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Respect, Responsibility and Resilience

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

16th- Grade 2 Sleepover

17th-P-2 Activity Day

November

3rd-Pupil Free Day

4th-Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

12th-School Council Meeting

Werrimull P-12 is committed to providing excellent teaching, differentiated learning, and the academic, social and emotional growth of all students in an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Werrimull P-12 School Community,

Welcome to the final term of 2025! Term 4 is an exciting time to reflect on the progress made throughout the year, complete assessments, and begin planning for 2026.

I'm pleased to share that student growth across the school has been very encouraging, along with a 10% improvement in our average attendance rate. Consistent attendance is vital to student success, so thank you for your support. If you'd like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to their teachers anytime.

We're also excited to resume swimming lessons this term, which support water safety education while building students' fitness and confidence. We are very fortunate to have dedicated staff who maintain their qualifications for pool lifeguard and swim instructors so that we can safely use the valuable community facility.

Planning for next year is well underway, with many senior students already selecting their VET subjects for 2026. We're also looking forward to transition activities with Millewa Preschool to welcome our new Prep students.

If you have any questions about subject options or pathways, don't hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together for a strong finish to 2025!

Warm regards, Ben Nicholson

Prep - 2

with Mrs Keeghan, Miss Lambert and Mrs Carter.

Students have returned to school ready to learn and looking forward to a busy and fun-filled final term. The Prep students are continuing their letter/sound knowledge, learning phonemes to read and write words. In maths, recognising numbers and counting up to 20 has been the focus. The older students have been working hard, developing reading, writing and comprehension skills and writing narratives. They have also been challenging themselves, learning new multiplication facts and investigating division.

Tree Planting

At the end of last term, we were joined by Senior Leading Constable AI from the Werrimull Police Station. In recognition of the valuable job our policemen do in keeping us safe, we planted a lemon scented gum in the plantation. Students took turns digging the hole, planting and then watering in the tree.



Excursion

Our Year 2 students are excited to spend the night at school on Thursday night for their long-anticipated sleepover! On Friday morning all students will travel to Mildura for a fun-filled day including a visit to Listo Trapeze Co where students will get the opportunity to become circus performers, lunch at Barclay Square and a visit to the Red Cliffs Library for some reading and quiet activities. We look forward to sharing our sleepover and excursion with you in the next newsletter!

Reminders

With the warmer weather upon us, it is important students:

- wear a wide brimmed hat during outside play.
- drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- bring their bathers for swimming – from next Monday.

Please contact the office if your child does not have a school hat.

BALLARAT CAMP

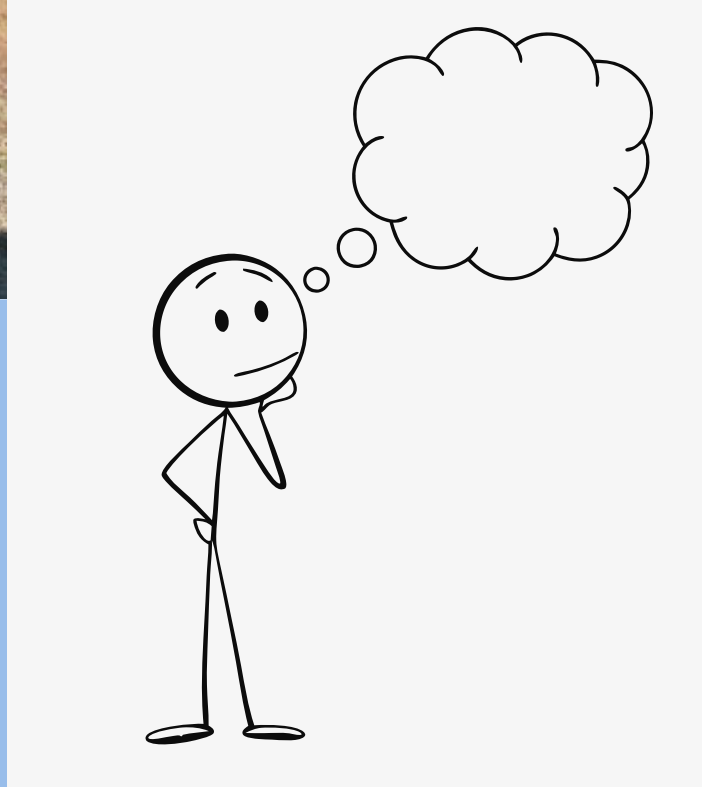


Risk



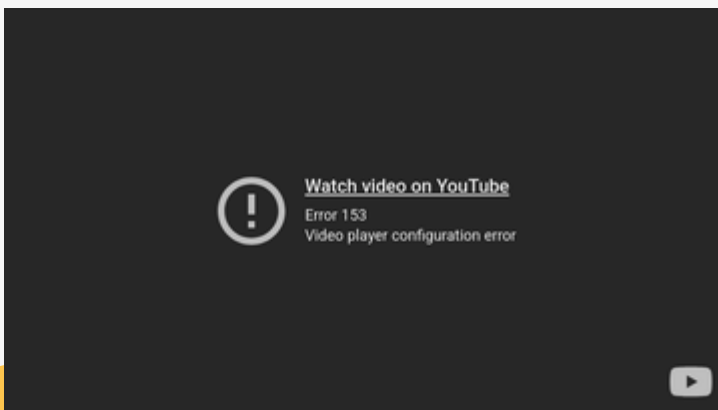
How do we keep the risk low when we go on excursion adventures?:

- “We don’t do high risk activities.” - Delta
- “We ask before we touch.” - Lily
- “We stay in the green zone.” - Ruby
- “We think safe or unsafe.” - Kerim
- “We sit and listen.” - Nevalah
- “We help the younger children be safe.” - Shanae
- “We concentrate on what we are told to do.” - Matthew



The children have shared some of their ideas on how we keep the risk low on excursions.

