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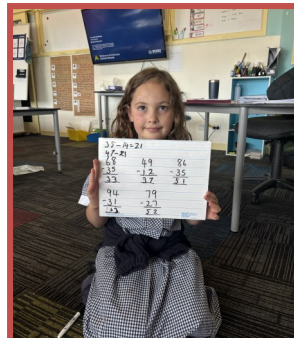
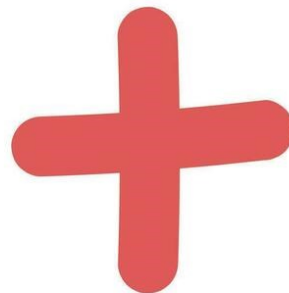
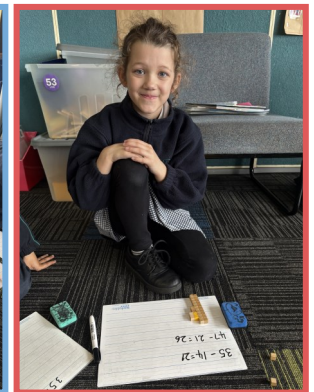
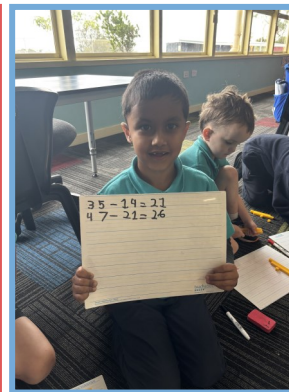
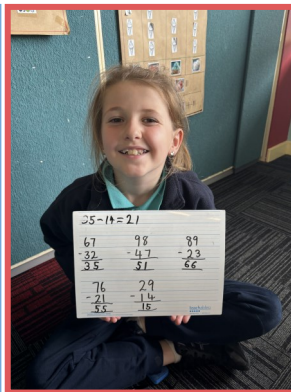
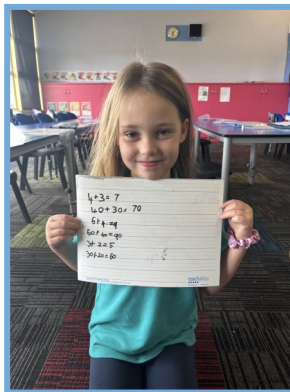
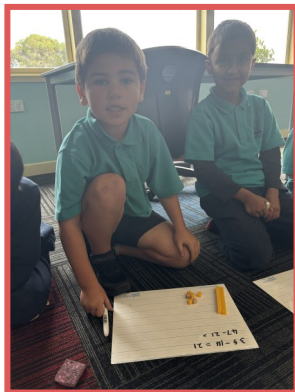
'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



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.

Maths in 1/2EM

This week, the Year 1/2EM class have been working on addition and subtraction in maths. We have been working with multiples of ten. We have been using MAB blocks and our whiteboards to help show our work.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Hello families,

As we move through another busy and rewarding fortnight at Warrnambool West Primary School, I continue to reflect on the importance of community and togetherness within our school culture. Schools are strongest when relationships are built on respect, understanding and a shared commitment to children. While decisions made by the school may not always reflect the exact wishes of every individual family, our priority will always remain centred on student wellbeing, learning outcomes and creating the best possible environment for all students to thrive. Thank you for continuing to work alongside us in supporting a positive and connected school community.

Showcase of Verse and Education Week

Our Showcase of Verse afternoon was a wonderful success and a fantastic example of our community coming together to celebrate student achievement. It was incredibly pleasing to see such a large turnout of families and supporters in attendance. The Education Week event highlighted the outstanding preparation, practice and performance skills of our students as they prepare for the Eisteddfod. We are extremely proud of the confidence, expression and teamwork students demonstrated. Good luck to all students tomorrow as they execute with confidence, their polished prose performances. Thank you also to our staff for the time, dedication and care they have invested in preparing students so thoroughly. Last week we proudly celebrated Education Week with the theme "Showcase Your School". At Warrnambool West, we are proud to showcase a school culture built on inclusion, community, student growth and strong relationships. Throughout the week, students engaged in learning experiences that highlighted their creativity, voice, teamwork and achievements, while staff continued to foster supportive and engaging classrooms.

