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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CANTEEN ROSTER –TERM 2

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

PURPLE TOKENS

We have started a new Positive Behaviour Reward System in the yard this term called ‘Purple Tokens’. The children are rewarded by teachers in the yard for living our school values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATION and COURTESY and are given a PURPLE TOKEN.

Each classroom teacher then discusses the reason for receiving the token with the child and the rest of the class, celebrating the achievement.

The PURPLE TOKENS are then collected at the end of each week and a year level ‘raffle’ system is used to award a prize to one person from Foundation, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6.

We then will have a ‘raffle’ at the end of each term for a big prize, with all of the collected tokens from the whole school for the entire term in the raffle.

Do you live near Railway Avenue? Can you help?

My partner has broken her leg and can’t drive or walk to pick up our Grade 1 daughter after school for the rest of term 2. We’re hoping to find a family who travels near Railway Avenue after school who could drop Drew at home 3 or 4 days per week. Morning drop-offs would be helpful too, although not as urgent. If you’re able to help we’d be happy to reimburse for petrol. Please call Eilis on 0418 516 033 or email on eilismhughes@gmail.com.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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

**Week 3**
- **Jayden W. (1/2H)** For making positive changes in the yard and classroom. He is also trying his hardest with his school work.
- **Ashley S. (1/2S)** For showing all four school values and for academic achievement in all areas.
- **Meoni K. (5S)** For going above and beyond expectations and a wonderful friend to her peers
- **Paw Paw Clay K. (1/2P)** For academic achievement in creating her own Writer’s Notebook
- **Mia B. (1/2E)** For happily returning to school after some time away and completing home tasks.

**Week 4**
- **Ethan D. (3.4E)** For developing his confidence in Writing
- **Jackson M. (3/4W)** For developing his confidence in Writing
- **Nicholas E. (3/4T)** For being a super computer technician for the whole class

**Mother’s Day**
We hope all the mothers had a great day on Mother’s Day last Sunday and were treated to a special day. I would also like to thank the volunteers who organised and ran the Mother’s Day Stall at school on the Thursday and Friday prior to Mother’s Day to allow our students to buy their mums something special.

**Head Lice**
Head lice will be a problem from time to time in Werribee Primary School and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem. Head lice can cause concern and frustration for some parents, teachers and children. Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. Parents have the responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice. If you discover your child has head lice please inform the school and a brochure will be sent home to all students in that class providing information for treatment and control. Your child will be excluded from school until the lice have been treated. 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. They don’t fly or jump – they crawl from head to head. This often happens when people play or work closely together.

Head lice (Pediculosis humanus capitis) are small (3-4mm) wingless insects, which are common particularly in school aged children. 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 or visit [http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/)

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school after treatment has commenced. The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school because of head lice. Further information: [http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/guidelines/school-exclusion-table.asp](http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/guidelines/school-exclusion-table.asp)
NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the NAPLAN test this week along with the Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students from across Australia. The students were tested in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar). We will receive the results of the 2014 testing program towards the end of Term 3. Further information for parents can be found at:

Education Week

The focus for this year’s Education week is on Science. During Education Week we are going to turn our school into an exhibition space by having a sculpture display and competition in the Library. Students will be designing and building a science sculpture made from recyclable materials in class. Your child may be working with a group of students from his/her class or working on a whole class project. The sculptures will be put on display during Education Week and we will give students and families the opportunity to vote for their favourite. There will be prizes presented to one class from each Level - Foundation, Yr 1/2, Yr 3/4, Yr 5 and Yr 6. Families and our school community are invited to come along and see the exhibition during an open afternoon on Thursday 22nd May from 2.10pm to 3.10pm in the Library. During this time you will be able to go to your child/children’s room and ask them to accompany you to the library to show you their class sculpture and vote for your favourite. We hope you can come along and see some imaginative and creative sculptures.

To find out more about Education Week and where science can take your child, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek

Have a great fortnight everyone.

David Quinn
Principal

Meet Some of Our Staff

My Name is Ben Millar and I am the Science teacher at Werribee Primary School. I first started working at Werribee Primary School from 2005-2007 as an Integration Aide in order to complete contact hours for Certificate 4 in Youth Work. I really enjoyed working at Werribee Primary and it was during this placement that I decided that I wanted to become a teacher. In my personal time I enjoy listening to music, (rock and blues) reading, (Wilbur Smith) spending time with family and friends and playing with my dog (Ollie). I have a passion for Teaching/Youth Work, fast cars, live music and good food.

