Werribee Primary School is 
A supportive and diverse learning community pursuing excellence in the development of skills, behaviours and attitudes in education, so that students are empowered to interact positively throughout their lifetime, with confidence, creativity and enjoyment

Our shared values are ♦ Courtesy ♦ Cooperation ♦ Respect ♦ Responsibility
Our education priorities are ♦ Literacy ♦ Numeracy ♦ Social Competency

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Please visit our school website for a full list of Term 4 Calendar dates

NEEDED
If you have any good condition second hand uniform – preferably small sizes, we would be very grateful for your donation. We have a lot of refugee families who are in need of uniform for 2014. Please contact the office for further details.

Karen Trofin
ESL Co-ordinator

HEAD LICE INFORMATION

Head lice are common in school-aged children. Head lice Do Not cause disease. Itchiness from head lice can be irritating and uncomfortable for children. Head Lice spread easily to others, so it’s important for families to help prevent and control its spread. Outbreaks are more common following vacations.

How to Prevent Head Lice
• Please check your child’s head every week for head lice
• Teach your child not to share head gear (i.e. hats, hair accessories, scarves, helmets, combs)

If you would like more information on head lice and treatment, please call the school, Health Centre/Unit or go to www.interiorhealth.ca

Contact the school
Need to contact your child’s teacher or pass on feedback or suggestions to the school?

Address: 2 Deutgam Street, Werribee 3030 Phone: 9742 6659
Web: www.werribeeps.vic.edu.au Email: werribee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Principal’s Report

Swimming
Swimming continues this week for the Year 3 to Year 6 students. Let’s hope for great weather. Swimming lessons finish for Year 3 to 6 students next Tuesday and then it is our Prep to Year 2 students turn for 10 lessons starting on Wednesday 20th November.

ResourceSmart Awards
Winners of the ResourceSmart Schools Awards 2013 were announced on Friday 8th November in front of more than 350 students, teachers and special guests at an exciting event held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. I was fortunate enough to join Mrs Wembridge, Miss McKiernan along with five of our wonderful students at the Awards. Werribee Primary School was selected as one of three finalists from 160 applicants in the category of ResourceSmart Waste Primary School of the Year. Our school was recognised for our approach towards sustainability and our outstanding achievements in reducing waste. We were up against St Louis de Montfords Primary School and Epping Views Primary School. The winner of the award was Epping Views Primary School. Although we didn’t win the award, we were given a certificate and a cheque for $500. Day Day, Monique, Larni, Roberta and Georgie were the five students selected from our Student Environment team to attend. The five students were fantastic. They were well behaved, friendly, well-spoken and represented our school proudly. When we arrived we set up our display and we had lots of visitors from many other schools and a chance to view and talk to other schools about what they were doing in the area of Sustainability. We also had an opportunity to listen and view presentations by other schools. Well done to everyone involved from Werribee Primary School.

Working Bee
Over the last weekend we created an addition to our indigenous numeracy garden surrounding the Year 5/6 playground. At the Working Bee on Saturday a mosaic rainbow snake and indigenous plants were added. The mosaic snake has been created by a variety of students from Years 3-6 who made the concrete blocks and then added a mosaic top. The 30 pieces were positioned to create a rainbow serpent moving through a grass land. The students have been working with Mrs Wembridge, Year 3/4 teacher and Ms Melazzini, a University student, as part of a 50 hour Sustainability project.

This next stage was a further addition to the colourful poles, sundial and hopscotch areas created at the last Working Bee a couple of weeks ago. The transformation to this area has been remarkable. Well done to all those who have been involved in working on this project.
A group also worked on the raised garden beds in the Prep, Year 1/2 area. Thank you to Bronwyn Riddell from the Shoe String Garden group and her team of volunteers. Bronwyn has worked in schools to establish and develop food gardens. The school was successful in receiving funding from the council (through their Healthy Communities Initiative) and as part of that funding Bronwyn is able to give her time to the school as well as purchase soil and plants for this area. A big thank you to Rosemary Doherty (Assistant Principal) for all of her behind the scenes ordering and organisation and to everyone who helped out on Saturday.

David Quinn
Principal

WORKING BEE ON SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2013

A big thank-you to the following families and staff who turned up on Sunday morning to assist with the working bee. Peter & Indygo Cowton, Tu Na Pa Koo & Muc Chaw Klay, Moo Dah Wah, Baw Mu Htoo & Eh Htoo Taw, Jo & Rob Wembridge, Sandra Keelmar, Phillip Ooi, Emily Taylor, B Riddell, Law Shwe, Eh Say, Sue Osborne, Nar Khaing, Shee Lar, Wendy Banger & Rosemary Doherty.

The yard looks tremendous!

At the working bee on Saturday a mosaic rainbow snake and indigenous plants were added. This is a new addition to our indigenous numeracy garden surrounding the Gr 5/6 playground.
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We had a great day meeting students and teachers from other schools. We were exposed to various initiatives that other schools have implemented which has given us some great ideas to build on for next year. The five students that attended the awards were fantastic. They were well behaved, well-spoken and represented their school proudly. What a great effort!! Well done to everyone at WPS!!

Arriving at the Werribee train station, I can see the others come into view. There’s Mrs Wembridge, Ms McKiernan waiting for us. I am so excited. I can’t wait to go! – Larni

Exciting news! On Friday we met some super star schools and also some stars from the TV. There was Kayne from ABC3 and Natalie from Totally Wild Ch 9. I hold my breath waiting for the big announcement – Day Day

Wow! It’s Kayne from ABC3. I can’t wait to meet him. He did the best job of being a hilarious host - Georgie.

I am so excited. I hope we win. I take a deep breath. I have butterflies in my stomach. Kayne was about the say the name of the winning school. My heart raced. “The winner is Epping Views Primary School” No! I am so sad. Maybe next year – Roberta

I hold my breath, cross my fingers, close my eyes tight. Can we win? I ask myself. All I can hear is my breathing. I can’t anything around me. A loud African drum roll makes me hold my breath. “Epping Views Primary School.” I hear a group of people behind me cheer. I look around and see Mrs Wembridge’s sad face. We’re all disappointed – Monique.
The Best Nude Food Grade Awards were presented by Lauren Idda and Jess Evans at assembly this week. The winning grades were:

Prep S – 53%  1/2M – 62%  3/4 H - 67%  5/6 F - 33%

What a great effort by 3/4 H with 67% of their grade with nude food. They are the winners of the new nude food trophy this week. Let’s see if we can bump those numbers up next week grade 5/6’s!

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Fact: Bottled water produces up to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year.

Have you visited our school’s blog?
The site is a celebration of our students work in and out of the school. We have posted work and photos from Prep to grade 6 students. The school captains are also posting information on the blog; they would love to receive feedback.

http://werribeeps.global2.vic.edu.au

The students love receiving comments about their work,

Happy Blogging ☺☺ ☺☺
WERRIBEE KIDS ARE WONDERFUL KIDS – “LIVING OUR VALUES” AWARDS

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CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 4, 2013

Wed 20th November  Tammy Brennan, Mandy Courtney, Jane Puli, Pauline Oakes
Wed 27th November  Deb Cowton, Michelle Bailey, Penny Hendricksen, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes
Wed 4th December  Karyn McEachran, Joanne Richards, Kym Dunn, Leanne Gosling,
Wed 11th December  Tammy Brennan, Mandy Courtney, Nicola Saxon-Jones, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED FOR 2014

We are in desperate need for help in the canteen next year. If you can spare 1 ½ hours, even just for a couple of times a Term to assist with preparing the lunch orders and serving on a Wednesday, please contact the office.
We also need “Team Leaders,” especially for 1st Term 2014. The role of Team Leader includes collation of orders and preparation of food whilst working with a team of 3 or 4 other volunteers. Team Leaders are required from 9am until 2:10pm. If we cannot get enough volunteers, the canteen may have to close until we have sufficient assistance.

November is Walk to School month. Walking, cycling or scooting to school is a fantastic way to develop fitness. Walking is also a great way for:
- children to get to know their local areas better and meet other children and adults in the neighbourhood
- children to pick up the safety skills and confidence they’ll need to travel independently as they get older
- communities to cut the traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution caused by our reliance on cars.
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  - Advance beyond the level of their school curriculum
  - Improve fundamental learning skills
  - Form solid study habits and self-confidence

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The NEW strict parent - is this you?

The definition of a strict parent has changed over the last decade. Do you fit the bill?

‘Your parents are so strict!’

Some parents in years gone by wore the label of ‘strict’ parent like a badge of honour. It signified parents who were willing to stand their ground with kids.

Strictness was reserved for parents who put boundaries in place and made sure they were adhered to, such as being home on time, or not watching too much TV.

There’s a now a NEW definition for a ‘strict’ parent.

A ‘strict’ parent today is now someone who makes children do things for themselves and insists they help at home. They insist their children put their dirty clothes in the laundry, and maybe even wash their own clothes. They insist kids make their own lunches in secondary school. They insist that their kids set the meal table without giving them a cent in return.

‘Strict’ now refers to getting kids to help rather than placing restrictions on them.

Many parents tell me that they get funny looks when their children help them with the supermarket shopping. When their kids walk a kilometre home from sports or a leisure activity they are made to feel like neglectful parents. How bizarre!

New normal

The new parenting normal is for parents to do a lot for your kids, rather than kids do things for themselves. Anyone who strays from this new normal and develops real independence in their children can be made to feel guilty ... because they are strict!

Nobody feels like doing chores, but tackling hard things such as doing chores when you don’t feel like it builds character. It develops a bit of grit that kids can draw on later when they will really have to push against adversity.

Do less, not more

The job of parents is to make themselves redundant for their kids – not in a relational sense, but in a managerial sense.

There is nothing revolutionary about this idea. It’s been the aim of parents since the dawn of time. That means we spend a lot of time teaching kids self-help skills (now known as life skills), which are the ordinary gist of life.

These include teaching young children to tie their shoelaces and helping primary-aged kids to ask for what they want from adults. They also include coaching teenagers to negotiate their way safely on public transport and to problem-solve relational issues they may have with teachers at school.

These are not the activities of ‘strict’ parents. Rather they are the activities of parents who understand that one of their key roles is to equip kids to stand on their own two feet in the world outside the family home.

The fact is that the best place to do this is within the family. And the best time to start developing independence is from a young age ... when kids are up for it developmentally.

Don’t wait until your children are 18 to develop self-help skills. If you introduce self-help then, my bet is they won’t think you are strict ... they’ll think you’ve been a soft touch all along and they’ll now battle you all the way!

But that’s a story for another day.

In the meantime, if the definition of ‘strict’ has changed then I urge you to be strict! Your kids will thank you ... later on, when you’ve equipped them with the problem-solving and independence skills needed to negotiate the wider world without you.