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Warrnambool West Primary School

'WWPS is a Child Safe school'

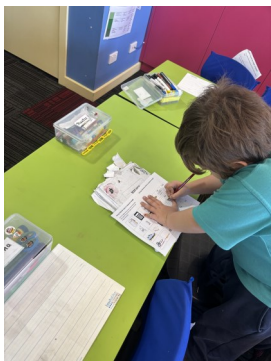


On behalf of Warrnambool West Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built, and we recognise their connection to the land and community. We respect the stories, traditions, and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We respect the Elders past, present and emerging on this land, as we continue our learning journey together.

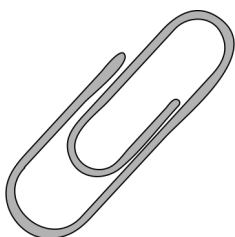
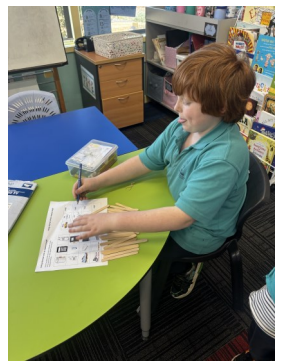
Measurement in 1/2H



In 1/2H we have been exploring measurement using informal units! Students have enjoyed lots of hands-on activities to compare and measure the length, height, and width of different objects around the classroom. We've also been learning about mass, using items like blocks, counters, and classroom objects to find out which things are heavier or lighter.



From measuring how many paperclips long their tables are to balancing objects on scales, students have been having fun while developing a strong understanding of how measurement helps us describe the world around us.



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From the Principal
Ms Karen Holdsworth

Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in our school concert; 'A Night on Broadway' last Thursday night! What a wonderful evening — a packed house, outstanding performances, and so much pride radiating from our students, staff, and families. The concert items were threaded with *inclusion, accepting ourselves, originality, belonging, and the joy of friendships and togetherness* — these inadvertently and ever so beautifully captured the essence of Warrnambool West PS. A huge thank you to all staff who helped with sound, lighting, music, costumes, and behind-the-scenes organisation. It was a true team effort and a celebration of our whole school community.

Year 3/4 Pillowcase Project

Unfortunately, the Pillowcase Project was postponed due to poor weather and will now be held today Thursday, 30th October. Thank you to Rosalie from the West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House for persisting with this program, ensuring that the skills and understanding of what to do in an emergency are a part of our educational experiences.

Freaky Friday – Halloween Dress-Up Day

This Friday, students are invited to come dressed up for one of our most popular events of the year — *Freaky Friday!*

Fun activities have been planned and organised by Mr Fitzgibbon and Mrs Blake, and we're very grateful for the time and energy they've put into creating such a special day for our students. I am looking forward to being spooked by our students!

Policy Updates

Families are encouraged to review our new and updated school policies now available on Compass. Feedback from our community is always welcome.

The updated policies include:

- Asthma Policy
- Personal Property Policy

School Readiness Program

Over the past three weeks, our School Readiness Program has been a great success in partnership with Southwest Healthcare staff. These sessions have helped us get to know our new families and students while building foundational relationships through play, social learning,

and shared experiences. The benefits for our incoming students include familiarisation and routines, friendships, playing respectfully and sharing with others. It is also a wonderful opportunity for our new families to meet and chat with afternoon tea. Thank you to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Blake, and Tanya for their dedication and commitment as our Foundation team.

Uniform Reminder

We've noticed some students beginning to wear items that are not part of the official school uniform. Please support us by ensuring students wear correct uniform each day — including school-coloured pants, school jackets/jumpers, and shoes. Jewellery, nail polish, and non-uniform items are not permitted.

If you require assistance with uniform items, please contact the office — we're happy to help. We are proud members of Warrnambool West, and our uniform is part of that pride.

Attendance

At Warrnambool West PS we prioritise regular school attendance, even as we progress through Term 4. We work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling your family holidays/ times away or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or possible consequences of behaviour, please still encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour. If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or Mr Yates or myself about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via phone call or Compass so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#).

Remember, **Every Day Counts**.

End-of-Year Excursions & Celebrations

Staff are currently organising end-of-year excursions and celebrations across the school:

- Learning Community 1 – Werribee Zoo and the Year

- 2 Sleepover, a day out in Warrnambool
- Learning Community 2 – Sovereign Hill excursion

Our staff are planning class celebrations following feedback and safety discussions about previous whole-school swimming excursion which will not be held this year. Thank you to our staff for considering and ensuring all activities are safe, engaging, and memorable for our students.

