

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.



The role of a principal is an overwhelming one – complete with great responsibility and strict accountability. An effective principal must be a leader who not only possesses a vision but one who also enables others to achieve the vision. One who must be able to communicate clearly and with inspiration. This means never giving up! Living and breathing the culture of a school, putting every single student at the centre of the improvement journey and one who inspires, energises and cares for every individual who walks through the school gates. And our very own Clare Monk represents this exact portrayal.

Friday night was a memorable celebration and recognition of the journey Clare has led Warrnambool West Primary School and our community. Awarded the Outstanding Primary Principal Award for 2023, Clare's leadership over the past five years has seen significant and positive improvement, not only in the teaching and learning space but also in the shift of perception in our community.

Clare has used her own voice, with a fierce conviction to work for the school's needs in many ways and purposefully to benefit our students and our families. Clare projects a positive representation of our school's learning community and visibly participates in the community of Warrnambool West and I know the community sees her as a person who practices what she preaches. To a person of integrity this comes naturally to Clare!

In the presence of the Department of Education dignitaries, politicians, school leaders and teachers on Friday night, Clare's humble and heartfelt acceptance speech encompassed her gratitude for all staff, students and families. Clare described our school's journey with; 'Together we are stronger.' A mantra that captures her profound belief of a culture of respect, high expectations and community. I know I speak on behalf of everyone, that this community would not be in this position we are in without Clare walking through the front door five years ago.

Congratulations Clare, we are so proud of you!



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS

Department of Education's Media Release**Outstanding Primary Principal: Clare Monk, Warrnambool West Primary School**

Clare Monk's leadership of Warrnambool West Primary School has transformed the school into a vibrant and successful environment for children's learning.

As the principal of the school since 2018, Clare has guided exemplary school improvement, evidenced by sustained improvements in student and staff data reflecting great improvement in staff's attitudes and in students' learning outcomes.

With a unique and local understanding of the barriers facing many of the children, Clare has shouldered the privilege and responsibilities of her principal role by investing first in the school's teachers and middle-level leadership.

Clare is building the capacity of the next generation of teachers, educational leaders, and principals through mentoring and providing targeted professional learning for her staff. Creating a culture of trust and shared responsibility in her community, her leadership is positively transforming children's outcomes and their experience of primary education in Victoria.



From the Principal
Mrs Clare Monk

Dear Families,

Wow! What an exciting week I have had personally to be recognised last Friday evening at the Victoria Education Excellence Awards ceremony as Outstanding Primary School Principal for 2023 for government schools. Whilst I am enormously proud of this personal achievement that is certainly the highlight of my professional career, this honour would not have been possible without the support of our West community. I am extremely fortunate to lead a tremendously dedicated, nurturing and passionate team of educators who have joined with me to lead our school improvement. Together we have worked tirelessly to ensure that learning and wellbeing are 'at the heart' of our culture for all our students to be successful. Our relentless focus on excellent learning and wellbeing outcomes is evidenced in our school perception and learning growth data.

The award is testament to the manner in which we work together as a team to ensure our students achieve the best possible outcomes, always with the unwritten mantra hovering in the background that "Together we are stronger". My sincere thanks must go to students, families and the wider community who have all contributed to our school improvement. My work is

ongoing, and I personally would like to thank all staff for partnering with me on this journey. I am extremely proud of our school... 'West is Best' and no one can argue any different. Thank you for all the personal messages of congratulations received through our Facebook page, phone calls and in person; Your kind words are very much appreciated. Thank you!

World Teachers Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Teachers' Day! I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work our teachers do to educate, motivate, and support the students at West. Teaching is far from a 9:00am -5:30pm job with teachers working on weekends to ensure the learning needs of all students are met. Our teachers do amazing work. Leading the way in the development and wellbeing of our students. They empower the next generation by nurturing their curiosity, fostering critical thinking, and guiding them towards a brighter future. It is a privilege to be a teacher, but it also carries enormous responsibility and requires a diverse set of skills and capabilities. Well done and thank you to all our teachers; WWPS community appreciate all you do!

Terrifying Tuesday

What a spooky day it was on Tuesday as we celebrated our inaugural Halloween Day. Ghosts, ghouls, skeletons, zombies, witches and one or two Freaky Wednesdays walked through the gates to enjoy some Halloween fun. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their new identities as they came to school dressed in their most creative and scary costumes. The day was filled with frights and fun and the 'Spooky Disco' was the highlight at lunchtime. Thanks is extended to Renae Blake and Heath Hackett for their organising of this event including setting up the

displays in rooms to create the Halloween atmosphere... our kids 'LOVED' this event.

Year 2 Big Night In

Last Monday the year F-2 team held the Big Night In. The students enjoyed games and pizza dinner before the year F-1s went home. The year 2s then enjoyed a movie, before sleeping the night. It was a terrific evening and morning for the student, although there were some weary faces at the start of the day! A big thank you to Sinead Grey, Geraldine Mitchell, and Heath Hackett for giving up their home comforts for the night and other teachers and education support staff who attended the excursion to Inflatable World to give the students a wonderful experience.

