Term 4 Thursday 29th October 2026

WARRNAMBOOL WEST CONNECT

Term 4 - Week 4

EVENTS COMING UP

Term 4 Important Dates

October

- Fri 30th Halloween Dress Up & World Teachers Day

November

- Thur 5th F-2 Big Day Out & Grade 2 Sleepover
- Mon 9th- 13th Smile Dental Van Visit
- Wed 18th Koorie Leadership day
- Thur 19th ***Pupil Free Day*** Reporting and Assessment Day
- Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec Year 6 Surfing Program

December

- Fri 4th 5/6 End of year excursion and 3/4 End of year excursion
- Tues 8th Statewide Transition Day

Grandparents/ Special Persons Day

Last Friday, we celebrated Grandparents and Special Person Day! It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their learning and show off all the amazing things they have been working on. Thank you to all the grandparents and special people who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special!



Our Students Shine at the Warrnambool Show!

We are excited to have so many Warrnambool West Primary School students taking part in this year's Warrnambool Show on Saturday 31st October!

Many of our talented young artists have entered their creations in the art section and colouring competition, showcasing their creativity, imagination and artistic skills. It is wonderful to see students embracing opportunities to share their artwork with the wider community.

We also have a fantastic group of students participating in South West Sing, a special event bringing together more than 80 young singers from schools across our region. Our students will join voices with other schools for a wonderful performance celebrating music, teamwork and community.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who have put themselves forward to participate. Whether creating artwork or performing on stage, these experiences are a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, express creativity and celebrate the arts.

If you're heading to the Show, be sure to look out for our students' artwork and cheer on our singers at the music stage!

Good luck to everyone involved!

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From the Principal

Ms Karen Holdsworth

Dear Families,

As a principal, I consistently reflect on my own leadership and the impact of my decisions, actions and influence on our students, families and staff. Leadership is an ongoing journey of learning, listening and growing, and I am incredibly grateful to lead a school with such a supportive and connected community. Warrnambool West Primary School is a place where people come together, celebrate one another and work towards ensuring every child feels a sense of belonging and has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. Thank you for being such an important part of our WWPS community.

Lights, Camera, Action!

What a wonderful evening our Lights, Camera, Action! concert was! Thank you to everyone who joined us and persevered through the heat of the auditorium to celebrate our students. The evening was filled with laughter, energy, music and so many happy faces as our students took to the stage to share their talents with you.

There is something incredibly special about watching children step outside their comfort zones, build confidence and experience the joy of performing in front of the people who matter most to them. The pride on their faces, the encouragement from the audience and the sense of togetherness throughout the evening were a wonderful reminder of what makes our school community so special.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for their commitment, creativity and enthusiasm in bringing the concert to life. There was plenty of hard work, organisation and rehearsal, with lots of fun and laughter along the way! Thank you for creating such a memorable experience for our students. We were equally excited to perform our surprise dance for you all. We do it for you! And have a bit of fun in the meantime.

Grandparents and Special Person's Day

Our Grandparents and Special Person's Day was another tremendous success, with so many special people walking through our doors to spend quality time with their loved ones.

It was lovely to see our classrooms filled with conversation, smiles and opportunities for students to share their learning and their school environment with the important people in their lives.

Thank you to our families, grandparents and special visitors for making the time to join us. Your presence and interest in your children's learning mean so much. We also appreciate your ongoing support of our school and the wonderful learning experiences we provide.

These opportunities to connect remind us that education is a partnership between school, home and community. When children see the important people in their lives taking an interest in their learning, it reinforces the value of education and strengthens their sense of belonging.

Concert Raffle – Thank You!

Our concert and raffle raised an impressive $936.80 through door sales and raffle tickets! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this fundraising initiative.

Congratulations to all our lucky prize winners, and a very special thank you to the local businesses and community members who generously donated prizes. Your kindness and support are genuinely appreciated and make a positive difference to our school.

We also extend our gratitude to our School Council members and everyone who contributed their time and effort behind the scenes. These events rely on the generosity and commitment of many people, and we are fortunate to have such a community-minded group supporting WWPS.

2027 Parent Contributions - Supporting our community.

At Warrnambool West Primary School, we are committed to providing every student with a high-quality education, a rich curriculum and opportunities to learn, grow and thrive. Our programs include a range of valuable learning experiences, such as swimming and other activities that support students' development and wellbeing.

