

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.

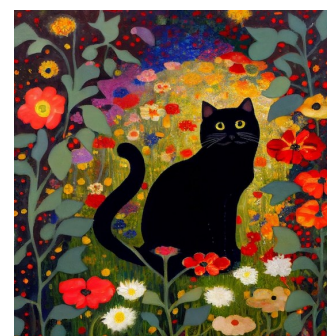
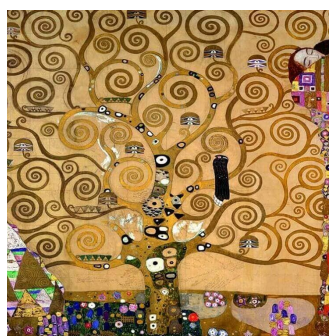
Visual Arts

Inspired by Gustav Klimt



Our entire school has been intrigued and inspired by Austrian Artist, Gustav Klimt. We have studied and represented some of his most famous paintings including; The Tree of Life, Birch Forests and Klimt's Cats.

Our main corridor looks amazing thanks to our WWPS artists!



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal
Mrs Clare Monk

Dear Families,

What perfect weather conditions we had for our Athletic Sports. All students in grades 3-6 participated in a range of track and field events which they had been practising at school. Congratulations to all students for their efforts at the sports. Staff were impressed with the way everyone tried their best, encouraged each other and showed our school values to a high level. Congratulations to **Weelan** House for winning the Carnival. Well done to the students who won their age champion on the day. Thank you to parents who assisted on the day both on events and during the lunch rush at the canteen windows. Big shout out to Mr Hackett for his thorough planning and organisation. A great day was had by all!

Next Monday, a team of twenty-one students will represent our school at the District Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at Brauerander Park. Members of the team performed exceptionally well at our house sports. This event gives students the opportunity to meet students from neighbouring schools as well as compete at a higher level.

Congratulations to year one/two teacher Miss Madison Hoy who officially graduated last Thursday from Deakin University – Warrnambool Campus. Madi joined other graduate teachers to celebrate the significant milestone of the completion of a Bachelor of Education. Madi always aspired to one day become a teacher. After leaving school, she juggled both work commitments as an ES staff member and university studies which was at times

challenging. We are very fortunate to have Madi as part of the West staff and wish her all the best in her teaching career.

Although the end of term is only a few days away we still have several events organised for our students. Today our school community acknowledged the diversity within our school by wearing a splash of orange as part of Harmony Day and crazy-mismatched socks for World Down Syndrome Day. The powerful message of both Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day is 'Everybody Belongs' and we are all unique in our own way. Acknowledging these days gives us an opportunity to truly 'live' our value of inclusiveness and celebrate the diversity within our school whilst working to remove barriers that still exist in the wider community. As a school, we play a critical role in strengthening cultural inclusion in our community. By providing safe, inclusive and welcoming classrooms, we hope to help students feel a sense of belonging and connection to our school and the wider community.

This Friday is **National Ride2 School Day**. Students are encouraged to ride, scoot, skate or walk to school to celebrate this day. National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel and is a great way to encourage children to be more active when travelling to school. Being active on the journey to school helps to create healthy habits for our students, and it's good for the environment too! Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school means there are fewer cars on the road, which results in a reduction in noise pollution, energy use and carbon emissions.

If you live too far away from school to actively travel the whole way, part way is okay. Stop the car a few blocks before the school and walk, ride, scooter or skate the rest of the way. Every little bit helps you and the environment. Mr Hackett has

organised teachers to meet students at both the Morriss Rd (corner Hwy) and the Morriss Rd (corner Hoddle St) at approximately 8:40 am.

There will be small prizes for all students who participate and two special vouchers donated by Warrnambool City Council for those students who regularly take part in the Healthy Moves initiative.

Student- Parent- Teacher Conferences

Student Led Conference will be held next Wednesday 27th March. There will be no formal classes on this day, and it is an expectation that students attend the conferences with a family member on the day. Bookings can be made via the Compass portal, or alternatively we ask that you contact the office staff who will be able to make the booking for you. 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. Their Care will be operating on this day for families who have work commitments and a reminder that you must register prior to the day.

School Council

Our Annual General Meeting of the School Council was held last week. At this meeting, the Annual Report for 2023 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: Nicole McCorkindale

Vice President: Angela Wickham

Treasurer: Karen Holdsworth

Secretary/ Minute taker: Amelia Armitage

We also welcomed new parent council members Ruby De Bono, Courtney Rolins, Ann Maree Freeman and welcomed back Darna Callaghan as a community member.

I am looking forward to working with the new council to continue to build a positive, supportive environment to achieve the best learning outcomes for all students.

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 28th March. 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.

