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 NOTE: TOMORROW (FRIDAY 2ND MAY) WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY LUNCH DUE TO INTERSCHOOL SPORT BEING PLAYED AT OUR SCHOOL. LUNCH EATING TIME WILL BE FROM 12:30-12:40PM AND OUTSIDE PLAY FROM 12:40-1:10PM. SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT THE USUAL TIME OF 3:10PM.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Just a reminder to everyone that the Mother’s Day stall will be held next Thursday 8th May. It will be open again for a short time on Friday 9th May for students to purchase their Mum, Nan or special female in their life, a gift. Thank you to our P&F for organising this stall and all the preparation in getting the gifts ready for children to purchase.

CANTEEN ROSTER –TERM 2

| Wednesday 7th May | Deb Cowton, Fadia Othman, Sloane Rotondi, Jane Puli |
| Wednesday 14th May | Gail Penaluna, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes, Susan Warbrick, Fiona Adams, |
| Wednesday 21st May | Sarah Rigo, Rachael Connolly, Jane Puli, Rose Leitch |
| Wednesday 28th May | Deb Cowton, Fadia Othman, Michelle Buysen, Sloane Rotondi |
| Wednesday 4th June | Gail Penaluna, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes, Susan Warbrick, Fiona Adams |
| Wednesday 11th June | Sarah Rigo, Michelle Bailey, Rachael Connolly, Rose Leitch |
| Wednesday 18th June | Deb Cowton, Fadia Othman, Michelle Buysen, Sloane Rotondi, Jane Puli |
| Wednesday 25th June | Gail Penaluna, Judy Puli, Pauline Oakes, Susan Warbrick, Fiona Adams |
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome Back to Term 2
We hope everyone had a very enjoyable break over the two week school holidays, Easter and the ANZAC Day long weekend. It is great to see everyone back ready for another Term. I would also like to welcome Mr Ricky Davis who started with us last week. Mr Davis will be taking some of the Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 PE classes until the end of Term 3. He will be at school on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Road Works
The road works are continuing along the front of the school in Deutgam St. Some changes to the original plans means that pedestrian access will be maintained on the school side of the street and the intention is for the road works to be completed in four stages. Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding whilst the road works are going ahead.

Languages at Werribee Primary School
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) requires that all schools have a Languages program in place by the start of 2015. We have put together a Working Party to investigate and implement a Language program that would best suit our school and its community. To do this, we would like parents to participate in an online survey, so that you can have a say in the type of Language your child will learn. The survey is available on the school website. It is a very quick two question survey.

New Werribee Kids Awards
We have redesigned our Werribee Kids Awards to make them look more professional and special. Not only will the awards be handed out for students displaying the school’s values but they will now include other areas such as academic achievement, specialist teacher and Principal awards. We hope you like our new awards.

Congratulations to Nadia K. and Jazmine O. in Year 1/2M for receiving the first Principal’s Awards for 2014. They received the award for helping to keep our school clean and beautiful. They are obviously great citizens of Werribee Primary School.

NAPLAN
The 2014 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held from Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th May. For those parents with students in Years 3 and 5 please add the dates to your diary. NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students in these year levels participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. If you would like further information regarding NAPLAN then please visit: http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx

School Arrival Times
Please ensure your child arrives at school after 8.30am each day when the yard is supervised by our staff. The yard is also supervised after school until 3.30pm so please ensure your child is collected or alternative arrangements for their supervision are made after this time.

Camp Australia runs a before and after school care facility at our school which you are able to take advantage of for the supervision of your child prior to 8.30am and after 3.30pm. Camp Australia operates from the Multipurpose Room. More information about the Camp Australia Before and After School Care facility can be found at http://www.campaustralia.com.au/

SunSmart Hats
From the 1st May til the 1st September students will not be required to wear their SunSmart hats whilst outdoors. 1st May hats off, 1st September hats on. Students will still be encouraged to practise SunSmart behaviours whenever they are outside.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

David Quinn
Principal
Meet Some of Our Staff

Hi my name is Doreen Edwards and I commenced teaching Year 1/2 at Werribee Primary School this year. I am a Graduate Teacher whom previously taught Year 5 at a large school in Caroline Springs. I grew up in Geelong and after leaving secondary school I completed at Bachelor of Commerce at Deakin University majoring in Accounting, Commercial Law and Economics. I enjoyed working in the commercial accounting sector for over 15 years. During my time as an Accountant I was lucky enough to enjoy the birth of four beautiful sons. Once all my sons were of school age, I made the decision to return to university to follow through on my childhood dream of becoming a teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Ballarat and am very happy in my new career.

Outside of Werribee Primary School, I am Mum to my four sons, two step-sons, two cats and two dogs! I am a Geelong Cats supporter and in my spare time I enjoy being outdoors especially when the sun is shining!

My name is Emily Taylor and I currently teach in a 3/4 level classroom. I have been privileged to work at Werribee Primary School since 2010. At university I completed a Bachelor of Exercise Science before continuing on to do a Post Graduate Diploma of Education. The following years I worked in a variety of schools as a casual relief teacher while teasing the travelling bug in me and exploring the world. I spent a summer at a camp in Pennsylvania, USA and also spent 9 months working as a live in nanny in Rome, Italy. I enjoy challenging myself with games and puzzles, being out on a sporting field playing soccer and taking on a variety of jobs around the home, such as laying my much loved artificial turf. I plan to continue enjoying life and having fun, not forgetting to indulge my inner travel bug both within Australian and worldwide on occasions. I would feel guilty if I didn’t make the most of having a British Passport!

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.

MR McGEE AND THE BITING FLEA THEATRE PRODUCTION AT WYNDHAM CULTURAL CENTRE

Patch Theatre Company is bringing Pamela Allen’s much awaited National Helpmann Award for Best Children’s Production for 4 – 8 year olds Mr McGee & the Biting Flea to the Wyndham Cultural Centre. Two school shows are selling well on Tuesday 13 May. On Monday 12 May at 6:30pm book now for the Family Show to see this charming funny and frenetic production touring nationally across Australia and coming to Wyndham. Tickets are $10 (child) $15 (adult) less than the cost of going to the cinema!

Six whimsical stories brought brilliantly to the stage by three amazing actors. Book on-line at www.wyncc.com.au or call 8734 6000 now.
**TERM 2 - Sports Events**

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**YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

**ROUND 1 – Friday 2\(^{nd}\) May – WPS v Manorvale**
- HOCKEY – Werribee Primary School
- NETBALL, TEEBALL & SOCCER – Manorvale Primary School
- FOOTBALL – Wyndhamvale Oval

**ROUND 2 – Friday 9\(^{th}\) May – WPS v Westgrove**
- HOCKEY & TEEBALL – Presidents Park
- NETBALL & SOCCER – Westgrove Primary School
- FOOTBALL – Wyndhamvale Oval

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

**Please note – Students playing FOOTBALL & HOCKEY MUST WEAR A MOUTHGUARD**

**SSVWD CROSS COUNTRY**
The SSVWD Cross Country was conducted at Presidents Park on Wednesday 30\(^{th}\) April with 64 of our students competing. Blankets and warm jackets were a must! We were very fortunate that the heavy rains from the day before had disappeared and we managed at stages throughout the day to see blue skies. The wind was fresh and students faced an unpleasant head wind at the beginning of their race. Students were challenged by the 2km & 3 km courses set out for them, but were determined to do their best. Congratulations to the students involved in the day and for the excellent team spirit that was on display. Thank you to Miss Taylor, Miss Scarrott and Mrs Murphy for their invaluable assistance and to the many parents who came along to support and cheer on the children.

There were many fantastic achievements throughout the day. Congratulations to Jessica Evans who finished 1\(^{st}\) in the 10 year old Girls and Zahra Abela who finished 3\(^{rd}\) in the 11 year old Girls. Both girls received a medallion for their outstanding efforts. A number of other students also finished in the top 10 and will progress to the Regional Carnival later in the term; Jorja Caserta - 5\(^{th}\) (10 year old Girls), Larni Vallance – 10\(^{th}\) (11 year old Girls), Milla Wietshorke – 9\(^{th}\) (12/13 Girls), Lucas Rubeli – 7\(^{th}\) (12/13 Boys) & Garrett Spinks (12/13 Boys). Josh Owen (7\(^{th}\)) and Tara Vallance (9\(^{th}\)) also finished in the top 10, but unfortunately the 8/9 age group do not progress to the next round of competition.

