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

IMPORTANT NOTICE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
If you have claimed EMA earlier this year at Werribee Primary School you do not have to apply again. However, if you missed the February cut-off date or your child has transferred to Werribee Primary School during the first half of the year, you are required to apply for the second instalment. If you were not eligible for EMA during the first semester, but are now on a Pension Concession or Health Benefit Card, you must also complete the application. These claims must be made at the school office by 1st August 2014.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be no formal assembly next Monday 28th July due to a performance being held in the gym for the whole school called “The Ned Show”. Awards will be carried over until Monday 4th August’s assembly.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
CHOCOLATE MONEY IS NOW OVERDUE; PLEASE RETURN MONEY & ANY UNSOLD CHOCOLATES TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF ANY FAMILIES WISH TO SELL ANOTHER BOX, PLEASE CALL INTO THE OFFICE TO ARRANGE.

CANTEEN ROSTER –TERM 3

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to the following student who has received a Principal’s Award:

Week 2
Brock Lukacevic (1/2M) for fantastic writing about going to the zoo.
Awesome!

Welcome back to Term 3
We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and we look forward to another great term. There are lots of great events and activities happening this term so please keep an eye on the calendar or refer to the “Coming Up – Put it in your Diary” article on our webpage.

Staffing Changes
We welcome Mr Gareth McLean who has taken over from Mr Ricky Davis in PE. Mr McLean will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week and will be working mainly with the Year 1/2 students.
Mr Davis has picked up a fulltime position at Lara Lake Primary School and we wish him well in his future career and thank him for his work and support during his time at Werribee Primary School.

We welcome back Ms Aimee Pettigrew after her family leave and we would also like to congratulate her and her family on the birth of their first child. Ms Pettigrew will be teaching Foundation T for the remainder of the year as Mrs Belinda Temuskos starts her family leave. We also wish Mrs Temuskos and her family all the best on the birth of their first child.

Mrs Maire Gogerly has also commenced her family leave at the beginning of this term. Mrs Sherratt will be taking over Year 3/4S full time for the remainder of the year. We would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Gogerly and her family for the birth of their fourth child.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Just a quick reminder that the Parent /Teacher Interviews will be held next week on the afternoon and evenings of Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th July. You can book a time to meet with your child’s teacher via our online booking system which can be found on the home page of our website.
Information about how to get the most out of Parent/Teacher Interviews can be found on the Department’s website in the Parent section at:

No Assembly Next Week
There will be no formal assembly next Monday 28th July due to a performance being held in the gym for the whole school called “The Ned Show”.

Changes to the Student Leadership Team
Congratulations to Milla Wietschorke who has taken on the role of Green House Captain for the remainder of the year. Milla replaced Zane Hayek as Green House Captain as he and his family have moved to the other side of Melbourne.

OWL Publishing Dates
The Owl will be published and made available on our website on even weeks this Term. The dates are: 24/07, 07/08, 21/08, 04/09, 18/09.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

David Quinn
Principal
YEAR 3/4 SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION

The Yr3/4 students had a fantastic time at Scienceworks last Thursday. For more information go to the school's blog http://werribeeps.global2.vic.edu.au

Getting involved in Schools Tree Day is a great thing to do.
FRIDAY 25 JULY
Get your hands dirty, make your school look beautiful, have fun with your friends and help the environment all at once!
For more information:
http://treeday.planetark.org/schools

There are a range of National Tree Day events happening throughout July. To find an event near you or to register your own site visit: www.treeday.planetark.org.au

Werribee River – Riverbend Historical Park
When: Sunday 27 July
Time: 10.30am – 12pm
Where: Riverbend Historical Park – off Heaths Road,
Mel Ref: 205 F2

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for catering purposes.
HELPING KIDS MAKE SENSE OF THE MH 17 AIR DISASTER

Reports of the recent shooting down of Flight MH17 over Ukraine air space has saturated newspapers, television and the Internet for the last week. The events were shocking and many of the images shown on our television screens have been quite confronting. Worldwide outrage has been the result.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of such tragedies and natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.

3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

5. Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.
Tuning in to Kids

A six-week parenting program for parents and carers of children aged 2 - 12

Explore ways to:
- help children learn to understand and manage their feelings
- guide their behaviour with appropriate limits and
- promote strong and positive family relationships

Thursdays for six weeks from 7 August - 11 September 2014
12.30 - 2.30pm
Wyndham Park Primary School Community Hub
Kookaburra Avenue, WERRIBEE

Cost: $60 single, $90 couple or family rate
Concession available with a Health Care Card

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Phone: (03) 9663 6733 or email: enquiries@ds.org.au
Thanksgiving Service - celebrating 10 years of hope!

Date: Wednesday 20 August 2014
Time: 7.30pm-9pm, followed by supper
Venue: Crossway Baptist Church Auditorium
2 Vision Drive, Burwood East, Victoria
RSVP: Friday 8 August 2014
to admin@kidshopeaus.org.au
or 03 9287 2606
Parking on site

You are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate “KIDS HOPE AUS. 10 years of hope”. Please join the KIDS HOPE AUS. Team, KIDS HOPE AUS. Ambassador Tim Costello and World Vision as we reflect, share stories and give thanks for the many lives touched over the past decade.

The KIDS HOPE AUS. Thanksgiving Service is for coordinators, mentors, prayer partners, pastors, family, school principals and teachers, chaplains, and all who support KIDS HOPE AUS. in some way.
BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS

**20% OFF ALL STOCK**

**Wyndham City Salvation Army**
**Thrift Shop**

84 Synnot St, Werribee (Opposite Aldi’s)

When you bring this newsletter and a donation of second-hand goods to our new Salvation Army Thrift Shop you receive a 20% discount on your purchase in-store. Thank you for your support.

You may be surprised what you’ll find!

Phone: 9742 5097

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**MSJ 2015**
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

**MSJ Open Mornings**
- 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
  - 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

**MSJ Open Day 2014**
- Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm