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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**PLEASE ENSURE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF YOUR CHILD/REN FROM SCHOOL AT 2:10PM TOMORROW. ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS.**

**CANTEEN ROSTER –TERM 2**

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**PLEASE NOTE: THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST WEEK BACK AT SCHOOL. IT WILL RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL.**
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Year 5/6 Camp**
Our Year 5 and Year 6 students are on camp this week. They are staying in Creswick and doing activities around the Ballarat area from Tuesday til Friday. We hope everyone is having a fantastic time and thank you to the parents and staff who are giving up their time to offer this great experience to our students.

**End of Term**
Friday is the last day of Term 1 and I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents for their work, help and support over the last 10 weeks. **Just a reminder that school will finish early on Friday at 2.10pm.** Have a great break, be safe, and Term 2 will start on Tuesday 22nd April. Our first assembly for next term will be held in Week 2 on Monday 28th April.

**Road Works**
Wyndham Council has informed me that they will be doing road works on Deutgam St starting in the holidays. They are expecting the works to be a 12 week project and Deutgam St will be closed between Wedge and Werribee Streets for cars from the holidays til the end of Term 2. Pedestrian access will be available from the school side only and we are asking families to please use the gate closest to Werribee Street to access the school.

**Staffing**
Mr Ross Cuthbertson has picked up a full time teaching position in Geelong and Mr Ricky Davis will be taking PE for Terms 2 & 3 while Mrs Helen Johnson is on leave. We welcome Mr Davis to our wonderful school and we would like to thank Mr Cuthbertson for his efforts during his short time with us.

**School Council**
Our last School Council meeting was held earlier this month and this was the first meeting of the new 2014-15 School Council. As part of the first meeting, School Council members elect the Office positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and other positions. Congratulations to the following School Council Members:

- **President:** Leanne Robertson
- **Vice President:** Noel Savory
- **Treasurer:** Phil Morley

The 2014-15 School Council members currently are:

**Parent Members**
- Kristen Hardy
- Samantha Reynolds
- Leanne Robertson
- Michelle Bailey
- Noel Savory
- Narelle Wietschorke

**DEECD Members**
- Jo-anne Wembridge
- Kylie Champion
- Rosemary Doherty
- Shelley Laird
- David Quinn

**Co-opted Community Members**
- Phil Morley

Have a great break and thoroughly enjoy the holidays. Happy Easter

*David Quinn*
Principal
Meet Some of Our Staff

My name is Sian Elliott and I am a grade 3/4 teacher at Werribee Primary School. This is my fourth year teaching at this wonderful school and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I came to Werribee Primary School in 2011 and taught in the grade 5/6 area as a Graduate Teacher from La Trobe University. At Uni, I completed a diploma in Visual Arts and a Bachelor in Arts, majoring in Sociology and Behavioural Science, before completing a graduate diploma in Primary Education. I am the middle child of three and grew up in Footscray, moving to Werribee with my family in 2005. I love spending time with my family and friends and in my spare time I enjoy watching movies, reading, listening to music and drawing. I have an American Staffy, Dessa, who sometimes thinks she is more human than dog. She is my fur baby and I love her!

Hi I’m Leanne Leighton. I have been working at Werribee Primary School now for over 10 years as an Integration Educational Support Officer and have been involved in the school community for nearly 20 years, with both of my children attending Werribee Primary School. To relax I like to spend my time gardening and exploring the outdoors. I also have a passion for travelling the world and have been lucky enough to fulfil my lifelong dream of going to Egypt, even better than I imagined!

My name is John Tout, I have been at Werribee Primary School as the maintenance man (person) in a part time capacity since 2006. My role is to fix things that are broken or not working properly and generally to keep the school grounds neat and tidy.

I like travelling in Australia and abroad. I particularly enjoy riding my Kawasaki Nomad motorcycle, with some trips planned for various parts of Australia in the future.

My name is Cathy Millar and I am a Leading Teacher at Werribee Primary School. I have taught in the western suburbs for my entire teaching career, starting at Altona East Primary School before moving to Laverton and then continuing my career here at Werribee. During my 25 years at Werribee I have enjoyed great diversity in my role. As a part time teacher I worked in a support role, then spent 12 years in the art room which was an amazingly enjoyable experience. In 2004 I returned to full time teaching in the classroom and team taught with some exceptional colleagues. I then pursued a role as a literacy coach before assuming responsibility for the curriculum across the school.

I have always loved travelling within Australia, but my desire to travel the world really did not start until 7 years ago. I certainly have made up for lost time since then!

