

THE PIPELINE

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Respect, Responsibility and Resilience

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December

11th-Werrimull's Got Talent & Awards Show.

17th-Town Celebration Day

18th-Last day of school for students

19th-Pupil Free Day

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,

As we move toward the end of the school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and important events happening across our school community.

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news that I will be leaving Werrimull P-12 School at the end of this year to take on another role. This has been a very difficult decision, as it has been a privilege to lead such a caring, dedicated, and resilient school community. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together and deeply grateful for the support of staff, students, and families. I will truly miss being part of the Werrimull P-12.

This week marks the end of classes for our VCE students. We wish them all the very best as they prepare for either their studies next year or the next exciting chapter in their lives. Their hard work and determination throughout the year have been admirable, and we look forward to their future successes.

Across the school, all students continue to work hard in class as we head toward the end of the year. Our focus remains on ensuring that every student continues to learn, grow, and make progress. I encourage everyone to keep up the great effort and finish the year strongly.

This week, our students represented Werrimull P-12 with pride and respect at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Their participation demonstrated the school's values of respect, and we thank them for contributing so meaningfully to this important occasion.

Thank you once again to everyone who makes Werrimull P-12 such a special place to learn and work.

Warm regards, Ben Nicholson

Prep - 2

with Mrs Keeghan, Mrs Carter, Miss Lambert and Miss Allen.

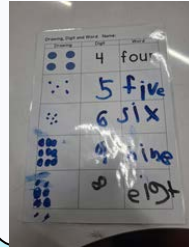
As we hit the half way mark of our final term, our lower primary students are continuing to work hard and consolidate their learning through lots of small group learning opportunities, independent practice and "play based/hands on" learning. The Prep students have been focusing on phonemes - recalling sounds and letters and reading and writing small words. Recognising numbers, subitising, counting and writing numbers continues to be the focus. Our older students have been working hard, continuing to practice fluency when reading and understanding what they have read. In maths, they have been learning about equivalent fractions, using "pizzas" to match fractions.

Creative Cooking.

Each Tuesday the lower primary students have cooking with Miss Di and Mrs Carter. During the term students have prepared and cooked a range of different foods which require following the steps and method of a recipe. In this class, students also have the opportunity to practice a range of culinary skills such as grating, kneading, measuring, mixing, rolling and sifting. Yesterday students made chocolate balls. In the next few weeks they will be focusing on Christmas cooking which the students are very excited about!



Magnificent Maths.



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.
- be mindful of any unwanted visitors in the playground and immediately report any sightings of snakes to the staff member on duty.

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



NEWS FROM



Upper Primary

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LITERACY

Poetry is in full swing in the Upper Primary grades, with students experimenting with Found Poetry – a creative style where they craft original poems using selected words and phrases from existing texts.

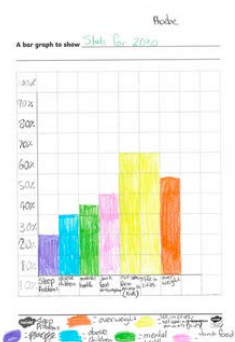
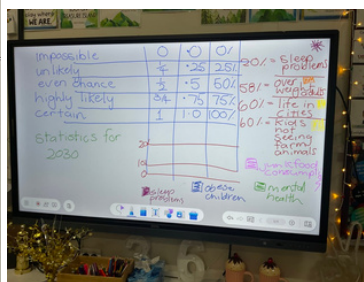
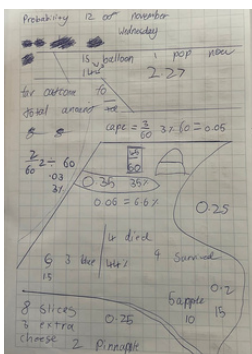
Our overarching reading theme, “Voices That Changed a Nation,” has now moved beyond the late 1800s and early 1900s to focus on events and influential figures from the 1930s onwards. During our Book Study, which features a variety of titles, students have shown a particular interest in Azaria by Maree Coote. This text has sparked deep classroom discussions around bias and how disinformation can impact people’s lives.