2026 Book Pack Orders

School Council has approved the external provision of 2026 Book Pack orders through Campion Education. Online orders are now open – more details have been provided on Compass.

Dogs Connect

We welcomed Daisy our Wellbeing Dog to the school last Friday as part of her familiarisation of the school, her quiet spaces and the expectations of her as a crucial member of our wellbeing team. Students were reminded of the 3 Expectations:

- Say hello to the person. Not the dog.
- We give lots of space when we pass the dog.
- We keep moving (we don't stand and start)

The wellbeing of Daisy is equally important to staff and students and as she goes through the induction processes, our utmost priority is for her.

Our staff's purposeful induction with Daisy is to engage, demonstrate, relate, translate, The 4 steps will enable our team to embed really deep learning related to social and emotional awareness, skills, and strategies when intersected with the connection with Daisy. This is a beautiful non- confrontational, safe, unconditional opportunity to engage with her.

Story Dogs Program

Pip and Sheryl have commenced at Warrnambool West PS in the Story Dog Program. Visiting some of our Year 1s and 2s for story time. Pip is a gentle, welcoming addition to our space and the feedback from our students is a big thumbs up and huge smiles when they see both Pip and Sheryl. Thankyou for making Warrnambool West even better!

Kind regards,
Karen Holdsworth

From The Office

Parent Payment Policy 2026

School Council have approved the 2026 Parent Payment Policy. Curriculum Contributions will be \$290.00 per student. A copy of the Parent Payment Policy will be sent home with students in the coming weeks.

If you have any queries regarding Curriculum Contributions please contact the office.

Student Book Packs

Student book packs, including classroom consumables, are now available to be purchased online through Campion Education.

Online ordering instructions have been published as a News Item in Compass. If you have any queries regarding student book packs please contact the office.

Christmas Hamper Donations

Our wonderful Christmas Hamper Raffle will be on again this year. We ask families to contribute small items for the hampers. Items such as small Christmas gifts, non-perishable food items, bon bons, lollies or Christmas crafts will all be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your donation to the front office. Raffle tickets and further information will be sent home during the coming weeks.

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.

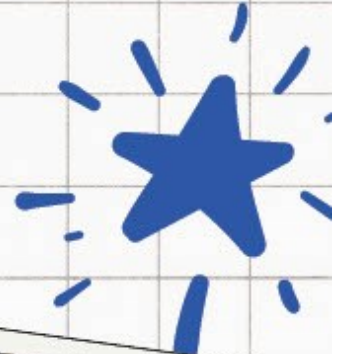
Asthma and Allergy Action Plans

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, and should be completed by doctors. This is important information to keep up to date in the case of an emergency.

5/6G



a big life
make your mark



THIS TERM

This term in Big Life, 5/6G have been working with Mel to prepare for their exciting transition to secondary school next year. Students have explored new timetables, school layouts, and strategies to manage their emotions as they step into this next chapter.



RESILIENCE

They've also discussed what it means to be resilient and developed a deeper understanding of their circle of control – focusing on what they can influence and letting go of what they can't. It's been a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect, build confidence, and look forward to the exciting adventures that await in secondary school!

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO BE RESILIENCE?

- ✓ learn from your mistakes
- ✓ ask for help
- ✓ stay positive and keep trying
- ✓ set small goals

Big Life

Term 4
Weeks 3 & 4

This fortnight students are learning about **Circle of Control**. When something is **inside our circle of control**, it means we can choose how we act, speak and respond. We can make choices that are respectful, safe and helpful, and that helps us feel calm or proud. When something is **outside of our circle of control**, it means we can't change it, like other people's behaviour, the weather, or the past. We can't fix these things, but we can: Take a breath or do something that helps us feel calm, accept what has happened and focus on what we can do next. This helps us stay in control, even when things feel difficult or unfair.

You can support this conversation & learning at home by:

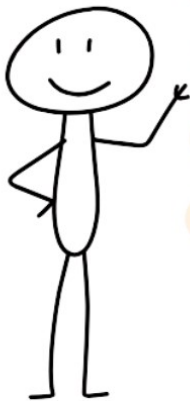
Talking about about circle of control when challenges arise

Celebrating the effort and choices your child makes within their control

Role model problem-solving & using self regulation strategies

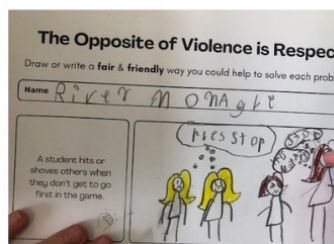
Consider the circle of control for the characters in story books & movies.

