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Warrnambool West Primary School

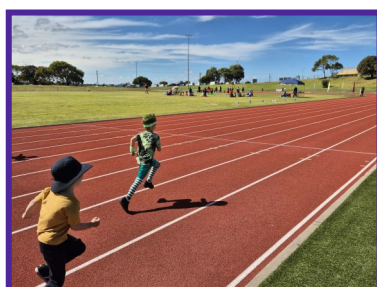
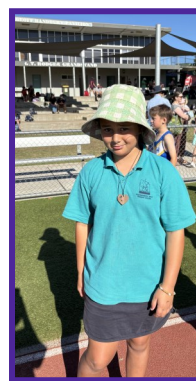
'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



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.

PE Recap

It's been a big term for Physical Education at Warrnambool West Primary School, with students embracing a range of opportunities. From our Athletics House Carnival to District Athletics, and Years 3–6 swimming at AquaZone, it's been great to see strong participation and effort across the board. We're looking forward to keeping it going next term, with House Cross Country in Week 2 and Foundation–Year 2 swimming starting in Week 3.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to sincerely thank all of our families for your continued support of our school. Your involvement plays an important role in the growth and success of our students. This term has been filled with reflection on student progress, the development of friendships, and the many new learning opportunities experienced across the school.

It is the perseverance, dedication and self-belief of our students, combined with the genuine care and commitment of our staff, that makes our school such a positive and supportive place to learn.

Congratulations to the students who qualified to attend the District Athletics Day on Tuesday. We are incredibly proud of your efforts and the way you represented our school. A special mention to Ella Hand for progressing to the next level of representation in long jump, an outstanding achievement. Thank you also to Mr Fitz and Ros for attending and supporting our students on the day.

We are grateful to our community for your ongoing support of our fundraising efforts this term. The Easter hamper raffle, hot cross bun orders, and our contribution to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal supported by our dress-up day, have all been wonderful examples of our community spirit in action.

Last week, staff engaged in professional learning focused on Mathematics, continuing our commitment to strengthening teaching practice and improving outcomes for all students. These

curriculum days are designed to best meet the needs of our students, while keeping up to date with the new Victorian Maths position and research in best practice.

Throughout this term, we have been closely monitoring student attendance and have noticed a concerning pattern of absenteeism. Students who have had five or more days absent have collectively accumulated over 250 days of learning missed, with 34% of our students falling into this category.

Every day at school matters. Consistent attendance supports not only academic progress, but also the development of friendships, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging. We understand that there are times when your child genuinely needs to be at home if they are unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover. However, if your child is feeling unsure, unsettled, or simply asking for a day off, we encourage you to still send them to school. Our staff are here to support them, and we can work through any concerns together. Even on special days, such as birthdays, we encourage students to come to school and celebrate with their classmates, it's a wonderful way to share their day and feel connected.

If your family is experiencing challenges that are impacting attendance, please reach out to us. We are here to help and work in partnership with you to ensure your child feels happy, supported, and ready to learn.

Being at school every day truly makes a difference.

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **Friday 24th April**. We encourage families to book in as soon as possible. Students are only required to attend school for their allocated interview time, and these conversations are an important opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress. We are offering our

care program on this day if families require the service. Please book your child in on Kidsoft and we do require families to pay directly at the office before the day. A letter with more information has been sent home with the newsletter today.

As we finish the term, I would like to acknowledge our Foundation students on completing their very first term of school, a significant milestone and our Year 6 students as they continue preparing for their next phase of learning and life.

Finally, thank you to our dedicated staff for their passion, care and unwavering commitment to our students each and every day.

Wishing all of our families a safe and happy Easter break. Thank you for an amazing Term 1, we look forward to another great term ahead.

Take care and enjoy the holidays.

Kind regards,

Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

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.

Grade 6 Jumpers

Class of 2026 jumpers have arrived at school. The cost of the jumper is \$62, this is now payable. Once payment has been received, students will receive their jumper. To discuss payment options or set up a payment plan, please contact Chelsea at the school 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.

Asthma and Allergy Action Plans

If your child/children have asthma or allergies, we require an Action Plan to be completed annually. Copies of these forms are available at the office, these should be completed by doctors. This is important information to keep up to date in the case of an emergency.

Please also provide medication to the school with a completed Medication Authority Form for any allergies or Ventolin if your child has asthma.

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

As we reach the end of Term 1, it has been wonderful to see how quickly our students have settled into school life and, most importantly, into strong learning routines. The first term of the year is always about building foundations, and our classrooms have focused intentionally on establishing clear expectations that support every student to feel confident, safe and ready to learn.

Across the school, students have been learning what successful learning looks like each day. This includes engaging in learning, listening actively, contributing respectfully to discussions and following classroom routines. These routines may seem simple, but they are powerful — consistent classroom expectations create calm, predictable environments where students can focus their energy on learning rather than uncertainty.

Teachers have spent time explicitly teaching and practising these routines, helping students understand not just *what* to do, but *why* these behaviours matter. As a result, we are seeing students transition smoothly between activities and demonstrate increasing independence. Establishing these habits early in the year sets students up for success as learning becomes more complex throughout the remaining terms.

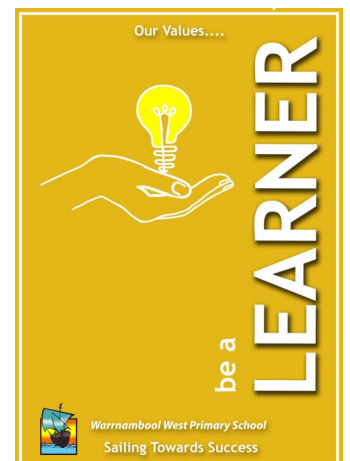
Our school values — **Be Inclusive, Have Respect, Be Safe and Be a Learner** — are visible every day in classrooms. Students are supporting one another, showing persistence when tasks feel challenging and taking pride in their progress. Learning is not only about mastering new skills; it is also about developing the confidence and resilience needed to keep improving.