Safety Drill Rehearsal

The safety of all children and staff in our school is particularly important to us. A requirement of our Emergency Management plan is to conduct termly whole school rehearsals of various safety drills. Tomorrow, Friday 22nd March, we will conduct a practise fire drill to ensure each student understands and is aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded. By practising they will know what to do and how to do it if the need ever arises.

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 10am. 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.

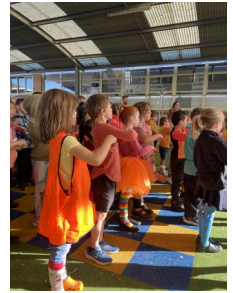
Regards,

Clare Monk
Principal



From the Assistant Principal

Living Harmoniously is More Than Just for One Day



To live harmoniously in society, at home and at school, it is essential that we ensure that everyone from different backgrounds is made to feel equal and involved and is treated with fairness and respect. At Warrnambool West PS, we are positively inundated with differences. We are all different, and that makes us wonderfully complete as a school.

Harmony Day is celebrated to foster a sense of belonging, respect, and inclusion across all of our communities and to bring people together to reflect, discuss, and acknowledge everyone's identity, inclusivity, and the sense of belonging that makes Australia a better place to live.

Some people might look or dress differently, and learning more about the cultures and customs of those around you will help you to better understand these differences. Remember, differences are not a bad thing. They are what make us unique and special. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate and learn more about the things that make us different.

Orange is the official colour of Harmony Week, and our bright, colourful and different socks represent our acknowledgement of **Down Syndrome Day**. These bright and cheery hue signifies social communication, acceptance, freedom of ideas and individuality and encourage meaningful conversations.

Here at our school, all staff foster an environment where students from various cultural backgrounds come together to learn and grow, and this is a concept close to our hearts. Within our school setting, these celebratory days offer a unique opportunity to showcase and celebrate the richness of diversity present among our students and staff.

Ending the stereotypes is the 2024 theme for World Down Syndrome Day. A stereotype is a set idea that people have. They can be positive or negative and often inaccurate.

This year's theme acknowledges the need for changing opinions and misconceptions and create an informed understanding of people with Down Syndrome. People are all different. Each person with Down syndrome is different. Each person with an intellectual disability is different. For every single person, we don't all act the same way or like the same things, we each have our individual identity, interests, likes and dislikes, gifts and talents...and that is the special thing about human beings and the world we live in!

With these acknowledgement days, they should be instilled in us every single day. To be kind, to be inclusive, to have respect and to ensure that we learn about our differences will make our school the stand out place to be.



Ms. Karen Holdsworth

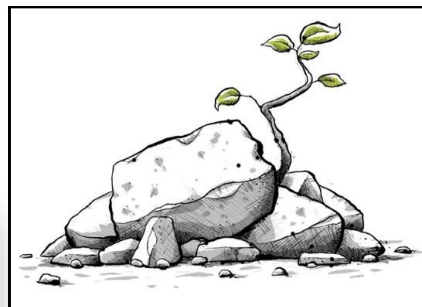
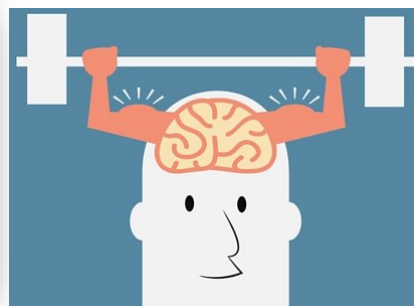


a big life in 3/4s



In 3/4S we have been participating in Rock and Water with Mr Yates once a week to learn how to be resilient and celebrate each other's success.

These fun and challenging games help build strength in our mind and bodies so we can tackle tough situations in the future.



Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 9 25th - 29th March	25th District Athletics	26th	27th Student-Parent- Teacher Interviews Student Free Day	28th Last Day Term 1 2:20pm finish	29th Good Friday Student Free Day
1st - 14th April	School Holidays				
Week 1 15th - 19th April	15th Students return Term 2	16th	17th	18th	19th 2:45 - Assembly
Week 2 22nd - 27th April	22nd	23rd	24th	25th ANZAC Day Student Free Day	26th 12pm - Whole School Cross Country
Week 3 29th - 3rd May	29th	30th	1st	2nd Warrnambool Races Student Free Day	3rd Division Athletics

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School

LUNCH ORDER LIST

Meat Pie	\$3.60	Salad Roll	\$6.20
Pastie	\$3.60	Ham and Salad Roll	\$6.70
Sausage Roll	\$2.90	Chicken and Salad Roll	\$6.70
Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Hedgehog	\$3.20
Nibble Pie	\$2.00	Iced Donut (Pink or Choc)	\$2.50
Salad Sandwich	\$6.10	Cinnamon Donut	\$2.30

