

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.

This Week in HOL

It was great to get back into Hands on Learning this week at Warrnambool West. With swimming, camps and plenty happening across the school, it had been a little while since we'd picked up the tools. Students jumped into building picture frames, working on projects for the school and catching up on their focus plans, a chance to learn by doing, build confidence and enjoy working together.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear Families,

As we move through a very busy Term 3, I would like to share some updates and highlights across our school community.

Swimming Program Success

Each year level have recently taken part in the school swimming program, which has been a fantastic opportunity to build water confidence and essential safety skills. The excitement and growth we saw in the pool has been wonderful, with students showing persistence, courage and improvement each session.

A very big thank you goes to Mr Fitzgibbon for coordinating this important program. And to our dedicated staff for supporting the program, – from organising timetables and supervising at the pool, to encouraging students and celebrating their achievements. Programs like this take a team effort, and we are very grateful for the commitment of our teachers and support staff in making it such a success.

Long Service Leave

I will be taking three weeks of leave during this term enjoying a holiday in Europe – a chance to recharge, explore, and hopefully bring back some exciting stories and memories to share with my beloved staff and students. During my absence, Jodie Abbott and Meagan Roberts will be leading the school and continuing to ensure that teaching and learning, along with the many events on our calendar, run smoothly.

Year 3/4 Camp

Our Year 3/4 students attended Kangaroo Camp on the Great Ocean Road this week. It was a

wonderful opportunity for learning, adventure and teamwork. Viewing nature's wonder of the Twelve Apostles, beach combing, farm activities, camp cooking and teamwork games were highlights for the students. A huge thank you to Mr Symonds, Mrs Mitchell, Petra and Sasha who made these experiences possible. Today is a rest day for the students and staff and I look forward to the students sharing their fun experiences with their peers on their return.

Father's Day Stall

The School Council are preparing for the Father's Day Stall on Friday 5th September, with gifts available for \$7 each. These events are always a highlight for our students and a great way to celebrate the important role fathers and carers play in our community.

Promoting inclusive and respectful behaviours at school

This term, we are continuing to focus on respectful behaviours across the school. For this to be truly effective, we need consistent support from families at home. Together, we can reinforce the values of following our expected behaviours of kindness, responsibility and respect, and helping our students to build positive relationships and strong character to be learners, even when it feels challenging.

At our school, we are committed to creating a learning environment where every student feels safe, valued and included. Being inclusive means respecting differences, showing kindness, and ensuring that everyone has a sense of belonging.

We encourage students to:

- Use kind and respectful language with peers and staff.
- Welcome and include others in games, activities and conversations.
- Celebrate diversity by recognising the strengths and talents that each person brings.

Speak up if they see or experience behaviour that is unfair or disrespectful.

Families play an important role too. By reinforcing these values at home, together we can support our students to grow into empathetic, respectful and responsible young people. When we all practise inclusive and respectful behaviours, our school becomes a stronger, happier and more supportive place for everyone.

Term 4 School Concert – Save the date!

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that our whole school concert will take place on Thursday October 23rd. All family members and extended family are invited to a night of fun and showcasing our students’ talents. This is a major community event of the year for Warrnambool West PS and has always seen a packed house in the Brauer College Auditorium. It is a night to remember and this year’s theme; ‘ An Evening on Broadway’, will guarantee some well-rehearsed performances. We know this will be a highlight for our students and families alike and a chance for staff to showcase some talent as well!

Other highlights this term

The **Girls as Leaders in STEM excursion** occurred on Tuesday, celebrating student leadership and innovation in science, technology, engineering and maths. The team attended Deakin University with Mr Fitzgibbon and Michelle to work on their sustainable project for our community. I can’t wait to see the final product! This has been another way

our students have contributed to the broader community.

Whole school **Science Spectacular** event is organised for Friday 12th September. The whole school rotations will encourage curiosity, problem-solving and hands-on learning in a fun way. Thankyou to Mrs Moir and Mr Fitzgibbon for the planning and organisation.

