

WARRNAMBOOL WEST CONNECT



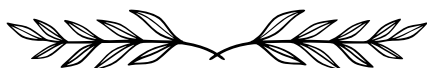
Term 3 Week 10 EVENTS COMING UP

Term 3 Important Dates

- Fri 18th Sep End of Term 3.
Assembly 9.30am. School
Finishes at 2.30pm

Term 4 Important Dates

- Mon 5th Oct Term 4
begins.
- Wed 3/4 Deakin Science
Excursion
- Thur 22nd Oct School
Concert at Brauer
Auditorium 6pm
- Fri 23rd Oct Grandparents
Afternoon 2.20pm
(Details coming soon)
- Fri 30th Oct Halloween
Dress Up & World
Teachers Day
- Thur 5th Nov F-2 Big Day
Out
- Thur 19th Nov Pupil Free
Day
- Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec
Year 6 Surfing Program



New Look!

Welcome to the new-look Warrnambool West Connect newsletter — your place to stay connected with all the wonderful things happening at Warrnambool West Primary School.

Through our new format, we look forward to sharing our school news, celebrations, achievements, upcoming events and the many ways our students, staff and wider school community are learning, growing and connecting together.

Music with Mickey and Michelle.



On 10 September, students enjoyed a live performance by Mickey & Michelle, an Australian duo who perform original music on violin/fiddle and harp. Their music draws on folk traditions and often reflects ideas of travel, landscape and the natural world.

In the lead-up to the visit, students listened to some of their music and explored how they could show what they heard through art. Using lines, shapes, patterns and colour, students created visual “music maps” to represent changes in sound, speed, volume and mood.

Students engaged in deep listening and created a wonderful range of unique and creative responses to the music





From the Principal
Ms Karen Holdsworth



Hello families,

What a term it has been!

As we reach the final week of Term 3, I would like to take a moment to thank our entire WWPS community for navigating what has been another very busy term together.

We have moved through the winter months and into the beginnings of spring, with plenty of sickness making its way through our community along the way. I am incredibly grateful for the patience, understanding and support shown by our families, students and staff throughout the term.

At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to supporting every child to be the very best version of themselves. We want our students to come to school ready to learn with an open heart, take risks, make mistakes, learn from them and continue to grow socially and emotionally. School is not just about academic learning; it is about developing confidence, resilience, relationships and a belief that we can all continue to learn and grow. I encourage family members to role model these traits as well, providing feedback to your child, being open to clear and respectful communication from the school and accept decisions with an open mind.

The term so far!

From basketball and firefighter visits, to the Warrnambool Portrait Competition, Auskick, our Father's Day Stall and Breakfast, Book Sale, Leaders Congress and Health Challenge Project, GALs Picture Book presentation, Brauer College's Shrek performance, Toddle on Hoddle, Book Week and Science Week, our students have been immersed in opportunities to learn, participate, perform, challenge themselves and connect with others. These experiences are an important part of school life and contribute to making WWPS a place

where our students can learn, connect, and grow.

AEU Agreement

Families may be aware that a new Victorian Government Schools AEU Agreement has recently been accepted, with the ballot of voting still to be finalised by all Education staff members. The Agreement includes the changes to staff working conditions from 2027 and arrangements of fairer pay across government schools.

A special thank you to our Volunteers

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the wonderful members of our local Lions Club and Extreme Life Church Group..

Our volunteers generously support our school through the Breakfast Club each day, ensuring our students can start their morning with a healthy breakfast and a friendly face. This term, they went above and beyond by also volunteering their time to coordinate Father's Day Breakfast and End of term Breakfast.

We are incredibly fortunate to have community organisations supporting our students and families. Schools simply cannot operate in isolation, and the generosity, time and commitment of community groups, and volunteers make such a difference to our school.

Abbie's Final Day.

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Abbie as she leaves Warrnambool West Primary School and begins a new adventure in Adelaide. Abbie has been a wonderful asset to our school community, and we will certainly miss her quiet presence, kindness and contribution to our school.

We wish Abbie all the very best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter. May Adelaide bring her many wonderful opportunities, happy memories and new adventures.

You will be missed, Abbie!

Looking ahead to Term 4

While it is hard to believe, we are already looking towards Term 4!

One of the highlights of our final term will be our Annual School Concert – Lights, Camera, Action! in Week 3, Thursday 22nd October. This will be a wonderful evening of performance, singing, dancing and lots of fun as our students take to the stage at the Brauer College Auditorium.

The concert starts at 6pm. Gold coin donation for door entry. Save the date, you won't want to miss it! I would also like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful School Council members, who have been busy behind the scenes approaching local businesses and collecting prizes and donations for our concert. We are extremely grateful to the many local businesses who continue to support our school and our students so generously. Raffle Tickets will be sent out next term for some amazing prizes to be won on the night.