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



SOTW - Week 6

Name	Class
Ava Timmer and Xander Lane	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake
Jake Dewitte	1/2 - Miss Hoy
Nate Moon	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell
Ivory Fitzpatrick	3/4 - Mr Symonds
Loralie Pogorzelski	4/5 - Miss Grey
Michael Lawn	5/6 - Ms McElgunn
Rose Nguyen	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake



SOTW - Week 7

Name	Class
Maverick Wilson	F/1 - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake
Dulcie A	1/2 - Miss Hoy
Nate Cutts	2/3 - Mrs Mitchell
Kevin Nguyen	3/4 - Mr Symonds
Dawson Prescott	4/5 - Miss Grey
Andy Zhan	5/6 - Ms McElgunn
Harry Mitchell	Visual Arts - Mrs Blake



Come along and join in the fun at 'Toddle on Hoddle'

Warrnambool West Primary School in conjunction with
West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House

When: Each Tuesday

Time: 9.30-11am

Where: WWPS's Multi Purpose Room

For: 0-5 year olds

What to bring: water bottle and a smile!

Term 1's planner of fun!

Dates	Themes
13 th Feb	Welcome Back 😊 Valentine's Day
20 th Feb	Summer
27 th Feb	Australian Animals
5 th March	Australian Animals
12 th March	Australian Flowers
19 th March	Harmony Week 'Now More Than Ever'
26 th March	Easter

Every week you can enjoy...

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

Mat time for a story and sing a long!

Hot drinks for parents and carers

Morning tea - fruit platters provided

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

*Please let us know of any allergies and provide us with allergy and asthma plans.

WARRNAMBOOL MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S CIRCLE

MULTICULTURAL PICNIC



SUNDAY MARCH 24
FROM 11AM TO 2PM
@ BOTANIC GARDENS

BYO FOOD FOR A PICNIC





Warrnambool
Neighbourhood &
Community Centre

17 Fleetwood Court
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web wncc.org.au



April School Holiday Activities

Bookings are Essential
Children must be accompanied by a
Responsible Adult for all Activities

PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE
Tuesday 2nd April 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT
Bookings are Required

Test out your aeronautical skills with our paper plane challenge. All Materials Supplied. Competition Categories include: - Best Plane from pre-printed pattern, Best Original Design from plain paper, Best Flyer – 4 round elimination, Best Decorated and Best Crash – *Join us for some lofty fun!*

TIE DYE TUESDAY
Tuesday 9th April 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
WNCC Members \$10 per Child,
Non-Members \$12 per Child

Have the fun of creating your own original bright funky tie die clothing. Child must bring along a white item of clothing or pillow slip to die.

MARSHMALLOW MADNESS
Friday 12th April 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
WNCC Members \$5 per Child,
Non-Members \$7 per Child

Ever wanted to know how marshmallows are made? Come along to this fun Cooking Event and find out for yourself as you turn sugar and gelatine into yummy squishy treats.

**This this school holidays
WOW DAY EVENT!**

Friday 5th April 10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Members \$12.50 per Child,
Non-Members \$15.00 per Child



A day packed full of crafty Fun & games including: -
A Visit to the Wand Shop, Glitter Painting, Glimmer and Glam Crystal Faces, Crazy Crowns and Wizard Hats, Tolls & Unicorns Workshop, Fantastic Spiders, Fanciful Fruit Snack, Feed the Dragon Game, Catching Cats Game, Photo Opportunity, Free Play in the Magic Garden and Chill Out Zone

**For More Details and Booking
Information go to our Web Page**



<https://www.wncc.org.au/whats-on.html>

Or Phone us on 5561 4624



**MARK THE DATE AND COME ALONG
TO GRAB A BARGAIN AT THE
WNCC GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY APRIL 13TH
9:00 AM – 12:00 MD**



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Autumn Sessions

Weekly Activities
April 15 – June 28

Our Autumn Sessions run in line with School Term 2

**Places are limited so
Bookings are Essential**

Monday

Supported Playgroup

Mondays 10:00 – 12:00

FREE PROGRAM

WCC Small Talk Program

This is a Warrnambool City Council Growing Stronger Families Supported Play Group Program
To book Contact Sally at WCC
sstephenson@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Social Sewing Group

Mondays 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Full Term (11 Weeks) \$22.50

Week by Week - \$2.50 per week

Bring your material and your sewing project and come along to this social sewing group. Please note this is not a class – but our program coordinator is happy to lend a hand if you are just starting out.
(Sewing Machines are available at the Centre or you can bring your own)

Tuesday

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays 10:00 am – 10:45 am

Full Term (11 Weeks) \$22.50

Week by Week - \$2.50 per week

Join Qualified Yoga Instructor Kirsten for this gentle form of yoga and meditation done while seated using a chair for balance.

Wednesday

Cuppa Connections – NEW GROUP

Social Morning Tea Group

Wednesdays 10:00 am – 12:00 md

Full Term (11 Weeks) \$55.50

Week by Week \$5.50

This is a facilitated social morning tea program with a series of social games and guest speakers – chat, laugh and connect over a sumptuous morning tea and bottomless cups of tea or coffee.

WNCC Creative Makers

Wednesday – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

FREE PROGRAM

Each School Holiday WNCC hold a "WoW Day" – Children's Play Day Event. Our creative makers get together throughout the Term to create props, games and decorations for the wow event!
This Group is Facilitated by Artist Michelle Shearer

Thursday

Potter In our Gardens – NEW GROUP

Thursdays from 10:00 am

FREE PROGRAM

We have great ambitions for creating a wonderful green space at WNCC. This is an open invitation to join us on Thursday Mornings to come along and potter in our gardens. Morning Tea provided – and a bit of social pruning, weeding, potting and watering.

Friday

Friday Play – Toddlers Play Group

Fridays – 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Full Term (11 Weeks) \$22.50 per child

Week by Week - \$2.50 per child

This is a social play group for Toddlers and Parents. Each week the centre sets out the play area with toys and activities and weather permitting – outside play in our fabulous backyard playground – finishing off the morning with a shared picnic platter of fresh fruit.

Warrnambool Neighbourhood and Community Center

Open Monday – Thursday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
and Fridays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

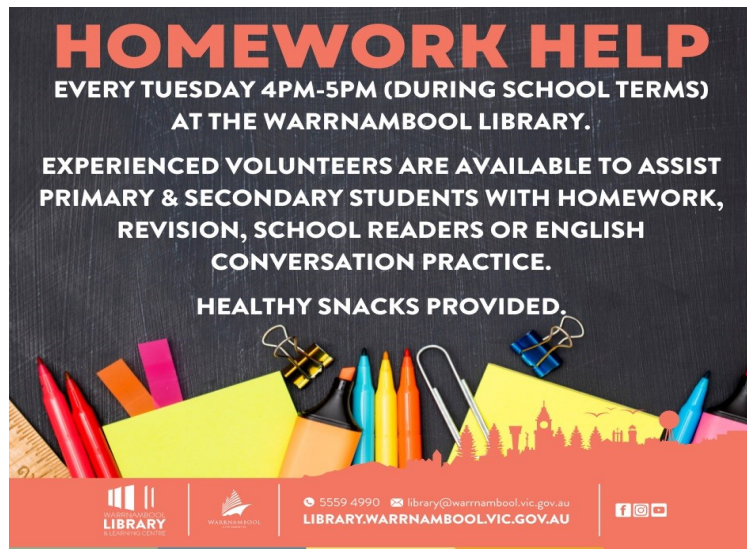
Feel Free To Pop-In !

**We Can Also Assist
With Food Support**

HOMEWORK HELP
 EVERY TUESDAY 4PM-5PM (DURING SCHOOL TERMS)
 AT THE WARRNAMBOOL LIBRARY.

EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
 PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH HOMEWORK,
 REVISION, SCHOOL READERS OR ENGLISH
 CONVERSATION PRACTICE.

HEALTHY SNACKS PROVIDED.



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The Warrnambool Calisthenics Club
 Invites you to
**Come and try calisthenics
 at our open classes in 2024!**

Classes begin Tuesday January 30th 2024
 All classes held at St Pius Function Hall
**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!



<https://www.facebook.com/warrnamboolcalisthenicsclubinc/>
https://www.instagram.com/warrnambool_calisthenics_club/?hl=en

Free Internet deal extension

The Australian Government has announced that they are extending the School Student Broadband Initiative until 31 December 2025. The extension means that the SSBI nomination period will remain open until 31 December 2024 with free National Broadband Network (nbn) internet service for all new and existing families on the SSBI until 31 December 2025. For existing SSBI families who have already signed up, this means their SSBI service will automatically be extended until 31 December 2025 (no further eligibility checks will be required). For eligible families who connect before the end of this year, they will get up to two years of free nbn broadband.

Student Internet Program - Anglicare Victoria

To be eligible, families must:

- ☐ Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep in Qld/Vic/Tas, Kindy in NSW, Reception in SA, Transition in NT/ACT and Pre-Primary in WA).
- ☐ Not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn®) Internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- ☐ Live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network via a standard connection – this will be checked for you.
- ☐ Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days.

For further information families are encouraged to call 1800 954 610 (10am – 6pm AEDT Monday to Friday, excluding Victorian Public Holidays) and our team will check your eligibility.