It’s been inspiring to see students’ enthusiasm for reading, writing, and thoughtful discussion grow through our exploration of historical fiction. Keep those brilliant questions coming, Grades 4, 5, and 6!

NUMERACY

Students are continuing to blend number skills, shape, measurement, and probability with real-world contexts, and this week we have begun exploring the connection between decimals, fractions, and percentages. This was particularly evident during our probability lessons, where several students confidently identified that 0.75 is the same as $\frac{3}{4}$ and 75%.

Other students have continued to strengthen their understanding of skip counting, number facts, and repeated addition, using concrete materials to support their learning. This hands-on approach has helped many remain focused, confident, and on task for longer periods of time.



CELEBRATIONS

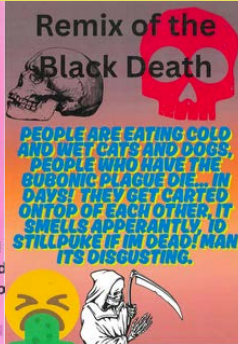
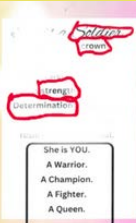
As we move further into the term, it has been wonderful to see our students showing such curiosity, resilience, and enthusiasm across all areas of learning. Their willingness to participate, take risks, ask questions, and support one another is truly inspiring. Thank you to our families for your ongoing encouragement and partnership – it makes a real difference. We look forward to another week of growth, creativity, and celebrating the many achievements of our amazing Grades 4, 5 and 6 students.

REMINDERS

As the weather warms up, please ensure students are coming to school prepared for the sunny days ahead:

- Hats are required each day for outdoor play and activities.
- Water bottles should be brought to school to help students stay hydrated throughout the day.
- Swimming gear (towel, bathers, rash vest, and goggles if preferred) is needed for Thursday’s PE lessons in the pool.

Thank you for helping students stay sun smart, safe, and ready for learning!



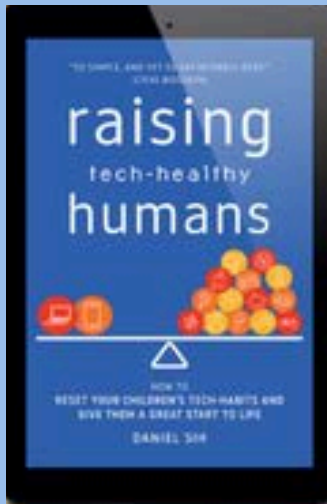
A woman told to leave home and become a soldier her strength and determination to become a Warrior and now she is YOU! A warrior, a Champion, a fighter and a QUEEN

Online Safety



Raising Tech Health Humans:

Raising Kids in a Tech filled world



5 Activities without tech:

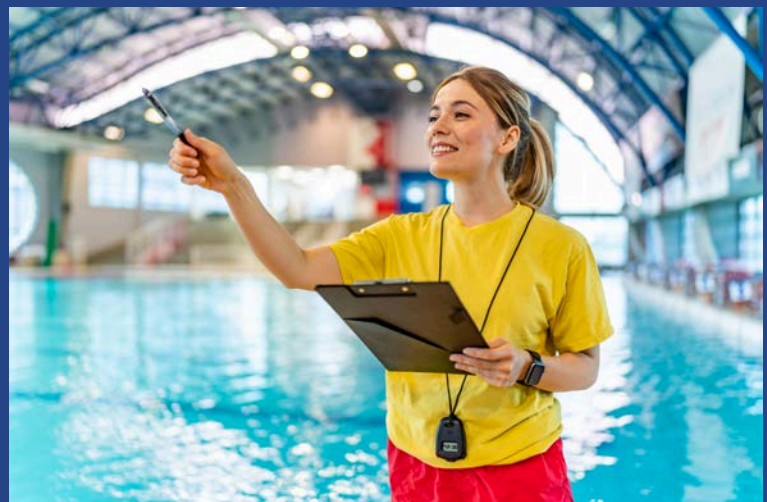
1. Bike Ride
2. Bush walk
3. Make fun things out of cardboard boxes
4. Write letters to friends or family
5. Make paper planes



Calling for Volunteers

The Werrimull Swimming Pool does not currently have enough volunteer lifeguards* to open to the public this summer.