Attitudes to School Survey

Students in Years 4–6 are currently participating in the Attitudes to School Survey. This important survey captures student voice, thoughts and feelings about school and helps us better understand areas including student engagement, wellbeing, participation, relationships and connectedness. The survey also includes questions regarding health, screen time, online habits and participation in physical activity. The results provide valuable feedback to both families and the school. Once we receive final data, the school uses this to identify areas of strength and facets we may need to focus on further to continue improving outcomes for students.

Whooping Cough

We have also been advised of cases of whooping cough within the school community. Information was sent out earlier in the week and I urge families to monitor your child. Whooping cough is highly contagious and spreads easily through coughing and sneezing. In line with Victorian health advice, students who are unwell, particularly those with a persistent cough, should remain at home to help stop the spread of illness and protect others in our community. We appreciate families supporting this important health measure.

Painting Works Completed

You may have noticed the fresh new look beginning to appear around the school. Recent painting works at the front of the school have now been completed, creating a refreshed and updated appearance for our school buildings. Small improvement works will continue progressively throughout the year as we continue to maintain and enhance our school grounds and facilities.

After School Care

A reminder to families requiring care outside school hours that registrations for our after-school care program can be completed through Kidsoft. We have also had several parent enquiries regarding before school care. For the service to extend its operating hours, we require greater family participation and enrolments. If this is a service your family may benefit from, or you know others who may be interested, please help spread the word throughout our community.

Industrial Action Agreement

Families may also be aware of recent industrial action involving the Victorian Australian Education Union including report writing processes. We can confirm that Department and the Union have formed an in-principal agreement and most staff will continue working towards the completion of Semester One reports comments. We appreciate the professionalism of staff throughout this period and thank families for their understanding. More detailed information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Bridging our Community Hub

We are also very excited to launch "Bridging our Community Hub", a new partnership initiative with South West Healthcare. The launch morning tea will be held next Wednesday 3rd June at 10:00am in the school library. This initiative aims to break down barriers, connect families with one another, provide access to information and services, and create a welcoming and inclusive space for all members of our community. We especially welcome new families from all walks of life to come along and support this important initiative as we continue building a hub of connection, belonging and community at Warrnambool West.

Works on Hold

Unfortunately, resurfacing works planned for the basketball and netball courts have currently been placed on hold due to

potential drainage works in the surrounding area. We will continue to keep families updated as more information becomes available.

Safety

Student safety when arriving to and leaving school remains everyone's responsibility. Please continue discussing safe behaviours with your children, including crossing roads carefully where crossings are not available, walking on footpaths, and never speaking to strangers on the way home. Students should also be encouraged to ignore unsafe behaviour or inappropriate language from members of the public and know where they can go if they feel unsafe, such as the Morriss Road shop or returning directly to the school. Working together to reinforce these messages helps keep all children safe within our community.

Uniform and the coming Winter

Finally, thank you to families for supporting students to wear their school uniform with pride. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure students are wearing warm and appropriate jumpers, along with correct socks, shoes, pants, dresses and school polos. We also strongly encourage all clothing items to be clearly labelled, as many items are misplaced or accidentally taken home by other students throughout the term. Please take a moment to check that your child has returned home with the correct items of clothing.

Thank you for continuing to be active, respectful and valued members of our Warrnambool West community. Together, we continue to create a school environment where students feel safe, supported, connected and proud to belong.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week, held annually from 27 May to 3 June, is a time for all Australians to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia, and reflect on how each of us can contribute towards achieving true reconciliation in this country.

This year's theme, "All In", urges every Australian to commit to reconciliation in everything they do. It is our timely reminder that every person has a role to play, and this is not something we can 'clock off' on. As Reconciliation Australia puts it,

'All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.'

As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities have known for a long time, reconciliation cannot and will not happen, until every Australian recognises their part to play, not just in their workplaces and schools, but in their everyday lives.

