

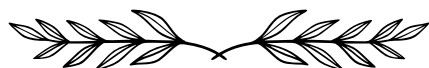
WARRNAMBOOL WEST CONNECT



Term 4 Week 2 EVENTS COMING UP

Term 4 Important Dates

- Wed 3/4 Deakin Science Excursion
- Thur 22nd Oct School Concert at Brauer Auditorium 6pm
- Fri 23rd Oct Grandparents Afternoon 2.20pm - 3.20pm
- Fri 30th Oct Halloween Dress Up & World Teachers Day
- Thur 5th Nov F-2 Big Day Out & Grade 2 Sleepover
- Mon 9th - 13th Smile Dental Van Visit
- Wed 18th Koorie Leadership day
- Thur 19th Nov Pupil Free Day
- Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec Year 6 Surfing Program



YOUNG PORTRAIT SHOW – LAST CHANCE TO VISIT!

We are so proud to have our students' artwork on display at the Warrnambool Art Gallery as part of the Young Portrait Show 2026!

This year's exhibition is the biggest yet. Featuring artwork from over 2,000 young artists across 29 schools.

This is your last chance to see the exhibition before it closes on Sunday 18 October!

If you haven't already visited, we encourage you to pop into the gallery and celebrate the creativity and wonderful artistic achievements of our students.

Well done to all our talented young artists!





From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth



Welcome back to Term 4!

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. It is wonderful to have our students and staff back together for the final term of the school year. Term 4 is always a busy and exciting time, filled with opportunities to celebrate learning, strengthen connections and create lasting memories as we work towards finishing the year positively.

Welcoming New Faces

We are delighted to welcome Amy and Olivia from Deakin University, who will be joining us for an eight-week Occupational Therapy placement. During their time at Warrnambool West, they will be gathering information, meeting with students and staff, and developing a plan to support Tier 1 and Tier 2 adjustments that enhance student engagement and participation in learning. We look forward to working alongside them and learning from their expertise.

We also welcome Eva from Emmanuel College, who is completing her work experience placement with us this week. Eva has had the opportunity to step into a range of classrooms, observe the wonderful work happening across our school and experience the many different aspects of school life. Welcome, Eva! We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Safety and Respect on the Way to and from School

As we settle back into the routines of Term 4, it is important that we continue to prioritise the safety of our students and community when travelling to and from school.

We remind all students to use their road safety knowledge and skills, including crossing roads at designated crossings where a crossing supervisor is present and following their instructions.

For students riding bikes and scooters, please remember to use footpaths safely, remain aware of pedestrians and give others plenty of space. Being considerate of those sharing our paths is an important part of keeping everyone safe.

We expect all students to demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behaviour in the community, both before and after school. Thank you to families for reinforcing these important expectations with your children.

Our Annual School Concert – Lights, Camera, Action!

One of the biggest events on our school calendar is almost here! Our annual school concert, Lights, Camera, Action! will be held at the Brauer College Auditorium, next Thursday 22nd October commencing at 6.00 pm.

Our students are incredibly excited to take to the stage and share their performances with family and friends. There is so much enthusiasm and preparation going into the concert, and we cannot wait to see our students shine. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of their confidence, creativity and teamwork!

A very special thank you to our School Council members Denise, Lyn and Katey, who have generously represented our school and sought donations from local businesses for our fantastic raffle prizes. Your time, effort and commitment to supporting our students and school community are greatly appreciated.

The raffle will be drawn on the night, so make sure you are in it to win! Thank you to all the businesses and community members who have contributed so generously.

Grandparents and Special Loved Ones Day

We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents and special loved ones to school next Friday 23rd at 2.20 pm.

This is a lovely opportunity for students to share a little of their school day with the important people in their lives. Visitors will be invited into classrooms to participate in activities, see learning in action and enjoy some special time together. We know how much these connections mean to our students, and we love seeing our families walk

through our school doors. We warmly encourage as many grandparents and special loved ones as possible to join us for this special afternoon.

Attendance – Every Day Matters

As we enter the final term of the year, regular school attendance is more important than ever. Term 4 is a significant period of learning, with students continuing to develop skills, consolidate their understanding, complete assessments and demonstrate the progress they have made throughout the year. Every day in the classroom provides opportunities for learning, connection and growth.

When students are absent, they can miss important explanations, collaborative learning experiences and opportunities to practise and apply new skills. These experiences are not always easy to recreate.

We understand that illness and unavoidable circumstances sometimes mean students need to be away. However, we ask families to prioritise school attendance wherever possible and avoid unnecessary absences, including for birthdays and appointments that could be scheduled outside school hours.

It is not okay to be away when being at school is possible. Every day counts, and every learning opportunity matters.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure our students finish the year feeling confident, connected and proud of their learning.

Parent Opinion Survey – Thank You!

Thank you to the families who took the time to participate in our Parent Opinion Survey. We genuinely value the feedback you provide, as it helps us reflect on our practices, recognise our strengths and identify opportunities to improve.

The results have been positive, with the majority of participating families expressing satisfaction with areas including school decision-making, communication and the academic programs.

We are pleased to see this feedback and acknowledge the collective effort of our staff, students and families in building a supportive and connected school community.

Just as importantly, we recognise that feedback provides us with direction for the future. We will continue to reflect on the responses and use them to inform our planning and actions moving forward.

Thank you for trusting us with your children's learning and wellbeing, and for continuing to work alongside us to make Warrnambool West Primary School the best it can be.

Looking Ahead

Term 4 is a special time to celebrate how far our students have come, recognise their growth and continue to build positive relationships. There is plenty happening across the school, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with our families over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Let's make this final term a wonderful one for our students!



From The Office



Parent Payment Contributions 2026

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 out grown 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

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.

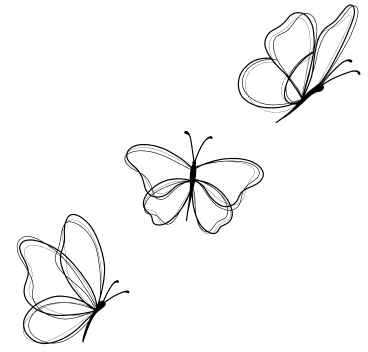
Student Book Packs & Parent Payment Contributions for 2027

Campion Education will once again be our preferred supplier for Student Book Packs in 2027. Information regarding the online ordering process and important dates will be sent home with all students in the coming weeks. If you have any questions please speak to Chelsea via the School General Office.



From the Assistant Principal

Ms. Jodie Abbott



Building Knowledge Through History

This term, students across WWPS have been building their knowledge of the world through learning about history in both Inquiry and English. By exploring significant people, events and changes over time, students are developing a deeper understanding of the past and how it has shaped the world we live in today.

Building knowledge is an important part of learning. When students develop a strong understanding of a topic, they are better able to make connections, ask thoughtful questions, understand new ideas and communicate their thinking. In our classrooms, teachers have been deliberately building students' background knowledge through rich content, engaging discussions, quality texts and opportunities to revisit and strengthen what they have learnt.

Our Inquiry and English units work together to support this learning. As students explore historical topics, they encounter new vocabulary, learn important facts and develop their understanding of people, places and events. Reading and discussing texts connected to these topics allows students to deepen their knowledge while also strengthening their reading comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills.

This approach recognises that reading is not just about learning to read words; it is also about developing the knowledge needed to understand what we read. The more students know about a topic, the better equipped they are to make sense of new information and engage in meaningful learning.

It has been wonderful to see students building their understanding, making connections and sharing their learning with others. By continuing to build knowledge across the curriculum, we are helping students develop the strong foundations they need to become confident readers, writers and lifelong learners.

Every Day COUNTS

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

At our school, we believe that every day of learning helps children grow, achieve and belong.

- Every day builds knowledge, skills and confidence.
- Regular attendance helps children stay connected to their friends and school.
- Good attendance today leads to better opportunities tomorrow.

We're here to support you. If you need help getting your child to school, please reach out. Together, we can make every day count.

EVERY DAY, ALL DAY TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

- Make school a priority
- Build good routines
- Communicate with the school
- We're here to support you
- Every day counts for a brighter future

Because every day counts at our school!

WARRNAMBOOL WEST PS ATTENDANCE TIERS

HOW YOUR ATTENDANCE MEASURES UP

90% or above

GOING STRONG

Great job! You are building strong habits for success. Best chance of academic success and strong social connections.

80% to 89%

AT RISK

You are missing important learning opportunities. You may fall behind and find it harder to keep up.

70% to 79%

MODERATE CONCERN

Too many days missed. It's harder to learn, make friends and stay involved. We are here to help.

below 70%

SERIOUS CONCERN

Missing too much school seriously impacts learning, wellbeing and future opportunities. Urgent support is important.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

AND Special Person's Open Classroom Day

Friday 23rd October
In all classrooms from 2.30pm

Come and spend some classroom time with your young person!

Big Life with 5/6 S

Today we are learning:

To practice strength spotting
in my classroom.

24 Character Strengths					
WISDOM	CREATIVITY - Originality - Adaptive - A problem-solver	CURIOSITY - Interested - Exploration - Open to new ideas	JUDGMENT - A critical thinker - Thinking things through - Open minded	LOVE OF LEARNING - Excited to learn new things - Masters new skills	PERSPECTIVE - Wise - Gives good advice - Sees the big picture
COURAGE	BRAVERY - Shows valor - Accepts challenges - Faces difficulties - Speaks up for what's right	PERSEVERANCE - Hardworking - Overcomes obstacles - Finishes what is started	HONESTY - Tells the truth - Keeps promises - Trustworthy	ZEST - Active - Energetic - Enthusiastic	
HUMANITY	LOVE - Warm and genuine - Prioritizes relationships - A good listener	KINDNESS - Caring - Generous - Compassionate - Nice			SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE - Understands others - Aware of own feelings & thoughts
JUSTICE	TEAMWORK - Loyal - A team player - Shows responsibility to groups			FAIRNESS - Cares about what's right - Treats others fairly - Tries not to be biased against certain groups	LEADERSHIP - Encourages others - Organizes groups - Sets a good example
TEMPERANCE		FORGIVENESS - Gives others a second chance - Accepts others' faults - Doesn't hold grudges	HUMILITY - Modest - Puts attention on others - Doesn't brag about accomplishments	PRUDENCE - Careful - Plans ahead - Thinks about consequences before acting	SELF-REGULATION - Self-Controlled - Disciplined - Manages feelings and actions
TRANSCENDENCE	APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY & EXCELLENCE - Feels awe and wonder in nature - Admires skills of others - Inspired by the goodness of others	GRATITUDE - Thankful - Shows appreciation - Feels blessed	HOPE - Optimistic - Expects the best - Excited about the future	HUMOUR - Playful - Enjoys bringing smiles/laughter to others - Sees the funny side to things	SPIRITUALITY - Sense of meaning - Searches for meaning - Feels a sense of purpose - Feels interconnected with life

During our Big Life lesson on strength spotting, students explored their personal strengths using a strengths map. They selected strengths that they felt best described them and reflected on how they demonstrate these qualities in their everyday lives, both in the classroom and when interacting with others. Students discussed how everyone has different strengths and how recognising these qualities can help build confidence, strengthen relationships and encourage a positive mindset. This activity helped students develop a greater understanding of themselves and appreciate the unique strengths that each person brings to our classroom community.



BIG LIFE

Term 4 Weeks 1 & 2

This fortnight in Big Life we are practicing spotting **strengths** in ourselves and others. Strengths are the positive qualities that make us who we are, and help us navigate life's ups and downs—like kindness, bravery, creativity, and teamwork. Noticing these strengths in ourselves helps us understand what we bring to different situations. Spotting strengths in others helps us connect, build friendships, and make people feel valued.

Ways we can support strength spotting at home:

1. Name the strength you noticed. E.g. "That was great teamwork."
2. Explain what you saw. E.g. "I noticed you help set the table."
3. Appreciate why it matters. E.g. "It made the job quicker and easier for everyone."

By practicing this, children learn to see the good in themselves and in others, and to celebrate the strengths that make everyone unique.

Big Life with Mel

On Wednesday of week 1, Grade 5/6s finished off their **personal development** unit. Students learned about **consent** & identified people & places they can go to for **help** if they need it. Grade 3/4s created **identity** wheels celebrating what makes them unique in different aspects of their lives.



Students of the Term - Week 10

Student	Class	Student	Class
Shilo Ferguson	F- Mrs Roberts & Mrs Blake	Molly McColl	3/4 Miss Bissett & Mrs White
Otto Armitage	1/2 Mrs Mitchell	Joy Lin	5/6 Mr Symons
Mabel Chivers	1/2 Ms McElgunn & Miss Evans	Payton Hogg	5/6 Miss Cuthbertson
Jax Parsons	3/4 Miss Hoy	Payton Hogg	Principals Award



HIGH ATTENDANCE AWARDS TERM 3





Warrnambool West Primary School

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

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

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 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.



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

Before School
Hours
Tuesday and
Thursdays
7.30am - 9am

After School
Hours
Monday-Fridays
3.30pm - 6pm

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



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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



(03) 5561 8111



Shop 8, 103 - 111
Percy Street,
Portland



www.mpower.org.au

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.



Warrnambool Multicultural Festival 2026

Free event
All welcome



Scan to visit our website:
www.multiculturalswvic.org.au



Saturday 7 November
10am - 3pm
Warrnambool Civic Green



Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.



*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

WARRNAMBOOL & SURROUNDS ALL GIRLS PROGRAM

Walter Oval, Warrnambool

STARTING FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH

4:30PM - 5:30PM

For further information contact Tristan Gibbs
tristan.gibbs@afl.com.au | 0476 980 108

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK



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WARRNAMBOOL & SURROUNDS MIXED PROGRAM

Walter Oval, Warrnambool

STARTING FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH

4:30PM - 5:30PM

For further information contact Tristan Gibbs
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SUPERKICK



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: 15/10/2026

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

What a lovely start to Term 4 we've had at Warrnambool West P.S OSHC Program! We welcomed everyone back with our Springtime Welcome Back theme, creating beautiful tissue-paper flower bouquets, exploring recycled crafts and designing colourful spring-inspired Hama bead creations. The children also enjoyed plenty of outdoor group games, taking the lead by choosing games, adapting the rules and making sure everyone could join in the fun!

This week, we're revisiting our OSHC and School values, with a special focus on Respect. We're exploring what respect looks like to each of us, how we can respect other people's feelings and emotions, and how everyone experiences and manages their emotions differently. Through group games, discussions and everyday interactions, we're learning how to communicate respectfully, manage big feelings and make sure everyone feels safe, included and valued.

We're excited for another term filled with creativity, teamwork, friendship and fun!

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.

Could **families/ guardians** please update **medicals, medical plans, court orders** and **any documentation** that is required on the **Kidsoft app**. Unfortunately, **Warrnambool West P.S** can not do this on your behalf as it is separate to **Kidsoft**. If you require any more information about this, please contact me and I will be happy to help! Thank you all for your understanding.

Warrnambool West P.S
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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