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: **Courteous** ♦ **Cooperative** ♦ **Respectful** ♦ **Responsible**
Our education priorities are: ♦ **Literacy** ♦ **Numeracy** ♦ **Social Competency**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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**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  
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**Web:** [www.werribeeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.werribeeps.vic.edu.au)  
**Email:** werribee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
STUDENT REPORTS / PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All parents should have received their child’s mid-year student reports on the final day of term two. Some reports that were not distributed have been posted. However, we request that you please contact the school if you have not received your child’s report to ensure that this can be distributed accordingly. Please be reminded that Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted in week 6 of term three; a separate note will be distributed regarding this in the near future; dates also appear on the front cover of the OWL and in the school calendar available on the website.

Please be aware that, although the reports look the same as in previous years, there were actually some big changes made in the manner in which scores were assigned in some subject areas. This was necessary because of the introduction of the Australian Curriculum, which is known as AusVELS in Victoria as it incorporates features of the previous VELS curriculum, or Victorian Essential Learning Standards. This required an interim method of assigning achievement scores to children in June 2013 in the following subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science and The Humanities - History. This presented some challenges to teaching staff, mainly due to the very short timeline in which teachers were able to access AusVELS information and content as a result of industrial work bans implemented across the school, specifically related to a ban on AusVELS. The bans were lifted around the same time that teachers were required to report against AusVELS. Accordingly, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development advised schools to use conversion tables (converting VELS scores to AusVELS) as an interim measure, acknowledging the fact that the new Australian Curriculum had not been fully implemented in most schools. Accordingly, the growth indicator, as provided in previous years, was not available for these particular subjects. This created challenges for teachers in monitoring growth from previous years and therefore may have caused some inconsistencies from previous reports. If you would like to discuss these issues regarding your child’s report, we encourage you not to wait until the week 6 Parent Teacher Interviews and please contact your child’s teacher immediately to discuss any concerns you may have.

FOOTBALL – IMPORTANCE OF safe PLAY

Children who play football regularly at recess and lunch time were reminded, at a special gathering of regular players after the assembly on Monday, of some very important rules and guidelines related to football ‘play’ at school; here are some of the messages that were relayed:

- Football ‘play’ at school recess and lunch times is not the same as playing football in an actual match that has the luxury of wide open spaces, coaches and umpires to monitor the game.
- The space available on the school oval is not big enough for ‘match like’ play.
- The system of football ‘play’ at school need to be very different to how an actual match is played within a ‘club’ or ‘team’ environment and the rules need to be adjusted accordingly.
- Physical contact, rough play or tackling is therefore not allowed at school.
- ‘Kick to kick’ is the only acceptable form of football ‘play’ at our school, given the high numbers of participants assigned to a limited space and, although we do have teachers on yard duty, they are not there to act as umpires, coaches or trainers.

It is important to note that these principles also apply to other team sports, such as rugby, soccer and basketball; however, at this time of the year it is Aussie Rules football that seems to be causing the most issues. It was necessary to clarify and reinforce these rules as a result of a number of serious injuries that have been sustained in recent times by children playing Aussie Rules football. Some of these injuries were caused by simple, unintentional clashes, slips or falls, making it even more important to reinforce the ‘no-contact’ or ‘rough play’ rule. Please discuss this issue with your child to help reinforce the need for us all to do our best to make Werribee PS a safe and enjoyable environment for children to learn and have fun with their friends.

THANK YOU BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Well done and thank you to the many volunteers who gave up much of their spare time to help out at our Bunnings sausage sizzle last Saturday in Hoppers Crossing. It was a wet and miserable day, which didn’t dampen their enthusiasm and commitment, but it did keep the usual crowds away. Nevertheless, the team did manage to raise approximately $1800 for the school that will be put towards the purchase of new inter school sports uniforms and/or permanent outside seating. The following volunteers were acknowledged at last Monday’s assembly; thank you once again to:
Coles Werribee who donated a $25 voucher
Tasman Meats
Paul & Jamie Taylor
Emily & Jacob Dunn
Mr Millar
Mrs Doherty
Jade Crawford

Janeane & Stan Davidson
Karyn & Wayne McEachran
Koula Scarlett
Leanne Robertson
Libby Spinks
Lorraine Chugg
Naomi Cochrane
Andrew and Brenda Caserta

Sandra Savory
Tom Christou
Kerry Liangos
Penny & Brett Hendricksen
And finally Denise Smith who stayed by the BBQ between 8am and 5:30pm cooking sausages non-stop.

A special thank-you needs to be conveyed to Penny Hendricksen, one of our parent representatives on School Council, for the time and effort she put in to ensuring this fund raising event ran smoothly. We have been given the opportunity to hold another sausage sizzle on Wednesday 18th September in the opening week of a new Super Bunnings on Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing. Penny will be recruiting further volunteers to help out with this event so, if you were disappointed that you weren’t able to help out last time, ‘never fear’; you will have another opportunity to help out sooner than you thought☺️...... Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

QUICK REMINDERS:
National Tree Planting Day – Tomorrow (Friday 26th), many hands make light work – please send your children along to school with gardening gloves, ready to help out. Please check with your child’s teacher as to what time year levels are participating in this event.
Girls Netball Team – Good luck to our netballers who will be participating in a Wyndam District final at our school this Friday.
Trivia Night – Tickets are now available for our Trivia Night on Friday 6th September, which promises to be a great night out for the adults of our school community. Please book tickets at the office. Donations for Action prizes are also being accepted by the school. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this event.

Sue Osborne,
Acting Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 3, 2013

Wed 31st July  Deb Cowton, Michelle Bailey, Leanne Gosling, Effie Coates, Jane Puli
Wed 7th August  Karyn McEachran, Joanne Richards, Kym Dunn, Anna Richards

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

Due to the varying numbers of students in each grade, beginning this term we will be working out the winning nude food grades based on a percentage, rather than the number of students per grade that had nude food.

The Best Nude Food Grade Awards were presented by Day Day Dah Moo and Roberta Salvo at assembly this week. The winning grades were:

Prep P – 53% 1/2 M – 59% 3/4 H - 38% 5/6 S and 5/6 F – 35%

Well done to 1/2 M with 59% of their class bringing a nude food lunch box to school, they are the winners of the new nude food trophy this week!

Results

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You can contribute to our Zero Waste Tolerance days by packing a nude food lunch box!

Remember to reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink!

FINISHED MURAL

Thank you Bunnings for donating the plants and mulch to finish the mural area. The final result looks fantastic. Your continued support of our school is much appreciated.
On 18 July the Preps to Grade Two’s braved the howling winds to participate in their cross country run. They put in a fantastic effort running through the occasional spitting rain. These are the results.

**Prep Boys**
1st Darcy Coker  
2nd James Weber  
3rd Lucas Bailey  
4th Lincoln Walsh

**Prep Girls**
1st Amy Edwards  
2nd Lucy Foster  
3rd Jordan Ryan  
4th Sabine Scarlett

**G1 Boys**
1st Jack Mummery  
2nd Lachlan Maxwell  
3rd Jack Crosher  
4th Ignatius Scarlett

**G1 Girls**
1st Lou Lou Field  
2nd Adrijana Trifkovic  
3rd Nadia Kocis  
4th Madison Bolger

**G2 Boys**
1st Joshua Owen  
2nd Tully Pugliese

**G2 Girls**
1st Lauren Edwards  
2nd Caitlin Dousling  
3rd Finn Coker  
4th Finn Wietschorke

4th Madison Allen

The winning house is GREEN!

Thanks to Nick, House Captains, Diana Stockdale for photos and parents who helped on the day.

**FRIDAY 26TH JULY**

Getting involved in Schools Tree Day is a great thing to do.

Get your hands dirty, make your school look beautiful, have fun with your friends and help the environment all at once!

- STIHL is sponsoring the installation of a Green Wall
- Bunnings is providing plants and mulch to complete our mural area
- Wyndham City Council is providing 100 trees for us to plant
- All grades will be involved in planting or weeding on the day
- Students are asked to bring gardening gloves and gardening tools if they have them.
- You are welcome to come along and join in all the fun.
TERM 3 – SPORTS EVENTS

Term 3 looks set to be a very busy time for our athletes at Werribee P.S. A large number of sporting events are being conducted during the upcoming weeks this term;

Friday 26th July  5/6 Girls Netball Division Final
Tuesday 30th July  3-6 House Athletics Carnival
Friday 2nd August  5/6 Lightning Premiership
Thursday 8th August  5/6 Girls Football Regional Finals
Friday 16th August  5/6 Interschool Sport Summer Round Robin recommences
Friday 23rd August  5/6 Hoop Time
Monday 9th September  SSVWD Athletics Carnival
Friday 13th September  1/2 Hoop Time

3/4 HOOP TIME
Thirty nine of our Year 3/4 students competed at the Hoop Time competition on Wednesday 17th July. A wonderful day was had by all. Our three “Rookie” teams improved upon their skills, teamwork and understanding of the game of basketball as the day progressed. Both our “Future Stars” teams came up against very experienced competitors, but their positive attitudes and determination were rewarded with both teams recording a win later in the day. Our “All Star Boys” were successful in reaching the Grand Final, where they were defeated by Williamstown North P.S. Congratulations to all students involved. I was extremely proud of the way in which our students conducted themselves and delighted to see each and every student thoroughly enjoying the experience. Thank you also to Miss Elliott and the wonderful parents who assisted on the day with coaching and scoring; Tim Moodie, Judy Puli, Gary Dancey, Sam Reynolds, Tammy Brennan and Naomi Cochrane.

First of all I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of the parents and families for helping out with hoop time. Also thank you to Mrs Staehr for organising hoop time and Miss Elliot for helping on the day. Werribee went fabulous at basketball. All the kids had a go and they did their best.

By Gracie Shorney and Emma Free  3/4 T

WORLD CUP KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
On the weekend, Lowri Dancey (3/4T) and her dad Gary, competed in the World Cup Karate Championships held in Sydney. With over 1000 competitors at the event, Lowri and Gary competed in “Sparing” and Carta (Patterns) in their age group and division (both are Green belts). Lowri finished fourth in the 10-11 year female group and Gary also achieved a fourth place in his age group and division. What an amazing achievement. Well done Lowri and Gary.

5/6 GIRLS NETBALL – DIVISION FINAL
Congratulations to the 5/6 Girls Netball team that were undefeated in our Interschool Sport Winter Round Robin competition. The team, consisting of Eliza Moodie, Caitlin Hendricksen, Zara Puli, Stephanie Bandis, Hannah Keogh, Rachel Evans, Emma Hills, Emily Cheetham & Ebonie Toohey, have progressed to the Division Finals which will be conducted this Friday (26th July) in our school Gym. We will compete in a Round Robin competition against The Grange and Baden Powell. The first game will commence at 12 noon. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and are asked to sign in at Reception. Good luck Girls!

YEAR 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday 30th July at the Werribee Victoria University Athletics Track on Hoppers Lane. It is an expectation that all Year 3-6 students participate in the event. Permission forms should be returned and payment made by this Friday (26th July). Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to assist on the day.
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5/6 LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP
The 5/6 Lightning Premiership is taking place on Friday 2nd August. Teams have been selected and permission forms are due back this Friday (26th July). Parents and friends are welcome to attend the day to cheer on our teams. Games commence at 9.30am and conclude at 2.30pm. The venues for each sport are as follows; Teeball – Presidents Park, Soccer – Galvin Park, Football – Wyndhamvale Reserve, Netball & Basketball – Werribee Recreation Centre

Tanya Staehr – Sports Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE

The Facilities Committee invites all families in the school to assist at our working bee on Saturday 3rd August 2013. Work will begin at 9:00am and will conclude with a sausage sizzle and raffle at 11:00am. If you are able to attend and assist please complete the slip below and return it via your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Some of the jobs to be completed:

☑ General yard clean up
☑ Up-keep of playground equipment
☑ Weeding of garden beds
And many, many more….

________________________________________________________________________

WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 2013

☐ Yes, I am able to help out at the working bee.

Name: ..........................................................Child & Grade: ..........................................................

How many helpers: .............................

☐ Yes, I am able to bring some equipment to help out with the yard clean-up.

I am able to bring (please circle):
wheelbarrow   broom   shovel/spade   whipper snipper   gloves
Werribee Primary School Trivia Night

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Werribee Primary School Trivia Night
Please return this form with correct money to your child’s teacher or the WPS office.

Family Name: __________________ Child’s Name: ________________ Grade: ______

I would like to purchase:

☐ _____ tickets at $20.00 each OR ☐ a table at $200.00

Total: ______
Early Learning is Fun (ELF) Karen bicultural family support worker Thamay Naysay was inducted to the Victorian Refugee Recognition Record (VRRR) by Victorian Multicultural Commission Chairperson, Mr Chin Tan on June 24.

The VRRR celebrates and documents the diverse and outstanding contributions that people of refugee background have made to their own communities and to the State of Victoria. Since its inception in 2004, almost 200 individuals have been inducted to the VRRR.

Thamay was nominated by Berry Street and the award recognises the extraordinary contribution she makes through her work in the Early Learning is Fun program as well as her through her voluntary work.

Thamay’s passion, strong and gentle leadership and commitment to her community make characterise her facilitation of the Karen Play and Learn group in Werribee that aims to support parents and carers in their role as their child’s first teacher with a particular focus on children from birth to three. Within the group Thamay models and encourages the precepts of self-determination and reciprocal support that inform the ELF model and is proactive in realising the model’s focus on language development by using Karen language to facilitate the group, overtly connecting development and identity to family culture, custom and history.

In partnering with local community early years service providers and with other local service such as schools and maternal and child health to deliver the ELF Karen Play and Learn group, Thamay provides a seamless link to other universal and specialist services and is often called upon to attend and facilitate forums to represent the Karen community.

The expertise Thamay has developed in her community work in building a bridge between two cultures is indispensable in her Berry Street role where she works to provide an avenue for families attending the ELF Play and Learn group to access appropriate services. Significantly, Thamay’s knowledge supports the development of culturally competent practice in our services—making them easier to use for Karen families.

A portrait of Thamay and the other inductees is on public exhibition in the gallery space, Conference Centre of 1 Spring Street, Melbourne (enter via Hinders Lane).
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Netball Victoria is running a Come and Try netball session this Saturday at the Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre (Rec Centre), Ballan Road.

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