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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Have you visited our school’s blog?
The site is a celebration of our students work in and out of the school. The most recent posts are about the School Fete, School Captains running recess and lunch time activities, examples of some students fantastic writing, Asanti Dance Theatre lessons, Scienceworks excursions for year 6 and year 5, the BEST team visiting Werribee Zoo, a slideshow of the year 3/4 Explorer’s Expo and National Tree Day.

http://werribeeps.global2.vic.edu.au

The students love receiving comments about their work,

Happy Blogging ☺
Principal’s Report

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

**Week 9**
- **Luke Lincoln (5S)** for responsibility and caring for a younger member of our community and keeping them safe.
- **Joel Edwards (5S)** for responsibility and caring for a younger member of our community and keeping them safe.
- **Ahere Toro (6S)** for excellent organisation and leadership skills throughout Year 5 Sport.
- **Zac Caserta (6S)** for excellent organisation and leadership skills throughout Year 5 Sport.
- **Milla Wietschorke (6S)** for excellent organisation and leadership skills throughout Year 5 Sport.

**Week 10**
- **Henry Riches (FP)** blowing his teacher’s mind during his maths test by using great strategies to work out the answers.
- **Eh Tha Taw (1/2S)** trying his best with the Maths Online Interview.
- **Lou Field (1/2P)** excellent sportsmanship at Hoop Time.
- **Caleb Potter (1/2I)** excellent sportsmanship at Hoop Time.
- **Carter Brilliant (1/2E)** excellent sportsmanship at Hoop Time.
- **Cameron Purton (1/2I)** excellent sportsmanship at Hoop Time.
- **Jamie McKinnis (5M)** being a fantastic assistant at Hoop Time. Thank you for your help.
- **Lowri Dancy (5M)** being a fantastic assistant at Hoop Time. Thank you for your help.
- **Emily Oo Meh (6R)** all four values by supporting a new student to settle in to Werribee Primary School.
- **Henry Vu (6R)** consistently achieving exceptional results in Mathematics assessments.

Well done to all the above award recipients. It’s great to see so many achievements where our students have gone above and beyond.

**SunSmart Hats**
School SunSmart hats now need to be worn according to our school’s SunSmart policy. Please ensure your child has a proper maroon school hat to wear to school every day that protects their face, ears and neck. Parents/caregivers, please ensure that your child’s name is clearly marked on the inside of the hate. Baseball caps are not part of our school uniform and therefore may not be worn at school. All school uniform items (including school hats) can be purchased from Rushford’s School Uniform Supplies – 28 Watton St, Werribee.

**Last Day of Term 3**
Term 3 finishes on Friday 19th September and the students will be dismissed early at 2.10pm. Please make sure your child is collected, or alternative care arrangements have been made. The first day of Term 4 is Monday 6th October. We hope everyone has a wonderful, safe break and thoroughly enjoy the holidays. Thank you all for your spectacular support, hard work and efforts throughout Term 3.

See you all next Term.
David Quinn
Principal
RESOURCESMART AWARDS (SUSTAINABILITY)

For the ResourceSmart Awards (Sustainability) Werribee Primary School was nominated in three areas – Biodiversity, Energy and Teacher of the Year category. On Monday, Sep 8, Ms Elliott and Mrs Wembridge took 5 student representatives to Melbourne for the Awards ceremony. We came second as the Energy School of the Year!! The kids also did a fantastic job of conducting a student led presentation for the other schools. We were very impressed with the way they represented Werribee Primary School.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; even from the time they are enrolled in a pre-school setting.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

What are my responsibilities as a Parent/Caregiver

Make sure your child:
- attends school on ALL school days
- is on time every day

Make sure you:
- provide the school with an explanation if your child is away
- contact the school if your child does not want to go to school
- arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
- arrange personal shopping trips with your son/daughter or birthday celebrations out of school hours
- do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons.
It was finally my turn. As I nervously stepped forward to be harnessed I hold my breath in anticipation. My group buddies gradually pull me up. I anxiously wait to pull the rope. "3, 2, 1" There was dead silence. All I can fell in my heart pounding like a herd of elephants. My stomach is still up in the air. The air rushes past my face as I swing.
Jessica 3/4W

As we arrive at the Hut Building, I am excited. I have never done hut building before. I look around at the marvellous creations that have already been built. I am impressed. I wonder if I can make a better one. Our group work together as a team. We need lots of leaves because that will make it waterproof. Mr Helmore uses the bucket to add water. "Will we get wet?"
Gilition 3/4E

"Mmmmm! Tasty" I think to myself. I lick my lips. We are making damper. My hands are so messy. But it has been really fun!
Ben 3/4W
EASTERN BARRED BANDICOOTS

The Werribee Open Range Zoo have 4 new EBBs (Eastern Barred Bandicoots). The EBB keeper Ben Gulli offered schools the opportunity to name their very own Eastern Barred Bandicoot. Our BEST (sustainability) students suggested a range of names. Our submitted name of CORRYONG (which an aboriginal name for bandicoot) was officially accepted. We will have an opportunity to meet our EBB in Term 4.

