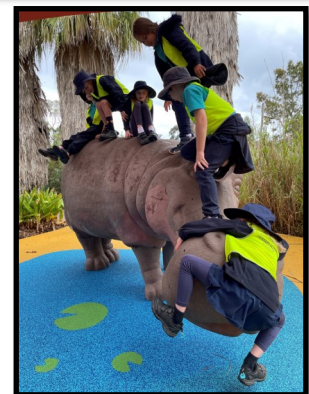


# The West Express

Warrnambool West Primary School  
'WWPS is a Child Safe school'



Students from Foundation to Year 2 as part of our inquiry unit for this term visited the Werribee Zoo. They got to take part in exploring animal habitats and lifecycles, participating in a 'Habitat Heroes' program and experience the safari bus ride. It was a long day of travel too. A great day had by all.



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*From the Principal  
Mrs Clare Monk*



Dear Families,

As I write this newsletter, our year 5/6 students are enjoying their final day of Melbourne Camp. Our students have had a fabulous time exploring Melbourne's CBD, including Old Melbourne Goal, Melbourne Museum, the Shrine of Remembrance, Bounce, and Icehouse. The students have learnt to manage the hustle and bustle of navigating the crowds, escalators, and trams. I have spoken with staff daily and overall, the staff were really impressed with the student's behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity and staff have enjoyed seeing Melbourne through the eyes of the students.

School Camp is a great opportunity for kids to get out of the classroom and learn from a different perspective. They are a great opportunity to gain new interests, grow friendships, learn new skills, and further develop their independence. I hope that all of our students walked away from camp knowing how to work through a challenge, stretch past their fear, trust themselves, challenge their thoughts, feel capable of achieving their goals and have learned more about city life in Melbourne.

I hope that over the course of the next few days our students share their experiences of the camp with you. Getting them to tell you about it from their own perspective, rather than seeing it live through a newsfeed, is far more valuable and allows them to tell you about their feelings and experiences.

On behalf of all our students, parents, staff and especially myself, I would like to thank:- Camp co-ordinator, MaryRose McElgunn; the program was extensive and gave our students a myriad of experiences that many students have never had before. Also, a huge thank you to Karen Holdsworth, Jasmine John and Mark Robinson who also were incredibly generous in giving up their personal time to attend camp; without their support, the camp would not have been the success that it was.

### **Year 2 Big Night In**

Last Friday 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 students, 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 Werribee Zoo 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.

### **Enrolment Enquiries**

We are continuing to receive enrolment enquiries for the 2023 school year which is very exciting. If you know of anyone who is yet to enrol but is indicating they are going to, please encourage them to make contact with us. We are still conducting tours if requested and are very happy to showcase the many wonderful things that are occurring in our school each and every day.



**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!

**Second Hand Uniform**

Thank you to the families who have dropped off second hand uniform at the office. At this time of the year our supplies are running extremely low, and we are not always able to provide a change of clothes for students when required. As a school we accept and appreciate all second-hand uniform donations. At present we are need of summer uniform, shorts, polo shirts and jumpers. Your generosity is appreciated!

**Late for School**

Thank you to the students and their families who arrive at school on time ready for a day of learning. However, lateness to school has become a growing issue recently for some families and we need to work together to improve it. When students are late even by the smallest amount of time, they begin the day on the wrong foot. Late students miss the opportunity to catch up with peers and staff prior to school and the chance to get organised and prepared for a solid day of learning. Late students miss out on vital instruction at the beginning of the day which may place them at risk of not understanding the learning intentions for that lesson. Furthermore, they may become disruptive to the learning of others and the class in general. Rare instances of lateness are understandable and unavoidable. We ask all parents and guardians to support this improvement by ensuring that their children are at school by no later than 8.55am, ready for a prompt 9am start in the classroom.

