Term 4 Thursday 12th November 2026

# WARRNAMBOOL WEST CONNECT

## Term 4 - Week 6 EVENTS COMING UP

**Term 4 Important Dates**

**November**

- Wed 18th Koorie Leadership day & 2027 Foundation transition session 2.15pm -3.15pm
- Thur 19th ***Pupil Free Day***
- Wed 25th 2027 Foundation transition session 2.15pm-3.15pm
- Fri 27th End of Year Excursion 5/6
- Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec Year 6 Surfing Program & Year 5 Leadership Week

**December**

- Fri 4th 3/4 End of Year Excursion
- Tues 8th Statewide Transition Day
- Mon 14th year 6 Graduation
- Tues 15th Students Final day of formal classes 2.30pm finish. Final Assembly
- Wed 16th - Thur 17th Student Interviews
- Fri 18th Staff last day.

## Celebrating Students at the Warrnambool Show.

Our talented Warrnambool West Primary School students had plenty to celebrate at this year's Warrnambool Show, with fantastic participation and achievements in both music and visual arts!

**South West Sing**

Despite the wet and windy weather, 14 of our wonderful singers represented WWPS at South West Sing, joining a combined performance featuring over 150 students from five schools.

A big congratulations to Charlee, Charlotte C, Dulcie, Evelyn, Harmony D, Kenzee, Lexi, Molly, Remi, Rose, Scarlett, Sophie N, Tina L and Una for their enthusiasm and commitment.

A special thank you to the families who braved the weather to bring their children along and support this fantastic community music event!

**Art Competition Success**

Our students also had incredible success in the Show's drawing and colouring competitions!

With 91 drawing entries and 24 colouring entries, our school was wonderfully represented, showcasing the creativity and artistic talents of students across the year levels.

We were thrilled to receive 20 awards, including 12 place awards and 8 encouragement awards!

**1st Place**

Grade 1 Drawing - King
Grade 2 Drawing - Tina
Grade 6 Drawing - Quinn
Colouring Competition - Iris

**2nd Place**

Grade 1 Drawing - Arnav
Grade 6 Drawing - Kimi

**3rd Place**

Grade 1 Drawing - Jason
Grade 2 Drawing - Charlotte
Grade 3 Drawing - Una
Grade 4 Drawing - Camellia
Grade 5 Drawing - Mariam
Grade 6 Drawing - Sophie




**Encouragement Awards**

Congratulations to Archie Pederson, Azalea, Harry, Javeed, Joy, Nora, Paige and Theo, who were recognised with encouragement awards for their artwork!

We are incredibly proud of every student who entered. The artwork on display was a wonderful reflection of the creativity, imagination and effort our students put into their work. It was especially exciting to see our students recognised across every year level of the drawing competitions!

Thank you to the families who took the time to visit the Show, admire the artwork and celebrate our young artists.

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# From the Principal

## Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear Families,

As we move towards the end of another school year, there is a sense that things are beginning to slow down, yet somehow the pace seems to ramp up! There is still so much happening across our school, with exciting learning opportunities, celebrations and preparations for the year ahead.

It is also a good time to pause and reflect on the way we finish the year. The final weeks are just as important as the first. The way we speak to one another, show respect and conduct ourselves matters right up until the very last day.

**Behaviour, Respect and School Uniform**

Generally, student behaviour across our school continues to be fantastic, and we are proud of the way our students represent Warrnambool West. As we approach the end of the year, however, it is timely to reinforce our expectations with students and families.

Please take a moment to have a conversation with your child about respectful body language, the words we use and the way we treat others. The excitement of the end of the year, upcoming celebrations and changes ahead does not change the expectations we have of one another. We continue to show respect for ourselves, our peers, our staff and our school.

We also ask families to support us in maintaining our school uniform expectations. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and demonstrates pride and respect for our community. Please ensure students are adhering to our uniform policy, which is located on our website, including:

- No makeup or jewellery, including bracelets and dangly earrings.
- Correct wearing of school shorts, navy uniform or school dress.
- Wearing the school uniform with pride and in the way it is intended.

There are exciting changes and new beginnings ahead, particularly as we look towards 2027. However, what remains unchanged is who we are as a school and the values, expectations and respect that underpin our community. Let's keep these standards strong right through to the end of the year.