Statewide Transition Day: Tuesday 8th December. Students will spend 9-12.30pm in their 2027 classrooms. School Council have also approved several important dates for Term 4, including our Assessment and Reporting Day, which will be a student-free day, Thursday 19th November. All day care will be available, please register next term.

Further key dates to be aware of are:

Monday 14th December: Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 15th December: Last day of term and Final Assembly at 9.30am

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December: Testing Days with 2027 classroom teachers.

Further details will be sent out next term. All day care available on these days.

Friday 18th December: Final day for staff.

Please keep an eye on our communications and make sure these important dates are added to your family calendars.

As we head into the final week of Term 3, I want to thank our students, staff and families for another term together where we have again demonstrated the true spirit of our school.

I hope our students enjoy a well earned break, take time to rest and recharge, and return ready for a wonderful final term together.

Take care, stay well and enjoy the sunshine as spring arrives!



 From The Office **Parent Payment Contributions**

Parenting 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.

Uniform Donations

If you have any preloved Uniforms that your child has outgrown please feel free to bring them into the office. We always appreciate any uniform items donated to the school.

SunSmart - Hats are Mandatory

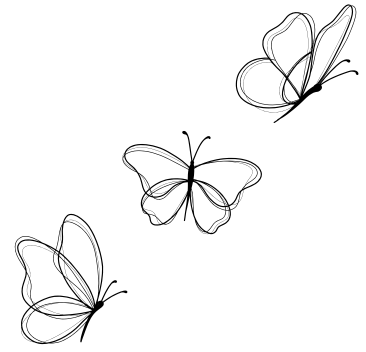
Our sunsmart policy is now in place which means that hats are mandatory when students are outside. If your child needs a school hat these can be purchased from the office for \$10.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping our students safe in the sun



From the Assistant Principal

Ms. Jodie Abbott



Finishing Strong

As we approach the end of term, it is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the learning and growth that has taken place across our school. While the final weeks of a term can feel busy, they are also an important opportunity for students to consolidate their learning, celebrate their progress and finish the term feeling proud of what they have achieved.

Throughout the term, our teachers have continued to use assessment and classroom observations to understand what students know, what they can do and what they need to learn next. This information helps us to provide targeted teaching and opportunities for students to practise and strengthen important skills. There has been so much to celebrate!

We know that learning takes time. Progress is built through explicit teaching, purposeful practice, feedback and perseverance. Seeing students become more confident readers, develop their number knowledge, solve problems independently and apply new skills reflects the consistent effort of both students and staff.

As the holidays approach, we encourage families to keep learning enjoyable and simple. Reading together, talking about the world around us, playing games, cooking, exploring outdoors and encouraging children to explain their thinking are all wonderful ways to continue developing skills without it feeling like schoolwork.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and Education Support staff for the care, knowledge and commitment they bring to learning every day. Most importantly, we congratulate our students for their hard work, persistence and growth throughout the term.

Let's finish the term celebrating how far our students have come and looking forward to all that they will learn next term!

SPARTAN MMA

MINIS AND TEENS PROGRAM

SPRING HOLIDAYS

3 FREE CLASS PASS

Dates: 21st September - 4th October

We've created a supportive community specialising in Muay Thai and Jiu Jitsu. If you are interested in fitness, self defence, martial arts or giving the children a space to burn some energy during the school holidays, come down and give it a go.

Age groups:

- 5-7 years old Monday & Wednesdays 4-4.45pm
- 8-11 years old Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-4.45pm
- 5-7 & 8-11 year olds Saturdays 9-10am
- Muay Thai 12-15 year olds Monday & Wednesdays 4.45-5.30pm
- Jiu Jitsu 12-15 year olds Tuesdays & Thursdays 4.45-5.30pm

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AGES 8+ \$30 PP ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

TWO HOUR AM & PM SESSIONS

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 JUNK DROIDS THU 24/9, 1/10	 TINY WORLDS FRI 25/9, 2/10

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1/2EM Biglife

In Big Life, Year 1/2EM have been learning about perspective taking. Students have been practising how to put themselves in someone else's shoes by exploring different scenarios and imagining how they might feel or respond if they were the friend in that situation.





BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10

During weeks 9 & 10, students explore being an **upstander**.

An upstander (HELPER) is someone who notices unkind or unfair behaviour and chooses to take kind and safe action.

A bystander (WATCHER): Someone who notices unkind or unfair behaviour but doesn't take action to help.

Building upstander behaviours is a way to promote a positive climate in classrooms and schools, reduce the instance of bullying, and show students they have the power to have a positive impact in tricky situations.

Ways We Can Be an Upstander:

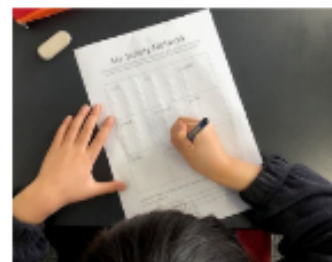
1. Speak up with kind words: "That's not okay" or "Stop, that's hurtful."
2. Include someone who is left out or cheer someone up.
3. If someone's being unkind, distract or change the subject in a safe way.
4. Tell a trusted adult if someone is hurt, scared, or being treated unfairly.
5. Check in with the person after the event and ask how they are going.



Using the same words and strategies at home can help children feel more confident to act as upstanders with their peers.

Big Life with Mel

On Wednesday of Week 9 Mel continued **Personal Development** sessions with grade 3-6s. Grade 3/4s learned about **body safety & consent**. They identified adults in their safety network who they can go to for help if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe. The grade 5/6 learned about the process of **reproduction** from conception to birth.



Students of the Week - Week 10

Student	Class	Student	Class
Heather Gemao	F- Mrs Roberts & Mrs Blake	Lexi Gray	5/6G - Miss Loughhead
Ella Hand	3/4H- Miss Hoy	Shilo Ferguson	Music/Art Ms Kavanagh

Lunch Orders

Warrnambool West Primary School
LUNCH ORDER LIST 2026

Hot Food

Nibble Pie (GF available)	\$2.70
Half Sausage Roll (GF av)	\$2.70
Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Plain Pie	\$6.00
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.60
GF Steamed Dim Sim	\$2.80
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
GF Chicken Nuggets	\$1.50

Sandwiches, Rolls & Toasties

Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$5.90
Roll	\$6.80
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

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing footy goods



4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

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WARRNAMBOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

4-7 YEAR OLDS



7-12 YEAR OLDS



WARRNAMBOOL ALL GIRLS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

OCTOBER 1ST | 9AM-3PM

Reid Oval, Warrnambool

4-7 YEAR OLDS



7-12 YEAR OLDS



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Simpson Primary School, 2 Cockayne st
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TICKETS>> <https://www.trybooking.com/DPTIE>
Family \$50 Single \$15





Warrnambool Neighbourhood & Community Centre

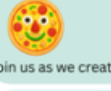
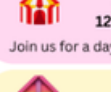
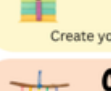
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Spring

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS at WNCC

Looking for something creative and hands-on these school holidays? Join us at Warrnambool Neighbourhood & Community Centre for a series of exciting workshops designed to spark imagination and keep little hands busy.
Parental Supervision is required.

 Monday 21st September	 Rainbow Creations 12pm-2pm Ages 2+ Create your very own mini rainbow fish!
 Tuesday 22nd September	 Pizza Picasso 12pm-2pm Ages 5+ Join us as we create pizza dough, then turn it into our faces!
 Thursday 24th September	 Tea-riffic Creations 12pm-2pm All Ages Welcome Join us while we decorate our very own teacups!
 Tuesday 29th September	 Carnival Craze 12pm-2pm All Ages Welcome Join us for a day of games, crafts and carnival like fun!
 Wednesday 30th September	 Birdie Builders 2pm-4pm Ages 5+ Create your own birdhouses out of pop sticks!
 Friday 2nd October	 Catch A Rainbow 11am-1pm Ages 5+ Create your very own suncatcher!

Book Now → www.wncc.org.au

Varrnambool West PS Junior School
Council present a fundraising event

Book Sale

BOOKS
PRICED AT
10C, 20C, 50C
OR \$1.00

Your Next Adventure Is
Just a Book Away.

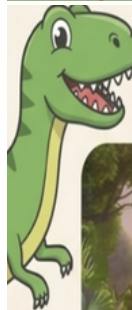


Thursday September 17th and
Friday September 18th

11am - 11.30am each day in
the library

The Junior School Council invite you to a Book Sale.
Bring your loose change and support the school.

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School Holiday Colouring Competition

Creativity
brighter
communities

COAST FM and local artist Jimmi Buscombe have teamed up again for a fun School Holiday Colouring Competition.



How to enter

Complete a colouring page
and return it directly to COAST FM.



COAST FM
95 Timor Street, Warrnambool



Find a colouring page



Scan to
download a
colouring page

coast.com.au/articles/coast-colouring-comp/



Key dates

Entries can be returned
during the school holidays.

Final deadline: 5 October



On display

Completed colouring pages
will be displayed in the front
office windows at COAST FM.



Winners

Prize winners will be announced from 8 October.
Winners will be contacted by phone and announced live on air at COAST FM.

Have fun and happy colouring!

Good
Vibes
Always



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

Sessions can be provided on line or in person.
For coffee catch ups, find social support and connection with other parents and carers.



Date & Time (in person)

To be confirmed

Date & Time (on line)

Monday 7 September 2026
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Location (in person)

To be confirmed

Location (on line)

Teams Link

To find out more and to register, call Gen today on 5561 8111



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THURSDAY

22 OCTOBER

6PM - BRAUER COLLEGE



GOLD COIN ENTRY & RAFFLE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT



