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

**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
Principal’s Report

Curriculum Days (Pupil Free Days) 2014
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) allows all government schools to hold four curriculum days per year. Curriculum days are pupil free days which allow the staff to work together on planning and professional development activities. School Council has approved the following dates for 2014 as curriculum days:
- Tuesday 28th January
- Wednesday 29th January
- Friday 7th March
- Friday 6th June

This means that the first day for students to return to school in 2014 is Thursday 30th January. Please put these dates into your diary.

Congratulations Mrs Shelley Laird
Congratulations to Mrs Shelley Laird who has been appointed as the Assistant Principal at our school starting in 2014. Mrs Laird is currently a Leading Teacher with us and will take up her new role in January. I look forward to working with Mrs Laird as a part of the school’s Principal Class leadership team. As you may be aware Mrs Sue Osborne will start her role as Principal at Ascot Vale Primary School in January.

Enjoy your week

David Quinn
Principal

Swimming Timetable

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Canteen Roster – Term 4, 2013

| Wed 27th November | Deb Cowton, Mandy Courtenay, Penny Hendricksen, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes |
| Wed 4th December  | Karyn McEachran, Joanne Richards, Kym Dunn, Leanne Gosling,              |

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.
**Merry Christmas**

Our final fundraiser for this year is our Christmas Raffle but we need your help! On the 6th of December we will be having a special day, where children get to dress in their normal school uniform along with some Christmas items, e.g. reindeer ears, Santa hat, Christmas T-shirt etc.

Students, who dress up, need to bring a gold coin donation or an appropriate item, which can be used to make into Christmas hampers for the raffle prizes. These items can include Christmas decorations, chocolates, biscuits, novelties, books, toys or anything you wouldn’t mind winning yourself and others would love to receive!

The raffle tickets will be sent out soon, and will cost $1.00 each. They must be returned to school by Thursday the 12th of December so we can draw the prizes at our end of year picnic on Friday the 13th of December.

Good luck everyone and thank you for your assistance.

Parents & Friends Committee

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**Walk to School**

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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**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.


The students love receiving comments about their work.

Happy Blogging ☺☺ ☺☺
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Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places.

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying.

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home.

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait. Here’s how:

✓ Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

✓ Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

✓ Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on him or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

✓ Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

✓ Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.
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