

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.

★ Whole school Art ★

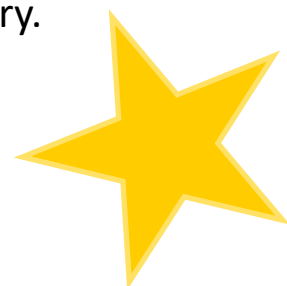


Students across the school are currently creating artworks for the Young Portrait Prize. They have been learning that portraits can tell a story about a person, exploring how colour, pattern, symbols and thoughtful composition can communicate personality, interests and identity.

Students have been planning, sketching and refining their ideas before creating their final portraits.



It has been wonderful to see the care and creativity students are bringing to their work, and we look forward to seeing the finished pieces displayed in The Warrnambool Art Gallery.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families

Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope the holiday break provided an opportunity for everyone to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time with family and friends. School holidays are an important time for rejuvenation, allowing both students and staff to reset and return refreshed, ready for another exciting term of learning, growth and new opportunities.

We certainly have a busy start to the term! Next week, our Year 5/6 students head to Melbourne for their highly anticipated camp from Monday to Wednesday. An action-packed itinerary awaits, including visits to the Melbourne Zoo, ice skating, Bounce, the MCG and plenty of other memorable experiences. There is also a laser tag challenge scheduled between some of our Year 6 students and myself. I have every confidence that experience will triumph over youth... although I'm sure the students may have a different opinion!

Following camp, Year 5/6 students are encouraged to enjoy a well-earned rest day on Thursday before returning to school on Friday. Camps are wonderful learning experiences, but they are also physically and emotionally demanding. This rest day also allows our dedicated staff to access the time in lieu they have accrued through their commitment to ensuring our students have such an enriching experience.

A reminder to families that Wednesday 5 August is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be participating in professional learning focused

on strengthening literacy teaching practices across our school. These professional learning opportunities are an important investment in ensuring we continue to provide high-quality, evidence-informed teaching for every student.

Our Year 3/4 students also have an exciting adventure to look forward to with their camp to Halls Gap in Week 6 (17–19 August). Set amongst the beautiful Grampians landscape, students will immerse themselves in nature through bushwalking, explore native wildlife during a zoo visit and challenge themselves on the high ropes course. These experiences build resilience, teamwork, confidence and independence while creating lasting memories with classmates. Families will receive further information regarding final payments and medical forms in the coming weeks.

Parent Teacher Interviews have been approved by School Council and will be held on Friday 21 August. Bookings will open in the coming weeks, with further information provided via Compass. These interviews are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their learning progress and goals, and continue the strong partnership between home and school that supports every student's success. Students are only required at their interview time. A full day Outside of School Care Program will be available with Nicole McCorkingdale and a direct daily fee will be charged to families who require the service. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks, and you will receive notification when bookings will be open for the program.

There is so much to look forward to throughout the term. Bridging our Community Hub sessions continue. The next meeting time is next Wednesday 29th July at 10am. Please come along and support the group in a relaxed informal manner. When we get together, our community strengthens and our support

networks grow. The group is scheduled for each fortnight (odd weeks of the term!)

Our Foundation students will celebrate their 100 Days of School on Monday 3 August—a wonderful milestone recognising just how much they have learned and grown in such a short time.

National Science Week will be celebrated during 10–14 August, with exciting learning experiences designed by Mr Fitz to spark curiosity, creativity and problem-solving across the school.

In Book Week (Week 7), students will enjoy our annual Dress-Up Day on Monday 24 August, celebrating the joy of reading and the wonderful characters that inspire our imaginations. To continue the literary celebrations, our Foundation to Year 2 students will attend a performance of Shrek at Brauer College on Friday 28 August.

We are also excited to welcome our future Foundation students through our School Readiness Program, with sessions scheduled for

Wednesdays; 1st September, 8th September and 15th September. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for children and families to become familiar with our school, begin building relationships and make a confident transition into school life in 2027.

Term 3 promises to be filled with learning, creativity, discovery and celebration. Whether students are exploring new ideas in the classroom, challenging themselves through camp experiences, discovering a love of science and literature, or forming new friendships, every opportunity contributes to their growth.

Thank you for your continued support of Warrnambool West Primary School. I look forward to another fantastic term as we continue learning, growing and celebrating together.

From The Office

5/6 Camp

Years 5/6 Melbourne Camp will be held on Monday 27th July to Wednesday 29th July. The total cost of this camp per student is \$447. Students need to arrive at school by 6.10 am and the bus departs at 6.20 am. We hope all students and staff attending have an enjoyable and fun filled 3 days.

3/4 Camp

Years 3/4 Halls Gap Camp will be held on Monday 17th August to Wednesday 19th August. The remaining balance payable on this camp is \$350 per student. Balance is due and payable no later than Friday 7th August.

Please contact the office to organise payment arrangements or set up a payment plan. CSEF and SSB funds can be used to cover the remaining cost of the camp if applicable.

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.

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

Building a Safe, Respectful and Inclusive School Community

As we move through the term, it has been wonderful to see the growth our students are making in so many areas of their learning. Every day, I see students building their confidence and developing new skills in literacy, numeracy, and their social and emotional learning.

One of the greatest privileges of my role is working with students across every year level. This term, I've had the opportunity to teach classes and work with small groups throughout the school, and it has been incredibly rewarding. I love seeing the excitement on students' faces when they master a new skill, solve a challenging problem, or realise they can do something they couldn't do before. Their enthusiasm for learning and their pride in their achievements is contagious and reminds me why our work is so important.

In classrooms across the school, students are becoming more confident readers, writers and mathematicians through consistent practice, high-quality teaching and a willingness to challenge themselves. Just as importantly, they are learning how to work together, show kindness, solve problems and demonstrate resilience when learning becomes challenging. These skills help our students succeed not only in the classroom but in all aspects of life.

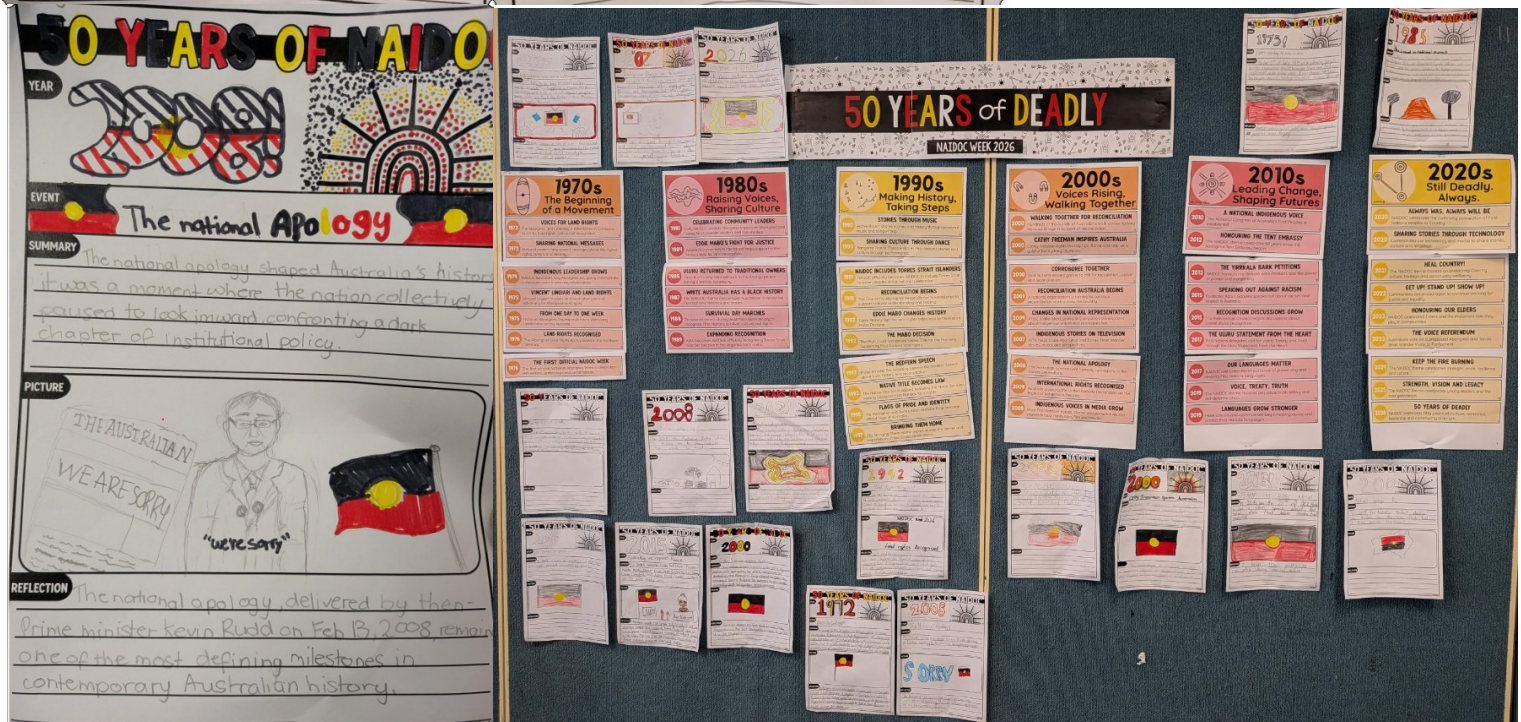
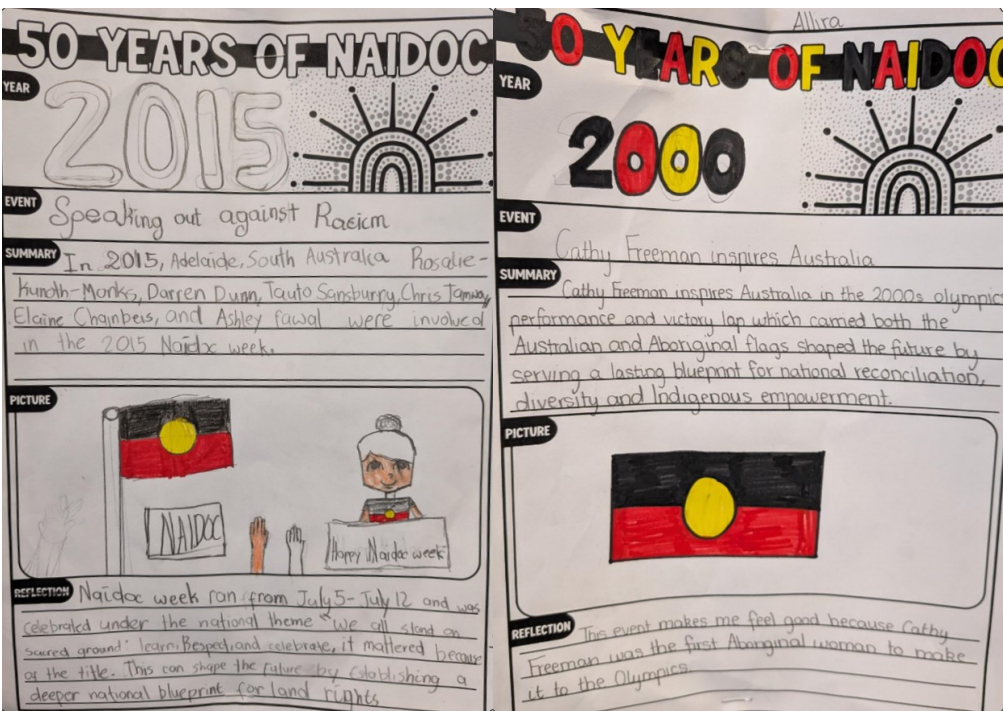
I feel incredibly proud to be part of such a supportive and caring school community. The partnership between our students, staff and families creates an environment where children feel safe, valued and encouraged to do their best each day. Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's learning. Together, we are helping every child grow in knowledge, confidence and character, and I look forward to celebrating many more achievements throughout the year.

NAIDOC in 5/6S

Celebrating 50 Years of Deadly

As part of our NAIDOC Week learning, our Year 5/6 students explored this year's theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy – 50 Years of NAIDOC." Students investigated significant events from the past 50 years that have shaped the journey towards recognition, reconciliation, and celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Each student selected an important milestone,

researched its significance, and created an informative poster featuring a summary, illustration, and personal reflection. Their thoughtful work highlights the importance of understanding Australia's shared history and recognising the strength, resilience, and achievements of First Nations peoples.





BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2

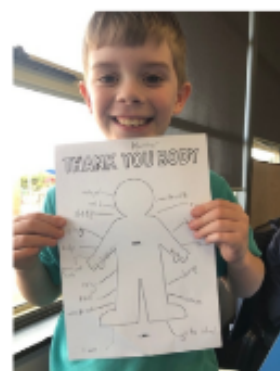
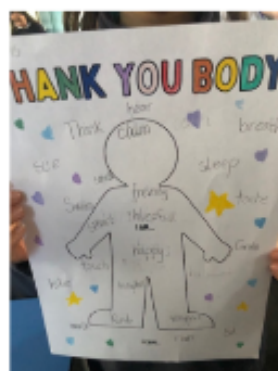
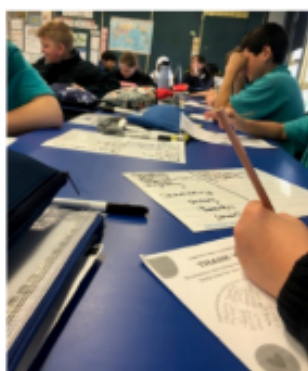
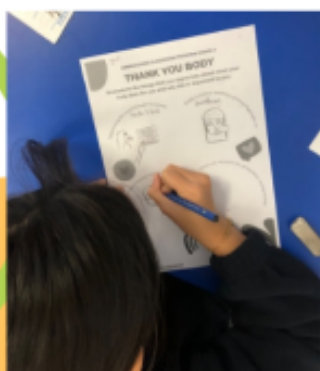
This fortnight, students learn about the science of **kindness**, and how we can use our **prefrontal cortex** (our 'thinking brain') to help us make good choices about our behaviour. Students will learn about the 'feel good' chemicals that are released when we act kindly or receive acts of kindness: **dopamine**, which helps us feel happy and proud, and **oxytocin**, which helps us feel calm and connected to others.

To support this learning at home:

- Notice and name kind actions, for example "That was really kind when you..."
- Encourage small acts of kindness everyday, such as checking in on a friend, helping a classmate with their work, or doing something for a parent or sibling without being asked.
- Practice giving and receiving compliments. Encourage your child to give genuine compliments and support them to say a simple 'thank you' when they receive one.

Big Life with Mel

On Wednesday of week 1, the grade 3-6s began their **personal development** unit during Big Life time with Mel. Students discussed how healthy bodies come in all shapes and sizes, and how we can show respect to our bodies by eating, drinking, sleeping and being active in ways we enjoy. Students learned how negative body comments can be harmful, and why it is useful to focus on what our bodies do for us, rather than what we look like.



Students of the Week - Week 8

Student	Class	Student	Class
Aidan Slater	F - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Megan Clough-Beauchamp	3/4WB - Mrs White & Ms Bissett
Tanishka Khairnar	1/2M - Mrs Mitchell	Kingston Hawkins	5/6S - Mr Symonds
Theo Downes	1/2EM - Miss Evans & Ms McElgunn	Tessa Knights	5/6G - Miss Grey
Jetta Monagle	3/4H - Miss Hoy	Megan Clough-Beauchamp	Principal's Award




**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

Warrnambool West Primary School
2027 School Enrolments are still open



**ENROLMENTS
AND TOURS
ARE STILL
OPEN!**



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



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.

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Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 13th - 17th July	13 First Day Term 3	14 GALS Workshop	15	16	17 2:45pm Assembly
Week 2 20th - 24th July	20	21	22	23 9:30-11am Toddler on Huddle	24 2:45pm Assembly
Week 3 27th - 31st July	27 Year 5/6 Camp	28 Year 5/6 Camp	29 Year 5/6 Camp	30 9:30-11am Toddler on Huddle	31 2.45pm Assembly
Week 4 3rd - 7th August	3 Foundation 100 days of School	4	5 Pupil Free Day	6 9:30-11am Toddler on Huddle	7 2.45pm Assembly
Week 5 10th - 14th August	10 Science Week	11	12	13	14

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



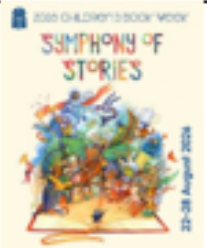
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Warrnambool West Primary School and West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House have a fabulous term of activities planned!

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 😊

WASTE-FREE HEALTHY LUNCHBOX DAY

RUN BY STUDENT CONGRESS AND JSC

Each **THURSDAY** this term we are encouraging students and families to pack a lunchbox that is both healthy and kind to our environment.

You can support your child by:

- Packing fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Using reusable containers instead of disposable packaging.
- Sending a refillable water bottle.
- Choosing homemade snacks where possible.

We know busy mornings happen, so participation is encouraged. Every small change helps build healthy habits and reduce waste.

Thank you for supporting this whole-school initiative!

WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.



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

After School
Hours
Monday-Fridays
3.30pm - 6pm

Before School
Hours
Tuesday and
Thursdays
7.30am - 9am



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



Bridging our Community Hub

Connecting cultures, removing barriers, building belonging.



WARRNAMBOOL | South West
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Partnering for Stronger Communities

Warrnambool West Primary School and South West Healthcare invite you join our Community Hub. Supporting families to connect and access services in Warrnambool.

Register your interest by scanning the QR code.



or call 55613161

Date: Every fortnight in the school term.
Commencing Wednesday 17th June 2026
When: 10am - 11am
Where: Warrnambool West Primary School
Morning Tea provided