**Student Arrival Times and Supervision**

A reminder to families that students are not supervised in the yard before 8.45am. Breakfast Club opens at 8.30am, with supervised breakfast available in the library.

We have noticed some students arriving as early as 8.00am. Unless your child is attending our Tuesday or Thursday Before School Care program, please do not drop them at school before 8.30am. We appreciate your support in ensuring students are safe and appropriately supervised before the school day begins.

**Student Free Day – Thursday 19 November**

A reminder that next Thursday, 19 November, is a student-free day. Staff will be undertaking important report writing and assessment work.

Our School Care Program will be operating on this day for families requiring care. Please ensure you register your child's attendance through the Kidsoft platform or speak with Nicole McCorkindale for further information. Please note that a daily fee applies for children attending the program.

**Grade 6 Graduation – Monday 14th December**

Our Grade 6 students will celebrate the end of their primary school journey on Monday 14th December.

The celebrations will begin with a special student dinner at 5:30 pm in the Library. This will be a formal sit-down dinner for our graduating students. Parents are invited to contribute $15 towards the cost of the dinner.Payment would be appreciated no later than the 4th December.

The Graduation Ceremony will follow at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room, where families will come together to celebrate this special milestone. Students have taken home invitations for their family members. Please ensure these are completed and returned to the school by Friday 4th December.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our Grade 6 students and their families!

**Looking Ahead to 2027**

Planning for 2027 is well underway, with class structures and teacher placements currently being finalised. Our statewide transition day will take place on Tuesday 8 December, when students will have the opportunity to meet their 2027 classroom teacher and spend time in their new learning environment. Our Foundation transition sessions commence next Tuesday with some exciting new students on their way to exploring our school.

There is plenty happening in our final weeks:

- Week 9: Year 6 Surfing Program and Year 5 Leadership Week.
- Monday 14 December: Year 6 Graduation.
- Tuesday 15 December: Final Assembly and last day of formal classes.

Further information regarding these events and end-of-year arrangements will be shared with families as we get closer.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Let's make these final weeks positive, purposeful and enjoyable for our students. There is still much to celebrate, much to learn and plenty of opportunities to finish the year together on a high.

# From The Office

## Parent Payment Contributions 2027

Parent Payment Contributions for 2027 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. Information regarding contributions for 2027 were sent home will all students last week. For more information please contact the office.

## Student Book Packs 2027

Campion Education will once again be our preferred supplier for Student Book Packs in 2027. Information regarding the online ordering process and important dates were sent home with all students last week. Orders must be placed online by Sunday 13th December 2027. For more information please contact the office.

CAMPION EDUCATION
A.B.N. 33 074 318 602

**Your Retail Service Centre**
5 YARROWEE STREET SEBASTOPOL VIC 3356

**Contact Us**
1300433982
help@campion.com.au

## Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal items will be available to purchase from the Junior school council members each morning or at the office. Items vary from $2 -$5 each.

## SunSmart - Hats are Mandatory

Our sunsmart policy is now in place which means that hats are mandatory wnen 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

## Uniform Donations

If you have any preloved Uniforms that your child has out grown please feel free to bring them into the office. We alway appreciate any uniforms items donated to the school.



# From the Assistant Principal

## Ms. Jodie Abbott

## Everyone Can Be an Active Bystander – Respect 2040.

At WWPS, we believe everyone has a part to play in making our school and community a safe, welcoming and respectful place. As part of our **Respect 2040** initiative, students have been learning about what it means to be an *active bystander* and how even small actions can make a big difference.

This learning also connects with the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence,** a worldwide campaign that encourages people to speak up and take action to help prevent violence against women and girls. The campaign runs from **25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day)**.

During these 16 days, communities come together to promote fairness, equality, safety and respect. **WWPS is proud to be part of this community and to play a role in creating positive change.**

So, what is an active bystander? A bystander is someone who sees something unkind, unfair or unsafe happening. An active bystander is someone who chooses to do something positive to help. This doesn't mean putting yourself in danger or having to confront someone. It can be as simple as checking in with someone, inviting them to join a game, speaking up when something isn't fair or asking a trusted adult for help.

Through classroom discussions and activities, students have been thinking about what these actions might look like in their everyday lives. We want children to understand that they all have the power to make a difference through the choices they make and the way they treat others.

We also know that violence against women is preventable. Creating change starts with teaching and modelling equality, kindness and respect, challenging unfair attitudes and helping children understand that everyone deserves to feel safe and valued.

Families can support this learning by chatting with children about what they could do if they notice someone being left out, treated unkindly or needing help. Remind them that asking an adult for support is always a positive and important action.

Together, we can build a school and community where everyone feels safe, included and respected. **It starts with the small things we do every day – because everyone can make a difference!**






# Remembrance Day

5/6G took time to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day and why we pause to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Students explored personal connections to family members who have served in the armed forces, sharing stories and recognising the bravery and dedication of our soldiers. To commemorate the day, students created their own 3D poppies as a symbol of remembrance, respect, and gratitude.

Lest We Forget.

# A Big Life in the Foundation class

This fortnight our focus has been on Resilience. This week we learnt about what Neuroplasticity is.

**'Neuroplasticity means our brains can grow and get stronger when we try, practice and learn new things.'**

We thought of goals that we have and how we can keep practicing skills to achieve them. We designed our own Neuron that we can power up by setting ourselves challenges!

We can teach our families and friends how to play Peace and OK!















# F-2 Big Day Out!

What an amazing day our F-2 students had on their big excursion! They travelled back in time at Flagstaff Hill, where the students dressed up in olden-day clothes, experienced what it was like to go to school in the olden days and explored the fascinating old buildings and lolly shops. So much excitement and learning along the way!

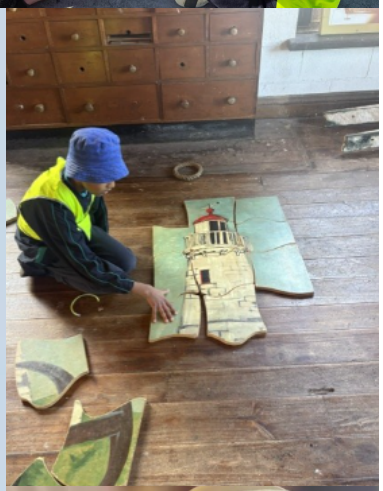
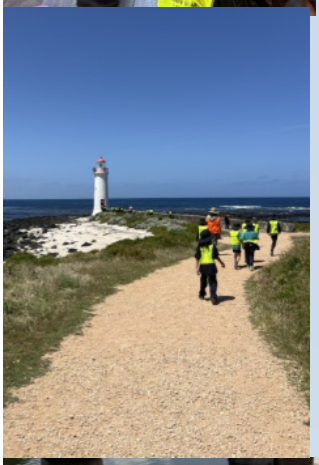
They then headed to beautiful Port Fairy, where we enjoyed a walk to see the lighthouse, followed by a lovely lunch and some fun at the playground.

The adventures continued as they made their way back to Pecten Avenue, where students enjoyed more playground fun, played games together and finished off the day by sharing a delicious dinner.

The fun didn't stop there, with the Grade Two students staying on for the night to have their sleep over.

It was such a wonderful day filled with exploring, laughter, new experiences and lots of fun! Students made some very special memories together, and there were plenty of tired but happy little faces by the end of the day!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful staff who organised, planned and supported this special day. We appreciate all the time, effort and enthusiasm that went into making a wonderful experience for our F-2 students.






# Students of the Week Term 4- Week 5

| Student | Class | Student | Class |
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| Ariyonna Ferguson | F- Mrs Roberts & Mrs Blake | Natalie Brown | 3/4 Miss Bissett & Mrs White |
| Niana Escobia | 1/2 Mrs Mitchell | Kenzee Wickham | 5/6 Mr Symons |
| Iluka Briggs-Burns | 1/2 Ms McElgunn & Miss Evans | Quinn Baje | 5/6 Miss Cuthbertson |
| Jaxon Parson | 3/4 Miss Hoy | | Principals Award |












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# Toddle on Hoddle Term 4

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!

| Date | Theme | Date | Theme |
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| 15th October | Welcome Back<br>Spring into Spring!<br> | 12th November |  |
| 22nd October<br>Dress up in your scary best | Halloween<br> | 19th November | No ToH today. |
| | | 26th November |  |
| 29th October<br>Archie Graham Centre<br>118 Timor St, W'bool | Seniors Month<br>Archie Graham Visit<br> | 3rd December | Summer<br> |
| 5th November | Space<br> | 10th December<br>Dress up and bring a small plate of food to share | Last session!<br>Christmas Party<br> |

When: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am Provided: Fruit platters for morning tea

Where: WWPS Multi Purpose Room Cost: $0

Bring: Water bottles and a smile! We can't wait to see you! Renae and Jill

# Lunch Orders

## Warrnambool West Primary School

### LUNCH ORDER LIST 2026

**Hot Food**

| | |
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| 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**

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| 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**

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|---|---|
| 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 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Sailing Towards Success.



Our Before and After school program is proudly managed by Warrnambool West PS School Council.
Our program educator Nicole Mcorkindale will provide the expert care your child deserves.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Games and Play
- Arts & Crafts
- Reading & Story Times

After School Hours
Monday-Fridays
3.30pm - 6pm

Before School Hours
Tuesday and Thursdays
7.30am - 9am

Scan the QR code to register online for enrolment on the Kidsoft portal.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** • 5561 3161

# Culture AT THE STOP




**Culture at the Stop is a free community art project where people come together to share stories and make art. Together, we will explore stories about home, belonging and life in Warrnambool. Some of the artworks will be displayed at bus stops around Warrnambool.**

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

*Information Session*

**Thursday 26 November**
**11am-1pm**

*Light Refreshments Available*

Come along to our first session to hear more about the project, meet Priyanka and the group, ask questions, and decide if you would like to take part. There is no commitment at the first session. If you would like to continue, we will ask you to sign up for the workshop program after this session.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

WNCC (03) 5561 4624
admin@wncc.org.au
For more information visit:
wncc.org.au

**WHO CAN JOIN?**

Everyone is welcome.
No art experience is needed!
Places are limit
Workshops will be held on Thursday mornings.

**WHERE?**

Warrnambool Neighborhood & Community Centre
17 Fleetwood Court, Warrnambool

Warrnambool Neighbourhood Community Centre

REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA

CREATIVE VICTORIA

# Cultivating Carers

A carer support group with a kitchen-garden-wellbeing theme.

**1 -3pm, Thursday 8 October**
**An afternoon of connection, fun and self-care, with special guest Tess Howells.** Learn simple somatic techniques to help release tension, create calm and prevent caregiver burnout.

**10:30am - 12:30pm, Thursday 22 October**
**Making Vietnamese Cold Rolls** Slice, dice, chat, roll and eat. Spaces limited, booking essential.

**10:30am - 12:30pm, Thursday 5 November**
**Nature crafts** Reconnect with the outdoors and spark your creativity with our adult nature crafting session.

**10:30am - 12:30pm, Thursday 19 November**
**Tea rituals** Turn the simple act of brewing and drinking tea into a meditative pause for your day.

**10:30am - 12:30pm, Thursday 3 December**
**Sustainable christmas and gift card making** Learn how to make your own bespoke Christmas or gift cards using sustainable items.

All workshops are free for unpaid carers and held at **West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House**, Pecten Avenue Park. To book or ask questions call Brenda on 0418 392 948 or breezyblenda@gmail.com

An unpaid carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to family members and/or friends with a disability, mental illness, substance addiction, chronic health issue or an older person with care needs.

**Cultivating Carers** is delivered in partnership with West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House.









# Before school care & After School Care Newsletter

**Date: 29/10/2026**

## Adventures we've been up to:

Over the past few weeks, we've been focusing on our OSHC and school values. This fortnight, we explored **"Be Safe"** and **"Be Inclusive,"** and talked about how we can put these values into practice through our activities and play.
The children did a wonderful job thinking about how to include everyone and stay safe. They enjoyed creating crafts, revisiting the Zones of Regulation, and designing group games so children of different ages could join in and feel part of the fun.
This week, we explored these ideas through a Halloween theme. We also shared how different families celebrate Halloween, from trick-or-treating to watching spooky movies together.
**A new idea: our calm-down garden**
We're excited to share that the children came up with the idea of creating a calm-down garden at our service. We hope it will give children a peaceful space to spend time in and support them to regulate their emotions.
If your family has any **seeds, pots, watering jugs, spray bottles or soil** that you'd be happy to donate, we would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you for helping us bring the children's idea to life!
Warmly,
Warrnambool West P.S OSHC

## 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.**

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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