

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.

Hand On Learning

During Term 3 our Hands On Learning students have been busy putting the finishing touches on their toolboxes they have been building.

They've been busy measuring, cutting, sanding and assembling their projects, with plenty of problem solving along the way.



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SAILING TOWARDS SUCCESS



From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear families,

Welcome to Spring!

Welcome to Spring! It is lovely to see the days getting a little longer and brighter, and hopefully winter is now well and truly behind us.

Last week I had the privilege of attending the VPA Conference, where connection and principal wellbeing were strong themes throughout the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other principals, reflect on our leadership and be reminded of the importance of looking after ourselves as leaders.

I was also involved in a little bit of magic on stage! It was a fun opportunity to bring a sense of wonder, curiosity and joy to the conference — a lovely reminder that creating moments of wonder is something we can all bring to our students and our communities.

SunSmart — Hats Are Mandatory

Our SunSmart policy is now in place, which means hats are mandatory from Monday 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 to keep our students safe in the sun.

Father's Day Breakfast & Stall

We are looking forward to welcoming our wonderful male and female role models to our Father's Day, Pre-ordered Breakfast, tomorrow morning. It is a special opportunity to celebrate the important people in our students' lives and enjoy some time together as a school community.

Our Father's Day Stall will also be running tomorrow. A huge thank you to our wonderful School Council parents for their assistance, organisation and planning to make this possible.

Student Leaders Congress

Our Student Leaders will be attending the Student Leaders Congress tonight at the Lighthouse Theatre.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect with other young leaders, share ideas and develop their leadership skills.

Healthy Challenges

Over the past month, our students have been involved in a range of healthy challenges, encouraging them to think about movement, healthy eating and the benefits these have for our physical and mental wellbeing.

It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and participation across the school. Thank you to our staff for the great teamwork and for finding ways to inspire our students to make healthy choices.

Welcome Hannah

We warmly welcome Hannah Loughhead to 5/6G for the remainder of the term.

Hannah has already done an incredible job of building positive relationships with our students and continuing their learning. Thank you, Hannah, for the energy, care and commitment you have brought to our school community. We are very pleased to have you with us!

R U OK? Day — Thursday

Next Thursday is R U OK? Day.

Students are invited to wear yellow to show their support and bring along a gold coin donation for this important cause.

R U OK? Day provides a wonderful reminder to check in with the people around us, ask the question and genuinely listen. Looking out for the people we care about and making time for connection can make a real difference.

JSC Book Sale

Our Junior School Council will be holding a Book Sale during the final week of term!

Bring along your loose change and buy as many books as you like. There will be books available for just 10c, 20c, 50c and \$1!

What a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading while also giving some much-loved books a new home.

School Readiness Program

Our School Readiness Program commenced this week, providing an opportunity for our 2027 Foundation families to meet, connect and begin building relationships with our school community.

We are grateful for the specialised support provided by Southwest Healthcare as part of this program.

The next two sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons in the library at 2.15pm. We look forward to continuing to welcome our 2027 Foundation families.

And There's More to Come!

There is plenty happening as we round off what has been another busy and productive term:

- 5/6 students heading to Brauer College for PE
- First Nations Student Leadership Day next Wednesday
- R U OK? Day next Thursday
- 3/4 Basketball next Friday
- JSC Book Sale during the final week of term

As always, thank you to our staff, students and families for the wonderful energy, teamwork and connection you continue to bring to our school.

There is lots to celebrate as we head towards the end of term — let's make the most of these final few weeks together!



From The Office

Fathers Day Breakfast

Fathers day/ Special person breakfast will be celebrated on Friday 4th September in the Multi purpose Room from 7.30 Am. Order forms have been sent home with students this week. If you need another order form please collect one from the office. **Can all order forms please be returned by Monday 31 August with correct change .**

Fathers Day Stall

Father's Day Stall will be on in the Library from 8.30 am on Friday 4th September. Gifts are \$7 each.

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

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.



From the Assistant Principal

Using Data to Help Every Student Grow

At WWPS, we are committed to making sure every student continues to grow as a reader. One of the ways we do this is by regularly looking at student learning data and using it to guide our teaching.

Rather than simply collecting assessment results, our teachers are asking, "What is this data telling us, and what do we need to do next?" This helps us identify what students already know, where they need support and which skills need more practice.

