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 • Respect • Responsibility
Our education priorities are • Literacy • Numeracy • Social Competency

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

| 00P | Daniel Kwa La |
| 00S | Mitchell Nicholas 1/2I Dorsa Rojina/Mima |
| 1/2K | Maya Olivia 3/4C Breanna Angus 3/4J Candle Paw |
| 3/4E | Mue Sa Bleh Paw 5/6L Ebonie Sila 5/6R Mia Owen |

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Principal Appointment
Your school council is pleased to announce that the selection of a new Principal for Werribee Primary School has been concluded. David Quinn, currently the Assistant Principal at Glenferrie Primary School, has been offered and accepted the position.

Whilst the selection of David is subject to a 2 week provisional appointment period, we have the positive expectation that David will commence as Principal at the start of term 4.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the selection panel for their contribution to an extensive selection process. A strong field of candidates for the re-advertised position required a very considered decision.

I would also like to thank Sue Osborne, our Acting Principal and the school staff for keeping the school in such good order through a difficult year. The professional and caring standards of Werribee Primary School are a credit to a very dedicated and hardworking team.

David will introduce himself through the school newsletter in the coming weeks and is eager to meet our wonderful school community in person when term 4 commences.

Phil Morley, School Council President
ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR WERRIBEE PS
I am very pleased to be welcoming our new Principal to Werribee Primary School, Mr David Quinn, as of term four 2013. This will be a positive and exciting time for the school as we continue our school improvement pathway. The staff and I all look forward to meeting and working with Mr Quinn over the coming weeks and beyond. More information will made available to parents/guardians in the OWL regarding opportunities to meet Mr Quinn in term four.

MULTIPLE PERMISSION FORMS
Thank you to the parents/guardians who have returned the new and improved version of our Multiple Permission Form. This form provides the school with permission for a variety of items such as: Local walking excursions; head lice checks and; viewing PG rated materials. It has mainly been necessary to upgrade this form to keep up with changes in technology and the manner in which we publish images of children. Therefore, the second page of the multiple permission form focuses on: Acceptable use of internet and email; permission for photographs to be published in a variety of ways at school and; permission for children’s images and school work to be published in our Yearbook. Please return these forms as soon as possible; they were distributed at parent teacher interviews last week, however, they are available from teachers, on our website or at the office if you need a copy.

LEARNING CELEBRATION – VOCABULARY EXTRAVAGANZA
It was the children’s turn to dress up as an interesting word this week, as part of our Vocabulary Extravaganza. Please visit our school blog to view some images of the interesting ways that children modelled the words. Well done to the children and their families who came up with creative and ‘thrifty’ ways of dressing up as interesting words. (Note my use of an interesting word ‘thrifty’ which means to be economical or to save money.) Thank you to Mrs Millar for organising the event and for coaching teachers to focus on the importance of teaching word knowledge and vocabulary development. It certainly was a great way for the school community to get together and celebrate learning about new and interesting words.

HATS
Can you believe it? September has come around at a rapid rate and that means, according to our Sunsmart policy, we need to implement our No Hat No Play rule as of September 1st. Hats worn by students should be maroon in colour and need to protect the face, neck and ears. They include the following styles: legionnaire caps (with flaps that cover the ears); bucket style or; broad brimmed hats. Baseball caps are not acceptable as they do not provide adequate sun protection and they are usually not the correct colour; maroon. Children wearing baseball hats to school will be asked to remove them and leave them in their school bags. This is a reminder for families to search for children’s proper school hats over the weekend, ready for them to be routinely worn from now until the end of April.

UNIFORM
This is a reminder that black pants are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn to school. Children who wear black pants to school will be reminded that this is not the correct uniform and will be requested to wear the proper uniform, which includes grey or maroon pants, shorts or tracksuit pants. The uniform policy is available for parents/guardians to access on our website and all uniform items are available for sale at Rushford’s School Wear, 93 Watton St, Werribee, 9741 3211.

PLEASE DON’T APPROACH CHILDREN OVER ISSUES – SEE STAFF INSTEAD
Parents and guardians are reminded 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.

QUICK REMINDERS
Found – Scooter. A distinct coloured scooter has been found and is available for the owner to claim it at the office. If your child has recently lost a scooter, please contact the office.

Staff Room – Our staff room is currently being renovated. Please be aware that the stage area of the gym will be temporarily converted to our staff room whilst these works are in progress.
**P-2 Playground Surface** – Work will begin to resurface our sinking playground surface in the P-2 area this weekend. A temporary fence has been constructed around this zone for the duration of the works. We are mindful that this will cause some disruption and appreciate your patience during the rectification works. We are requesting that people keep away from this area as much as possible.