I have two adult children, one of whom has started a career in teaching at Werribee Primary School. My daughter has recently had a baby so I am overjoyed at the feeling of being a nana! I have a 15 year old dog and enjoy reading, listening to music and socialising with friends.
SPORT

TERM 2 - Sports Events
Wednesday 30th April  SSVWD Cross Country Carnival
Monday 2nd June  Year 5&6 Girls Football
Tuesday 10th June  Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 11th June  Year 5&6 Hoop Time
Year 6 Interschool Sport  Term 2 dates can be found below

YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Round 3 Results

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Thank you to Davin Kroeger for his invaluable assistance at basketball.

Students will resume participation in the Summer Round Robin Competition in Term 3.
In Term 2, the Winter Round Robin Competition commences. The following sports are played as part of this competition; Netball, Football, Soccer, Teeball & Hockey.

TERM 2 Interschool Sport Dates
Friday 2nd May  Round 1 – WPS v Manorvale – HOME
Friday 9th May  Round 2 – WPS v Westgrove – AWAY
Friday 16th May  Round 3 – WPS v Thomas Chirnside PS – AWAY
Friday 23rd May  Round 4 – WPS v Iramoo – HOME
Friday 30th May  Round 5 – WPS v St. Andrews – AWAY
Friday 6th June  Round 6 – BYE
Friday 13th June  Round 7 – WPS v Manor Lakes – HOME

** The venue for matches will be published on the website and in the OWL**

Matches are played from 1.15 – 2.15pm. Spectators are welcome. Any parents available and eager to assist with umpiring, scoring or coaching please contact me in the Gym office. Current WWCC required.

Payment for the Year 6 Interschool Sport program is now overdue. If you have not made payment or returned the medical form, please do so immediately. Also families that elected to pay in instalments, please note the second and final instalment of $20 is due by TOMORROW (Friday 4th April).

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Tuesday 25th March, Zahra Abela and Lucas Rubeli competed in the Regional Swimming Carnival held at Kardinia Park, Geelong. This is an outstanding accomplishment. Zahra placed 4th in the 11 year old Girls Backstroke and 8th in the freestyle, whilst Lucas placed 11th in the 12/13 Boys Butterfly. Congratulations Zahra and Lucas!
YEAR 3-6 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
The WPS Cross Country Team has been posted and training sessions are underway. The SSVWD Cross Country is being held at Presidents Park on Wednesday 30th April. Notes for this event went home last week and are due back tomorrow (Friday 4th April).

YEAR 5-6 SPORTS TRIALS
Last Friday six of our Year 5-6 students participated in the District Sports Trials at Manor Lakes. Congratulations to Garrett Spinks (football) and Zara Puli (basketball & netball) who were successful in progressing to the Division Sports Trials to be held in Term 2.

AUSKICK
Your Local Auskick Centres are now up and running for 2014, and registrations are NOW OPEN! Auskick is a great chance to have fun and make new friends, while learning the skills you need to be a football star! Log on to www.aflauskick.com.au to find your nearest centre.
Please also note that this year the AFL are trialling an All-Girls Auskick centre in Point Cook.

Tanya Staehr
Sport Coordinator

AT WERRIBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ANZAC badges will be available for purchase during the first week of term 2. They are 20c each.
- On Monday 28th April the school captains will conduct a brief service during assembly to commemorate ANZAC day.
TERM TWO WORKING BEE DATES

Please add these Working Bee dates to your calendar for Term 2.
1. Saturday 24th May – Foundation and Year 5 and 6 Families invited to attend.
2. Sunday 22nd June – Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Families invited to attend
NB: Anyone (families across all year levels) can attend on any Working Bee date.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO ASSIST WITH GARDENING AROUND THE SCHOOL.
Do you have a passion for gardening??? Are you interested in sustainable practices??? Do you want to volunteer and help students learn about the environment and healthy eating practices??? Then, we need you here helping us!
In 2014 we would like to establish an enthusiastic and passionate volunteer gardening group (of parents/families/grandparents) who can assist the school in 2 ways:

1. To develop and maintain a vegetable garden near the gym area (for example: new soil, plants, ongoing weeding & mulching, composting, working with groups of students)
2. Maintain & develop garden areas around the school (for example: Indigenous Garden, Sensory Garden & planting of trees around school boundary)

If you are interested in being involved in the school in such a way please contact Rosemary Doherty (Assistant Principal) by phoning the school on 9742 66549 or by using the school’s email address werribee.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au (attention: Rosemary Doherty).