**Remembrance Day**

This year marks 104 years of the anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Our assembly on Friday, the 11th of November will incorporate our Remembrance Day Service to acknowledge and remember the armed service members who died in the line of duty. As always, we encourage families to attend. Our student representatives will also attend the RSL memorial service.

Hopefully the sun will shine for the upcoming weekend!

Regards, Clare.





*From the  
Assistant Principal  
Ms Karen Holdsworth*

### Camp is so much more than time away from home

The rain fell as we disembarked from the bus last night and said farewell to our year 5 and 6 students from a wonderful three days on Melbourne camp. Gratitude from parents, a thank you for 'putting up with us' from one particular student and seeing the weary but smiling faces from students as they wheeled their suitcases away is one aspect that I feel I have the privilege of experiencing.

Camp is so much more than just time away from home. It is the ultimate time staff and students can spend time away from the physical four walls of the classroom and experience learning in a whole new manner and an opportunity to teach each other the skills of life.

As we walked along Flinders Street on Tuesday, I engaged in a conversation with a year 6 girl in regards to her interpretation of camp. In her eyes, school camp is not 'school' or even a form of learning, it is simply time away from classroom and the routines of a school day. As we discussed this further, I listed reasons why camp is definitely an extension of school, although a little different than the school corridors and classroom. The experiences and opportunities I shared only touch the surface of the benefits of attending camp. Students learn and experience:

- Social skills and the expectations of culture in various settings
- An opportunity to disconnect with technology and reconnect with self and others
- Build lasting relationships with other students
- Staff and students strengthen connections and students see the 'human' side of their teacher
- Learn new activities and skills, new sports, taking public transport and budgeting their money.
- Improve independence and personal organisation
- Expand their experiences of nature, city life and culture

A structured school camp not only looks at the learnings based on curriculum, context and experiences, it takes students to a new environment of experiential learning, where they are encouraged to push beyond what they believe they can achieve and learn from the reality of our world and what there is to offer. These things cannot be found in a text book or a website, it is the real experience of learning that students will take away with them forever.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Poppies, badges, pens and wristbands for sale at the office.

Please see our office staff for purchase.

Lest we Forget





**The Foundation students have drawn pictures to show their favourite way to calm their angry, frustrated feelings:**



Jetta lays on his bed to have some quiet time.



Ella plays with Karl



Gavin plays on his PlayStation.



Karl thinks about his birthday.



Scarlett loves to dance.



Scarlett cuddles the cat.

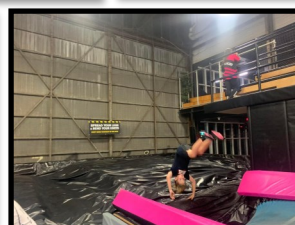
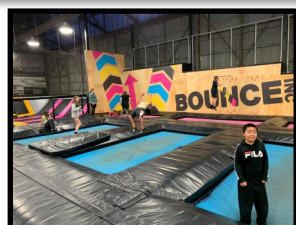
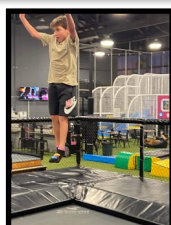
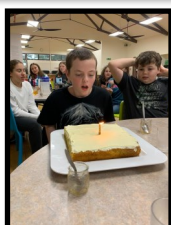
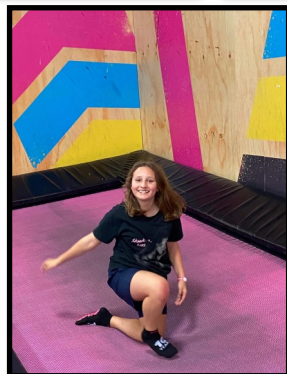


Natalie has a special song she sings to herself.





# Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp







# Students of the Week, Week 4



Name	Class	Reason
Megan Clough-Beauchamp	Mrs Roberts & Mrs Blake	For her amazing day at Flagstaff Hill! We were so proud of Megan's positive attitude and determination through the day. She walked, climbed, played, listened and created, she did not miss a thing. We're very proud of you Megan!
Paige Gemao	Miss Grey	For constantly showing our school values, especially during our incursion and excursions this week. Paige demonstrates being a learner by asking many wondering questions, she is always safe and respectful around her peers and others in the community and is always inclusive by ensuring everyone is included and feels welcomed. Well done Paige!
Sieanna Pearson-Leone	Mrs Mitchell	It was a wonderful day at our Werribee Zoo visit and then Sieanna topped off her day with out sleepover. This was her first sleepover, and she was an absolute pleasure. Sieanna even fell asleep on top of her sleeping bag and blankets so we tucked her in and she popped up and said 'Good Morning' when the lights turned on the next day.
Charlie Silver	Ms McElgunn	Charlie has strived to do his best even when he is challenged in maths. He has a positive approach to all tasks and works well with those around him. Well done Charlie.
Kyle Lewis	Miss Evans	For being an inclusive, supportive and kind friend to new students in the class this week. Well done, Kyle!
Jaawan Young	Mrs John	Jaawan has this week taken a keen interest in his own learning. He is always asking about reading and focussing on his writing. Well done Jaawan!
Ella Wylie	Mrs Blake Art	For not only completing your artwork for the Warrnambool Show during their recess and lunch breaks but for also offering to assist me with the preparations for the show. You saved me a few hours work, thanks so much!
Harlie-Ava Brown	Mrs Blake Art	For not only completing your artwork for the Warrnambool Show during their recess and lunch breaks but for also offering to assist me with the preparations for the show. You saved me a few hours work, thanks so much!
Jaawan Young	Mr Hackett P.E	For his outstanding efforts in the lead up to and during the District Cricket competition. Jaawan practised daily often devoting time to build the skills of his teammates. Well Done!
Kasey Sutcliffe	Mr Hackett Science	For taking on board feedback and managing her conflict in a healthy and proactive way. Kasey completed all of her work in Science with a big smile. Well Done!
Kevin Nguyen	Mr Hackett Music	For his efforts in learning different instruments to play the song 'I've got a feeling' in music this week. Well done!



## Important Dates: Term 4, 2022

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5 31st October—4th November	31st Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp	1st November Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp	2nd Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp	3rd	4th Assembly Years 3-6 Bike Ed
Week 6 7th-11th November	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th Remembrance Day
Week 7 14th-18th November	14th	15th	16th	17th HoL Salvation Army	18th Years 3-6 Bike Ed
Week 8 21st-25th November	21st	22nd	23rd	24th 'Strange World' movie fundraiser	25th Years 5/6 Surf-Swim Program

# Lunch Orders

### PLEASE NOTE:

**\* LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AT SCHOOL BEFORE 11AM ON THURSDAYS**

**\*Lunch orders are ONLY available on a FRIDAY**

**\*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.**

### Warrnambool West Primary School

#### UPDATED LUNCH ORDER LIST

Meat Pie	\$4.50	Chicken/Ham Salad Roll
Pastie	\$4.50	\$6.00
Potato Pie	\$5.00	Chicken Roll/Sandwich
Sausage Roll	\$3.50	\$5.00
Nibble Pie	\$2.00	Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Finger Bun	\$2.20	\$5.00
Plain Salad Roll/Sandwich	\$5.00	Hedgehog \$3.50
		Iced Donut (Pink or Choc)
		\$2.50



**WHEN:**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Between 12:40- 1:40pm

Please bring a working bicycle and helmet if you have one! We have several bikes at school if you do not have one. You are welcome to leave your bike in a locked shed over this period if you wish.



## WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL'S MOVIE NIGHT

A fun and exciting night for the whole family.

Come and see 'Strange World' (rated PG)

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24TH 2022 |  
6.30PM  
RAFFLE TICKETS \$2. DRAWN ON THE  
NIGHT.**

\$15 per ticket, available at the front office. See you all at the Warrnambool Cinemas for a fun movie night and prizes!