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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THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR PAYMENTS AT 4:00PM ON THURSDAY 19\textsuperscript{th} DECEMBER.
IT WILL RE-OPEN FOR PAYMENTS ON TUESDAY 28\textsuperscript{th} JANUARY 2014 AT 9:00AM

**December 16**
Week 11
Special **TOY DRIVE**
Assembly – 9:05am in Gym

**December 17**
Class Parties
- Prep Beach Party
- Year 1/2 Cinemas
- Year 3/4 Big Day Out

**December 18**
YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENING

**December 19**

**December 20**
Last Day Term Four
- Assembly in Gym
12:45 - 3:10 Finish
2014 School & House Captains announced at Assembly

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](http://www.werribeeps.vic.edu.au)
Email: werribee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Principal’s Report

Thank You
On behalf of all the staff and students of Werribee Primary School, I would like to personally thank all the volunteers for their ongoing support of the school no matter how big or how small their valuable contribution has been throughout 2013. Many of our events and activities could not have been a success without their help and the donation of their time.

Many of our parents and volunteers go above and beyond to help our school thrive. They assist in classrooms, canteen, run fundraising activities, organise after-school activities and much, much more that enrich each student’s educational experience. Werribee Primary School welcomes parents, carers and volunteers. Many programs cannot operate without their support. Thank you to all those who have participated in school life, both formally and informally, through school council, the parents and friends groups, volunteering and staying up to date with news about what is happening in education.

Once again, Werribee Primary School thanks everyone for their efforts and contribution. We hope everyone knows how much all of us appreciate their volunteer service. They are truly making a difference in the lives of the children every day. Involvement in schools by parents, carers and volunteers helps children achieve the best possible learning outcomes. Volunteers with their passion and dedication are so hard to come by. It is one thing for people to give money, but to give so selflessly of their time speaks volumes. We are so looking forward to having many volunteers again next year. Thank you

Student Reports
The end of year student reports will be sent home on Friday 13th December.

End of the Year
The last day of school is Friday 20th December. Please note that school will finish at 1.10pm so please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time. The final assembly for the year will be on the last day starting at 12.40pm where we will be dismissing the students for the year.

Have a great week
David Quinn

Sports Report

BEEP TEST FINALE
The Beep Test Finale is being conducted at the end of next week’s assembly (Monday 16th December). Family and friends are welcome to attend and support the students and staff participating. The students participating are;

YEAR 3/4
Jessica Evans, Jai Kelly, Kane Rubeli, Rhyse Sutherland, Jed Bradford, Blake Rubeli, Brandon Maxwell, Lachlan Reynolds, Will Ryan, Brodie Priestley, Joel Edwards, Josh Puli, Jorja Caserta, Lachlan Caserta & Chelsea Cooper

YEAR 5/6
Nathan Handley, Mitchell Free, Andrew Costa, Jakob Kroeger, Cody Preston, Garrett Spinks, Eliza Moodie, Caitlin Hendricksen, Coen Chang-Kum, Rachel Evans, Jonte Jones, Lucas Rubeli, Zac Caserta & Lachie Gibb
SWIMMING PROGRAM
Thank you to the many parents who assisted the classroom teachers during the Swimming Program. It was
tremendous to receive so much assistance at the pool as well as walking students to and from the pool. It is hard to
believe that at this time of year we have been experiencing such cool, wet and windy weather. Fortunately, we
managed a few warm days and the weather conditions did not deter the students’ enthusiasm.

Tanya Staehr – Sports Coordinator

2014 PARENT PAYMENT & CONTRIBUTION FORM
These forms will be distributed to families on Monday 2nd December and cover the costs of the following items for
each child:
- Essential Educational Items (such as pencils, exercise books, glue sticks etc).
- Optional Extras (pre-payment of items such as: Athletics carnival, and camp deposits – where applicable).
- Voluntary Financial Contributions (optional payments for improvements in: Library resourcing, buildings and
grounds, ICT and curriculum).

As outlined on the Parent Payment and Contribution Form, payment would be appreciated by Thursday 19th
December, 2013; however it is not required until 28th January 2014 (the first day of term 1, 2014 for staff only).
Please be aware that the office will also be open on Tuesday 28th January between 9am and 4:30pm to receive
payments. Please contact our office staff if you have any queries about these payments and processes.
Some changes have been made to the way the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is administered. We
therefore encourage parents who are holders of a Health Care Card to please see our office staff for assistance in
processing their EMA. You must have a Health Care Card which is valid first day of term 1 2014 (28th January). We
are offering opportunities for EMA forms to be processed on Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th and Tuesday 10th December
between the hours 8am – 4pm, please be aware that these forms can also be processed at any time.
However, PLEASE NOTE: The office will not be accepting payments and EMA processing on the final day of term 4,
Friday 20th December.

Nude Food News
The Best Nude Food Grade Awards were presented by Lauren Idda and Jess Evans at assembly this week. The winning
grades were:
Prep S – 53% 1/2M – 56% 3/4 C - 54% 5/6 R - 48%

What a great effort by 1/2 M with 56% of their grade with nude food. They are the winners of the new nude food
trophy this week. This Wednesday is our last nude food day for 2013, so let’s see if we can go out with a bang and
have every student making a huge effort to be a nude foodie!

Results

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Fact: Today’s drink cans weighs 40% less than they did 30 years ago. This saves raw materials and makes your weekly
shopping lighter. Remember to reduce, reuse, rethink and recycle!
ICE CREAM STALL & TOY DRIVE

The classes of Prep P and 3/4H to all the families who contributed to the toy drive by giving their kids money to buy an ice-cream please?

We spent $2000 at the toy shop and our students had a wonderful time choosing a range of toys for a range of age groups. The owners of the toy shop were impressed with our students and said they had impeccable manners.

$2000 is a record and it would be great to try and beat that total next year!
Help Us Walk 60km

Smithers and Jonesy, aka Di Smith and Nic Saxon-Jones, are excited to be raising $$$$ for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

Yes, it’s true; we are in training to walk 60km for the Weekend to End Women’s Cancers in March 2014. Starting on March 1st, we will begin a 2-day, 60km walk through the neighbourhoods of Melbourne. This walk is dedicated to the women who are fighting breast or gynaecological cancer as well as the women we have lost to these cancers.

How to Donate:
2. Select Melbourne then Donate Today
3. Go to Search for a Participant and type in Di Smith
4. Select Friend and nominate an amount.

Thank you,
Di Smith & Nic Saxon-Jones

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Congratulations to the 94 students from Werribee Primary School who read over 4000 books during the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. This is a wonderful effort and we hope even more students get involved in 2014.

If you completed the challenge you will receive your certificate and bookmark during this week. Seven lucky students below also received the Challenge Champion lapel badges at assembly on Monday 9th December.

- Prep: James Weber
- One: Elijah McEachran
- Two: Jamie Roberston
- Three: Candle Paw Liner
- Four: Lani Reed
- Five: Zahra Abela
- Six: Harry Crump

Now check out the fun, new online honour roll using the link below.

(If you have any problems with this see Mrs. Laurence in the library.)

View a personalised video and download your own congratulatory front page of The Age that’s yours to keep as a celebration of this year’s Challenge. See: The PRC Honour Roll
The Twelve Days of Green Christmas

01. Keep your Christmas cool
External shades can cut heat gain in your home by up to 85 per cent.

02. Fans use less energy than air conditioners
If you do need to use an air conditioner, set the thermostat to 26° C.

03. Lights off
Let Christmas lights twinkle in the evening, but switch them off before going to bed.

04. Go local
Shop locally to support your local economy and cut greenhouse gases from transport.

05. Don’t go over the top this Christmas
Choose practical gifts that serve a purpose, such as movie tickets or memberships.

06. Be picky about packaging
Buy products with the least packaging possible.

07. Take your own bags
Take reusable bags when shopping and say no to plastic bags.

08. Give the gift of green power
Sign up for Green Power and give a gift to the planet!

09. Get creative
Wrap presents in newspaper or brown paper and decorate them with flowers, ribbon or string, or put gifts in a reusable bag. Remember to recycle wrapping paper and materials for next Christmas.

10. Send electronic Christmas cards instead of paper ones
E-cards are a fast and fun way to wish family and friends a happy Christmas.

11. Recycle the paper Christmas cards you receive
Recycle Christmas cards at a Planet Ark recycling bin in Coles supermarkets from 26 December to the end of January.

12. Do the right thing
If celebrating Christmas in a park, take reusable plates instead of paper or plastic. Remember to bin your rubbish, recycle what you can and compost all left-overs.
Carols by Candlelight at Werribee Primary!

JINGLE BELLS, RUDOLF THE REDNOSE REINDEER, JINGLE BELL ROCK, AUSSIE CHRISTMAS JINGLE, SANTA CLAUS IS COMING....

This Friday, 13th November 2013 in the school gymnasium! Don’t miss out.

END OF YEAR PICNIC AND CAROLS SCHEDULE

5.00pm-
Everyone arriving and setting up.
Picnic on the WPS school oval-weather permitting.
If raining, picnic will be in the gym.
Sausages, drinks and candles are for sale at this time.
6.30pm-
Pack up and make way to the gymnasium.
6.40pm-
Everyone to assemble in the gymnasium
6.50pm-
Speeches/Formalities- followed by Cake for Dessert
7.00-
Carols- led by Fiona’s keyboard group and Dave Reynolds on Guitar featuring Naomi Cochrane, the students and the community of Werribee Primary School
7.20-Merry Christmas Everyone

We need your help!

5 minute parent survey for chance to win an iPad!
On behalf of the Ride2School program, we would like to invite you, as a parent within Wyndham City Council, to participate in their travel to school survey.
Your responses will help us better understand the concerns of parents of school aged children across Victoria. We are keen to hear from all parents, whether your children are driven, walk, or cycle to school.
For your chance to win an iPad, simply complete the following 5 minute survey by 24 December 2013: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R2Sparent
The winner will be notified by email and announced on the Ride2School website in January 2014.
CHRISTMAS SONGS TO PRACTICE

Aussie Jingle Bells

CHORUS:
OH, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELL$ JINGLE ALL THE WAY
CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA
ON A SCORCHING SUMMER’S DAY
JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELL$ JINGLE ALL THE WAY
CHRISTMAS TIME IS BEAUT  OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE
IN A RUSTY HOLDEN UTE

Dashing through the bush
In a rusty Holden Ute
Kicking up the dust
Esky in the boot
Keelie by my side
Singing Christmas songs
It’s summer time and I am in
Australasia, short & things

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Instrumental: 7, Vocal: 20

You better watch out, you better not cry,
You better not pout I’m telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to town,
He’s making a list and checking it twice,
Gonna find out who’s naughty or nice,
Santa Claus is coming to town,
He sees you when you’re sleeping,
He knows when you awake,
He knows if you’ve been bad or good,
So be good for goodness sake (Hey!),
You better watch out, you better not cry,
You better not pout I’m telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to town,
Repeat ALL

JINGLE BELL ROCK

Instrumental: 5, Vocal: 16

Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock, jingle-bell swing and jingle-bells ring,
Snowin’ and blowin’ up bushels of fun, now the jingle-hop has begun,
Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock, jingle-bells chime in jingle-bell time,
Dancin’ and prancin’ in Jingle-Bell Square in the frosty air.
What a bright time, it’s the right time to rock the night away,
Jingle-bell time is a swell time to go glidin’ in a one horse sleigh.
Giddy-up, jingle-horse pick up your feet, jingle around the clock,
Mix and mingle in a jinglin’ best, that’s the jingle-bell rock.
Repeat ALL

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Instrumental: 6, Vocal: 19

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen,
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen,
But do you recall, the most famous reindeer of all?
Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer (Reindeer), Had a very shiny nose (Like a Ponnocle)
And if you ever saw it (saw it), You would even say it glows (Like a light bulb),
All of the other reindeer (Reindeer), Used to laugh and call him names (Like Fat Cat),
They never let poor Rudolph (Rudolph), Join in any reindeer games (Like Football),
Then one foggy Christmas eve, Santa came to say,
“Rudolph, with your nose so bright, won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”
Then how the reindeer loved him (loved him), As they shouted out with glee (Yippee),
“Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer (Reindeer), You’ll go down in history.”
“Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer (Reindeer), You’ll go down in history.”

TWILIGHT STREET MARKET

In the Piazza, Wedge & Watton Streets Werribee. Friday 20th December from 3pm until dusk
Certificate of Education Support Integration Aide/Teacher Aide
(Werribee)

A qualification that will enhance your career opportunities.

This course is designed for people wishing to work with students with additional learning needs in primary, secondary and specialist schools.

Topics
- Historical and current perspectives on educating students with additional learning needs
- The roles, responsibilities and work conditions of an Integration Aide/Teacher Aide and an understanding of the process of seeking and applying for employment in schools
- Understanding individual learning styles
- Working as part of a team with students, families and staff members
- Teaching and Learning - Literacy - Numeracy - Engaging students in learning; Stages of Learning - Curriculum and the development of Individual Learning Plans.

Venue
Werribee Wyndham City Civic Centre Meeting Rooms

Dates 2014
7 Wednesdays & 1 Tuesday (9.00 am - 3.00 pm)
February 12, 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2

Course Length
The course is delivered over eight days of 6 hours per day.

Prerequisites
There are no formal prerequisites for this course, however, it is essential that each participant possesses a satisfactory level of spoken and written English so they are able to complete the assessment tasks.

Assessment
- Journal
- Class participation
- Minimum class attendance is required (check with presenter)
- 2 written assignments

Recognition
The Certificate is recognised by the Faculty of Education to the value of 6 credit points at undergraduate level.
For more information: www.edu.monash.edu/students/prospective

Cost
$990
($910 for healthcare card holders)

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