Families play an important role in reinforcing these habits. Simple routines at home, such as regular reading, organised school mornings and conversations about learning, help strengthen the positive patterns students are building at school.

As we look ahead to Term 2, the strong foundations established this term will allow teachers to deepen learning and extend students' thinking. We are proud of the way our students have embraced classroom expectations and grown as learners in such a short time.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout Term 1. We wish all families a safe and relaxing break and look forward to another exciting term of learning ahead.

Ms. Jodie Abbott



a big life in 5/6s



This week in a BigLife we are learning about what our bodies feel like when in each zone. Students were asked to draw what each feel made them feel on the inside and what physical signs would be seen.



BODY SIGNALS ARE FEELINGS IN OUR BODY THAT HELP US TO IDENTIFY OUR ZONES!

BODY SIGNALS FOR JEALOUS

YELLOW ZONE

STEPS

SLOW

WORRIED TENSE NERVOUS
 CONFUSED OVERWHELMED SUSPICIOUS HOPEFUL
 SCARED EMBARRASSED EXCITED FRUSTRATED DISAPPOINTED SILLY-WIGGLY
 RELIEVED STRESSED SURPRISED

The Yellow Zone is used to describe when our energy is higher and emotions get a little bigger, making it harder for us to control them or "regulate". In the Yellow Zone you may be feeling emotions like nervous, excited, frustrated, surprised, scared & embarrassed, silly or wriggly.



GREEN ZONE

STEPS

GO

CONTENT FOCUSED PEACEFUL CREATIVE FLOW
 HAPPY READY TO LEARN CALM CURIOUS PROUD HOPEFUL
 INTERESTED CONFIDENT PLEASED

The Green Zone This zone is used to describe when we feel calm and in control. Someone in the green zone might be described as calm, happy, focussed and ready to learn.



SOTW - Week 8



Name	Class	Name	Class
Oliver Douglas	Found - Mrs Blake and Mrs Roberts	Evelyn Chivers	3/4 - Miss Hoy
Jerami Dodson	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	Jameka Fleming	3/4 - Mrs White and Ms Bissett
Tina Line	1/2 - Miss Evans and Ms McElgunn	Hudson Brocks Indigo Fitzpatrick	Specialist - Mr Fitzgibbon



Best Dressed at Athletics Day

Athletics Day Age Champions



Foundation



Grade 1



Grade 2



9 year olds



10 year olds



11 year olds



12 year olds



**Overall top point
scorers
and house winner**

Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5th - 19th April	School Holidays				
Week 1 20th - 24th April	20 Students return for Term 2	21	22	23	24 9am-4:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 2 27th - 1st May	27	28	29 Whole School Cross Country	30 9:30-11 Toddle on Hoddle	01
Week 3 4th - 8th May	04 F-2 Swimming	05 F-2 Swimming	06 F-2 Swimming	07 Warrnambool Cup Public Holiday	08 F-2 Swimming District Cross Country
Week 4 11th - 15th May	11 F-2 Swimming	12 F-2 Swimming	13 F-2 Swimming	14 9:30-11 Toddle on Hoddle F-2 Swimming	15 F-2 Swimming

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	Gluten Free Slice (lemon, hedgehog, caramel, strawberry cheesecake)	\$3.50
Plain Pie	\$6.00	Roll	\$6.80		
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



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siblings group
AGES 8 TO 12 YEARS

Siblings Group is an encouraging, friendly and fun filled environment providing a great way to make friends and develop connections with other siblings who have similar life experiences.

AIM OF THE GROUP

- To enhance understanding of disability
- To provide an opportunity for siblings to meet others in similar situations
- To build emotional wellbeing and resilience
- To improve family relationships by supporting siblings to understand their brother/sisters strengths and needs
- To develop coping strategies
- To support siblings to feel more positive, confident and empowered in their role as a sibling

ELIGIBILITY

- Children between 8 - 12 years of age, who have a sibling with a disability or chronic illness
- Children who are not the recipient of NDIs funding

For any enquiries, please contact the Mpower Intake team on (03) 5561 8111

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Enhancing Abilities • Supporting Families • Strengthening Communities



In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.



4-7 YEAR OLDS

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

**Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA)*

WARRNAMBOOL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FRIDAY APRIL 17 | 9AM - 3PM
Contact Tristan Gibbs - 0476 980 108

FREE FAMILY FUN

UP & AWAY
Warrnambool Kite Day

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026
10AM - 2PM
JETTY FLAT RESERVE

- SEE THE COLOURFUL KITE DISPLAYS
- KITES AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR \$10 OR BRING YOUR OWN KITE
- ALL DAY LIVE DJ
- COFFEE VAN
- BBQ AND OTHER FOOD OPTION AVAILABLE

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Rotary Warrnambool

Second Hand Book Sale

Location
AL Lane Pavillion
53 Hyland Street
Warrnambool

Easter Sale
Saturday 4th April
9am-2pm

Something for Everyone
Modern titles
Books for collectors
Non-Fiction topics

Entry: Gold coin donation
Cash or Card available

FUNDRAISING TOWARDS LOCAL PROJECTS

MOTHER'S

Mothers and Special Person

Day Stall

WWPS SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE
HOLDING THE ANNUAL MOTHER'S
DAY/SPECIAL PERSON DAY STALL

8 MAY | FRIDAY

\$7.00 PER GIFT. PLEASE BRING
THE CORRECT CHANGE.

HELD IN THE LIBRARY FROM 9AM-11AM

DAY