WERRIBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 649

The Owl

Owl No. 12 | 23rd May 2013

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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| WEEK 7 | Monday 27th | Pupil Free Day |
|        | Tuesday 28th | Division Cross Country - Brimbank Park, Keilor Year 1 / 2 Incursion |
|        | Thursday 30th | Subway Lunch notes and money due back today by 11:00am |
|        | Friday 31st | Last date for parents to return completed Application For Year 7 Placement forms 5/6 Winter Sport Rd 5 |

| WEEK 8 | Monday 3rd June | Girls Football Galvin Park |
|        | Tuesday 4th | Subway Lunch |
|        | Wednesday 5th | Year 5 / 6 Incursion |
|        | Thursday 6th | Cross Country State Finals |
|        | Thursday 7th | 5/6 Winter Sport Rd 6 (early lunch 2:20-1:10) |

| WEEK 9 | Monday 10th | Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday |
|        | Wednesday 12th | Year 5/6 Hootime |
|        | Friday 14th | 5/6 Winter Sport Rd 7 (early lunch 2:20-1:10) |

| WEEK 10 | 17th – 21st June | REFUGEE WEEK |
|        | Tuesday 18th | School Council 6:30 |
|        | Wednesday 19th | Walk2School |

| WEEK 11 | Thursday 27th | Student Reports distributed by today |
|        | Friday 28th | Last Day of Term 1 – FINISH AT 2:10PM |

| TERM 3 | Monday 15th July | 1st DAY TERM 3 |
|        | Tuesday 16th | 1st Day-DANCEFEVER |
|        | Saturday 20th | WPS Bunnings Sausage Sizzle |

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.werribee.ps@edumai.vic.gov.au
A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

An update on our search for a Principal
School Council was hopeful that by this stage of the year we would be making an announcement on the appointment of a new Principal for the school. And with that we wanted our new Principal to commence at Werribee Primary School with the start of term 3. Unfortunately plans and hopes don’t always play out as we want.

Advertising for the vacant Principal’s position was conducted in April and very few applications were received for the consideration of the selection panel. The selection panel consisted of myself, an elected parent from School Council, an elected staff member, a Principal from our Region and an Education Department representative. Following the assessment of applications against criteria that was established by School Council and the Education Department representative, it was determined that no applicant sufficiently satisfied the selection criteria. Hence no appointment was made from the applications received.

We have now set a date for re-advertising the position with some additional advertising strategies. School Council expects that this will bring the vacancy to the attention of a wider group and result in a stronger field of applicants. Several reasons have been identified as the possible cause of a small response to the first advertisement, none of which indicate that Werribee Primary School is not a desirable school.

With this, we are now working towards a new principal commencing with the start of term 4.

Sue Osborne has been offered the role of continuing as our Acting Principal and I am very pleased to confirm that Sue is continuing until the start of term 4. We are in very good hands with Sue and our leadership team.

Regards
Phil Morley
School Council President

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
We do hope that you will be able to join us at our extra special assembly planned for tomorrow, Friday 24th May, just after 9:00am. We have much to celebrate, due to this week being Education Week across the state, last week being National Volunteers Week and Friday being National Walk Safely to School Day across the country. Here’s what we have planned for the special assembly at Werribee Primary School:

- **Celebration of Education Week** learning – a presentation of the learning that has taken place across the school on the topic of the Orangutan. A very special, whole school homework task for children and parents will also be introduced at the assembly.

- **Introduction of our Junior School Councillors.** Our 2013 Junior School Councillors will be presented with certificates and badges and their family members have been invited to a morning tea afterwards.

- **Presentation of Staff Service Awards** to staff who are celebrating their ten and fifteen year anniversary of service to the school. This is a nice tradition of acknowledgement of staff service that will continue to take place during Education Week.

- An opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to our ever growing list of community **volunteers** who are helping to add a great deal of value to the work that we are doing at Werribee PS in optimising the opportunities for every child enrolled at the school. Volunteers are also invited to join us for morning tea in the gym after the assembly.

- **Acknowledgement of National Walk Safely to School Day.** Sharing of information regarding how our school has improved over time in participation rates in walking or travelling to school in a healthy and active manner.
BIKE HELMETS MUST BE WORN
The word safely has been underlined above (in reference to National Walk Safely to School Day) to highlight the importance of teaching our children safe practices whilst travelling to school in a healthy and active manner. An absolute minimum requirement is that all children who travel to school by bike MUST be wearing a helmet. It is also our preference to encourage all children to wear helmets when riding scooters or skateboards. I have been disappointed to hear reports of children who have been ignoring these basic safety rules. Please assist us in educating our children to travel safely to school by reminding your child/children to ALWAYS wear their helmets when riding, skating or scooting to school. Please also assist us by reporting to the office, the names of children observed to be not wearing helmets and school staff will follow up with them or their parents if necessary. Thank you.

PLEASE DON’T APPROACH CHILDREN OVER ISSUES – SEE US INSTEAD
The bike helmet issue above is a good example of where we ask parents and guardians to please approach our staff rather than our children if they believe there is an issue that needs to be addressed. From time to time, issues do occur, usually over children not choosing to do the right thing. It is not appropriate for adults other than school staff to deal with these issues. Please therefore, leave this task of problem solving up to school staff who are skilled at guiding children towards making better and safer choices. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR APPROACH
Werribee Primary School implements a positive and restorative approach to behaviour management and problem solving. We have been honing our skills over recent years with success, drawing on ‘best practice’ research models. We share the strong belief that behaviours need to be taught and re-taught to children. When children make a mistake in their behaviour, we should consider these mistakes just as we would a mistake in learning to read or count. We do not punish children severely when they make a mistake in their literacy or numeracy learning; we teach, model and reinforce the way ‘how’ in order for them to improve. So it should be with behaviour mistakes; children need to be taught the behaviour skills that they are missing and sometimes re-taught, in order for their behaviour to improve. Children also need these behaviours modelled and reinforced to them in a consistent and positive manner by the adults in their lives. It needs to be noted that children are not allowed to ‘get away’ with misbehaviour at school just because we implement a ‘positive’ approach. Appropriate consequences for misbehaviour are a strong and necessary feature of the positive behaviour approach and these often go unnoticed because of the need to uphold codes of privacy and confidentiality. Our school values fit in nicely with this aspect, as it is our strong expectation that all children: take RESPONSIBILITY for their actions; are RESPECTFUL towards others; demonstrate COURTESY and CO-OPERATION at all times. We can never guarantee, however, that every child in every classroom, playground or sporting venue is going to behave in the same manner, just because we have a strong set of values and a positive behaviour approach. This would be impossible and misguided with a school population of 540 children, coming from a diverse range of cultural and social backgrounds, who are exposed to an unprecedented range of influences (including multi-media) and role models all having great impact on the behaviour choices that the children of today make. School staff often compete with much stronger societal influences that shape the choices of the children that they teach. This makes it all the more important for us to have a consistent, positive approach to behaviour management and problem solving that is underpinned by strong values.

CALM ZONE THERMOMETER
Have you heard about our ‘Calm Zone Thermometer’? This is a simple gauge from 0-10, where a 0 registers as calm and 10 is upset or angry. We have a belief at Werribee PS that in order to solve our problems effectively, we all (yes, adults included!) must be registering in the ‘Calm Zone’ between 0-5. If we try to solve our problems in the red, cranky or angry zone, 6-10, it usually just makes our problems bigger and doesn’t really solve anything at all (it just adds to our woes). We therefore make sure that children are given sufficient time to calm down to a state that is more conducive to solving problems effectively, i.e., 0-5. A number of strategies are employed to help distract and settle children, but usually time alone to collect thoughts and take a deep breath is enough to prepare children for the task of sorting out their issues in a responsible, co-operative and restorative fashion. I have recently observed some of our very skilled staff guiding children through some very successful restorative practices by implementing the ‘Calm Zone’ principle effectively. From time to time we send laminated copies of these thermometers home with children; these are handy to put on the fridge and refer to at home. Please contact the school if you would like the opportunity for us to share with you some of our strategies that we implement at school.
ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE
In the interests of maintaining a safe school, all visitors must report to the office to seek permission to be on the school grounds during school hours and a visitors badge must be worn at all times by those visitors who have been granted permission to be on the premises. Our advice to parents who need to drop off items to their children (such as snacks, lunches and notes) is to please do this via the office, as it is our preference to also keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Our staff have been advised to approach and question any member of the public who appear on school grounds during school hours without visitors badges. Please don’t be offended by such approaches, as these practices are implemented with the best interests and safety of our children in mind.

