

# 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.*

## Welcome to WWPS!

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 18 excited Foundation students began their education journey at Warrnambool West Primary School. Aidan Alex, Amira-Mae, Ariyonna, Charleigh, Connor, Heather, Ivy, Mason, Melyssa, Mia, Oliver, Patrick, Shilo, Sofia, Texas, Will and Zahara arrived with huge smiles and in correct uniforms.

They have been enjoying Literacy and Numeracy Activities in the classroom, Play Based Learning, Big Life, STEM, Music, Visual Arts and Physical Education. The students spent an hour with their Year 6 Buddies creating Gruffalos and outdoor play has been a highlight.

We are incredibly proud of the students' growing independence and positive attitude towards school life. Thank you to the families for their organisation and support as we begin this journey together.

Well done everyone! Mrs Blake, Mrs Roberts and Tanya.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



*From the Principal*

*Ms Karen Holdsworth*

It has been a fantastic start to the year, particularly for our Foundation students, who have begun school with confidence and enthusiasm. They are learning classroom routines and playground expectations, and it is wonderful to see them already writing, reading and learning. Foundation testing days have been set for the next four Wednesdays and this is a crucial part of education, as Renae and Meagan analyse and structure their program with precision.

Across the school, classrooms are settled and bring a sense of calm, curiosity and inclusiveness to the school. Our *Setting Up for Success* program has focused on a genuine re-teach of school expectations and daily routines. Students are at their best when they have clear direction, strong support and clarity around what each day looks like. Strong partnerships between home and school are central to our success and a source of great pride for us. We place great value on open communication and collaboration with families. Your support plays an important role in your child's learning journey, and we encourage you to stay connected and reach out whenever questions or concerns arise. Working together allows us to provide the best possible educational experience for our students and we are always here to support you.

Staff have worked extremely hard to establish positive relationships with students and will continue to do so. For me, relationships are the key ingredient to success and growth. Staff have also commenced analysing student data, planning thoughtfully, and structuring lessons to best meet the needs of all learners. Education support staff members also hold a crucial role in the classroom, providing tier 2 and 3 supports to students. Teachers best utilise ES supports through meticulous planning.

Student Support Group (SSG) meetings have commenced for selected students who have additional services involved. I would like to thank Mrs Roberts and Mr Yates for their professional and proactive approach in working with families and external providers to plan further supports through these meetings.

A reminder to families regarding Curriculum Contributions. This is \$290 per child for 2026. If you require support in setting up a payment plan, please see Chelsea in the office who will be happy to assist.

Looking ahead to upcoming events, our Family Welcome Afternoon will be held next Friday the 13th. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community, and all families are warmly welcome. Please ensure Family BBQ forms are returned with payment to assist with catering arrangements. The Colour Run will be immediately after the BBQ, this is a much-loved community event! Students thrive on the action, challenge and colour, and we would love families to come along and enjoy watching their children be absolutely soaked in colourful happiness.

Key works are in the pipeline for school improvement which is exciting. Exterior painting works continue, you will see a change of colour in particular areas in the coming months. School Council have approved work to commence the installation of a shade sail over the playground on the oval. Providing crucial shade while students play is integral to our vision of providing a safe and healthy environment. In addition, the basketball and netball court area will be resurfaced in the next month. This exciting work will provide students with a safer surface and will be an aesthetic improvement to this high traffic area.

Our additional wellbeing supports have commenced already this term. We welcomed back Penny, our Wellbeing Dog through the Dogs Connect program. Our Foundation students learnt how to respond to Penny and took this on with enthusiasm!

Pip and Cheryl will return next week as part of our connection with the Story Dogs program. Selected Year 1/2 students will develop new relationships with Pip

while developing confidence in reading.

Our Lunchtime Clubs will commence next week. Offering additional options for play time is important for inclusive practices and we have already welcomed back Phil with Brick Club each Wednesday.

A big welcome back also to Jill from Warrnambool Neighbourhood House and the Toddle on Hoddle playgroup. This year, Toddle on Hoddle will run on Thursdays in the multipurpose room. Spread the word!

We are a school community built on trust, respect and shared responsibility, and I truly appreciate the

relationships I have with our families. Working together helps us support every child to feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

If you ever need to talk, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to another positive and productive term together.

Kind regards,  
Karen Holdsworth

*SOTW - Week 1*

Name	Class	Name	Class
Amira	Found - Mrs Blake and Mrs Roberts	Calais Bowler	3/4 - Mrs White and Ms Bissett
Archie Parsons	1/2 - Mrs Mitchell	Khiza Silver	5/6 - Mr Symonds
Cooper Hurse	1/2 - Miss Evans and Ms McElgunn	Chevy Hurse	5/6 - Miss Grey
Letisha Freeman	3/4 - Miss Hoy	Natalie Brown	Specialist - Mr Fitz



# *From The Office*

## **Lunch Orders 2026**

Lunch orders are available every Wednesday from Morriss Road Takeaway. Please write your child's order on a brown paper bag with correct payment enclosed. Students can bring their order to school by 9am or your child's order can be placed directly with Morriss Road Takeaway by 9:15am.

An updated lunch order list is available on Compass.

## **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.

## **Student Information Forms**

Today, students were sent home with Student Information Forms. Please review, make changes if required, sign and return this form to the school office as soon as possible. If no changes need to be made, please return this form to school to verify you have reviewed this information.

Families are required to review student information every year to ensure details are correct.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.



# in 3/4H



3/4H have had a fantastic start to the year, settling in well and establishing strong classroom routines.

In Big Life, we've been learning about expected behaviours and what it looks like to be safe, respectful and ready to learn. We've also been practising how to be effective learners by listening, collaborating, and giving things a go, even when tasks feel challenging.

Students have enjoyed putting their own creativity into our classroom, helping to create a welcoming and engaging learning space. We're excited for the year ahead!



## Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 9th - 13th February	09	10 Toddle on Hoddle	11	12	13 Welcome BBQ and Colour Run
Week 4 16th - 20th February	16	17 Toddle on Hoddle	18	19	20 5/6 Memorial Walk 2:45pm - Assembly
Week 5 23rd - 27th February	23	24 Toddle on Hoddle	25	26	27
Week 6 2nd - 6th March	02	03 Toddle on Hoddle	04	05	06 Student Leader Congress 2:45pm - Assembly
Week 7 9th - 13th March	09 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 Toddle on Hoddle	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN 2:45pm - Assembly

## 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**



# Warrnambool West Primary School

Warrnambool West Primary School and West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House are excited with the return of...

## Toddle on Hoddle '26

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 more!

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Summer 	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Farms - Chicks 
12 <sup>th</sup> February	 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bugs 
19 <sup>th</sup> February	 pancake Day	19 <sup>th</sup> March	 HARMONY DAY
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Farms - Pigs 	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Neighbour Day 
		2 <sup>nd</sup> April End of Term party, dress up and bring some food to share!	 HAPPY EASTER

When: Thursday mornings 9.30-11am

Cost: \$0

Where: WWPS Multi-Purpose Room

Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea

Bring: Water bottles



We can't wait to see you! Renae and Jill 😊

# TERM 1 AUSSIE HOOPS & U10'S

**8 WEEK PROGRAM**  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Aussie Hoops (5-8 yrs):  
 4.15pm - 5pm  
 U10's (9-10 yrs):  
 5pm - 6pm

**WARRNAMBOOL BASKETBALL**

Register at [www.warrnamboolbasketball.com.au](http://www.warrnamboolbasketball.com.au)

# The Warrnambool Calisthenics Club

Invites you to

**Come and try calisthenics at our open classes in 2026!**

Classes begin Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026  
 All classes held at St Pius Function Hall  
Age as of the 31st of Dec 2026  
 \*Teams travel and compete at competitions

TINY TOTS Aged 3 - 4 Years Tuesday 4:15pm-4:45pm  
 TINIES Aged 5 - 7 years Tuesday 5:00pm-5:30pm  
 SUB-JUNIORS\* Aged 8 - 10 years Wednesday 4:15pm - 6:15pm  
 RECREATION Aged 7 - 14 years Thursday 4:15pm - 5:15pm  
 JUNIORS\* Aged 11 - 13 years Tuesday 5:45pm - 7:45pm  
 INTERMEDIATES\* Aged 14 - 17 years Thursday 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
 SENIORS\* Aged 16 years & over Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
 MASTERS\* Aged 26 years & over Tuesday 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Our first 2 weeks of classes are open for everyone to try calisthenics and receive more information. These classes are FREE for new members!

Calisthenics is an exciting mix of ballet, jazz, apparatus work, gymnastics, acrobatics, singing and acting... and it's all in the one class!





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# WARRNAMBOOL REPAIR CAFE

**Got something broken? Don't toss it - fix it!**

Join us at Repair Café, where skilled volunteers help repair your items for free. Drop in, have a chat, and let's fix it!

CLICK ON LINK IN COMMENTS OR SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR REPAIR

10:00am - noon, **Saturday 7 February 2026**  
 at **Warrnambool Library**  
 8 Kepler Street, Warrnambool



**What we can repair**  
 Jewellery, Household items, General IT support, 3D printing of fabricated broken items, Knife & secateur sharpening