WERRIBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 649

The Owl

Owl No. 31 | 31st October 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

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

Alternative Teaching Program for Monday, 4th November

When: Monday 4th November

What: Multi Age Junior/Senior Day

Why: As it is a day preceding the Melbourne Cup public holiday, some families have indicated that their children will not be attending school due to family commitments. This can impact on running a normal classroom program so an alternative program will operate across the school.

How: Students will start the day in their regular classrooms and will then be allocated a room either in the Prep to 2 area or the 3 to 6 area. At the end of the day your child can be collected from the gym.

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

Multi-Age Day
On Monday 4th November we will be holding our Multi-Age Day. As it is the day preceding the Melbourne Cup public holiday, some families have indicated that their children will not be attending school due to family commitments. This can impact on running a normal classroom program so an alternative program will operate across the school. Students will start the day in their regular classrooms and will then be allocated a room either in the Prep to 2 area or the Years 3 to 6 area.

No Assembly on Monday 4th November
Due to our Multi-Age Day on Monday there will be no assembly on Monday 4th November.

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 5th November is the Melbourne Cup public holiday so the school will be closed.

Swimming
Just a reminder that the Swimming Program starts next Wednesday 6th November for those students in Years 3 to 6. If you haven’t yet paid or bought your notes back please do so as soon as possible to help us with planning.

Rotary Art Show Parent Helpers
Thank you to those parents who helped the Werribee Rotary Art Show organisers by holding a Devonshire Tea over the weekend.

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 ☺☺ ☺☺

David Quinn
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 4, 2013

Wed 6th November  Deb Cowton, Jane Pul, Penny Hendricksen, Michelle Bailey, Leanne Gosling
Wed 13th November  Karyn McEachran, Joanne Richards, Kym Dunn, Anna Richards
Wed 20th November  Tammy Brennan, Mandy Courtney, Jane Pul, Leanne Gosling
Wed 27th November  Deb Cowton, Michelle Bailey, Penny Hendricksen, Judy Pul, Pauline Oakes

Parent Information Evening for prospective students attending Werribee Secondary College in 2014.
Date: 13 November 2013
Time: 7.00pm
Place: Werribee Secondary College Auditorium.
Please note that the students are not required to attend this meeting because of limited seats.
Year 1/2 Cultural Night and Year 2 Sleepover

Thank you to all the families who joined the 1/2’s to help celebrate our Cultural Night. Here are some things our students would like to say about the night:
Jarred: The sleepover was good because we got to watch movies.
Troy: I liked the sleepover because in the morning we got to eat breakfast and at night we got to watch movies and eat popcorn.
Lou: I didn’t sleep over, but I liked the disco because the food was yummy, the songs were great and the performances were good too.
Mu Chaw Klay: I liked the Grade 2 sleepover because all the classes had to perform in the gym and there was a disco.
Adi: I liked when we were sharing food and when we performed our bit.
Jasmine – We got to watch Wreck It Ralph and Ironman. I had fun
Tully – It was lots of fun sleeping over. I liked the movie.

Also, a reminder to parents that if students lost any items at the sleepover to please come have a look at the collection of items located in Room 7.

STIHL GREEN WALL

There has been lots of positive feedback about the Green Wall. The one we have was sponsored by STIHL and was custom made. There are a couple of ‘off the shelf’ styles available for purchase from Kain from Ute Designs for further detail: http://www.ute.net.au/ if interested

2013 Werribee Primary School Yearbook

Once again this year we are producing a Werribee Primary School yearbook. It will comprise of 60+ A4 full colour pages, in a professionally printed and bound book. Content will include highlights of the school year, as well a page dedicated to each grade of their class highlights. Class photos of ALL grades will also be included in each book.
These are a great momento for your children to keep as a reminder of their time at Werribee Primary School.
The price of the yearbook will be $18 each. Orders due by Thursday November 14th.

2013 Yearbook Order Form – Return to office with payment by 14th November

Student Name: ________________________________
Grade: __________________
Number of books required: ________
Amount paid ($18 per book): ________
**Nude Food News**

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

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What another fantastic effort by 5/6 S with 65% of their grade with nude food. They are the winners of the new nude food trophy this week.

**Fact:** Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours.

**Remember to reduce, reuse, rethink and recycle!**

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**Keep saving to win more Dollarmites’ treasure!**

The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you. They’re giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 x Kid’s Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP*.  

For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland
Term 4 is well on the way.
It will be a very busy term so here are some things for you to note.

**Curriculum Focus**

Integrated studies- Title of Unit: We are One but we are Many
This unit explores the Dreamtime stories of the Indigenous people of Australia and the arrival of the First Fleet. It also recognises the multicultural contribution of different cultures that make Australia what it is today.

Economic- Consumer Education.

### 5/6 Owl News

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### IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Homework**- given out every Tuesday and due back the following Monday.
Please support your child in ensuring that these are completed and handed in on time. You will be notified if your child attends the homework club to complete overdue homework.

**Electronic Devices (Phone, ipod or ipad)**- A reminder that any valuable electronic devices brought to school must be handed in to the office first thing in the morning. Please send a note or contact the school if your child brings any electronic devices to school.

**Lollies, Sweets and Sugary drinks**- Please monitor the amount of money your child has because some students are going to the shops in the morning and buying excessive amounts of lollies, candies and drinks. We ask that you support our healthy school program and ensure that your child has fruit and not sugar processed products.

**Learning Time**- Learning time is continuing this term. Students who misuse classroom learning time will be making them up during recess and lunch. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Robertson.

**Student Leadership 2014**- We are now in the process of asking interested Year 5 students who would like to be involved in the school leadership team for 2014. We ask however that you support your child with realistic expectations as this could be an emotionally challenging experience for them. We will be updating you regularly with this process and hope that this will help answer any questions you might have.

**House Sports**- This is now held every Friday afternoon. Your child was asked to bring an old t-shirt in the colour of their house to wear during sports. A reminder that the students must wear their full school uniform on Fridays and can change into their t-shirts before sports.

**Parent helpers for swimming**- Please let your class teacher know if you are able to walk with the grade to and from swimming.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing help and support.
Please continue to speak to your child’s teacher if you have any queries.

Thank you

56Teachers
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair and made it a great success. Our school received over $450 worth of books for the library.

*Special thanks to the staff who helped each day too, especially Miss Trofin.*


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**What is Walk to School?**

'Walk to School' is a Victorian campaign, run by VicHealth, aiming to encourage Victorian primary students to walk to and from school, with their parents, more often. Walk to school will run for one month (November).

**When is Walk to School 2013?**

November 2013. There is no one single day, but rather schools are asked to promote walking to school in the month of November, in a way that best suits the schools. November is a great time to start promoting and encouraging our school community to walk, because the fabulous spring sunshine makes it a pleasure to get out of the house, and the car.

**Why promote walking to school?**

Children who walk, cycle or scoot to and from school are generally more active and fitter than children who don’t. 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
- parents to find time to talk with their kids, without having to focus on driving
- communities to cut the traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution caused by our reliance on cars.

Read the newsletter next week for more information
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Contact: Janette Biasi on 9742 4936

Clifford was a surprise guest at the Book Fair!
INSIGHTS
by Michael Grose – No.1 parenting educator

Parenting when you don’t see instant results

The results of your parenting often don’t come until adulthood but you’ve got to keep doing your best in the meantime. That’s one of the great frustrations of being a parent.

There aren’t too many activities you do where it can take years to see the results.

*Parenting is one of them.*

As your kids grow up, you put in a lot of groundwork teaching them how to behave, how to be confident, how to treat others well and so on. But you don’t always see the REAL results of all that effort until your kids are adults.

Nevertheless, you’ve got to keep doing the right thing regardless, even though it takes a lot of *faith*.

I was reminded about this when speaking to a mother recently whose son had struggled at school all his life. She’d put so much of her emotional and physical energy into helping him learn, jolting him along and nursing him through the many ups and downs that only struggling kids seem to experience.

Her son, now a teenager, was about to give up trying. And I could see that his mother felt like giving up too!

She asked: *“When do you stop being a child’s coach and cheer leader?”*

The answer, of course, is that you can’t!

She knew that but, like her son, she needed some encouragement to keep going.

We all do from time to time.

That’s why it useful to remind yourself that parenting is a *long-term activity*.

**The Einstein Factor**

All parents should be aware of the *Einstein Factor.* Albert Einstein was one of the preeminent scientists and thinkers of the 20th century, yet he maintained that he was no smarter than anyone else. He believed he *just stayed on problems longer* than most people.

In the same way, there are some children with whom you just have to stay on the job longer than you would with others.

▶ If you have a *shy* or *socially-challenged* child you might have to stay on the job until adulthood, when she finally finds her own way of building a network of friends and colleagues. Until then, it’s all about *supporting, coaching and coajoling*.

▶ If you have an ADHD-type child you might have to keep on the job longer to keep him out of trouble. You may not see the results until his mid-20s when all that energy goes into starting up his own business or doing something absolutely amazing. In the meantime, *explain, teach and be firm!*

▶ If you have a *late bloomer* you probably have to keep him interested in learning until he learns the practical skills needed to succeed in the workplace or in business, just as many kids who struggle at school end up doing. In the meantime, *encourage, scaffold and model learning.*

We all want instant results in whatever we do. Parenting is no different, except that instant results are rare!
That doesn’t make it any easier when you don’t see results for the effort you put in. But you’ve got to keep on doing the right things, and making the best choices for your kids. In other words, you need to bring the Einstein Factor into your parenting. To help do this:

1. Get support and feedback from your partner, or a colleague. Feedback fires you up.
2. Keep building the skills and knowledge that will help your kids be successful or overcome individual challenges. Kids get lifelong learning from parents more than school.
3. Be around people who fire you up and energise you. It’s no coincidence that great parents hang out together. Support keeps you grounded.

Small hinges swing big doors
A former parenting mentor used to say, “Small hinges swing big doors”. He meant that it’s the little things done by parents on a regular basis that make the biggest difference to kids.

You’ve just got to choose the right actions and keep doing them ... day after day. Have faith that the results will come ... eventually!

NOTE: Get your Kids’ Chores & Responsibilities Kit when you subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael’s FREE weekly parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au