Kind regards,

Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

5/6 Camp

Years 5/6 Melbourne Camp will be held on Monday 27th July to Wednesday 29th July. The estimated cost of this camp per student is \$380. Expression of interest forms have been sent home with students. These are due back Friday 29th May 2026 with a deposit of \$50. If this form has not been returned by this date, your child will not be able to attend camp.

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.

CSEF Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities. If you have a valid, means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$400 for eligible school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, forms are available from the front office.

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 payment arrangements.

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

Celebrating Growth Through Assessment

Over the next few weeks, students will participate in our DIBELS reading assessments. DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) provides teachers with valuable information about the foundational reading skills students need to become confident and successful readers.

These short assessments help us identify strengths and areas for growth in important reading skills such as letter knowledge, phonics, decoding, reading fluency and comprehension. The data allows teachers to make informed decisions about classroom teaching, targeted support and intervention, ensuring students receive the right instruction at the right time.

At our school, we view assessment as a tool for improving learning, not simply measuring it. Teachers carefully analyse DIBELS data alongside classroom observations and student work to monitor progress and plan next steps. This helps us celebrate growth, respond early when students need additional support and continue building strong reading outcomes for all learners.

One of the most exciting parts of the assessment process is seeing the progress students make over time. Many students have already shown excellent growth through their hard work, consistent practice and commitment to learning. Whether the growth is large or small, every step forward is worth celebrating. We are incredibly proud of the persistence and effort our students demonstrate as they continue developing their reading skills.

Consistent school attendance also plays a significant role in reading success. Strong reading growth is built through regular classroom instruction, daily practice and ongoing opportunities to apply new skills. Every day at school matters, particularly when students are learning foundational reading skills that build over time. We thank families for supporting regular attendance and partnering with us to give every student the best opportunity to succeed and grow as a reader.

Ms. Jodie Abbott

5/6 Koorie Excursion

On the 25th of May the 5/6 Koori students went to the Geelong Cats stadium to learn about fitness and sports science. We completed a lot of different activities including who can build the tallest tower in eight minutes, warm up games, a quiz as well and more!

We got to go into the club rooms and see where players get ready after a game and before a game. We got to see the players training and then we went to their locker rooms and had to do a challenge

We all had a wonderful time learning about the Geelong stadium and players.

A big thank you for reading this have a lovely day.



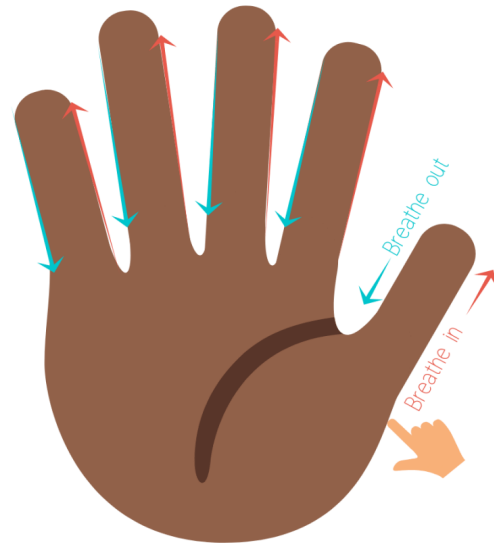


in the Foundation classroom

This week we have been learning about feeling Calm and Clear. We have practised our breathing techniques with Partner Breathing back to back, and Five Finger Breathing. We enjoy mindfulness colouring which helps us feel calm. Sometimes we need to let our wiggles out by dancing or having 2 minutes at our movement station.



5 Finger Breathing





BIG LIFE

Term 2 Weeks 5 & 6

This fortnight in Big Life, students explore Karen Young's concept of **scary safe** and **scary dangerous**. Students can face many situations that feel scary or stressful, but not all fear means danger. We use the language of "scary safe" and "scary dangerous" as a thinking tool to help students understand the difference in the problems they face.

Scary Safe

Things that are scary but safe - like starting school, trying a new sport, or giving a presentation.

Scary Dangerous

Things that are scary and unsafe - like going out of bounds, being bullied or getting serious injuries.

You can support this learning at home by...