The Pool Committee is looking for interested people over the age of 16 to train as lifeguards who are willing to offer their time to be able to open the pool.



Contact the school if you are interested in this opportunity

* While our lifeguards are not paid, you will receive training at no cost to you



Millewa Kinder with Mrs Aldamiz, Miss Harmer & relief staff.....

Upcoming Events & News

- **Transition to school visits are continuing in November.**
- **Library Day is Monday**
- **Miss Harmer will be away from 10th November until 10th December to help her family with this harvest**
- **Our Child Safe Policies have been updated to include the new National Model of Code to keep our children safe. This new code states that only service based devices can be used to take photos, videos of our children while at Kinder**
- **Please visit our Term roster regularly as there is lots happening this term**
- **We are now using Storypark to communicate, please look for your invitation!**

This Week at Kinder...

November News:-

It's hard to believe we are half way through Term 4 already. As Miss Harmer is away during Harvest, we have relief staff working with us, which has been lots of fun.

This fortnight we have been enjoying the warmer weather. We planted grass seed out the front of Kinder and loving seeing the progress of it growing, lots of discussions around taking care of our grass, watering it, not walking on it and waiting for the sun to help it grow. The birds seem to like our grass seed also! so together we made a scarecrow to help keep the birds off! Lots of ideas and imagination went in to creating our Scarecrow, and problem solving how we could get it to stand up in the yard.

In class we have been talking about esafety, being safe online and when to ask a grownup for help. We watched a video 'Swoosh & Glide, rule number 5', which shares an age appropriate way for young children to recognise signs when using tablets/phones and online games, that something isn't quite right and how to get help. Please visit this site for wonderful information on keeping our children safe online and to watch the video.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



We have had lots of new resources and toys delivered recently and children have helped to unpack, put pieces together and of course play, even the empty boxes were fun! We decided to be Artists and explore different painting techniques on the boxes. We used cotton buds, cotton balls and even pegs to paint with!

Using Playdough is always a favourite activity, as we strengthen and develop fine motor muscles ready for drawing and writing. We have been doing lots of practise using scissors and being safe with scissors.



We are Artist's!



