

The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School

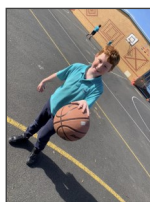
'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



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.

education week

Last week we celebrated Education Week! Tuesday we had our school open day starting with Toddle on Hoddle, a whole school assembly featuring an Auslan performance, nursery rhymes and oral speaking presentations. We then opened our classrooms to our special visitors and showed them our hands on math learning before having a BBQ lunch!



On Friday we had our ES celebration day and Crazy hair day! We had a special assembly to recognise all that our ES do for us at school. What a busy and fun filled day to end Education Week!



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Mrs Clare Monk

Dear Families,

It has been a busy and exciting fortnight at our school with many noteworthy events and activities taking place. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of these.

Our Mother's Day morning tea was enjoyed by many special women, some whom we had never met in person. Our JSC student leaders confidently addressed the audience with a special poem and song for our visitors. Building community connections is a priority of our school and coming on special occasions, such as this, is one way to achieve a strong community that values belonging. I also wish to acknowledge the team of parents and friends who willingly devoted their time and energy to our Mother's Day gift stall. The stall offered students a fantastic opportunity to go shopping at school.

Last week, schools across Victoria celebrated all the wonderful learning opportunities children experience whilst at school as part of State Education Week. Across the week our JSC members visited classrooms daily to lead the students in a variety of brain breaks to bring students mind and body back to the optimal level for learning. Our Open day on Tuesday commenced with a special 'Welcome to Country' delivered by Melina Steffensen at our 'Toddle on Hoddle' playgroup session. Our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students joined Mel for the welcome and assisted in making many purple paper flowers in the lead up to 'Sorry Day.'

The opportunity to visit classrooms and join in some 'hands on learning' maths activities was enjoyed by many. The teaching and learning of mathematics is a key improvement strategy for this year and the open classrooms provided a snapshot how our teachers and students work together daily to get the best out of each other. Many families stayed on for our community BBQ and I would also like to acknowledge our School Council members, Dana and Nicole, and Michael for assisting with the community BBQ. We appreciate the support and the help so that our day was a great success.

ES appreciation day was also celebrated with the theme 'You are our Sunshine.' Our amazing staff: Petra, Georga, Makayla, Fiona, Sarah, Tanya, Sasha, and Ros make our school run like clockwork. Their dedication to students,

their learning and wellbeing, make these staff members the most valuable asset to Warrnambool West PS. We cannot thank them enough for being a huge part of each and every students' success at school.

To conclude Education Week, we had a crazy day! Organised by Ms McElgunn and JSC members, students and staff came to school with their craziest hair-dos. We saw wigs, mohawks, spikes, glitter, ribbons, and bows! Some students even got creative with crazy props. Gold coin donations were collected and the JSC will donate funds raised to a charity of choice later in the year. What a successful and fun day! Thank you to all staff, students, and parents for their support.

2024 Enrolments

There has been a new state-wide timeline for enrolling in Prep for the 2024 school year, with guidelines around dates being mandated. Therefore, if you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it is time to enrol. Every application must be submitted before Friday 28th July 2023. If you currently have a child attending WWPS and a new sibling beginning in 2024, your child will be prioritised at our school as per the Department's Placement Policy. We encourage you to visit the school office at your earliest convenience to complete an enrolment form (you will require your child's birth certificate or passport and their Medicare Immunisation Certificate).

FOUNDATION 2024 - INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday June 1st, our wonderful Foundation teacher Meagan Roberts will lead a Foundation information evening to prospective families for 2024. The evening commences at 5:30pm in the library. The evening will give prospective families an opportunity to gain an intricate understanding of the programs what we offer here at West as well as the opportunity to ask questions. Please pass this information onto interested families.

Attitude to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school. Our students in years 4, 5 and 6 will get an opportunity to complete a survey providing feedback to the school this term. The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. The survey will be conducted next week Participation in this survey is voluntary. If parents do not wish for their child to do the survey, please contact school.

Health and Wellbeing

We are beginning to see cases of COVID in the school again. Please let the school know if your child has tested positive. Assisting children to practice washing their hands and when sneezing or coughing doing this into their elbows are small strategies that can assist with reducing the spread of illnesses. The weather is getting colder, and this is a good time to remind children about dressing appropriately for the weather such as wearing the uniform jumper and long navy pants. We do have some RAT tests left in the school so if required, you can ask at the office.