**YEAR 5-6 SPORTS TRIALS**

Congratulations to Garrett Spinks who this week participated in the Division Football Sports Trials, after gaining selection at the Werribee District Sports Trials in Term 1. On Monday evening he trialled with 45 boys from across the Western suburbs. Although he was not successful in progressing to the Regional Trials, Garrett thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are extremely proud of this outstanding achievement.

Unfortunately, Zara Puli was unable to participate in the Division Basketball and Netball Sports Trials having broken her arm shortly after her excellent performance at the District Trials.

_Tanya Staehr_
Sports Coordinator
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.

FOUNDATION AND YEAR 5 & 6 WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2014

The Facilities Committee invites all families in the school to assist at our working bee on Saturday 24th May, 2014. Work will begin at 9:00am and will conclude at 11:00am with a sausage sizzle. If you are able to attend and assist please complete the slip below and return it via your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Some of the jobs to be completed:

- General yard clean up
- Up-keep of playground equipment
- Weeding of garden beds
- And many, many more….

Yes, I am able to help out at the working bee.
Name: ………………………………………….………Child & Grade: ………………………………………………………..
How many helpers: ……………………………

Yes, I am able to bring some equipment to help out with the yard clean-up.
I am able to bring (please circle):
wheelbarrow    broom    shovel/spade    whipper snipper    gloves

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).
**Art is Art, Damage is Damage…Know the difference!**

During Term 2 the Year 5 and 6 students will be learning about Street Art in the art room. The idea for this project comes from incidents within the school and the local community where property has been vandalised through graffiti and destruction of property. Introducing the students to Street Art will expose them to the differences between art and vandalism. Many people have a very narrow and uninformed view of street art because they have limited access to viewing it. People living in Werribee and surrounding areas may have mainly viewed the damage from vandal’s graffiti on local buildings, fences, properties etc. having not had the chance to see commissioned murals or the gallery exhibitions that are regularly held in more urban areas. Therefore this is an excellent opportunity to bring street art to them.

Students will be introduced to a new form of artist expression and help them to develop their self-esteem. During the Term students will gain an understanding of the difference between causing damage to private property and being commissioned to create a piece of artwork or being given a space to make artwork legally. Through planning and creating their own work, the students will begin to value the time and effort it takes to create a piece of public art and hopefully treat their work and that of others with respect by not vandalising them.

The understandings that I hope the students will gain from the project will be as follows:

- Commissioned or permitted Street Art is different from vandalism.
- The time and effort put into designing and creating Street Art should only be undertaken when permission is granted.
- Public Art can convey a message.
- There are a great number of recognised Street Artists, many great ones in Melbourne itself!
- Street Art doesn’t necessarily have to be created on the street.
- Street Art has different sub-categories (movements/media) and styles.

The main thing I want the students to achieve from this Term is: **ART IS ART, DAMAGE IS DAMAGE, KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!**

To finish off the Term, the Year 6 students will be attending the ‘Melbourne Street Art Tour’ as an excursion. They will be guided around Melbourne’s famous laneways by the well-known Melbourne street artists themselves. Their excursion will begin at the National Gallery of Victoria at Federation Square to attend a ‘self-guided tour’ of the gallery, then after lunch they will begin the street art laneway tours and conclude at Blender Studios, which houses various works of the street artists guiding our tour. (Year 5 students, don’t worry, it will be your turn next year to attend the Melbourne Street Art Tour excursion!)

I am looking forward to introducing this new and exciting project to the Year 5 and 6 students this Term….hopefully at the end of the Term the Art Room will be adorned with plenty of vibrant Street Art pieces and I will have ignited a new passion into some of my students!