Parent Opinion Survey

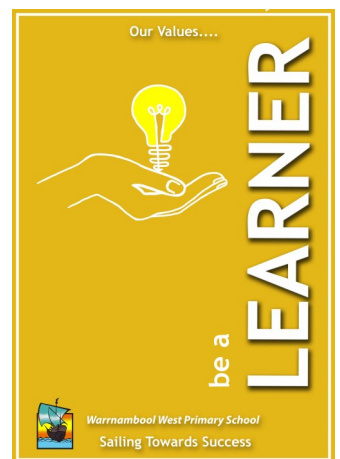
The *Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey* (PCGOS) is a confidential survey made available to all Victorian government schools in Term 3 each year. Schools are encouraged to invite all parents/caregivers/guardians and provide them the opportunity to complete the survey. The survey was published on Compass and I encourage all families to log into the survey and provide effective feedback for the future planning and improvement of Warrnambool West PS. If you are having any difficulties in accessing the survey, please contact the front office for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and the many opportunities we provide for our students.

Warm regards,
Karen Holdsworth



Principal



3/4 Camp Kangarooobie!



Big Life

Term 3
Weeks 5 & 6



Big Life Boost Focus: Healthy Friendships

This fortnight we will be exploring the qualities of a **healthy friendship** and how our words and actions can either strengthen or weaken those connections. Students will discuss how strong friendships are built on **trust, kindness** and **respect**. Some behaviours that help friendships grow are: including others, sharing, listening and solving problems calmly. On the other hand, hurtful actions like excluding, teasing, being rough or breaking promises may weaken our friendships.

Supporting Healthy Friendships at Home

Share stories about your own friendships and examples of kindness, trust and respect.

Notice and praise your child when they show kindness, respect or empathy.

Role-Play tricky friendship moments and brainstorm responses together.

Notice and celebrate healthy friendship qualities in stories and movies.

By talking about friendships at home, we're helping our children practice the skills that make relationships positive and lasting.

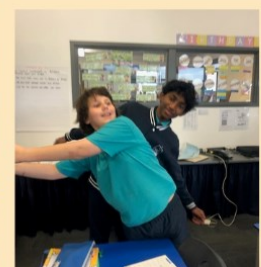
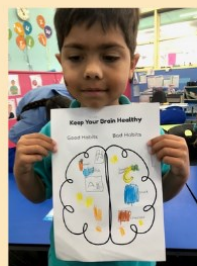
Next fortnight we will explore ways to check in with our friends when they are struggling.

Big Life with Mel

On Tuesday of week 5, Mel worked with the F/1 class, teaching them about their **brains** and how to keep them healthy.

Mel also worked with the Grade 1/2s discussing **respect**. Students acted out ways they can show respect in tricky situations, such as when they disagree with something, or when someone is being left out.

Mel spent the afternoon preparing the 4/5 and 5/6 classes for **Big Life filming** which will be happening at West on Tuesday 2nd September.



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7 1st - 5th September	01	02 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	03	04	05 2:50pm Assembly
Week 8 8th - 12th September	08	09 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	10	11	12 2:50pm Assembly
Week 9 15th - 19th September	15	16 9:30am Toddle on Hoddle	17	18	19 Last Day Term 2 2:30pm finish
20th - 5th October	School Holidays				
Week 1 6th - 10th October	06 Term 4 begins	07	08	09	10

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2025

Hot Food

Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.50
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.20
Plain Pie	\$5.60
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.50
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50

Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties

Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50
Roll	\$6.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.70
Roll	\$6.70
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.50
Roll	\$6.50
Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.50
Roll	\$6.50
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.**