We are excited to see the results of this approach in our reading data. Our students are making progress, and we are seeing more students develop their reading skills and move towards their learning goals. These results are a reflection of the consistent, focused teaching happening across our school.

Behind these results is a team of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers and Education Support staff who work together to support student learning. Teachers are sharing ideas, discussing student progress, planning targeted teaching and adjusting their approach when the data shows that students need something different. Our Education Support staff play an important role too, working alongside teachers to provide additional practice, support and encouragement for students.

Most importantly, we are working as a team. We use the evidence we have about student learning to make informed decisions about what we teach, how we teach it and what we do next.

We are incredibly proud of the progress our students are making and grateful for the commitment of our staff. By continuing to work together, respond to what the data tells us and provide students with the right teaching and support, we are helping every student become a more confident and capable reader.

Ms. Jodie Abbott



3/4 Camp

What an incredible three days it was for our Grade 3/4 students on camp in Halls Gap! Students enjoyed a two-night, three-day adventure at Silverband Lodge, where they had the opportunity to challenge themselves, learn new skills and create wonderful memories with their classmates and teachers.

Throughout the camp students participated in a fantastic range of activities. Our first stop was the Halls Gap Zoo, where students had the opportunity to see an amazing variety of animals. Some brave students even had the chance to touch a snake!

Day two and three brought plenty of excitement as students tackled the high ropes course. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, overcome fears and take the leap. We were incredibly proud to see so many students encouraging one another and showing courage and determination.

The adventure continued with hut building, camp cooking and orienteering, where students worked together to crack a code. We also enjoyed a walk into the township and finished our evenings with a fun movie night.

Camp also provided students with opportunities to develop important life skills and independence. Students were organised into duty groups and took responsibility for helping set up for meals, as well as cleaning up afterwards. Overall, the Grade 3/4 camp was a huge success. It was wonderful to see students shine in an environment outside the classroom, challenge themselves, support their friends and demonstrate independence in so many different ways.





BIG LIFE

Term 3 Weeks 7 & 8

This fortnight's focus is understanding and practicing **perspective taking**. Students will use storybooks and real life scenarios to notice and understand how other people are thinking and feeling. Developing this skill promotes empathy and stronger relationships at school, at home and in the community. It also helps students manage their emotions, respond thoughtfully, and practice problem-solving, cooperation and kindness in their everyday interactions.

To support this learning at home...

- **Discuss feelings:** talk about how characters in books/films might be feeling
- **Role-play games:** Practice acting out different perspectives
- **Reflect:** After conflict, talk about how each person might have felt
- **Model:** Demonstrate active listening at home, allowing time to understand before responding
- **Read together:** Choose stories that explore characters' feelings & thoughts.



Big Life with Mel



On Wednesday of week 7, the Grade 3-6s continued their **personal development** sessions. Students learned about some of the physical, social and emotional changes that can happen during **puberty** and explored products and routines that can help them to take care of their **personal hygiene** during this time.

Some children may come home with questions about topics discussed in Personal Development. Here are some fantastic resources to help you navigate these conversations with your child:

- **Raising Children Website:**
raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/development/sexual-development/sex-education-children
- **Sexual Health Victoria:**
<https://www.shvic.org.au/for-you/for-parents-and-carers/>
- **Sex Ed Rescue:**
www.sexedrescue.com

Students of the Week - Week 8

Student	Class	Student	Class
Charliegh & Oliver Douglas	F - Mrs Roberts and Mrs Blake		3/4WB - Mrs White & Ms Bissett
Otto	1/2M - Mrs Mitchell	Sieanna Pearson-Leone	5/6S - Mr Symonds
Tim Malarath	1/2EM - Miss Evans & Ms McElgunn	Clay Edwards	5/6G - Miss Grey
Mason Bradshaw & Letisha Freeman	3/4H - Miss Hoy		Principal's Award



Warrnambool 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.

BRING YOUR MONEY ON THE DAY

WASTE-FREE HEALTHY LUNCHBOX DAY

RUN BY STUDENT CONGRESS AND JSC

Each **THURSDAY** this term we are encouraging students and families to pack a lunchbox that is both healthy and kind to our environment.

You can support your child by:

- Packing fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Using reusable containers instead of disposable packaging.
- Sending a refillable water bottle.
- Choosing homemade snacks where possible.