Use daily examples to demonstrate that focussing on our own actions helps us to stay calm and confident.



Big Life with Mel

On Tuesday of week 3, Mel worked with the Grade 4/5s discussing **violence** and the impacts it can have on victims, bystanders, and those who do the violence. The Grade 1/2s also learned about violence, what it is, and how we can choose to solve problems in **fair & friendly** ways. The F/Is learnt about their similarities and differences and discussed what they would like to do and be in the **future**, and the 5/6s looked at grade 6-7 **transition**, what sorts of organisational skills they need to work on, and what type of impression they would like to make on their new classmates & teachers next year.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5 3rd - 7th November	03	04 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle	05	06 F-2 Big Day Out Yr 2 Sleepover	07 Year 2 Rest Day
Week 6 10th - 14th November	10	11 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle	12	13	14 2:50pm Assembly
Week 7 17th - 21st November	17	18 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation transition session	19	20	21 2:50pm Assembly
Week 8 24th - 28th November	24	25 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation transition session	26	27	28
Week 9 1st - 5th December	01 5/6 Surfing	02 9:30 Toddle on Hoddle 2:15pm 2026 Foundation transition session 5/6 Surfing	03 5/6 Surfing	04 5/6 Surfing	05 5/6 Surfing

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



DOGS CONNECT
RESTORING BALANCE

3 Expectations

It's easy as 1,2,3 to help our Well-being Dog to learn to relax.

1

Hi!

We say hello to
the person,
not the dog!

2



We give lots of
space when we
pass the dog!

3



We keep moving
(we don't stand
around
and stare).



Toddle on Hoddle Term 4

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!



Warrnambool West Primary School

Date	Theme	Date	Theme	Date	Theme
14 th October	Welcome Back Spring into Spring! 	4 th November	Melbourne Cup 	25 th November	100 th Session of TOH
21 st October	Seniors Month Archie Graham Visit 	11 th November	Remembrance Day 	2 nd December	Last Session! Christmas Party
28 th October	Halloween 	18 th November	World Children's Day 		

When: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea

Where: WWPS Multi-Purpose Room Cost: \$0

Bring: Water bottles and a smile! We can't wait to see you! Renae and Jill 😊



2026 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

SCHOOL TRANSITION SESSIONS

2026 Foundation students attend 1 hour sessions with their teacher in their future classroom. They will explore a range of literacy and numeracy activities as well as Music, Visual Arts, Auslan, and P.E. We encourage the children to attend by themselves if they can.

Tuesday 18th November
2:15pm-3:15pm

Tuesday 25th November
2:15pm-3:15pm

Tuesday 2nd December
2:15pm-3:15pm

State-Wide Transition Day Tuesday 9th December 9am-12pm
3 hour session without their parent/guardian. They will receive a 'showbag' of goodies and information for 2026, including a new school t-shirt and school sunhat.

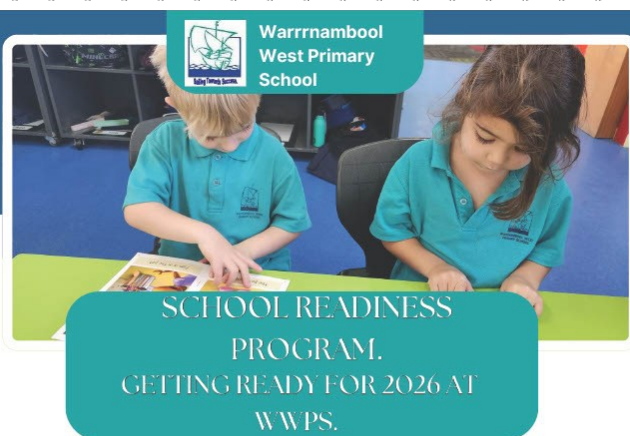
A parents information session will be held in the library from 11:30am-12pm

- Classrooms
- Sports
- Art
- Music
- Auslan

Contact for any queries

55 613161

Warrnambool West PS



SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM.
GETTING READY FOR 2026 AT WWPS.



Friday 10th October
1:45pm - 3:15pm

Friday 17th October
1:45pm - 3:15pm



Meet our team
Warrnambool West's 2026 Foundation students come to the school library to participate in activities run by Foundation teachers and Allied Health Professionals from South West Healthcare.



Friday 24th October
1:45pm - 3:15pm

Friday 31st October
1:45pm - 3:15pm

Parents attend the sessions with their child and they have the opportunity to discuss ways to assist their child's development and school readiness. We share afternoon tea together and begin making connections with teachers, peers and other parents.