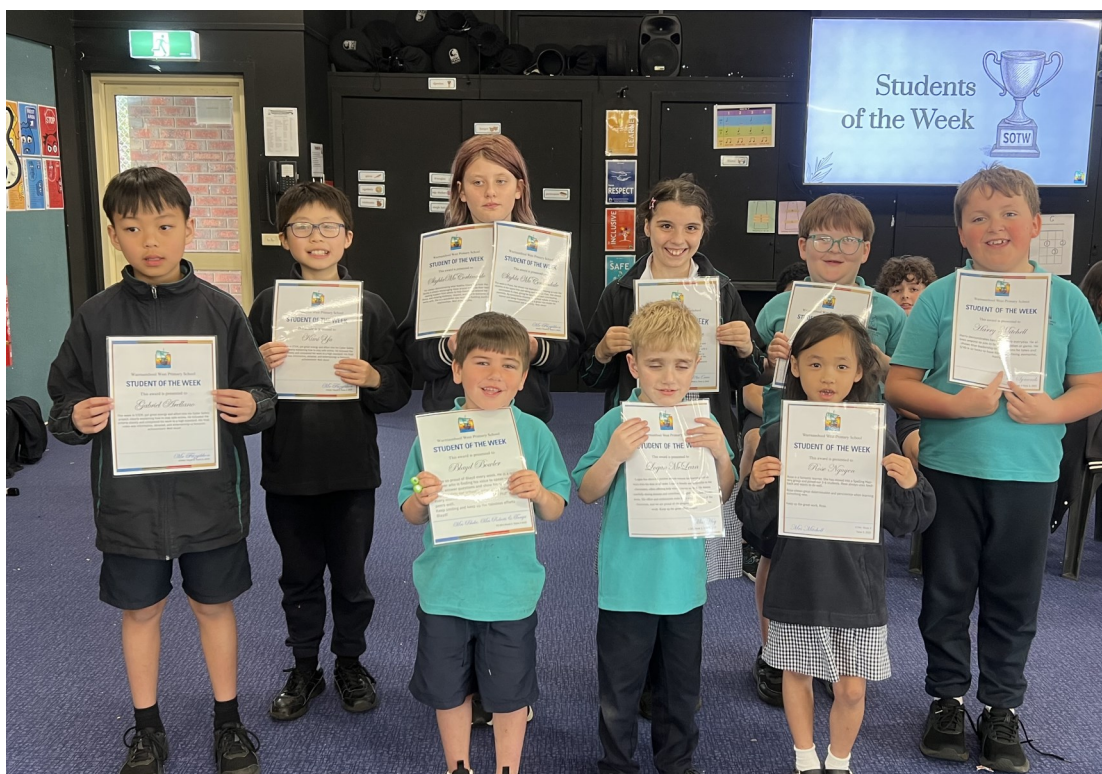
If you are placing your order at school, orders are due at 9am

If you are placing your order directly through Morriss Road Takeaway, orders must be placed by 9:15am

Late orders will not be accepted

SOTW - Week 5

Name	Class	Name	Class
Blayd Bowler	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Skyhla McCorkindale	5/6 - Miss Grey
Logan McLean	1/2 - Miss Hoy	Jax Parsons	Art - Mrs Bissett
Rose Nguyen	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell	Skyhla McCorkindale	Music - Mr Fitz
Harry Mitchell	3/4 - Mr Symonds	Gab Arellano	STEM - Mr Fitz
Lana McFarlane	4/5 - Miss Evans	Kimi Yu	STEM - Mr Fitz



Student of
the Week











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Toddle on Hoddle Term 3

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!

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
12 th August	Science Week 	2 nd Sept	Father's and Father Figures Day 
19 th August	Book Week Dress Up 	9 th Sept	Wattle Day 
26 th August	Turtles 	16 th Sept	End of Term Wear Your Favourite Colour! 

When: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea
Where: WWPS Multi Purpose Room Cost: \$0

\$100 POWER SAVING BONUS

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Warrnambool West Primary School presents:

"AN EVENING ON BROADWAY"

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT 5.45PM

BRAUER COLLEGE AUDITORIUM, CARAMUT ROAD

DOOR ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION



IT'S PLAY TIME!

GRAND FINAL FEVER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WESTERN DISTRICT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS + 3 GREAT LOCATIONS +

HAMILTON	PORTLAND	WARRNAMBOOL
MONDAY 22 ND SEPTEMBER @ MELVILLE OVAL	THURSDAY 25 TH SEPTEMBER @ HANLON PARK	FRIDAY 3 RD OCTOBER @ REID OVAL

A FULL DAY OF FOOTY FUN INCLUDES:

- Session run from 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Auskick (4-7YRS) & Superkick (8-12YRS) Match Play
- DJ Music / Dance Parties
- AFL Giveaways
- Mascot / Grand Final Sprint
- **FREE** Football for every registration
- All Girls Groups Available!

Register Now!



ALL GIRLS GROUPS



YOU ARE INVITED TO

FATHER'S DAY



**FRIDAY
5TH
SEPTEMBER**

**BREAKFAST STARTS AT
7.45AM**

**PRE-ORDER
ONLY**

Thank you to the Lions Club for supporting
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