Expectations

Just a few reminders that we expect shoulder length hair to be tied back (let's avoid headlice if possible), full school uniform – if you are wearing a jacket to and from school that is not part of school uniform that's ok, but let's make an effort to be in the school uniform while at school... we look like a team when this happens. Please label uniform with family name. School starts at 9am – this means the teachers begin instructions! Students will be reminded about these in class too. If your child is absent from school,

we ask that you contact the office or enter the absence ASAP to avoid your child been marked with an unapproved absence.

Annual Report to the Community 2022

The Annual Report for 2022 has been written, endorsed by school council, and approved by the Department of Education and is ready for the community to view. A copy of the 2022 annual report will be uploaded to our website if you wish to read how our school performed last year.

In wrapping up a very busy fortnight, I took the time to reflect on how fortunate I am to lead and work with educators who are so committed to enriching the lives of all our students in so many ways. I am also lucky to work in partnership with our families to ensure the best outcomes for all students... your children.

Enjoy the remainder of your week.

Regards,
Clare Monk

From the Office...

Thank you to those families who have paid their parent contributions in full. There are many of you that have used Bpay, Centre Pay or even come into the office; It is greatly appreciated. If you are yet to make your parent contribution please make use of our different options, including signing up for Centre Pay. Your contributions are supporting the learning of your students in our school community.

Year 7 enrolments

All 2024, year 7 enrolment forms should now have been completed and returned to the school office. To secure a placement to your designated school we ask that the forms be returned ASAP.

Attendance Letters

This week all families will receive notification letters of any unexplained absences your child/ren have had from school for term two. We ask that you adjust the form to explain any absence and return it to the office ASAP to ensure the correct coding of attendance required by DET.

AFL Game

If your child has been nominated to attend the AFL excursion on Saturday, consent, and cash payment of \$40 must be made by Friday. Unfortunately, your child will not be able to attend without consent and payment.





*From the
Assistant Principal*

MATHEMATICS - BIG IDEAS AND INTERNALISING THE LEARNING THROUGH CONNECTIONS

Maths is fun, challenging and satisfying. But do we hear students saying this? Probably not. So what is it that teachers, parents, families can do so that the talk around mathematics is a bite that leads to a feast?

Learning maths requires patience, persistence and careful thinking. Teachers are ongoing reflective practitioners who have varying degrees of expertise and opinions of what an effective mathematics program can look like. So what about the students opinion on such a program?

Many would say; 'It has to be fun', 'It has to have 'stuff' I can play with', 'Maths should be real'....

And there we are... 'real.' What a key word that brings us closer to providing meaningful learning and accessible, challenging concepts that students can sink their teeth into.. the bite turns into a feast!

Success in learning mathematics means being confident about what has been learned and curious to learn more. Most students have the capacity to learn complex ideas and through the connections between concepts rather than isolated from each other, the skills and concepts become richer, relevant and more towards meaning-making.

How can we help students to build conceptual understanding? This is a question we are constantly throwing about. How might we get students to explore the 'edges' of mathematics that give a holistic opportunity of making connections? Giving examples or techniques, will often not be enough.

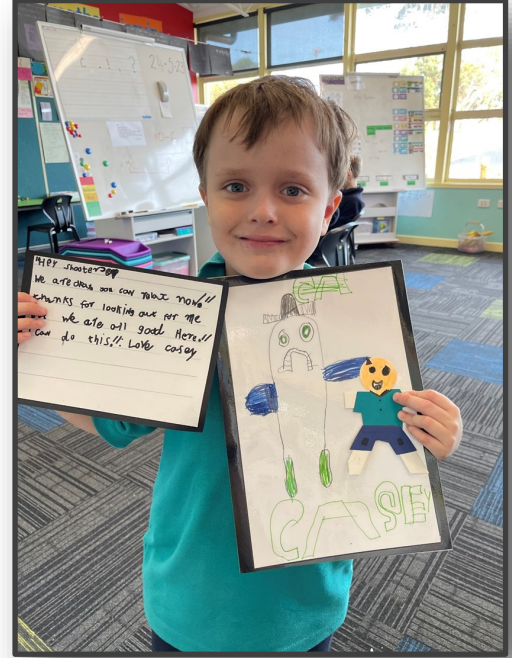
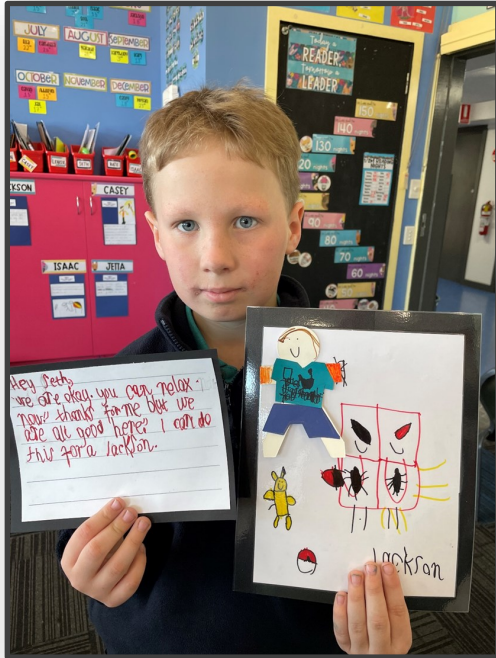
Students might accept the ideas they are presented with, but this is not the same as understanding. Instead, students need opportunities to construct and reconstruct examples and engage in tasks, learning and investigations that not only challenge their understanding of math concepts but also the application of skills.