My name is Diana Stockdale and I currently teach Year 1/2. I completed my Bachelor of Education at the University of Ballarat and then began teaching at Werribee Primary School. I have been fortunate enough to work at Werribee Primary School for eight years teaching in many areas of the school. I first started as the ICT specialist for Prep to Year 6. After a few years of ICT I then expanded my teaching into the classroom, teaching Years 5/6, 1/2 and Prep. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my family and friends while keep fit and living a healthy lifestyle. I also have the travel bug and have been lucky enough to go to Fiji, Thailand, Japan and also travel within Australia. I hope to do more travelling and create many more adventures and memories overseas.
My name is Samantha (Sam) Sharkey and I am currently teaching Year 5. I have been a teacher for 10 years and have worked in school in Melbourne’s South Eastern suburbs as well as in Geelong. I grew up in Melbourne, in a suburb named Hampton Park and moved to Geelong on my completion of Year 12. While attending Deakin University, I was an Integration Aide at a Geelong West Primary School as well as co-ordinating Before and After School Care. I have two beautiful children, my four and half year old daughter, Tahlia and my 9 month old son, Josh. I will be celebrating my 10 year wedding anniversary this year with my husband, Ryan who is also a teacher. I spent many years dancing and still enjoy choreographing routines. I enjoy reading, going to the gym and watching movies while playing with my children. I am excited to be teaching at Werribee Primary School and look forward to the year ahead.

Hi, my name is Kate Murphy. I started my teaching career here at Werribee Primary School six years ago, but my history at this school goes way back to 1970. I myself was a student here and I have fond memories and still keep in contact with some of those students. I have taught in most year levels across the school and have enjoyed every level. This year I am teaching Year 5 and it’s such a pleasure to be a part of dedicated team. Before I started teaching, I worked in the photographic industry for 20 years and supported my husband in our family business. Both my children attended this school too and have continued on with their studies. As well as having Jacob and Hannah we have two golden Labradors grandpa Murph and Maisy. In my spare time I I enjoy long walks, going to the gym and boxing. I love to garden and soon hope to begin re-designing the backyard.

**TERM 2 - Sports Events**

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**YEAR 6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

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Thank you to Rick Spinks for umpiring the football match 😊

**ROUND 3 – Friday 16th May – WPS v TCPS**

HOCKEY & TEEBALL – Presidents Park

NETBALL & SOCCER – Thomas Chirnside Primary School

FOOTBALL – Wyndhamvale Oval

**ROUND 4 – Friday 23rd May – WPS v Iramoo**

HOCKEY & TEEBALL – Presidents Park

NETBALL & SOCCER – Werribee Primary School

FOOTBALL – Wyndhamvale Oval
Matches are played from 1.15 – 2.15pm. Spectators are welcome.

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

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY
The following students will be competing at the Division Cross Country Finals to be held at Presidents Park on Tuesday 27th May. Congratulations and GOOD LUCK!

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AFL FOOTBALL TICKETS
The North Melbourne Football has provided students with the opportunity to attend an upcoming match with their family at no cost. The matches on offer are; * Saturday 2nd August North Melbourne v Cats, *Sunday 17th August North Melbourne v Bulldogs, *Round 23 (date & time to be confirmed) North Melbourne v Melbourne.
Many students have collected the card which needs to be completed and returned to the club promptly. If you have not received one and would like one, please contact me in the Gym office.

YEAR 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday 10th June. Permission notes for this event have gone home. Please note, it is an expectation that all students participate in the event. For this event to run successfully we need parent support. If you are able to assist on the day, please fill in the information slip below and return it to school at your earliest convenience. A current Working with Children’s Check is required.

YEAR 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL – Parent Helpers
Parent Name:__________________________________________________
Child’s Name:_________________________________ Class:__________
I am able to assist:
All Day ☐ Part of the Day ☐ Please write times available____________________
Phone Number:_____________________________________________________
Email Address:_____________________________________________________

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Tanya Staehr
Sports Coordinator

TERM TWO WORKING BEE DATES
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....

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

☐ 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

COMING TO OUR BOOK FAIR

WHERE: LIBRARY
WHEN: Wed 28th to Fri 30th May
TIME: 3.10-4pm

*Reminder*

Just a reminder to parents if you haven’t completed the Language Program survey, if you could do this by the end of May, as the school would like to have parent input into the decision of choosing a language. The survey can be accessed by clicking on the link below and going to Werribee Primary School Language survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H3C5P5Q
On Thursday 29th May all children at our school will be attending a FREE St. John’s Ambulance First Aid Course at school. It is a 45 minute session per year level group and is conducted by trainers from St. John. Please find below the summary of the Program.