**Trivia Night** – Tickets are still available for our Trivia Night on **Friday 6th September**. 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. Please visit our school blog to view the video promotion of, what should prove to be an enjoyable night out for the adults of the Werribee Primary School Community.  

http://werribeeps.global2.vic.edu.au/2013/08/15/trivia-night/

*Sue Osborne, Acting Principal*

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**TERM 3 – SPORTS EVENTS**

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**HOOP TIME**

The 5/6 Hoop Time competition was conducted on Friday 23rd August at the Werribee Recreation Centre. Werribee Primary School had 6 teams entered across the three levels of competition: All Star Girls, All Star Boys, Future Stars (3) & Rookies. The 42 students involved had a wonderful day and each team had the opportunity to play between 5 and 7 games. Our All Star Girls Team progressed to the semi-finals and finished the day in third position. Each of our other teams finished the day with at least two wins, but most importantly our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented the school with distinction. Thank you very much to the parents and staff that coached and scored on the day: Gillian Perry, Judy Puli, Davon Kroeger, Joel Keogh, Miss Scarrott, Penny Hendricksen & Cherie Moodie. Without so much assistance we would not be able to enter so many teams. It was also fantastic to see so many parents on the sideline supporting and cheering along our kids. There were plenty of comments made about our NEW BASKETBALL SINGLETS! The teams looked sensational. These were purchased using a proportion of the funds collected from the Voluntary Contribution at the beginning of the school year. We look forward to adding the matching shorts to the collection next year! See our website for more photos.

The 1/2 Hoop Time competition is taking place on Friday 13th September. There will be 36 of our students involved. This day comprises of a coaching session in the morning and then students will have the opportunity for some game...
play in the afternoon. The day caters to all abilities: from the complete beginner to those already involved in the sport. Consent forms have gone home this week with those students involved. If any parents are able to assist on the day, can you please indicate this in the appropriate section of the form.

5/6 INterschool Sport – SUMMER ROUND Robin
There are two rounds left in the 5/6 Interschool Sport program. Next week (Friday 6th September) we play Iramoo in an AWAY game. Matches commence at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

TEEBALL – President’s Park    CRICKET – Galvin Park
BAT TENNIS, BASKETBALL & VOLEYBALL – Iramoo Primary School

SSVWD ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The SSVWD Athletics Carnival is being held at the Victoria University Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane, Werribee on Monday 9th September. There will be 60 students representing Werribee Primary School. Notes have gone home with those students involved. Please contact me immediately if your child is unable to attend the day.

Tanya Staehr – Sports Coordinator

STIHL MY GREEN WALL PROJECT
STIHL’s My Green Wall project sees the installation of vertical gardens in a select number of primary schools around the country. The vertical garden is a tangible learning experience for Grade 3 students to teach kids about nurturing real plants over time.
STIHL’s My Green Wall project is about letting kids get their hands dirty and have a little fun, while educating them about the importance of our natural environment and how to take care of plants.
Werribee Primary School is one of the first schools in this area to have a Green Wall installed. The students were very excited about participating in this activity. Many adults responded positively to the finished result. We received our own vertical garden – a complete kit which includes a steel frame structure carrying up to thirty pots. This is supported by curriculum-compliant educational and teaching materials for Grade 3 students, as well as inclusive take-home materials for each child to share with their family. See our website for more photos.
To celebrate Book Week the library was open every day at lunch time for students to come along and participate in activities.

On **Monday** it was story time with year Prep/1/2 students listening to stories read by year 5/6 students. The year 5/6 students also planned activities for children based on the books. A big thank you to the following students who volunteered for this day.

- Monique and Roodra 5/6P
- Juray and Ploy 5/6F
- Alizeah and Emily 5/6S
- Claudia and Mia 5/6R

Competition day was on **Tuesday** and students could choose a colour in picture or make a poster about the book week theme of “Read across the Universe”.

**Wednesday** was games and reading day.

On **Thursday** it was ‘making things’ day where students could use recycled materials and paper, glue and tape to make something to do with the theme or anything of their choice. Students also had the chance to vote for their favourite book from the short listed titles every day during the week. The winning Authors and Illustrators of the CBCA Book of the Year were announced on Friday. Students who voted for these books were put into a draw and the winners of each category are below.

- **Early Childhood Book** - “The Terrible Suitcase” by Emma Allen and Freya Blackwood voted for by Debbie 1/2M
- **Picture Book** - “The Coat” by Ron Brooks and Julie Hunt, voted for by Akshita 3/4

*Congratulations to the lucky winners and thank you to all of the students who voted.*
**Friday** was Author Day with a display of books by Jackie French. Students watched the video of “Diary of a Wombat” by Jackie French and then made origami wombats from coloured paper.

**Canteen Roster – Term 3, 2013**

- **Wed 4th September**: Tammy Brennan, Penny Hendricksen, Mandy Courtney, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes
- **Wed 11th September**: Deb Cowton, Michelle Bailey, Leanne Gosling, Effie Coates, Jane Puli
- **Wed 18th September**: Karyn McEachran, Joanne Richards, Kym Dunn, Anna Richards

**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 P – 53%
- 1/2 C – 45%
- 3/4 H - 55%
- 5/6 R - 50%

The results were extremely close this week with only 2% separating 1st and 2nd place for the nude food trophy. The grade that was victorious this week with 55% of their grade with a nude food lunch box was 3/4H! They are the winners of the nude food trophy this week.

**Results**

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From September, 5 things to remember

*Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!*

From September, Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise, so it’s time to dust off the sun protection gear and *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide* whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times – you can find it on the free SunSmart app, online ([sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au)), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free [website widget](http://sunsmart.com.au). If you can’t check the UV Alert each day, make sure you use sun protection every day *from September to the end of April* in Victoria. Don’t just wait for hot, sunny days.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it’s cool or cloudy

1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child’s skin covered with cool clothing today?
2. **Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?
3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Does your child’s hat protect all of these areas?
4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun’s UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?
5. **Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.** If practical, help protect your child’s eyes with sunglasses. Are your child’s eyes safe in the sun?

A note about vitamin D

The sun’s UV is the best natural source of vitamin D. From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure to the face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D. Children with naturally very dark brown or black skin need even more sun exposure to help with vitamin D. These children usually don’t need to apply sunscreen but they should still use the other SunSmart steps during sun protection times.

For further information contact:
SunSmart:
Ph: 9635 5148
Email: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
Web: [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au)
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MATHEMATICS – ENGLISH

- Assist your child to:
- Advance beyond the level of their school curriculum
- Improve fundamental learning skills
- Form solid study habits and self-confidence

WERRIBEE EDUCATION CENTRE
Contact: Janette Biasi on 9742 4936
Auction items needed

Donations are still needed for auction items for the Trivia night. The Trivia night is our major fundraiser for this year. You can help by donating:

- an item for your child's class hamper
- have a business? Please donate items or a voucher for services (beauty treatment, car service, food outlet, ...)
- asking others you know to donate items or services
- Buy tickets for the Trivia night

All donations will be acknowledged and advertised in the evening's program and on the school's website.

Keys please!

We are in need of as many padlock keys as we can get for a Trivia night activity. **We will not be able to return the keys** so if you have any you do not require back and are happy to donate to the school please send them to school with your child.
Werribee Primary School
Trivia Night

TRIVIA HOST
COMEDIAN RUSTY BERTHER

ADULTS ONLY

GAMES, LIVE BAND,
AUCTIONS, PRIZES
(including iPad Mini)

ENTRY $20 Tickets
from WPS Office
Ph: 9742 6659

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: ______
Father time is valuable time

On Father's Day it's worth reflecting on how good fathering matters. It matters to mothers. It matters to men. And importantly it matters to children.

Building up frequent father points

Prince William is typical of many modern dads. Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their children was through their wives. Men, increasingly, recognise that their effectiveness is dependent on first-hand interactions with their kids. That means their presence is needed far more than any presents they may provide for their kids.

For some dads first-hand interactions with children are easier said than done. Family separation, work circumstances and busy lifestyles are all factors affecting their capacity to become involved in their children's lives.

In these circumstances it's important that men maintain an emotional attachment to their kids, do their best to know what's going on in their children's lives; and respond appropriately to the developmental imperatives of their children.

The impact of fathering on children

Good fathering matters.

It matters to mothers as a supportive father makes a mother's life easier.

It matters to girls. Good fathering has been linked to higher confidence levels in girls, particularly during the tricky adolescent years. The notion of a father who is present, available and attentive affords a sense of security to a girl, which is necessary for healthy development.

Dads are also the first introduction to the world of men for girls so it's important that fathers treat their daughters with gentleness and respect, but also encourage them to be assertive. In a sense, fathers teach their daughters how
they should expect to be treated by males as they get older.

Good fathering matters to boys. They learn their first lessons of manhood from their dads. Early primary-aged boys usually want to spend a great deal of time with their dads. Steve Biddulph, author of *Raising Boys*, describes this phenomenon as ‘father-hunger’ and suggests that dads need to be around their sons in the primary school years so they can ‘download the software’ of how to be male.

The father-son relationship during adolescence can be problematic. While teen boys seem to be hard-wired to challenge their fathers, most desperately want their dads to be proud of them. Teen boys need a dad who can be firm when needed as they don’t always make great decisions. They need a dad who remembers the awkwardness and insecurity of being a teenage boy themselves. And they relate best to dads who don’t take themselves too seriously. The judicious use of humour, particularly with boys, is a great fathering strategy.

**Fathering matters to men**

And, of course, involved fathering matters to men. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men, as well as of life satisfaction levels. I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing for a man to get into a child’s space and time. There is a big kid in most men just busting to get out.

Parental well-being would be the last thing on Prince William’s mind as he attends to his young son’s needs. It is through these early forays into parenting that Prince William, like countless other men, will find his feet as a dad, and also discover his place in the life of his son.

**Five fathering tips (whether you live with the children’s mother or not):**

1. Go on dates with your daughters.
2. Have adventures with your sons.
4. Change as your child changes.
5. Discipline with firmness and compassion.