Whether students are analysing the latest AFL statistics, estimating large figures found in the Where's Wally books, measuring the fastest distance raced by the dogs in the local dog park, finding patterns or counting the number of stones and rocks in our new sensory garden... there is mathematics everywhere and we are the key to hook in our learners from every angle and every interest area. The curriculum can be taught on paper, but the mathematics lives with us everyday.

Ms. Karen Holdsworth
Assistant Principal



In 1/2M

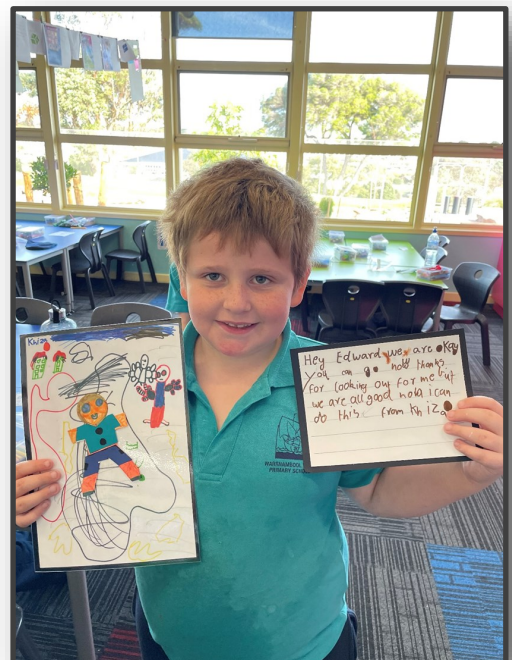
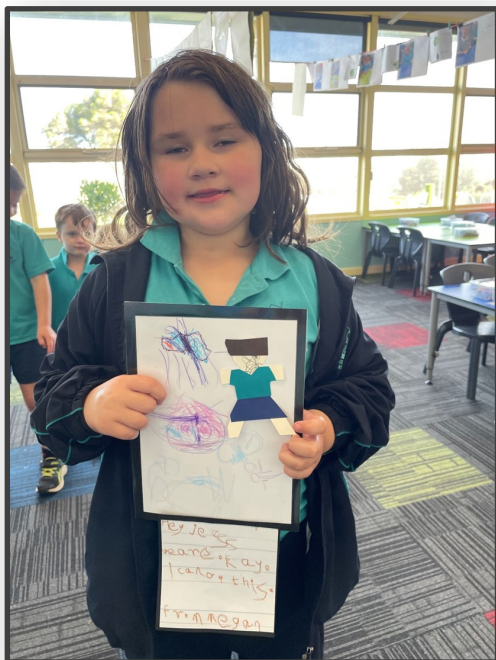


This term, 1/2M have been learning about our amygdala.

We have learnt that we can talk to our amygdala and it helps us calm our nervous, it helps us be brave.

We have drawn our amygdala and ourself at school.

Writing a note to ourself, reminding us that we are in charge of our emotions.



NEWSLETTER ISSUE
TERM2 WEEK5

We would like to say thank you to the Peek Whurrong People of the Maar Nation for sharing their land with us. We promise to look after it, the animals and people too.



Recap of the last 2 weeks!

Over the past 2 weeks the children took part in both
Space and Sorry week.

From cooking to art & craft, from making slime to Lego challenge, the
most important is being safe, having fun and building friendships.
That is what moves us at TheirCare.