Marvellous Maths

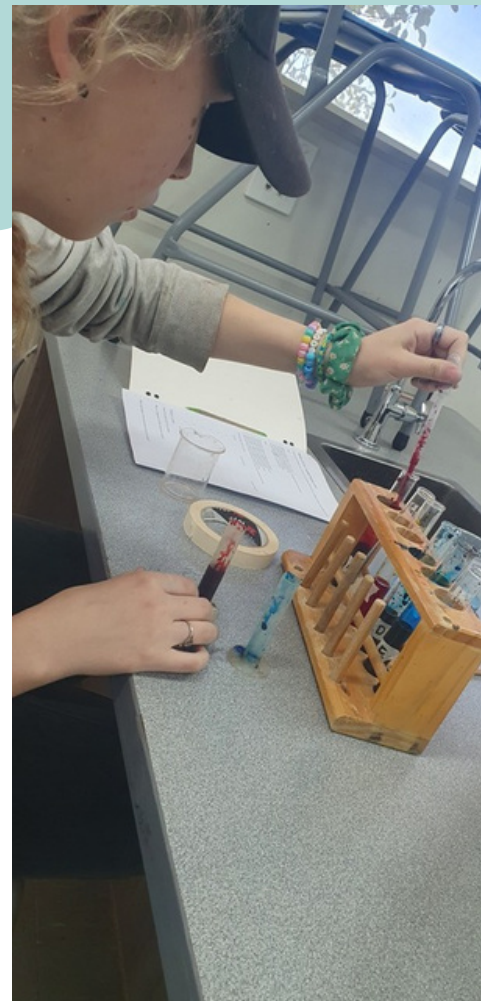
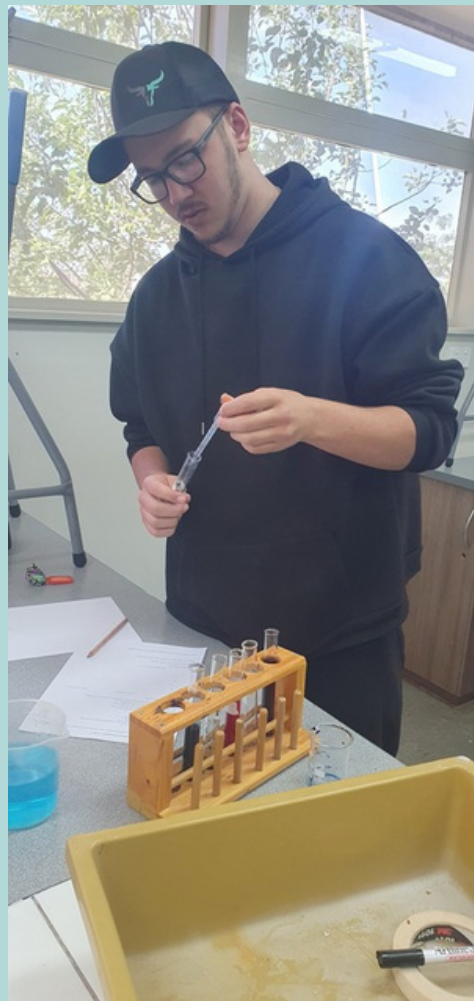


Year 7/8 Maths

Students are continuing their reasoning and understanding of proportion. This week the focus is on equivalent fractions & fractions of quantities.

VCE VM AND VPC NUMERACY

Students have been looking at skills needed in some workplaces. One of the activities was to highlight the necessity to carefully read and follow instructions.



Secondary Tales

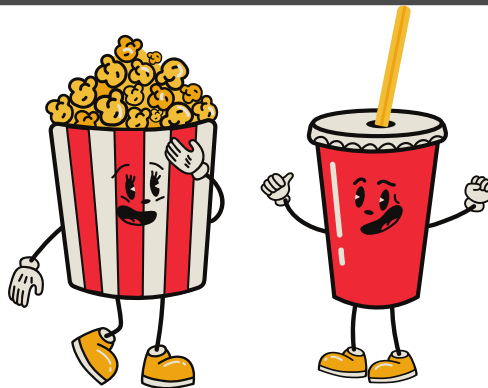


Welcome to Week 6, Term 4,

After looking at the media, the Years 7 & 8 English students have chosen an issue to investigate, take a stance on and then present to the class next week. They have created a script, used several persuasive techniques and have begun to think about how they will present the issue to the class. Also, they are continuing to do their spelling, thus expanding their vocabulary, and to practice their use of language in their sentence writing.

In Humanities, the Year 7 & 8 students have completed the unit of work: The Legal System and You. Now, they have been learning about Remembrance Day and researching aspects of World War I, which will require them to research, answer questions, draw a diagram of the trenches and do a mapping activity.

In VCE VM, the Year 11 students have been finishing off their final assessment tasks for Unit 2. They will complete their classes this Friday, and will be able to take a well earned Christmas break before returning in 2026 to begin their Year 12 studies. Also, TAFE has finished for the year, and thus their VET studies until next year.