- Talking with your child about times you've felt nervous and identifying whether the situation was safe or dangerous
- Reassuring your child that it's OK to feel scared sometimes
- Practice coping strategies together, like breathing or using positive self-talk
- Explore Karen Young's website - <https://www.heysigmund.com/>

Big Life with Mel



On Wednesday of week 5 Mel worked with small groups of F-2 students. The Foundations focused on expected & unexpected behaviours and how they make others feel. The 1/2s explored strengths & caring for our Zones. Mel also worked in 1/2EM in the afternoon, teaching the students about permission & consent and how we can say 'no' in a kind and respectful way.



Students of the Week - Week 5



Student	Class	Student	Class
Ariyonna Ferguson	F - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	Allira Brown	5/6S - Mr Symonds
Cindy G	1/2M - Mrs Mitchell	Chloe Smith	5/6G - Miss Grey
Aayan Kandel	1/2EM - Miss Evans & Ms McElgunn	Mason Curtis	STEM - Mr Fitzgibbon
Tina Lin	3/4H - Miss Hoy	Patrick Bellamy	PE - Mr Fitzgibbon
Natalie Brown	3/4WB - Mrs White & Ms Bissett		



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 7 1st - 5th June	01	02	03 3:30-4:30pm Auskick	04 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle Winter Sports	05 2:45pm Assembly
Week 8 8th - 12th June	08 King's Birthday Public Holiday	09	10 5/6 First Nations Leadership Day 3:30-4:30pm Auskick	11 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	12 2:45pm Assembly
Week 9 15th - 19th June	15	16	17	18 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	19 11:30am 5/6 Geography Walk 2:45pm Assembly
Week 10 22nd - 26th June	22	23	24	25 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	26 2:45pm Assembly
27th June - 12th July	School Holidays				

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST 2026

Hot Food		Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties		Snacks	
Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.70	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90	Finger Bun	\$3.50
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.70	Roll	\$6.80	Mini Slice (hedgehog, jelly, caramel, lemon)	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.90		
Plain Pie	\$6.00	Roll	\$6.80	Gluten Free Slice (lemon, hedgehog, caramel, strawberry cheesecake)	\$3.50
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.60	Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.90		
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.80	Roll	\$6.80		
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00	Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90		
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50	Roll	\$6.80		
		Extra salads 50c each (Tomato, beetroot, carrot, cucumber, onion, avocado, cheese, lettuce)			

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



Warrnambool West Primary School

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-alongs, play areas, special themes, dress ups and much more!

Term 2

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
30 th April 7 th May is a Public Holiday. No ToH.		4 th June	
14 th May		11 th June	Transport
21 st May		18 th June	
28 th May	Transport 	25 th June	 End of Term 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 😊

Cultivating Carers



A carer support group with a kitchen-garden-wellbeing theme.

1 - 2pm, Monday 4th May

Meditation

Aneeta Snow will guide us through a gentle meditation.

10 - 11am, Thursday 14th May

Chair Yoga

Michelle Brooks will guide us through a gentle chair yoga session.

10am - noon, Thursday 21st May

Cooking up a Storm

Chop, chat, cook and take home some home made goodness.

10am - noon, Thursday 28th May

Jewellery Making: A coastal crafting experience

A jewellery making workshop using items from our coastline.

10am - noon, Thursday 4 June

Garden Chat Relax Reset

noon - 2pm, Thursday 25 June

Pamper Party - SAVE THE DATE

Celebrations, give aways and more.

All workshops are free for unpaid carers and held at West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House, Pecten Avenue Park. To book or ask questions call Brenda on 0418 392 948 or breezyblenda@gmail.com



Bridging our Community Hub

Connecting cultures, removing barriers, building belonging.

WARRNAMBOOL | South West
WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL | Healthcare

Partnering for Stronger Communities

Warrnambool West Primary School and South West Healthcare invite you to a community group launch.

Launch Date: Wednesday 3rd June
When: 10am - 11am
Where: Warrnambool West Primary School
Morning Tea provided

Register your interest by scanning the QR code.

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World Knit in Public Day @ WWNH

Saturday June 13, 2.00 - 3.30pm

Live music by **Gabby Steel Merran Moir and the Westside Singers**

Barista coffee + afternoon tea provided
Lucky door prizes
Free for everyone!
Enquiries - Jill 0418 944 276