HELP WANTED!
Our maintenance person is on extended leave for most of Term Two. There are some regular jobs that he does to maintain our school yard so that it continues to look the best that it can be. We are appealing to any parents/extended family members (with current Working With Children Checks) who are able to assist the school with some regular grounds/garden maintenance work during this time to contact the front office of the school.
The main “jobs” are:
-Weekly “vacuum” of the concrete/asphalt surfaces (courtyard areas and pathways around the school) so that they are clear of dirt, dust, leaves etc. This involves the use of a machine called a “Billy Goat” and will require a careful demonstration of how to work this machine.
-Regular whipper snippering around fence line, playground and gardens edges
-Mowing
Please contact the front office of the school if you can assist in anyway. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO CAN MAKE TIMBER WINDOWS
We have a few windows in the main building that are in need of repair and replacement. In keeping with the heritage features of the school we would like to ensure that they fit into the general look of the types of windows that we already have. We believe that we would need to have these custom made by someone with these specific skills. We are asking that if anyone in the school community knows of someone with these skills if they could please let us know. Please contact the front office of the school if you can assist in anyway. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure from the Lost City of Savings and they want to share it with your students in the form of some amazing prizes.

**Major student prize.**
One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

**Runner-up student prizes.**
130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

**Sunken treasure for schools and you.**
There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia. Plus, the School Banking Co-ordinators of each winning school will receive a $250 Commonwealth Bank Debit Card (maximum of three per school).

**Here’s how to win.**
All your students need to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and they’re automatically entered into the competition.
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants  ABN 61 712 859 747
www.twelve.com.au  Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
THE NEW RULE EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW

Have you ever heard yourself say to your children, “Don’t talk to strangers?”

An honest person will likely admit that at some time in their childhood, they were given this rule. In fact, many parents will admit they continue to pass this rule onto their own children. Yet, in the same breath, we might encourage our children to talk to the supermarket cashier, the sales person or the long lost relative. All of these people fit the definition of a stranger, but for some unknown reason it is okay for the child to talk to them. At best, this rule sends mixed messages to our kids.

There is a strong shift away from the old rule of “never talk to strangers” to “never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first”. A child who has been taught to never talk to strangers may feel they have nowhere to go if they find themselves lost in a shopping centre or other public place.

As parents we need to emphasise who is a “stranger”. Your definition and your child’s may be quite different. Engage with your children to help them understand that a stranger is simply someone whom they do not know. We do not know if someone is good or bad just by looking at them. Rather, we need to teach our children about “strangeness”.

Five ways to enforce the new rule:

1. Never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first
   This is the new fundamental rule to keeping kids safe. This rule must NEVER be broken. Regardless of if it is a school, public or family function, work with your children to ensure they always ask an adult for permission before going off with ANYONE.

   Classic “what if” scenarios are worth their weight in gold. “You are at school and walking back to class after snack when a man comes up to you and says he is looking for his son’s class. He asks you to go with him to show him where it is. Do you go?”

   Use tempting scenarios that are relevant to your child, such as puppies or toys, and discuss safe options and strategies in each case.
2. Your personal alarm
Children have an innate sensitive personal alarm, which we can teach them to use. This is their natural defence system. Work with them to identify and recognise the physical and environmental signals that cause their alarm to sound. Knowing that a rush of adrenalin will cause physiological changes in our bodies and activate our personal alarm is a good start. A child’s personal alarm will present the same physical and emotional cues that an adult’s will.

3. Trust your instincts
Have you ever gotten “the creeps”? Maybe it’s the idea of snakes, mice or heights that does it for your child. Encourage them to draw on how it feels when they get the creeps. Instincts are those feelings you get when something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable. Instincts are the physiological changes that happen to our body when our personal alarm goes off. Physiological changes include noticing that you feel scared or nervous, your tummy feels upset and your heart is racing. And you know what? Our personal alarm is right 100% of the time.

4. Personal space vs. safety zone
Most kids understand the concept of personal space. How many times have we heard, “Stop invading my personal space!” Most people feel comfortable within an arm’s length of others. However, do your kids recognise their safety zone? Teach your child to be aware of their surroundings. If a “strange” person is too close, suggest they back away and maintain their safety zone. A safety zone is much bigger than your personal space – at least three giant steps bigger.

5. Safe places, safe people
There are times when a child must ask for help quickly and instinctively. We already know that not all strangers are bad, that most strangers will help a child who is lost or upset. It is situations that are safe, not places. Talk with your child and reinforce that he or she must ALWAYS use his or her skills with ALL people, including those presumed safe. Encourage your child to tell an adult they trust when someone or something has frightened them.

As parents we need to empower our children with self-confidence and trust in their ability to sense when something is just not right. It doesn’t matter if they can articulate it; they just have to feel it.

Catherine Gerhardt, Kidproof Melbourne
Kidproof provides proactive and preventative child and family education programs. We work with schools, community groups and other child centric organisations. We provide peace of mind for parents and create safer communities for everyone.

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