The Victorian Department of Education has introduced an updated Parent Contributions Policy, which applies to arrangements developed for the 2027 school year. The policy recognises that schools can only invite families to make voluntary contributions to enhance educational programs, resources and opportunities for students.

We are incredibly grateful for the support our families provide. While voluntary contributions are just that – voluntary – they are genuinely appreciated and can help us provide additional resources and experiences for our students.

Throughout the 2027 year, families may also be offered optional, pay-as-you-go extracurricular activities, such

as camps and excursions. You have the opportunity to purchase learning materials, including textbooks, for your child to own. These are separate from the free instruction and curriculum access that every student is entitled to receive.

We understand that every family's circumstances are different, and we want all families to feel welcome, included and supported. The reciprocal relationship with the school is important to us. If you have any questions or would like to discuss support with school related costs, please reach out to us.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school community. Your partnership, encouragement and support are valued, and together we can continue to create meaningful opportunities for every child at Warrnambool West Primary School.

Information regarding parent contributions and booklist items will be sent home with all students next week.

Learning, Responsibility and the Final Weeks of Term.

As we continue through Term 4, we are becoming increasingly aware of how quickly the year is passing, particularly for our Year 6 students as they approach the end of their primary school journey. There is much to celebrate, reflect on and look forward to, but it is important that we maintain our focus on learning, assessment and positive behaviours right through to the final day of the school year.

Every day of learning matters. Our teachers continue to provide engaging learning opportunities, monitor student progress and support children to achieve their best. Assessment remains an important part of this process, helping us understand what students know, identify their next steps and ensure that teaching responds to their individual needs.

I encourage families to continue conversations at home about what it means to be a responsible learner. This includes listening carefully, participating in learning, asking questions, completing tasks to the best of their ability, showing persistence when things are challenging and treating others with kindness and respect.

Being a responsible learner also means understanding that mistakes are part of learning, accepting feedback and being willing to try again. These habits help children develop independence, resilience and the confidence to approach new challenges.

For our Year 6 students in particular, the final weeks of primary school are an important time to demonstrate leadership, make positive choices and leave a lasting legacy for the younger students who look up to them.

As always, we ask that families continue to partner with us in reinforcing these expectations. When school and home work together, we create the conditions for every child to feel supported, remain engaged and finish the year positively.

Thank you for your continued trust, support and connection with Warrnambool West Primary School.

I am proud of the work our staff do each day, grateful for the commitment of our families and continually inspired by the potential of our students.

Let's continue to make the most of every opportunity, celebrate our achievements and finish the year with a strong sense of pride in who we are as a school community.

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 will be sent home with all students next week.

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 appreciatte any uniforms items donated to the school.

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

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 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 next week.

If you have any questions please speak to Chelsea via the School General 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



From the Assistant Principal

Ms. Jodie Abbott

It Takes a Team to Support Every Learner.

At WWPS, we know that every child is unique. Students bring different strengths, interests and learning needs to the classroom, and it is our shared responsibility to ensure every child feels included, supported and able to experience success.

Creating these opportunities takes teamwork. Our teachers, leaders and Education Support staff work together every day to help students access learning, build confidence and develop independence. This collaboration involves careful planning, sharing knowledge, adapting support and celebrating the progress students make along the way.

Sometimes, progress looks like mastering a new skill or achieving a learning goal. At other times, it might be having the confidence to attempt a challenging task, asking for help, working independently or persisting when something feels difficult. Each of these moments matters, and recognising them helps students see themselves as capable learners.

An important part of this work is ensuring that the support we provide helps students become increasingly independent. By working together, our staff can identify what each student needs, provide purposeful support and create opportunities for students to apply their learning with growing confidence.

I am incredibly proud of the commitment and care our staff bring to this work. The collective effort of our teachers and Education Support team makes a meaningful difference to the learning experiences of our students every day.

Ultimately, supporting every learner is something we do together. When we work collaboratively, maintain high expectations and celebrate individual progress, we strengthen our ability to create a school where every child feels they belong, is encouraged to grow and has the opportunity to achieve their best.

This is how we live our WWPS school values: be inclusive, have respect, be safe and be a learner.

A big thankyou to local businesses!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful local businesses and stores who generously donated items and vouchers for our school raffle. Your kindness and support helped make our raffle a great success, which was drawn last Thursday at the conclusion of our school concert night.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and for the ongoing support you show our school community. By supporting our school, you help us create wonderful opportunities and experiences for our students. Thank you for being such valued supporters of our school!

A special thank you to the following businesses for their generous support:

- Schnitz
- Blooms the Chemist
- Sugar High Confectionary
- Macs Hotel Warrnambool
- Lucas Bros butchers
- Kermond's Hamburgers
- Monaghan's Pharmacy
- Victoria Hotel Warrnambool
- Rafferty's Tavern
- City Memorial Bowls Club
- Capitol Cinema Warrnambool



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!



Last Thursday, we held our annual school concert, Lights, Camera, Action! 🎭 The Brauer Theatre was packed with proud families enjoying a fantastic showcase of talent from all our classes, along with performances from our Koorie Four Directional Dance, Harp, Choir groups and our whole school Auslan performance. It was a wonderful celebration of our students and staff's hard work, creativity and confidence. A huge congratulations to all our performers and thank you to everyone who came along to support them!

We would also like to thank our wonderful School Council members for organising the raffle, which was a huge success! We really appreciate the time and effort that went into making it happen and are grateful for your ongoing support of our school community.

BIG LIFE

Term 4 Weeks 3 & 4

This fortnight we are learning more about a thinking strategy called **Circle of Control.** Circle of Control gets us identifying the things we can do something about and the things we can't. For example, we can focus our energy on our words, actions and responses, rather than the things we cannot control, like past mistakes, changes or other people's choices. Using this strategy can help us manage big emotions & challenges.

Ways we can use the Circle of Control at home:

1. **Name the feeling** – Acknowledge how they are feeling
2. **Dial up curiosity** – "Is this inside or outside our Control?"
3. **Help find the things inside their control** – Focus on helpful words, actions and responses
4. **Focus on one action** – Ask, "What can you do next?"
5. **Model it** – Talk aloud about what you can and can't control in everyday situations.

Big Life with Mel

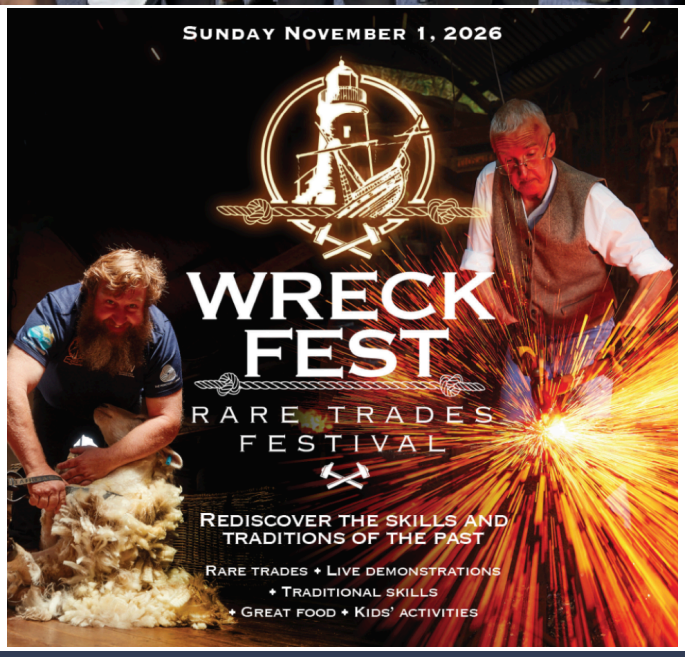
On Wednesday of week 3, Mel worked with the Grade 5/6 classes discussing their worries and wonderings about transition to **high school**. Students explored some skills that will help them cope with big changes, such as building healthy habits, trying new things & staying organised.



Students of the Week Term 4- Week 2

Student	Class	Student	Class
Bentley Miller	F- Mrs Roberts & Mrs Blake	Camellia	3/4 Miss Bissett & Mrs White
Nora Chen	1/2 Mrs Mitchell	Tyler Monagle	5/6 Mr Symons
Tina Lin	1/2 Ms McElgunn & Miss Evans	Gabriel Arellano	5/6 Miss Cuthbertson
Evelyn Chivers	3/4 Miss Hoy	Clark McKay & Cindy	Principals Award









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

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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OSHC 0428541225

Session times

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

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