AND FINALLY: REGARDING THE PRINCIPAL SELECTION PROCESS
As you would have read in our School Council President’s message, no appointment was made to the recent principal selection process at Werribee Primary School. This was a disappointing result, as we were looking forward to welcoming a new principal to the school in term three. I would like to point out that, I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to continue acting in the role until a suitable applicant has been appointed. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to lead the school throughout this term and the next.

REMINDERS:
PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS – Please note that as of 1st June 2013, our school uniform items will only be available for purchase through Rushford’s Schoolwear, 93 Watton Street Werribee. A separate flyer containing more information about this will be sent home with children this week.
PUPIL FREE DAY, MONDAY 27TH MAY - A reminder to please make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on this day. Teachers will be spending the day preparing student reports.

HELP US SAY “THANKS A MILLION” TO AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS

Sue Osborne, Acting Principal

WERRIBEE KIDS ARE WONDERFUL KIDS – “LIVING OUR VALUES” AWARDS

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DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY – BRIMBANK PARK
The Division Cross Country event is being held at Brimbank Park, Keilor on Tuesday 28th May. Eight of our students will be competing and representing the Werribee District. We wish the following students the best of luck as they tackle the many undulations and tough course set out for them at Brimbank Park;

Jessica Evans, Zahra Abela, Rachel Evans, Eliza Moodie, Caitlin Hendricksen, Andrew Costa, Lucas Rubeli & Taite Doidge

5/6 REGIONAL SPORTS TRIALS
We are extremely proud of the following students who will continue their quest to progress through to the State level in their respective sports. They will partake in a rigorous selection process at the Regional Trials being conducted over the next two weeks. Good luck girls!

Scarlet Saxon-Jones & Cleo Saxon-Jones – SOCCER, Eliza Moodie – NETBALL & BASKETBALL

5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
This week in the Winter Round Robin competition we have a BYE.
Next week (Round 5) on Friday 31st May we play St. Andrews Primary School in an AWAY game.
The matches will be played at the following venues;

Netball & Soccer – St. Andrews Primary School, Football – Howqua Way, Teeball – Presidents Park

There is NO HOCKEY as St. Andrews are unable to field a team
Parents are welcome to come and watch. Games commence at 1.30pm.

REMINDER – ALL FOOTBALLERS AND HOCKEY PLAYERS MUST WEAR A MOUTHGUARD

ROUND 3 RESULTS

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A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who have assisted our coaches by umpiring matches during the Winter Round Robin competition;
Rick Spinks (Football – Rnd 1 & 3), Wayne Free (Football – Rnd 2), Judy Puli (Netball – Rnd 1,2 & 3)

5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL
The venue for the Year 5/6 Girls Football competition on Monday 3rd June has been changed. The event will now take place at Wyndham Vale Reserve. Please note; All players MUST WEAR A MOUTHGUARD. Thank you to Tim and Cherie Moodie for conducting two training sessions with the girls and preparing them for the upcoming event.

5/6 HOOPTIME
Unfortunately due to a massive number of entries to this year’s 5/6 Hoop Time Competition, our 5/6 teams will not be competing on Wednesday 12th June. The new date for this event is on Friday 23rd August. My apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Tanya Staehr – Sports Coordinator

NORTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB
As a North Melbourne Football Club Network School, it was fantastic to see so many families take advantage of the free tickets on offer to this weekend’s match.

North Melbourne v Adelaide
Sunday, 26th May - 3:20pm start
Etihad Stadium
Theme
Round 9 is the AFL’s Indigenous Round. North will bring back some famous, Indigenous former players to be involved with the match. The NMFC Indigenous Academy will form a Guard of Honour prior to the match.

Entertainment
The NMFC Kids’ Zone will once again be set up outside Gate 5 prior to the match. There will be giveaways, as well as numerous fun activities, including handball targets, goalkicking, speccy man, as well as player appearances.

Getting there
For anyone travelling by Public Transport, the best option is to catch a train to Southern Cross station and access the Stadium via the Bourke Street footbridge.

A message from the club:
Thanks everyone - it is a huge game for North. We are playing some great football, but desperately need a win to keep in touch of the top 8. We would love to see as many of you and your students there as possible to support the team.

Cheers,
JOSH EATON | FAN DEVELOPMENT & MATCH DAY EXECUTIVE
NORTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB
Ph. (03) 9320 2482 | Fax. (03) 9320 2401

Friday 24 May 2013
Active Kids are Healthy Kids!

National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event held in Primary Schools around Australia on Friday 24 May 2013. Parents and carers are asked to walk their children all or part of the way to school. Those who can’t walk the whole way are asked to combine a walk with public transport or to park the car a good distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

The Walk to School program:
- Encourages regular physical activity because active kids are healthy kids.
- Helps reduce hazardous traffic congestion in and around schools, creating pedestrian-safe areas for children entering or leaving school.
- Is a way parents, teachers, carers and students can help ease global warming as they reduce car-dependency.
- Teaches children healthy lifestyle habits from a young age as they learn that walking is the best form of exercise. It’s easy, free and almost anyone can do it at anytime. And these habits tend to last a lifetime.

On Friday 24 May 2013 National Walk Safely to School Day, every child who arrives at school in an active way will receive a piece of fruit. This will be served at the gym from 8:15 – 8:45am.

Please note: Mrs. Wembridge will still be meeting anyone who would like to walk part way at Chirnside Park, leaving at 8:30am.

IMPORTANT NOTICE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
If you have claimed EMA earlier this year at Werribee Primary School you do not have to apply again. However, if you missed the February cut-off date or your child has transferred to Werribee Primary School during the first half of the year, you are required to apply for the second instalment. If you were not eligible for EMA during the first semester, but are now on a Pension Concession or Health Benefit Card, you must also complete the application. These claims must be made at the school office by 2nd August 2013.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED

Nude Food News

The Best Nude Food Grade Awards were presented by Day Day Bleh Dah Moo and Felix Scarlett at assembly this week. The winning grades were: Prep M – 3, Prep P – 3, 1/2 M – 7, 1/2 G – 7, 3/4 J – 11, 5/6 L - 9

Congratulations to 3/4 J who were the winning nude food grade and received the nude food trophy. Let’s see which grade can beat the score of 11 next week! Don’t forget to pack your nude food lunch box!
Nude Food Tip: Instead of wrapping your sandwich in aluminium foil which goes to landfill, put it in a container that can be reused!
Remember to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink 😊

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?
Are there any parents who might have some time to volunteer to assist with some painting around the school – the maroon walls in the courtyard (main building), the facia near the flagpoles and some of the seating around the school?
Please contact Rosemary Doherty if you are able to assist. Thank you

CANTEEN PRICE LIST - EFFECTIVE 26/04/13

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Our school canteen is only open on Wednesdays at lunch time for over the counter sales. Students need to fill out a canteen order form available from their classroom teacher if purchasing hot food on this day.

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2

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STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

RATIONALE

Werribee Primary School has always had a strong tradition of students wearing a uniform. The maroon colour associated with the school is known and recognised around the wider Wyndham community, giving students a sense of belonging and a degree of security. The uniform assists the students to feel pride in their school and themselves.

AIMS

School Council requires all students to wear the official school uniform to:
- Create a distinctive, attractive, practical mode of dress in the school colour of maroon.
- Create and promote a sense of belonging to Werribee Primary School.
- To identify students in the community, particularly during school excursions, sporting activities and special occasions.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The dress code applies during school hours and whilst travelling to and from school.
- The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students at Werribee Primary School.
- The wearing of sports uniforms is compulsory at sporting competitions.
- On school house sport days children may wear t-shirts in house colours.
- The wearing of school uniform is required on excursions and outings where appropriate. Instructions for uniform to be worn will be included on written notifications of impending excursions and outings.
- Maroon hats (in Legionnaire, Wide-Brimmed or Bucket style) which are deemed sun smart and official uniform garments, will be required to be worn outside during the months of September to the end of April. A ‘no hat, no play’ policy applies during September to the end of April.
- Year six students may purchase and wear, as part of their uniform, a Year 6 T-shirt or Bomber Jacket, which will be available by ordering early in the school year.
- Students new to the school will be allowed three weeks in which to comply with the Student Dress Code.
- The school has a uniform shop and a second hand uniform shop available for parents / guardians to purchase uniform items. The school will use the services of State Schools’ Relief in appropriate circumstances.
- When a student does not comply with the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians will be contacted and provided with a copy of the uniform requirements. This letter will seek their support of school policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
- Consistent failure to wear school uniform will incur consequences. (In the case of sporting competitions and excursions pupils will not participate.)
- The only acceptable earrings are small sleepers or studs. Other jewellery, including facial piercings, is not permitted.
- Makeup and coloured nail polish is not acceptable to be worn to school.
- Hair is to be of a natural colour. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back.
- Shoes must be black school shoes or runners (it is not compulsory to wear black runners, ensuring toes and heels are covered. No thongs or open toed sandals or clogs are to be worn.)
# Official Uniform Garments for Werribee Primary School

## General Uniform
- **Shorts:** Maroon unisex rugby knit
  - Maroon basketball mesh
  - Grey cotton drill
- **Tracksuit Pants:** Maroon or Grey
- **Cargo Pants:** Grey
- **Short Sleeve Polo Shirt:** Maroon
- **Long Sleeve Polo Shirt:** Maroon
- **Skivvy:** Maroon
- **Windcheater:** Maroon
- **Rugby Top:** Maroon (sky blue stripe)
- **Kilt:** Maroon Check
- **Dress:** Maroon & White Check
- **Hijab:** Maroon or Black
- **Hats:** Maroon Legionnaire, Wide Brimmed or Bucket hats during September-April
- **Shoes:** School Shoes or Runners (toes and heels must be covered in)
- **Socks:** Grey or white
- **Tights:** Black or Navy

## Sports Uniform
- **Shorts:** Maroon
- **Polo Shirt:** Maroon
- **Netball Skirt:** Maroon (Netball skirts are not to be worn as school uniform)
- **Runners Optional Items:**
  - **Raincoat:** Maroon
  - **Scarf/Beanie:** Maroon

## No logos or advertising on clothing

**Please note:** Black pants are NOT a part of Werribee Primary School's uniform policy, therefore they are not to be worn.

**Exemptions**

**Grounds for seeking exemptions:**
- an aspect of the policy offends a religious belief held by the student or parents.
- an aspect of the policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
- the parents of the student can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the policy.
- the student has a particular health condition or disability that requires the policy to be departed from.

**Procedures for seeking exemptions:**
- Parents contact the principal and state on what grounds they wish to seek exemption and complete a proforma application for exemption.
- Evidence from other sources may be submitted in writing to support the request for exemption.
- Requests for exemption will be treated in the strictest confidence.

**Granting of exemptions:**
- This will be the sole responsibility of the principal.
- The principal will treat each application on its merits and consider what kind of exemption or modification of the Dress Code requirements may be appropriate.
- Decisions made will be conveyed to the parent / guardian in writing.
• A summary of applications for exemption and decisions made will be reported to School Council at the following School Council meeting.

Enforcement of Dress Code
• When a student does not comply with the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians will be contacted and provided with a copy of the uniform requirements. This letter will seek their support of school policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
• Students NOT wearing School Uniform will be excluded from excursions and inter school sporting competitions.
• Students not complying with the school hat policy will remain undercover (breezeway) during recess and lunchtimes for the months of September to end of April.

Communication
• The School Council Policy Statement on Dress Code will be publicised at the beginning of each year.
• Copies of the policy will be available on Werribee Primary School Website.
• Copies of the policy will be given to all new enrolments.

REFERENCES

The Victorian Government Schools Policy and Advisory Guide – Student Dress Code

EVALUATION

A review of the Dress Code Policy will be conducted every two years.
This policy encompasses all aspects of Werribee Primary School including Outside School Hours Care
This policy was approved at School Council Meeting on: 16 October 2012

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