Warrnambool Show

At the recent Warrnambool Show, every student had a piece of artwork on display, and it was wonderful to celebrate the creativity and inspiration of our students with the general public. Many pieces received acknowledgement and/or received ribbons for their art. Our students thoroughly enjoy the visual arts program offered at West and whenever I visit the art room there is a 'flurry' of excitement as the students put their creative talents to work! A very special thank you to Renae Blake who has worked tirelessly to support our students develop their artistic skills and engagement throughout the weekly art lessons.

Remembrance Day

This year marks 105 years of the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). As the day falls on the weekend, we will acknowledge this day

at our assembly next Friday when we will incorporate our Remembrance Day Service to acknowledge and remember the armed servicemembers who died in the line of duty. As always, we encourage families to attend. Our student representatives will also attend the RSL memorial service.

Communication

Have you visited our school Facebook Page? The Warrnambool West Primary School Facebook page has regular updates and information about events and celebrations occurring across the school. Along with Compass and Seesaw, it is a great way to see what is happening. If you are yet to like and follow us, I encourage you to do so!

Hopefully the sun will shine for the upcoming weekend,

Regards,

Clare Monk

Thought of the week...





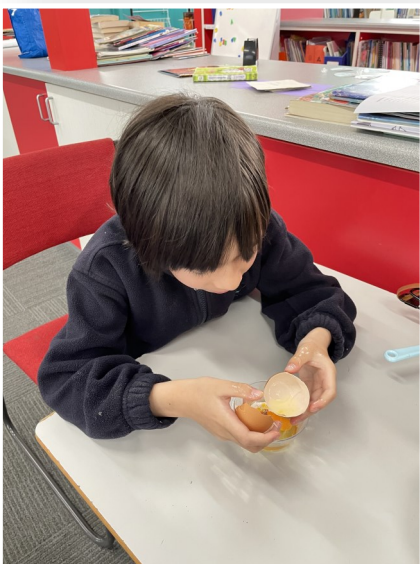
This week in the 1/2 classroom we have been learning to speak up and ask for help when we find something challenging.

We were lucky to have Teeka come into teach us how to create cupcakes.

Reading the ingredients and following the steps of the recipe.

Students found it challenging to beat the butter and sugar together with an electric beater, crack the eggs, stir the flour into the mixture and keep it airy and fluffy.

Even though students found it challenging, they asked for help, watched a demonstration and then were happy to continue, practising a new skill.





I acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and pay my respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and to the ongoing living culture of Aboriginal people.

Ngatanwaar Welcome Hanna Jenkin to the role of Co-ordinator!

Hanna has settled in to the new role for before and after school care. The children have been showing her the ropes, travelling through song, food, story and through space, the seasons and the weather. Working as a team, helping each other across age has been lovely to watch. Each one, teach one!



We have been exploring language and are curious about the many language and mixed heritage of all children at their care. This week's theme is Travel.

I look forward to meeting you and your family and tailoring a care experience that reflects their needs in the context of the group.

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Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 6th - 10th November	6th	7th Melbourne Cup Miracle the pony visits	8th	9th	10th School Remembrance Day Ceremony 2:50pm Assembly
Week 7 13th - 17th November	13th	14th 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	15th	16th	17th 2:50pm Assembly
Week 8 20th - 24th November	20th	21st 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	22nd Report Writing Day STUDENT FREE DAY	23rd 2:15-3:15pm 2024 Foundation Transition Visit	24th 2:50pm Assembly
Week 9 27th - 1st December	27th	28th 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	29th	30th 2:15-3:15pm 2024 Foundation Transition Visit	1st 2:50pm Assembly

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 3



Name	Class	Reason
Ayviana Ashwell	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake	For her willingness to have a go at new things. It has been exciting to see the growth in her confidence recently which has led to some excellent progress in Reading and Writing.
Abby Winnen	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	For being a kind and caring student. You have settled into the school well. It is lovely to see Abby making friends and feeling confident within the classroom. Well done, Abby!
Namayah Theobald-Daly	2/3 - Miss Grey	For showing the school value of being safe. Namayah is always making the right choices inside the classroom and out in the yard. Well done Namayah!
Sonny Bowler	3/4 - Miss Evans	For always showing the qualities of a fantastic learner, completing learning tasks to a high standard and being a curious student who is eager to learn new things every day.
Skyhla McCorkindale	4/5 - Mr Cooper and Mrs Woolman	For being a learner and engaging successfully in both her maths and morphology work. Skyhla has shown that she is a curious mathematician and is starting to ask questions about her learning to gain a better understanding. Skyhla has shown commitment to our morphology sessions by always being first on the floor with her things ready to start and always having a go at new vocabulary. Well done Skyhla!
Reem Obied	5/6 - Ros Templeton	Reem has had a wonderful week of learning. She has been very focussed and self motivated all week, even with different teachers in the class. Well done Reem!
Lewis Mahony	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For being amazing! Lewis, your positive attitude in the art room has developed over the past few years. You watch and listen to explicit instructions and now attempt all activities independently. I enjoy watching you mix with your peers and am proud of your caring nature towards Seth by ensuring he has all he needs.