Bookings: www.theircare.com.au



TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 8:50am

After School: 3:20pm - 6:00pm

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Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 29th - 2nd June	29th Speech and Drama Eisteddfod	30th	31st	1st	2nd Winter Sports 4-6
Week 7 5th - 9th June	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th HOL excursion - Koroit PS Basketball Visit 3-6
Week 8 12th - 16th June	12th King's Birthday Public Holiday No School	13th	14th	15th Royal Flying Doctor Incursion	16th 3-6 Basketball at the Arc
Week 9 19th - 23rd June	19th	20th	21st	22nd Matt Buck - AFLW Carlton Coach visit	23rd Last Day Term 2

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 Three



Name	Class	Reason
Aaliyah Parkinson	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For showing wonderful kindness to others in the class, helping them if they need equipment and assisting with pack-up time. We are very impressed with how well Aaliyah has settled into the routine of school.
Addilyn Walker-Daly	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	Addilyn comes to school prepared to learn and be involved in all class activities. She supports all her classmates when she can; works very hard to complete all of her tasks and is starting to develop confidence to share her work and learning. It has been a pleasure to see your confidence develop Addi. Keep up your love of learning.
Ella Morrison	2/3 - Miss Grey and Mr Beaton	For giving her best at the Kangarooobie camp and showing resilience and determination while completing every activity with a smile on her face. Ella showed respect and kindness to everyone on camp and was a pleasure to spend time with.
Elsie Mitchell	3/4 - Miss Evans	For being a superstar on camp this week! Elsie displayed perseverance and a positive attitude, participating enthusiastically in all camp activities. She brings joy to our classroom each day and is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Elsie!
Loralie Pogorzelski	4/5 - Mr Cooper	For being an all-round superstar on the 3/4 Camp this week. She got into all the activities on camp and showed how resilient and determined she has become. Well done for believing in yourself!
Pavi Kaur	5/6 - Mrs McElgunn	Pavi is an excellent student who always uses her learning minutes wisely. She is respectful to everyone and comes to school with a cheery smile. It is great having Pavi in the classroom.
Jetta Monagle	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For being a reliable learner. Jetta listens attentively and enjoys exploring with different materials to create his masterpieces. Jetta has enjoyed our focus on Pop Art and I'm sure his Mum will love his special Mother's Day artwork. Well done, Jetta!



Students of the Week - Week Four



Name	Class	Reason
Remi-Jay Young	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For his outstanding effort in writing. Remi has been working really hard on writing his name independently and this week he attempted his own sentence, recording 1-2 sounds he could hear in each word. Remi has also been successful in using his words when he is upset with someone to practice our school value of being safe.
Megan Clough-Beauchamp	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	For playing well with others in the yard. And for her hard work and determination with her writing. Megan has used correct sentence structure in her writing this week. Excellent job Megan!
Mariam Mohamed	2/3 - Miss Grey	For always using the school value of being safe and respectful. Mariam always uses kind words and follows instructions both in the classroom and yard. Well done, Mariam!
Indigo Fitzpatrick	3/4 - Miss Evans	For trying her best with her learning every day. Indigo has been demonstrating patience and perseverance in the classroom. She has shown improvements with her addition and subtraction skills, and completed a fantastic bar graph in maths this week. Well done, Indigo!
Michael Lawn	4/5 - Mr Cooper	For working hard this week to complete and engage with tasks in class. Michael has also demonstrated consistently this term the behaviour intention of being safe to both himself and others around.
Andy Zhan	5/6 - Mrs McElgunn	Andy is always happy and ready to learn. Andy regulates his behaviour well and is quick to offer assistance to others who are feeling down or need a hand. It is great to see Andy learning heaps and having fun in the classroom.
Tyler Crawford	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For his empathy, compassion and respectful acknowledgement of 'National Sorry Day'. Tyler showed a deep interest in our class discussion about this historical day and created two purple flowers for the Watawaetnanda @WCC Library display. Thank you Tyler.
Lucas Parsons and Ryker B	STEM - Mr Hackett	For his commitment to STEM. Lucas continued to work hard, giving up his recess play time to gather more data and information for his STEM report. Well done!
Tenley Chandler	PE - Mr Hackett	For taking on feedback and applying it during our team sports in PE. Keep up the fantastic work!

2024 FOUNDATION INFORMATION EVENING AND TOUR

At Warrnambool West Primary School
Thursday 1st June 5.30-6.30pm



We would like to invite you to our information evening for all interested 2024 Foundation families.

If you missed out on a tour or would like to see more, this evening is for you. Supper will be provided.

Please phone 55613161 for further information.



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sensory play

creative play

A colorful illustration of five children playing. At the top left, a boy is upside down. Below him, a girl is also upside down. In the center, a girl is smiling. At the bottom, a boy is holding a large orange balloon. The background is light blue with green bushes at the bottom.



About the program

TheiCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Warrnambool West Primary School has partnered with **TheiCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average*
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$19.00	\$3.13 - \$19.00	\$3.13
After School Care	3:30pm – 6:00pm	\$26.00	\$3.90 - \$26.00	\$3.90
Cancellation / Late Booking	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0458 100 401 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410.

How to Enrol

Visit **TheiCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs
*Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located

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If yes, there is a way out

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from Grade 5 to 12

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