Staying Safe around Swooping Magpies

Male magpies, they are the ones with the white backs, will defend an area around their nests during breeding season. The area is usually within 100 metres of the nest if you are walking but can be 150m if you are riding a bike. Protective behaviour can start as early as July (when they start nesting) and go through to November (when the chicks are fledging).

A magpies defensive behaviour can be a swoop or a dive bomb, sometimes that can involve contact. Some attacks can leave a person with head or eye injuries, so swooping magpies should be taken seriously.

What can we do to stay safe during this time?

- When walking, wear a broad brimmed hat and sunglasses, sometimes putting eyes on the back of your hat can deter the magpie.
- If you are riding a bike, attach a flag to a pole on your bike, this may deter them, or get off and walk.
- If you can avoid the area and find another route home until the magpies babies have left the nest, that would be better for both parties.
- Don’t fight back if a magpie swoops. Throwing sticks or stones at it can make it more aggressive.
- If you find a fledgeling on the ground don’t pick it up, dad is probably watching from afar. If it is still there at night and you are concerned for its safety, pick it up and put it in a tree.

Not all male magpies swoop people, according to a Brisbane study only nine per cent do. The Plover is another swooping bird; they are most often seen in open grassy areas close to water. In breeding season both male and female will defend the nest. Their swooping rarely results in contact but can be unsettling for children.
STEP INTO VOLUNTEERING IN WYNDHAM

Have you ever thought about volunteering your time but not sure where to start or who to contact? Have you never thought about volunteering but could be interested in finding out what it entails? Do you know anyone that might want to find out more about volunteering?

On Thursday, 16 October, Wyndham City will be hosting our biggest yet Volunteering EXPO. The event will be open to all who are either looking for a volunteering opportunity or looking to find out more about what it means to volunteer in their local community. Volunteer West will be on hand to provide information to potential volunteers and up to 15 local organisations will be present on the day – all looking to recruit volunteers in the area in a wide range of roles.

Some of the organisations confirmed include:

- Melbourne ACES
- St John’s Ambulance
- Werribee Support and Housing
- Australian Multicultural Community Services
- Friends of Werribee Park
- Extended Families Australia

The event will be held at Kelly Park Centre, 1 Synnot Street, Werribee on the 16 October from 10.30 – 12.00. No registration needed – just show up on the day. For more information, visit our website.

For further information, please contact volunteers@wyndham.vic.gov.au or Customer Services on (03) 9742 0777.

Look forward to seeing you there, Wyndham City Volunteering Team

THE PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE HAS FINISHED.

Congratulations to 125 students from our school for participating and completing the challenge. This was a great effort and a big increase in numbers on the previous year.

Next term these students will receive a certificate and if requested their name will also be on the online honour roll.

Thank you to parents, teachers and a team of year 6 students – Sa Moo Ra Na, Ju Ray, Romy and Zahra for supporting students to log books and a special thank you to Karyn McEachran (mum of Elijah 1/2P and Kyah FM) for her help to log books for students across the school.

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Have you got any unwanted, clean, wearable footwear?
Just bring to along to school. Be sure to pair them up together by their laces or with rubber bands.
Please donate by Friday 17 Oct. The collection box will be near the art room.
All types and sizes welcome.

In Your Shoes

are your shoes gathering dust?

Give your old shoes a new life, by donating them to “In Your Shoes”.
Your shoes will be diverted from landfill and redistributed to people less fortunate.
Building deep relationships with kids

Building a strong relationship with their children is every parent’s dream. Here are some time-honoured ways of doing this ... if you can stick to them.

Every parent I know wants a great relationship with their children.

An effective way of promoting such relationships is through rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families I know are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every kid, no matter what their age, is expected to come to the meal table. Kids in these families are generally expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

This can require some parenting spine, but these rituals build wide relationships - that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle.

Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. They also survive the potential storms of adolescence, during which relationships can become stormy and intense.

Certainly some ages are more amenable to positive relationship building than others. Developmentally, it’s easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency: five through to ten years of age.

The easiest way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your kids is to spend regular one-on-one time together.

- Go somewhere for a whole day with a child.
- Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy.
- If possible, go camping.

These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children’s behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to share an interest with a child. Having something in common, whether it’s a shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. A shared interest also creates ‘natural’ opportunities for one-on-one time.

Make it happen
- One-on-one time needs to be organised.
- It generally won’t happen by accident.
- It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make it happen. Most of all it takes permission.
- But one-on-one time is so worth the effort.
- One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.


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