

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.



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Recently in 5/6M

Year 5/6 have had a busy but very productive term organising events for their inquiry unit, learning about fractions, reading and baking and working with their buddies. Here is a snap shot of their life this term.

Ty – With Harmony Day we decided on what to put on the posters. We advertised by going around to the classrooms and letting them know when it was on and to wear orange on the day. It was very successful but next year we will do it even better.



Andy – We have learned that fractions need to have the same denominator to add them together and to subtract them. Eg. $\frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{6}$. A mixed fraction is a whole number and a fraction eg. $3 \frac{1}{2}$. An improper fraction is when the numerator is bigger than the denominator eg. $\frac{12}{5}$. An equivalent fraction is a fraction that is the same eg. $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$.

Jessica - I am reading 'What's Cooking' and it is all about cooking in different styles. My favourite food is cake. The kids loved my creation.

Jai – We made Easter baskets from cardboard and straw.



We also had a visit from ex-students who have transitioned to Brauer College. It was great to see them so happy and excited to see us!

Next week we will have an Easter Egg hunt and we hope Easter Bunny will come and give us a surprise. Thank you and Happy Easter!

engineering and design



Term one, we in STEM we have been focussing on Engineering and Design! Across the school students have been building structures for different fairy tales including the 'Three Little Pigs' and 'Billy Goats Gruff'.

Students follow a careful design process where they plan, build, test, and improve their creations. Here are a couple of photos of our students and their structures.





From the Principal Mrs Clare Monk

Dear Families,

I was very proud of all our students for their participation in the Athletics Carnival last Friday. Great sportsmanship was shown and all students I spoke with had a fantastic day. The great weather made it even better. Our students participated enthusiastically in a variety of events, demonstrating a fabulous sporting spirit. Staff spoke proudly of the positive attitude and determination that our students throughout the day. Congratulations to Weelan (Gold) House for winning the Carnival. Well done to the students who won age champion with many blue ribbons hanging from their shirts. It would be remiss of me not to congratulate our parents who were the overall winners of our annual staff, parent and student relay event (staff have already begun training for 2024). The back-drop of parents, grandparents and extended family members cheering students on and encouraging them to 'do their best' made our day a fabulous community event. A huge thank you to Heath Hackett for his organisation of the day and making this such a great and enjoyable event for all involved. Thanks also to families who came along to assist on individual events and canteen throughout the day.



Photo Day

Thanks to families for their assistance ensuring students were in their school uniform for our photos today. A reminder that coloured runners are not part of our official uniform policy which was reviewed at our recent school council meeting. The policy clearly states that students are to wear plain black lace up school shoes or runners (not canvas or high-tops). We understand that some students have just purchased new shoes that are not compliant with our policy, however we ask for your assistance, that when you replace your child's footwear, you purchase black shoes. We are also aware that some students are choosing to wear alternative footwear even though they have black

shoes. Please contact Karen Holdsworth or myself if you have any concerns regarding our school uniform policy.

Parent Teacher Student Interview Day

The online booking system through the parent portal on Compass is now open and a big thank you to all families who have booked for a Parent/Student/Teacher interview with your child/ren's teacher next Monday April 3rd. There will be no formal classes on this day however students are expected to attend the interview with their parent/carers. Interview time slots of 15 minutes will be allocated for each student to allow time for the students to share their term one learning and set goals for term 2.

We sincerely hope these interviews provide a clear picture of how each student has started the school year, as well as some insights into important learning goals emerging for each student. If you need support, please contact staff in the office or alternatively phone staff and they can add the time in for you.

Theircare will be operating on this day for families who have work commitments and a reminder that you must register prior to the day.

District Athletics Carnival

Twenty-six students in years 3-6 represented our school on Monday at the District Schools Athletics Carnival. All athletes performed to the best of their abilities throughout the day and proudly represented WWPS. This event gives students the opportunity to meet students from neighbouring schools as well as compete at a higher level. Congratulations to Karla Recinos-Najarro, Amelia Lendon, Omar Obied, Ruby-Jean, and Tyller Prescott who qualified to represent our school at the Division Track and Field Championships in May.

Easter Fundraising

Easter is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to drawing our raffle on the last day of term one, Thursday 6th April. Thank you to the families who have donated an egg to our Easter Egg Raffle. We often have several easter baskets 'up for grabs' due to the generosity of our families. If you require more raffle tickets please contact the office.

School Council

Our Annual General Meeting of the School Council was held last week. At this meeting, the Annual Report for 2022 was presented and discussed. Once ratified by the Department of Education families will be able to access it on the school

website. At the meeting, new office bearers are elected, and they are as follows:

President: Dana Lynn

Vice President: Ange Wickham

Treasurer: Karen Holdsworth

Secretary/ Minute taker: Geraldine Mitchell

Thank you to all School Council members for your continued support and looking forward to working with you to continue to build a positive, supportive environment to achieve the best learning outcomes for all students.

Harmony Day

Students and teachers celebrated the diversity within our school community last week by wearing a splash of orange, participating in multi-age buddy activities and coming together to sing and sign (AUSLAN) the very powerful song 'We are Australian'. Harmony Day is always acknowledged on March 21st each year. It celebrates the country's cultural diversity. The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everybody Belongs' and by participating in Harmony Day activities, it gives us an opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our school whilst working to remove barriers that still exist in the wider community. We can learn and understand

how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. As a school community, we have the power to make a difference and stand united to ensure everyone is included and their voice is heard.

End of Term 1

Our final week of term concludes next Thursday at 2.20 PM. It has been a big term so far and we know students and staff and families are tired and hanging in for the holidays. Assembly will be held at the earlier time of 9:15am. Classes will be sharing some of their learning from the term and student of the term awards will also be presented. Families are most welcome to attend. Hope to see you all there to celebrate the end of a very busy term.

Enjoy your weekend ,
Clare Monk



From the Office.....

2023 School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have popped into the office to pay their parent contributions. Warrnambool West Primary School requires strong support from families through these contributions, as this financial support enables our school to provide a wide range of curriculum programs and maintain and develop facilities and services that would otherwise not be possible given the school's limited financial resources.

This year we have outlaid a substantial financial commitment towards ICT, allowing every student access to an iPad or notebook computer. We have also subsidised the cost of school camps to ensure that our camping program continues despite the costs of time in lieu for attending staff. Your financial support is pivotal in us being able to continue to provide these programs. Payments can be made via the school office or through Centre Pay.

CSEF

Our first batch of forms have been processed. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 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 \$125 for eligible primary 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 have previously 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, please call the office to request a form.

We will require a copy of your valid health care card with the application.



*From the
Assistant Principal*

MORE THAN JUST SPORT

Last week, our annual Athletics Day was a huge success. So many students took away ribbons in their events, so much encouragement and effort and of course so much fun! But it is well known, and researched that the sport itself is just one aspect of a child's wellbeing.

Organised sports days have many psychological and social benefits for children – even more than just the physical activity the students are exercising during their events. Researchers think this is because children benefit from the social side of being in a team, taking themselves out of their comfort zone in individual events and from the involvement and interactions with other children and adults.

The benefits of participating in an athletics day go beyond learning new physical skills and techniques in a particular event. Their participation helps children develop better ways to cope with the highs and lows of life. When they're playing a sport or participating in an event, sometimes they will win and take away the blue ribbon, while at other times they will lose. Being a good loser takes maturity and practice. And this can be hard for some children but a necessary step in life. Losing teaches children to overcome disappointment, cope with unpleasant experiences and is an important part of becoming resilient. The ideal moment in a losing moment is teaching our students to develop positive coping mechanisms.

Playing sport helps children learn to control their emotions and regulate negative feelings in a positive way. It also helps children to develop patience and understand that it can take a lot of practice to improve both their physical skills and then transferring these into what they do in school.

Our brain responds in amazing ways, and physical activity has been shown to stimulate chemicals in the brain that make you feel better. So being active regularly improves children's overall emotional wellbeing and self-esteem. The support of the team, a kind word from a team member, or achieving an active personal goal will all help children to feel better about themselves.

I felt privileged on Friday to not only compete in the student, teacher and parent relay and be able to enjoy the competitiveness and laugh at ourselves, but more importantly I felt privileged to be a part of a community of encouraging, supportive and mutually respectful students and adults.

Ms. Karen Holdsworth
Assistant Principal



Over the past few weeks, we have been building **connections** in our school. In light of this our students practiced and practiced to perform different songs to our school at our assembly!

- Our Foundation/ One students learned 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'
- Our 1/2M class learned and performed 'Apples & Bananas'
- Our Year 2's from 2/3G learned and performed 'If you're happy and you know it'

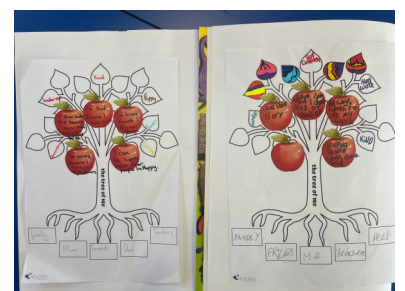
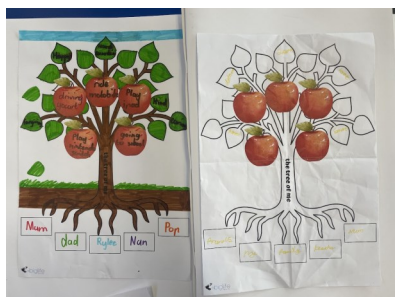
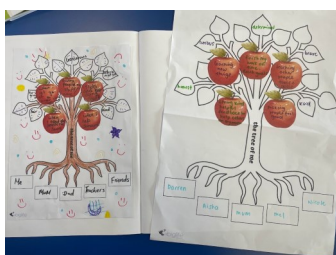
The students loved performing in front of an audience, building their confidence. The whole school sang along with us, building a wonderful sense of connection at Warrnambool West Primary School.



4/5C

Throughout recent weeks, during Big Life we have been learning about more ways to care for our emotions.

On Tuesday, we created our own 'the tree of me'. The **Roots** featured people we trust and can talk to about things. We listed our personal strengths we have identified on the **Leaves** of the tree. Then finally the **Fruit** of our tree was the result of the support from the people around us and our strengths combined.



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NEWSLETTER ISSUE
30 March 2023



We would like to say thank you to the Peek Whurrong People of the Maar Nation for sharing their land with us. We promise to look after it, the animals and people too.



Teaming up

This week we are focusing on team building games and activities that promote communication and develop relationships among children. These activities aim to teach children essential skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Happy Birthday

Cadence, you are a girl blessed with truckloads of creativity and talent. Our awesome team of children and educators at TheirCare West wishes you a Happy Birthday! Keep on shining!



Student Free Day


On 3rd March will be student free day. TheirCare will be operating from 7.00am to 6.00pm with a fun and entertaining program for children. If your children are already enrolled, you just need to book them in for Pupil Free Day. If they are not enrolled yet, you can do it online at www.theircare.com.au. Contact us if you have any questions.


TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 9:00am


After School: 3:20pm - 6:00pm

CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

 1300 072 410

 info@theircare.com.au

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 0458 100 401

 warrnamboolwest@theircare.com.au

Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 11 3rd - 7th April	3rd Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews 11:30am-6pm	4th	5th	6th Last Day of Term 1 2:20 Dismissal	7th Good Friday
10th-14th April	School Holidays				
17th-21st April	School Holidays				
Week 1 24th - 28th April	24th Staff PPD Day Students not required at school	25th ANZAC Day No School	26th Students commence Term 2	27th	28th
Week 2 1st - 5th May	1st Staff Professional Learning Day School Closed	2nd	3rd	4th Shire Public Holiday - May Races No School	5th

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**

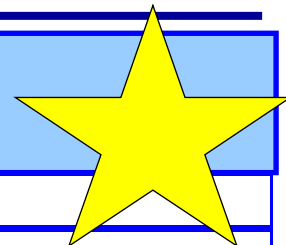
***Lunch orders are ONLY available on a WEDNESDAY**

***LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN ON A CLEAN PAPER BAG THAT IS BIG ENOUGH TO FIT THE STUDENTS ORDER IN IT.**

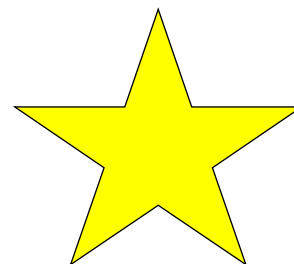
***THE CORRECT MONEY MUST BE INCLUDED. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.**

***PLEASE DO NOT SEND LUNCH ORDERS IN AN ENVELOPE.**

Students of the Week 8



Name	Class	Reason
Ayviana Ashwell	F/1 - Mrs Blake	For her growing confidence a WWPS. Ayviana has made tremendous growth both academically and socially. She shows our school values daily and is a wonderful class member.
Jetta Monagle	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	For always doing his best and working on feedback in all areas of his learning
Ella Morrison	2/3 - Miss Grey	For showing the school value of being respectful. Ella always has a smile on her face and is always willing to help anyone out. Keep up the awesome work!
Daniel	3/4 - Miss Evans	For making great choices in the classroom and yard, completing his work independently and quietly and for trying his best.
Daniel Yu	4/5 - Mr Cooper	For being a learner by making good choices and being a respectful listener. Thankyou for being a valuable member of our class.
Karla Recinos-Najarro	5/6 - Mrs McElgunn	Karla has shown great maturity and friendship in the yard when including others in the games she plays. In the classroom, Karla has put 100% into all her work and really stepped up as a valued and responsible leader and member in our class.
Maddie Rylance	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake	For always showing a positive attitude and keen interest in our art lessons. Maddie is the first to offer assistance to her peers and always helps to pack up the art room.





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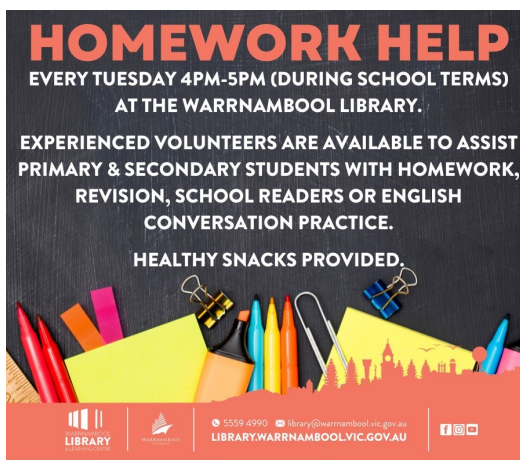
Do you love to cook?

Want to make it part of your work week?

Our Early Learning Centre is currently seeking a Cook to provide nutritionally balanced meals for the children on a daily basis, working within a 'school hour friendly' day.

For further enquires please contact Sarah Ots.
email: sots@warrnambool.vic.gov.au
or call: 5559 4464

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au



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Warrnambool West Primary School

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Warrnambool West Primary School has partnered with TheirCare to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$19.00	\$3.13 - \$19.00	\$3.13
After School Care	3:30pm – 6:00pm	\$26.00	\$3.90 - \$26.00	\$3.90
Cancellation / Late Booking	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0458 100 401 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410.

How to Enrol

Visit TheirCare website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs.

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located



Easter

RAFFLE 2023

Please bring in an Easter egg or an Easter gift to contribute to the hampers.

Many hampers to be won.

Tickets will be drawn at our final assembly on Thursday 6th April.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant Date / /

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.