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

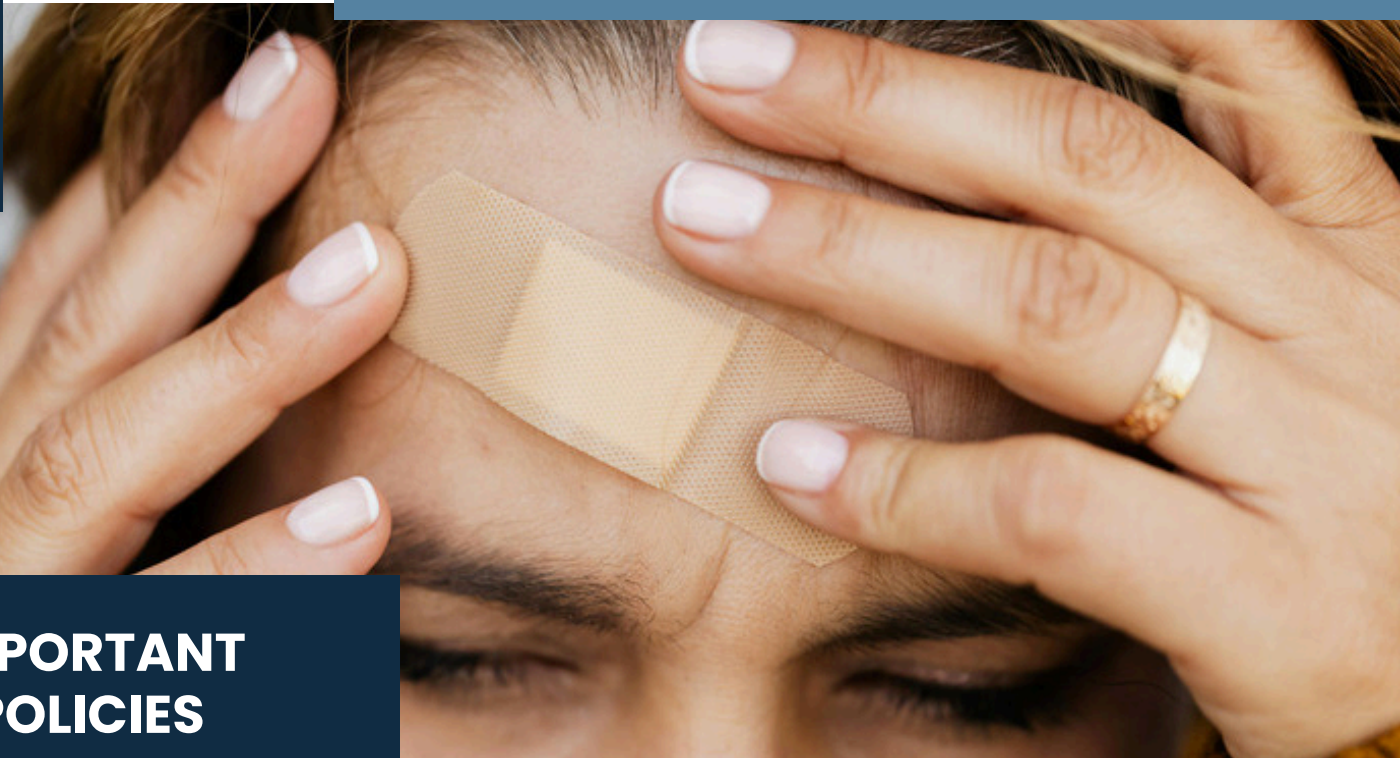
13 92 76
13yarn.org.au



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

POLICIES FIRST AID AND MEDICATION

At Werrimull P-12 School, we want to help keep our community safe and healthy at all times.



IMPORTANT POLICIES

- First Aid Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy

These policies are available on our school website



Reviewing Information

- We ask that families keep the school updated on a regular basis to ensure we have up to date medical information for all students

Staff Training

- Our staff undertake regular training to effectively manage asthma, anaphylaxis and a range of other first aid needs. This is renewed annually and student action plans are reviewed in this training.



Medication Administration

- From time to time, students may need to be administered prescribed or other medication. To enable this, we need parent authorisation. Please ensure this form is completed for your child.



Want more information or have ideas?

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You can access all of our policies 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.