Risk Song



CFA Visit



Last Thursday, we welcomed Shane and Kathryn from the CFA to our school to share important fire safety messages with our students and the Werrimull community.

Our students had a fantastic time spraying the hose, exploring the Little Tanker, and asking lots of questions about firefighting. It was a fun and memorable way to learn about safety and the vital work our CFA members do.

A big thank you to Shane and Kathryn for visiting our school, promoting fire safety, and creating such an enjoyable experience for our primary students.



Marvellous Maths



Year 7/9 Maths

Students are learning about ratios. How to write them, simplify them, find equivalent ratios, dividing quantities into a given ratio and problem solving with them.



VCE VM AND VPC NUMERACY

Some students have chosen to participate in work experience opportunities. Other students are continuing with their course work.



Secondary Tales

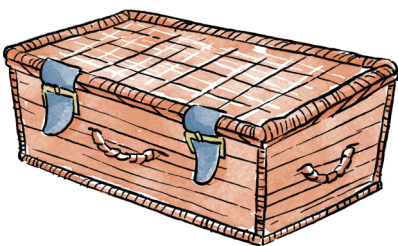


Welcome to Term 4,

The Years 7/8 & 9 English students are exploring the news and current affairs. They will be looking at hardcopy and online newspapers over the next couple of weeks and thinking about the issues that are presented in the news. They will choose an issue to investigate and present this issue to the class using several persuasive techniques to support their point of view on the issue.

In Humanities, the Year 7, 8 & 9 students are exploring the justice and court system in Australia. They are learning about how a court works, what constitutes a fair trial and how people can access justice and legal representation. They will answer comprehension questions, discuss and research aspects of our legal system.

In Literacy, the Year 11 students have started their final assessment task: researching and presenting a point of view on a current issue. Students will have to establish the issue, research and prepare how they will communicate the issue, and then prepare and present a final point of view on the issue. Also, TAFE continues for the next few weeks, with students finishing off their units of competency for their Certificates.



Lunchclub



Tin foil figures created in lunch club by Lily, Nevalah, Zana, Matthew, Shanae, Jonathan.

Attendance- Every Day Counts

Missing one day per fortnight adds up to four weeks of school a year. If you or your child are experiencing issues with attendance please have a chat with your child's classroom teacher. We can try and link you or your child in with supports or make adjustments for your child. It is better to get in early, rather than wait for something to become a bigger issue. Werrimull P-12 is aware that there can be lots of reasons that attendance can become difficult and we try to be supportive and encouraging to overcome any difficulties together.

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25
1800 650 890
(9am to 1am daily)

For webchat, visit:
headspace.org.au/eheadspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527
(3pm to midnight daily)

qlife.org.au
(online chat 3pm to midnight local time, including over holidays.)

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SWIMMING AT SCHOOL

To help keep our school pool safe and healthy for all students, it is important that families follow the requirements below. These steps are especially important to protect against the spread of illnesses such as gastroenteritis.



When can students swim?

- Students who are **well** and healthy are welcome to participate in swimming lessons and activities
- Students who are **unwell** with any symptoms such as diarrhoea, vomiting, or fever should not enter the pool



If a student has had gastro (vomiting or diarrhoea):

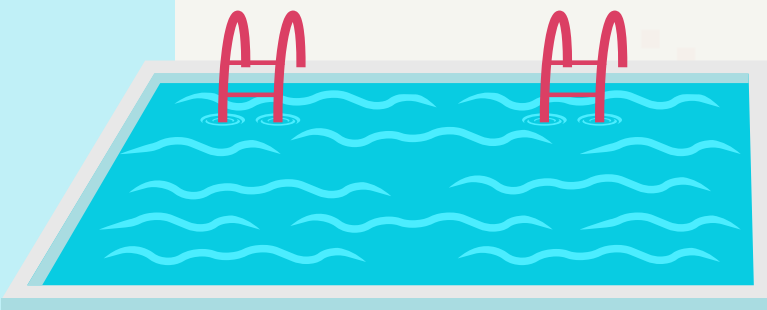
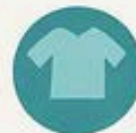


- They **must not swim** for at least 14 days after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
- Even if your child is feeling better, the germs that cause gastro can still be present and easily spread in pool water
- This rule is in line with health and water safety guidelines and is essential for keeping our pool water safe for all users



Requirements for students:

- Wear a rashle and swimwear (not items of regular clothing)
- Wear sunscreen



POLICIES COMPLAINTS

At Werrimull P-12 School, we welcome feedback and are committed to handling complaints respectfully, fairly, and promptly.



WHO CAN RAISE A COMPLAINT?

- **Students**
- **Parents/Carers**
- **Community members**

Still Not Resolved?

Contact the Department of Education: 1800 338 663 or enquiries@education.vic.gov.au



For Students

- If something's bothering you, speak to:
- Your teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator
- Koorie Education Support Officer
- Principal
- Support services: Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 | Report Racism Hotline 1800 722 476



For Parent and community members

- Start by speaking with your child's teacher, the Wellbeing Coordinator, or school leadership.
- If the issue can't be resolved informally, you can:
- Make a formal complaint to the Principal
- Bring a support person if you wish
- Expect a timely response (acknowledged within 2 days, resolved within 10 working days where possible)



Want more information or have ideas?

You can access the complete policy on our school website or by stopping by the front office. We encourage your feedback on this policy or any others at any time. Together, let's strive to make Werrimull P-12 a safe and supportive environment for all, where respect, responsibility, and resilience are valued and nurtured.