Students of the Week - Week 4



Name	Class	Reason
Mason Curtis	F/1 - Mrs Roberts, Mrs Blake and Miss Mac	For entering the scary 'safe feeling' while attending his first big excursion. It was lovely to see Mason enjoying the trip to Geelong with his F/1/2 peers. Mason looked after his belongings and was safe at all times. We are super proud of you Mason!
Khiza Silver	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	For showing all of our school values this week and making good choices with his learning. You have shown that you have a true love of learning by extending yourself.
Charlotte Cowley	2/3 - Miss Grey	For being a learner, even when a task may be challenging. Charlotte has found herself in the learning pit this week, but with encouragement she has found her way out.
Elsie Mitchell	3/4 - Georga Whiting	For being resilient to the many changes in the classroom this week. You have completed your work and stayed focused. Keep up the good work!
Mia He	4/5 - Mr Cooper and Mrs Woolman	For being a learner who always completes her work to the best of her ability. She consistently models to her peers how to interact respectfully and safely in our classroom environment.
Seth Winfield	5/6 - Ms McElgunn	Seth demonstrated respect, care and leadership throughout the week. Seth follows the expectations respectfully and assists with the daily routines of the classroom. He is valued within the 5/6 room by all of his peers and his assistance with varying teachers this week has been an asset to the classroom.
Tarell Chatfield	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For Tarell's positive work habits in the art room. He is a quiet achiever and completes all set tasks to a high standard. Tarell enjoyed sculpting his Halloween characters with clay this week, I look forward to seeing your painted creations. Well done, Tarell!



WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOMES YOU TO ATTEND OUR TRANSITION VISITS FOR CHILDREN STARTING FOUNDATION IN 2024.

Thursday 23rd November 2023
Come along and meet your teachers and get to know the children in your class.
2:15-3:15pm



Attending transition sets your child up for a great start to Foundation!

Thursday 30th November 2023
Share our love of music and books, singing songs together!
2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 7th December 2023
Let's get creative in the Art Room and practice some Auslan!
2:15-3:15pm



Tuesday 12th December 2023
State-wide Transition Day
9am-12pm



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Parent Information Night

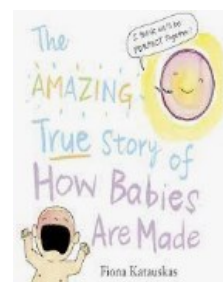
Our 'Care Puberty Education for Primary Students' Parent Information Night is **Thursday November 9th** from 7pm until 8pm at Warrnambool West Primary School. Midwife Leanne O'Connor will be in attendance.

The night will outline what will be covered in the upcoming Personal Development/Puberty Student session:

Monday November 13th

The student sessions contain content from the Department of Education's 'Catching on Early' resource and 'The Amazing true stories of how babies are made' all in line with current curriculum.

Any questions you may have will be answered. It would be great to see you there.





Toddle on Hoddle

Each Tuesday in WWPS's Multi-Purpose Room 9.30-11am

Term 4's planner of fun!

Dates	Themes	Special WWPS visitors and small excursions
10 th October	Welcome Back 😊	
17 th October	National Water Week	Heath Hackett - Music Room
24 th October (Jill abs)	Children's Week	Bottom Oval
31 st October (Jill abs)	Halloween	
7 th November	Melbourne Cup	F/1 teacher Meagan Roberts and her pony Miracle!
14 th November	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Karen Holdsworth (AP) Library for a story
21 st November	It's always fun at ToH	Geraldine Mitchell Auslan - Multi
28 th November	Christmas Fun	
5 th December	Christmas Party	Clare Monk (Prin) Nurture Playground

Every week enjoy...

Art and craft, shared play, fine and gross motor play, tactile fun, playdough, puzzles, blocks, toys.

Mat time for a story and sing a long!

Hot drinks for parents and carers

Morning tea - fruit platters

Thank you for your support, Renae, Jill and volunteers 😊



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Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	\$20.81	\$2.08
After School Care (ASC)	3:20 PM to 6:00 PM	\$28.47	\$2.85
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$65.70	\$6.57
Holiday Program***	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Standard fee costs **before** Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs **after** maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs **excluding** incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees
(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)
BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**
Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)
BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**
Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees
(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)
\$1 per minute after service close time.

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Old Collegians Football Netball Club

2024 JUNIOR NETBALL TRY OUTS

17&U (2007/2008)
15&U (2009/2010)
13&U (2011/2012/2013)

Thursday 2/11 @ 5pm
Sunday 5/11 @ 5pm
the Arc, Caramut Road

All participants must register via the link in the post and attend at least 1 try out to be considered for a team

Contact Sara Quinn - Junior Head Coach for more information or enquiries: 0407 387 764 RUSSELL@WARRMBLFC.COM.AU