**Ms Geisler**  
Visual Arts Teacher
**Facts about head lice**

Head lice will be a problem from time to time at Werribee Primary School and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them. Half the people who have head lice never scratch their head. If you don’t know about the head lice then they don’t know to look and treat for head lice.

Head lice are **not fussy** about the heads they live on – they make **no** consideration for income, ethnicity or hair colour. They live their entire lives on **human heads** and their entire food and water source is supplied from the scalp.

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years and they will not be eradicated.

Head lice **don’t** fly or jump – they crawl from head to head. This often happens when people play or work closely together.

Head lice (**Pediculus humanus capitis**) are small (3-4mm) wingless insects, which are common particularly in school aged children. It is estimated that 6 million American primary school aged students, equivalent to 1 in 4 were infested with head lice in 1998. Head lice are a common problem in Australian schools and exact figures on the size of the problem vary.

Eggs can be difficult to see; use a strong light (such as sunlight) and look on the hair shafts. If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas dandruff and other items slide easily.

Information pamphlets about treatment and controlling head lice are available from the school office.
School Sores (Impetigo)

We have recently had a couple of cases of school sores at school. Below is a fact sheet taken directly from the Department of Health, Victoria for your information.

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Impetigo (school sores) information sheet

Department of Health, Victoria

What is impetigo?
Impetigo is a contagious skin infection usually caused by either Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria. It is most commonly found in children although it may also occur in adults.

Impetigo may affect skin anywhere on the body but commonly occurs in the area around the nose and mouth. It first appears as a small itchy, inflamed area of skin which blisters. The blisters rupture, release a yellow fluid and develop honey-coloured crusts and form scabs. New blisters develop in the same area or in different parts of the body and may ooze fluid which is highly contagious.

Impetigo is easily diagnosed by the doctor. Occasionally a skin swab may be taken to identify the bacteria responsible for the infection.

How is impetigo spread?
Impetigo is extremely contagious. It can be spread from one person to another through touch or shared items such as clothes and towels. However, a person can also spread it to another part of their own body through scratching or picking at the blisters and scabs.

Who is most at risk of developing impetigo?
Children are most at risk of developing impetigo. Children and adolescents may be more likely to develop impetigo if the skin has already been irritated or injured by other skin problems such as eczema, insect bites, skin allergy or recent cuts or abrasions.

How long does it take until symptoms start?
The incubation period will vary depending on the particular bacteria. It is usually 1–3 days for streptococcal and 4–10 days for staphylococcal infections.

How is impetigo treated?

- Impetigo is most often treated with antibiotics, either orally or with bactericidal ointment. It is important to follow the recommended treatment and complete the course of antibiotics.
- Treatment involves washing the sores and crusts every 12 hours or as directed with the prescribed soap or lotion. After each wash pat dry.
- Heating should begin within 3 days and the infection eliminated in 7–10 days.
- If the sores spread and get worse despite treatment or the child becomes unwell with fever, see your doctor.
- Cover the sores with an airtight dressing if the child is returning to school in order to reduce the risk of spreading the infection.
- The child’s clothes, towels and bedclothes should be changed at least once a day.
- Always remember to wash your hands after touching scabs or sores or handling infected clothing.

How long does impetigo remain infectious?
If untreated, oozing sores remain infectious for as long as they persist.

When can children return to school or child care?
Children can return to school or child care after treatment has started and the sores are completely covered with a watertight dressing.

How can impetigo be prevented?

- Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and always use their own towel and facecloth.
- Cut your child’s nails short and encourage them not to scratch scabs or pick their nose.
- Keep injured areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of any bacterial infection, including impetigo.
- Always wash your hands after touching sores or scabs and use gloves if possible when treating infected children.
- Keep children with impetigo away from other children for the period of exclusion. This is until antibiotic treatment has commenced and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing.
RELAY FOR LIFE

Albert & Sienna Giacomelli (Maria’s husband and daughter) dropped in to school for a visit last week. They brought with them a poster and collection box for “Relay for Life” which the family are proudly participating in this year in memory of Maria. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please see either Rhonda or Janeane in the office.

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS
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