolman	For persevering in group work and taking on other perspectives and communicating when working with others. Ruby your attitude towards your learning this week is something to be proud of.
Seth Winfield	5/6 - Ms McElgunn	Seth has consistently aimed high in his learning and has been a great contributor to our classroom discussions. He went out of his way this week to do homework for the Science Fair and had made lots of positive connections with his classmates. Seth works hard in class and always follows our school values.
Dominic Rogitsch	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	Dominic has become a positive contributor in the art room. He now listens, watches and completes activities creatively. Dom, your Ken Done inspired 'Coral Reef' piece this week was just beautiful. Keep it up, I'm super proud of you!

Father's and Special Person's Day Stall

Children can buy something special for that important person in their life.

Friday 1st September

\$7.00 for each item.

Help support our school.

Proudly organised by our WPS School Council.

The stall will be open during class time, after the breakfast.



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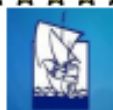
SPECIAL PERSON - FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BARBEQUE

EGG AND BACON ROLL WITH CHEESE \$7
YOGHURT, BERRIES AND MUESLI CUP \$7
PANCAKE STACK WITH ICECREAM AND FRUIT \$7
SAUSAGE IN BREAD \$3.50
FRUIT BOXES \$1

**FRIDAY 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2023
AT WARRNAMBOOL WEST PS
7:30 - 9 AM**

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LIONS CLUB

Pre order your breakfast through the
office by Tuesday 29th August.



WWPS Specialist Showcases!

Families... Show us what you can do!

Following our extremely well received Science Week Fair we would love to see what else you can do at home!


PE: 'Skipping Spectacular'

On **Friday 7th September** we will be showcasing our skipping skills at assembly! Practise your skills at home and come ready to skip. Please choose one of the options below and practice for this special assembly. Families that are interested in performing a skipping movement together will be invited to come forward and showcase their skills 😊

Skipping Forwards 	Skipping backwards 
Criss Cross 	Skipping Whilst I Run 
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear (Big Rope) 	The Skier (Jump side to side) 

Visual Arts: Australian Art

We're setting a challenge for families to work together to create some 'Aussie Art' to display at our School Concert on **Thursday 14th September**. Using any chosen medium and create a piece of work to share with our West Community. Below are some examples you may like to attempt or use to assist with some ideas. Get creative and enjoy!

3D Diorama 	Indigenous dot painting 
Drawing/Painting 	Sculpting 

Contact us for any more information needed! Thanks, Mr Hackett and Mrs Blake 😊

WANTED

The Foundation/Year One class are looking for donations of small offcuts of wood for their woodwork table in Play-Based Learning. If you have any, or know of someone who does, we would be so grateful for your help.

We are also looking for donations of items for the children to pull apart with screwdrivers on their 'tinkering table.' For example, unwanted toys, typewriters, keyboards, phones etc.



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Tuesdays 9.30-11am
Morning tea provided
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10.30am to 11.30am
Starts Monday 11 July!

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Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	\$20.81	\$2.08
After School Care (ASC)	3:20 PM to 6:00 PM	\$28.47	\$2.85
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$65.70	\$6.57
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy / **Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy / ***Standard fee costs excluding inclusions/exclusions

Cancellation Fees
(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**
Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: **\$10.00**
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: **\$5.00**
Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees
(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)
\$1 per minute after service close time.

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LEARN TO PLAY

Invites adults and children of all ages to learn the bagpipes and drums and play with the band in a fun family orientated atmosphere. Learn at your own pace from experienced and well-known tutors.

TUITION IS FREE

Interested in learning the bagpipes?
Contact Donald Blair on 0409 291 572

Interested in learning the drums?
Contact Peter Moir on 0400 676 459

The band is also available for HIRE for dinners, weddings, funerals, concerts, school fetes, demonstrations, marches/parades, sports and much more

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Junior Girls Soccer @ WOLVES

4 Week Introductory Program
Begins Monday 31st July 4.45- 6.00 pm
@ Harris Street Reserve

Beginning 31st July 2023



Come along and play the world's game with this 4 week Introductory program.

Open to all girls aged 10-14 who would like to have a go at SOCCER- no experience necessary just a willingness to come along and have some fun.

Come down to Harris Street for more info :)

JOIN THE GIRLS!

\$60 for 6 weeks, AFLW half-time experience & awesome goodies!

Warrnambool and Surrounds all Girls Auskick

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30
August 1st - Sept 5th
Deakin University Oval

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