Contact Us

55 613161



Our Location



35 Hoddle Street, Warrnambool

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

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WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME!

FAMILIES / COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN USE AND NOMINATE OUR SCHOOL WHEN DEPOSITING YOUR CONTAINERS!

THE SCHEME REWARDS VICORIANS WITH A 10 CENT REFUND FOR EVERY ELIGIBLE CAN, CARTON AND BOTTLE RETURNED.

SUBMIT YOUR CONTAINERS AT YOUR NEAREST COLLECTION POINT NOW TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL

For further information, call the front office on 55613161

GLASSES FOR KIDS SIGN UP TODAY!

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)

SIGN UP HERE
Scan this QR code to sign up now




STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF
GLASSES FOR KIDS
VICTORIA Department of Education

A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief Initiative
Questions? Please contact the GPK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au



You're not alone

Strengthening Parents Support Program (SPSP) is a free service funded by the Victorian Government.

We support parents and carers of children between the ages of 0 - 18 with a disability or developmental delay.

Our supportive group and program offer a safe space to share experiences, find information and hear from experts on a range of topics. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with other parents and carers facing the same challenges and share a similar parenting journey.



Connect to parents and carers

For coffee catch ups, find social support and connection with other parents and carers.



Date and Time

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month
9 & 23 Oct, 6 & 20 Nov & 4 Dec
10:00am to 11:30am



Location

71 Koroit Street, Warrnambool

To find out more and to register, call Gen today!



COBDEN ROTARY MINI GOLF 25TH BIRTHDAY

FREE MINI GOLF
FREE DRINKS
BBQ-(ANY DONATION APPRECIATED)
FREE FACE PAINTING
FREE FAIRY FLOSS
FREE BALLOON CREATIONS
FREE LOLLIES
LOTS OF PRIZES

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 11AM-3PM



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2026 JUNIOR TRIALS

THURSDAY 13 NOV
SUNDAY 16 NOV

OCFNC NETBALL COURT

<p>11&UNDER BORN 2015 & 2016</p> <p>13&UNDER BORN 2013 & 2014</p> <p>ARRIVE: 4.15PM TO CHECKIN</p> <p>TRIALS: 4.30PM TO 5.30PM</p>	<p>15&UNDER BORN 2011 & 2012</p> <p>17&UNDER BORN 2009 & 2010</p> <p>ARRIVE: 5.15PM TO CHECKIN</p> <p>TRIALS: 5.30PM TO 6.30PM</p>
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ALL ATHLETES MUST REGISTER VIA LINK IN FACE BOOK POST

CHOOSE YOUR FOOTY ADVENTURE 

WARRNAMBOOL & SURROUNDS TERM 4 PROGRAM

Start Date: Friday 21st November
Times: 3.45pm - 4.45pm
Venue: Jones Oval, Warrnambool
Cost: \$55 for 4 Weekly Sessions
For more information please contact tristan.gibbs@afl.com.au

nab AFL Auskick 

4-7 year olds

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

AFL Superkick 

8-12 year olds

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.

VISIT PLAY.AFL

Cultivating Carers

A kitchen-garden-themed wellbeing program for carers in West Warrnambool

Calling for Carers in the West Warrnambool area to be part of free hands-on workshops in gardening, self-care, nutrition, cooking and wellbeing.


A carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to family members and/or friends with a disability, mental illness, substance addiction, chronic health issue or an older person with care needs.

Carer Information session: 1-3pm, Monday 17 November 2025 at West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House, Pecten Avenue, accessible parking at 10 Carolyn Crescent.

Workshops will be at West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House, Pecten Avenue from November 2025 until May 2026.

To register or ask questions call Brenda on 0418 392 948 or breezyblenda@gmail.com

Gardening ● Nutrition ● Wellbeing
Cooking ● Connection



Cultivating Carers is supported by the Victorian Government and Carers VIC Australia

NETBALL

JUNIOR MEET & GREET & TRYOUTS



WHEN:
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

TIMES:
11&u 4:00pm to 4:45pm
13&u 4:30pm to 5:30pm
15&u 5:15pm to 6:15pm
17&u 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Free BBQ
All welcome, new & existing
*11&u and 13&u open to boys

SCAN HERE




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NIKETA 0407 651 482
SOUTHROVERSNETBALL@OUTLOOK.COM



WWPS, join us for...

FREAKY FRIYAY!

Wear your spookiest best for a day of fun!

31 OCTOBER

9.15AM PARADE

Followed by 6 rotations including...
The Disco of Danger, Haunted House,
Scavenger Hunt and Fabulous Feasts