**Summary of Classes for St John First Aid in Schools Program**

**MODULE 1 - Prep to Year 2**
Emphasis is on how to recognise an emergency situation and how to call for assistance
- DRS of the DRSABCD Action Plan
- Practical: Filling in of the “My important information” card

**MODULE 2 - Year 3 to 4**
Emphasis is on how to recognise someone is unconscious and how to maintain a clear airway
- DRSAB of the DRSABCD Action Plan
- Practical: Recovery Position
- Basic management of bleeding
- Practical: Bandage a bleeding hand
- Management of a nose bleed

**Module 3 - Year 5 to 6**
Emphasis is on how to recognise someone is unconscious and not breathing
- DRSABC of the DRSABCD Action Plan
- Practical: Recovery Position,
- CPR
- Basic management of bleeding
- Practical: Bandage a bleeding hand
- Management of a nose bleed

**Walk Safely to School Day**
The annual National Walk Safely to School Day - when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school - will be held at Werribee Primary School on Wednesday, May 21. The objectives of this day are to:
- Encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour
- Promote the health benefits of walking
- Ensure that children up to the age of 10 hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
- Help children develop road crossing skills
- Reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age
- Reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- Reduce traffic congestion.

On Wednesday, May 21, come to school in an active way! Walk, or ride your bike or scooter to school. Meet Miss Ilmer at Chirnside Park at 8.30 and walk to school from there. Get fit, learn safe pedestrian behaviour and help the environment, all at the same time. Everyone who comes to school in an active way will receive a sticker.
WERRIBEE FRIENDS (FORMERLY P & F COMMITTEE)

The Parents & Friends Committee (P&F) is now known as "Werribee Friends". The name change came to be when we incorporated 3 committees: P&F, School Activities Committee (SAC) and Community Engagement Committee. With this new cohesive approach, we are looking forward to a fun and productive future.

Our meetings have a relaxed atmosphere and toddlers are welcome. More members are wanted, you are warmly encouraged to come to any of our meetings. If your family is new to our school, please come along and introduce yourself or if you have been at our school for several years and now find you have a couple of hours a month to spare, we would love for you to join us.

Grandparents, aunts & uncles, friends and neighbours are all welcome, we need many hands and fresh new ideas to continue to make Werribee Primary School the best it can be for our students. At meetings our Principal, Mr Quinn, provides a report/update on important happenings. Mrs Laird and Mrs Millar also attend Werribee Friends meetings, so we have a close communication connection with leadership staff.

Meetings are held 2:10pm - 3:10pm in the "P&F Shed" located next to the sand pit near the oval. Please add the meeting dates to your calendar or diary. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Michelle Bailey
Secretary – Werribee Friends

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website 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)
29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

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

Dear parents and carers,

In my time as Minister for Education, I have met many dedicated volunteers giving up their time and using their expertise to provide students and school communities with the very best learning and development opportunities.

As Australia celebrates the 25th National Volunteer Week from May 12-18, it's an opportune time to recognise and celebrate the valuable work volunteers do in our school communities.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I would like to sincerely thank all of you who donate your time and expertise to your school. It wouldn't be the same place without your important contribution.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP
Minister for Education
On Wednesday 7 May, 2014, Heidi Taylor from Tangaroa Blue came to talk to Years 1 to 6 about how to protect our marine environment.

The Australian Marine Debris Initiative is a network of communities, schools, industries, government agencies and individuals focused on reducing the amount of marine debris washing into our oceans. They work on more than 1000 beaches around Australia. We saw a video showing how out of 100 turtle eggs, only 25 turtle hatchlings were able to make their way past the debris to get to the sea. All the rest died in the rubbish.

They collected tonnes of rubbish off the beach and over 94% was plastic. In one place, the marine debris included 4 696 thongs!

We want to stop our marine animals, such as turtles eating plastic bags.

Heidi gave us a few suggestions as to what we can do to help stop the rubbish, such as, telling others about marine debris, picking up rubbish and using green bags for supermarket shopping.

At Werribee Primary School, we have a zero waste policy, which means you have three choices.

1. Pack lunch in reusable containers. Be a Nude Foodie!!
2. If you must have waste, try to have only waste that is recyclable.
3. If you decide to have this type of rubbish: chip bags, plastic or foil wrap, plastic grocery bags, zip lock bags, yogurt tubes, then take it home.

Just a reminder that if you are eating outside, then you need to be sitting in the snack shacks located next to the library or under the rotunda. Then rubbish can be put in the bin provided rather than on the ground.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
St Andrews basketball club is looking for players in the following age groups boys and girls born in 2006, 2005 and 2004. Games and training are all at the Werribee Recreation Centre on Ballan road Werribee. Please contact Michelle Kelly on 0412778746 if you are interested.

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS