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

Principal’s Report

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal’s Award:

Week 4
Jake Owen (5P) for a positive attitude and following classroom instructions.

Week 5
Tyson Aldridge (6S) for a fantastic piece of writing. Great effort!
Angel Bartalotta (1/2M) for excellent work in Mathematics. Well done!

Ice-cream Stall
Congratulations to Years 3/4T and 5S for raising just over $1300.00 at the traditional ice-cream stall last Friday, 7th November. The students were able to purchase an ice-cream for $2.00 and a topping for an extra $0.50. A nice warm day certainly helped with sales. The money raised from the ice-cream stall will go towards purchasing toys to be donated to charity for Christmas. The toy donation will occur at Assembly on Monday, 8th December at 9.00am. There will be a second ice-cream stall on Friday 21st November and further information will be sent out closer to the time.

2015 Foundation Information Evening
Thank you to the School Council, Werribee Friends and Student Captains for your assistance with a successful and informative information evening for our new Foundation parents for next year. A special thank you to Noel Savory (School Council Vice President) and Aimee Streeter (Werribee Friends President) for your fantastic speeches.

Further Foundation Transition Dates and Times
Tuesday 18th November  9:30am - 10:45am
Wednesday 26th November  9:30am - 10:45am
Thursday 4th December  9:30am - 10:45am
Tuesday 9th December  9:30am - 1:30pm

City West Water – Water Conservation Poster Competition
Congratulations to Marry (3/4T) - 2nd Place and Ana (1/2M) - 3rd place for their winning entries in the City West Water Poster competition. Des from City West Water attended our Monday assembly this week to hand out framed certificates and prizes to our two winners. Thank you to Brooke Geisler (Art Teacher) for organising the entries into this year’s competition.
Remembrance Day
On Tuesday 11th November our student captains led the school through our Remembrance Day Commemorative Service. The captains introduced the service by explaining what we were doing for the service and this was followed by reading the poem, In Flanders Fields, the Pledge of Remembrance and the Ode. Students were then invited to lay any flowers or wreaths at the flag pole. The Last Post was played followed by a one minute silence concluding with the playing of the Rouse and the National Anthem. Our student captains did a sensational job leading the school appropriate to the occasion.

Some of our Year 1/2H students wrote short stories and poems in recognition of Remembrance Day. Please visit our website here and read some of their stories. Wow!

Mobile and Electronic Devices
Werribee Primary School recognises that mobile and electronic devices are an accepted and invaluable part of our modern lifestyle. We have in place, a policy that reflects the changing views and realities around the use of electronic and mobile devices. The increased ownership of devices such as tablets, digital cameras, MP3 players/iPods, smartphones and hand-held electronic games requires that school administrators, teachers, students and parents take steps to ensure that these devices are used responsibly.

We acknowledge that some students may need to be in possession of a mobile phone at school for reasons relating to their safety travelling to and from school.

The school recognises that, when used responsibly, mobile and electronic devices can be useful tools to assist with communications and safety, as well as the development of academic and social skills. However, when these devices are misused by students, they can be very disruptive to teaching and learning and in some cases cause harm.

Our policy aims to:
- To ensure the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices does not interfere with the effective conduct of the school and classroom activities.
- To protect the privacy of individuals and minimise opportunities for harassment.
- To prevent access by students to inappropriate information and images.
- To ensure that procedures are in place to minimise theft and damage of mobile phones and other electronic devices.

To view the full policy click here or visit our website and you will find the policy under “Parents” and “School Policies” or alternatively under “Student Engagement & Wellbeing” and “Electronic and Mobile Devices”. You will also find a permission form that needs to be completed and submitted to school if you require your child to bring a device. All electronic and mobile devices including mobile phones must be handed to the office at the start of each day and collected from the office at the end.

2015 Enrolments
If you are planning on relocating at the end of this year and not returning to Werribee Primary School, could you please let the school know in writing as soon as possible? If you know of any families who may be interested in enrolling their children at Werribee Primary School starting in the 2015 school year, please encourage them to contact the school for an interview.

Have a fantastic fortnight.
David Quinn
Principal