We know busy mornings happen, so participation is encouraged. Every small change helps build healthy habits and reduce waste.

Thank you for supporting this whole-school initiative!

Important Dates

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 8 31st– 4th September	31 Literacy & Numeracy Week	1 2027 Foundation School Readiness 2.15pm– 3.15pm	2	3 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle	4 2.45pm Assembly Fathers Day Stall & Fathers Day Breakfast
Week 9 7th– 11th September	7	8 2027 Foundation School Readiness 2.15pm– 3.15pm.	9 3-6 Personal Development First Nations Student Leadership Day	10 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle R U Ok Day Dress Yellow	11 2.45pm Assembly Basketball—SSV (3/4)
Week 10 14th– 18th September	14 Gals Project Launch & Basketball– SSV (5/6)	15 2027 Foundation School Readiness 2.15pm– 3.15pm	16	17 9:30-11am Toddle on Hoddle Book Sale	18 2.45pm Assembly Last Day of Term Book Sale

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



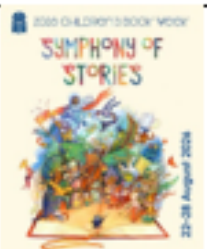
Warrnambool West Primary School



Warrnambool West Primary School and West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House have a fabulous term of activities planned!

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 much more!

Term 3

Date	Theme	Date	Theme
23 rd July	 National Tree Day PLANET ARK	20 th Aug	 national science week
30 th July	 Winter	27 th Aug Book Week Dress Up	 2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK SYMPHONY OF STORIES 23-28 August 2026
6 th Aug	 Wild Animals	3 rd Sept Celebrating all significant people in our lives	 HAPPY Father's DAY
13 th Aug	 Wild Animals	10 th Sept	Flagstaff Hill Excursion! 
		17 th Sept Bring a small plate of food to share and wear your footy colours	End of Term 'Footy Party' 

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 😊



Father's / Special Person Day

HAVE BREAKFAST WITH YOUR SPECIAL PERSON

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.

SAVE THE DATE!

7.30AM

\$7 Egg and Bacon Rolls
Kindly prepared by our wonderful partners, The Lions Club
Cups of tea available.

Pre-order before the day.
Order forms will be sent home as soon as possible.



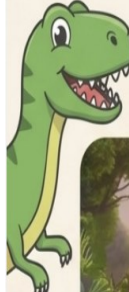

CELEBRATING LOVE, STRENGTH, GUIDANCE.. HAPPY



Father's / Special Person Day Stall

Friday 4th September
\$7.00 per item
Stall held 9-11am in the library.

Bring correct money to buy that special person something special!

WARRNAMBOOL TOY LIBRARY PRESENTS:
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PAW PATROL THE DINO MOVIE

SAT, 19 SEP | CAPITOL CINEMA

PRE-ORDER COMBO!

SCAN TO GET TICKETS



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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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WARRNAMBOOL WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
OUR ANNUAL CONCERT

LIGHTS, CAMERA,

Action!

THURSDAY

22 OCTOBER

6PM - BRAUER COLLEGE



GOLD COIN ENTRY & RAFFLE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT





Before school care & After School Care Newsletter

Date: 03/09/2026

Adventures we got up to!!

What a fun and creative time we've had at OSHC!

During Little Inventions Made Big, the children became inventors, building a huge car track with cardboard and working together to make it stronger. They also invented lots of their own group games, including "Not on My Island" and Balloon Volleyball!

We explored Hama beads, discovered a little bit about their history, did you know that they used glue on cardboard or plastic to stick them together before inventing the ironing technic, how cool! We created some amazing designs. The children's creativity and problem-solving skills really shone through!

We also had lots of fun celebrating Book Week! The children dressed up, created their own characters, made up stories using dice, enjoyed plenty of reading and let their imaginations run wild. Even our educator joined in with the dress-up fun! 😊

What an amazing week of creating, imagining, inventing and learning together!

Information

Come join the fun and book now to secure your spot!! Please don't hesitate to contact us for any questions.

To make a booking do so by the parent Kidsoft app. Remember you must do two bookings for the day if you require both morning and afternoon for the day.

Before school Multipurpose room, Warrnambool west PS for mornings and afterschool multipurpose room, OSHC for afternoons. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or the school.

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Session times

Before School Care:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
7.30am to 9.00am

After School Care:
Monday to Friday
3.20pm to 6.00pm