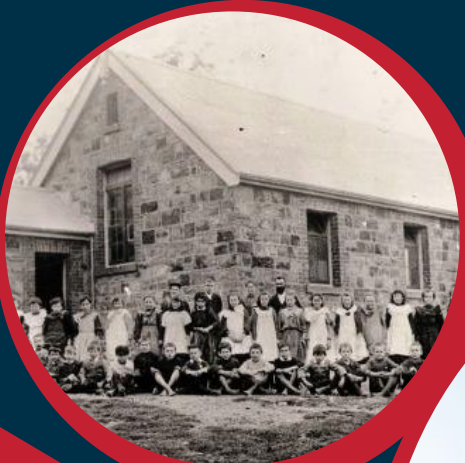


Warrandyte Primary School

WELCOME

Big Opportunities Start Here





A Little About Our History

The school was established in 1862 to accommodate a growing population attracted to the area by the first Victorian gold discovery. Located next to the school, the Warrandyte State Park is the site of old goldmines as well as protected indigenous flora and fauna. The ambience of Warrandyte Primary School is further enhanced by its proximity to the Yarra River, the surrounding bushland and views over the valley.

At Warrandyte Primary School, we offer:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- STEM
- Physical Education
- Japanese (LOTE)
- The Arts
- Before & After School Care
- School Canteen
- School Bus Service



At Warrandyte Primary School (WPS) our school programmes are built around positive behaviours.



Respect



Resilience



Responsibility



Kindness

We want to help you make an informed decision about what is right for your family. Our series of Kindergarten-to-School Information booklets will outline some of the many unique opportunities your child could be part of at Warrandyte Primary School.

If you need further information on any of our programmes, please contact our Principal.





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Our School Community

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WPS Community Skills & Experiences

The Warrandyte Primary School community includes current students, families and staff, but it also includes many past families and staff who remain involved with the school, sometimes for many years.

Whenever possible, the wider WPS community may be invited to share their skills and experiences with current students.

For example: we have had parents who are wildlife carers bring young native animals to school to talk to students about threats to local wildlife. Other parents with unique skills in Science created our STEM stations. Past student, Olympian Hockeyroo Rachael Lynch has come back to WPS to run Hockey clinics for current students.

Rats of Tobruk

Sometimes the experiences shared by members of the wider WPS community have a long lasting and profound impact on the school, such as a grandfather who was a WWII Rats of Tobruk veteran coming to speak to Grade 6 students in 1988. This led to an ongoing relationship between Warrandyte Primary School and the Rats of Tobruk Association which continues today. It is the reason why one of our school buildings is named Tobruk Hall in their honour.



Parent Helpers in the Classroom

We love having parent helpers in the classroom. If you're available for just half an hour a week, maybe you could come and listen to some reading or help elsewhere in the school.

Warrandyte Community

The school is deeply involved with the local Warrandyte community including:

- Kinder visits
- Senior Citizens Club visits
- The Warrandyte Festival
- Grade 5/6 Making a Difference local activities
- Visiting local sites to gain an appreciation of our town, its history and local fauna and flora.



Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Warrandyte Primary School has a dedicated group of students committed to developing closer connections with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and developing greater understanding of their histories and cultures.

Facilities & Grounds Committee

There is a committee of dedicated parents and staff who are responsible for the care of the school's beautiful bush setting. Anyone can come along and help at the regular working bees or join the committee.

Students also participate in National Tree Planting Day every year.



Friends of Warrandyte Primary School

FOWPS

FOWPS are a group of parents who organise and run many of the social and fundraising activities at the school.

- Warrandyte Festival WPS Cake Stall
- Annual Fathers' Day Breakfast
- Trivia Nights
- Whole school Movie Nights
- Bushdances
- Election Day sausage sizzles
- Easter egg and Scout raffles
- Carols by Torchlight
- Family twilight picnics



WPS Alumni

Every year we host a gathering of Warrandyte Primary School past students, some of whom attended the school as far back as the 1930s.

We value the contributions of all members of our school community, past and present, and will always welcome knowledge and expertise that they are willing to share with our students.





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Our School Environment





Beautiful Bushland

Bordered by the State Forest, our school is located in a stunning bush setting, looking out across the valley with the Yarra River below.



New Buildings

Our School Office and administration area and six classrooms were completely re-modelled in 2016.

Library

We have a fully equipped library at Warrandyte Primary School and every class has designated 'Library Time' each week. Books and reading are a strong focus of our school, pointing to the importance of reading for educational success in later years.



Bampi Building & Tobruk Hall

We have two halls at our school: The Bampi is a modern building which also incorporates our Art Room and School Canteen. It is used for weekly assemblies, rehearsals and many other activities throughout the year.

Tobruk Hall includes an indoor PE facility and Music Rooms, and is also used for before and after school care. Its name honours the close relationship between the Rats of Tobruk Association and Warrandyte Primary School.





Outdoor Classroom

Our beautiful outdoor classroom area is a popular learning space during the warm months.



Prep Playground

We have 3 main playground areas at WPS, but in first term every year, the 'Prep Playground' is for the exclusive use of our Prep students, until they have the confidence to play with the 'big kids'.

Outdoor Stage

Looking out over the Warrandyte valley, our outdoor stage is the stunning, natural setting for rehearsals and our annual Carols night every December.

School Oval & Running Track

Completed in 2017 with the support of the Warrandyte Community Bank and local fundraising, our school features an all-weather artificial turf Oval and Running Track.



School Canteen

The school canteen operates two days a week at Recess and Lunchtime. Lunch Orders can be placed in the morning and are made fresh on site.

Before & After School Care

After School Community Music Programme

Private lessons for a variety of instruments are available after school.

Free School Bus Service

The school bus runs morning and afternoon, 5 days a week. The bus is fitted with seat belts for all occupants and does a circuit from Research through North Warrandyte to the school and back.





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Literacy

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The Importance of Reading every day

Arguably the single most important thing that parents can do for their child's academic development is to read with them every day. Once they have become independent readers, children should be given the time and encouragement to read at home on a daily basis.

Encouraging a love of books and a love of words helps build new vocabulary as you talk about a new word when it comes up in the book – what it means and how it might be used in other sentences relating to the child's day to day life. It also introduces the fundamentals of how stories and texts are put together.

Write to Read

Whole School Phonics based approach to learning to read, developing vocabulary, comprehension skills and spelling.

SMART Spelling

Structured whole school spelling programme, from Prep to Grade 6.

SQUIRT

Silent Quiet Uninterrupted Independent Reading Time. Even in a digital age, the latest research points to the benefits of giving students the opportunity to have regular silent free choice reading at school.



Apart from anything
else, reading
together every
day is just a special
quiet time between
parent and child.



Fully Equipped
Library



Writer's Notebook

Students are given time every day for free choice writing to encourage creativity and to develop writing and editing skills.





Author's Chair

They then have the opportunity to share their writing with their peers.

Writing often starts when children are encouraged to make connections between something they see, read or hear about and their own experiences.

Students are invited to try out a variety of different reading materials - picture books, chapter books, graphic (cartoon style) novels as well as non-fiction books and magazines on topics in which they might have a developing interest. It all fosters a love of reading and love of learning.



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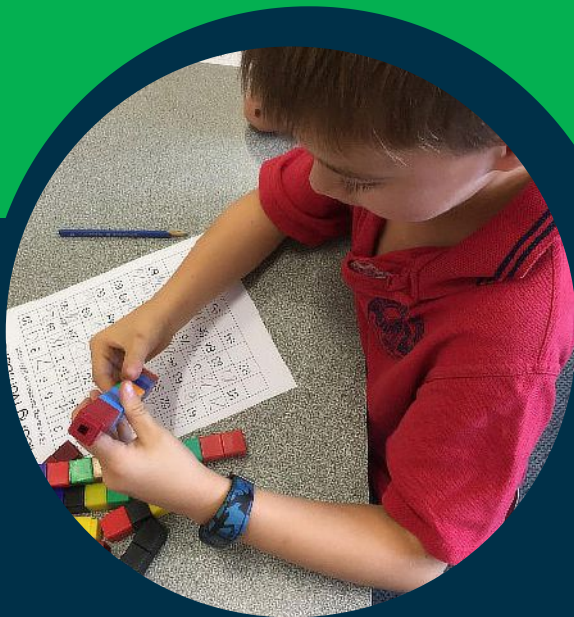


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Numeracy

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Numbers all Around Us

Take a walk along your street. What numbers can your child see? House numbers are a great introduction to recognising numbers.

But it doesn't stop there. If the first house is #2, can your child predict what the house number next door will be? If so, they are counting on by 2s. Heading the other way down the street, they're subtracting by 2s.

Shopping with your child is a great opportunity to introduce the concept of money and 'more than' or 'less than'.

Would your child rather have a whole cupcake or a half or a third of the cupcake? There are so many opportunities to introduce maths language.

Pointing out numbers in everyday life can start a lifelong fascination with mathematics.





Numbers

Literacy and Numeracy are the most important academic life skills for anybody. After being able to read, everyone needs to be comfortable with numbers.

Number basics start in Prep with hands on materials, making numbers visual and always relating maths back to real life.

- Recognising numbers
- Counting on
- Counting backwards
- Counting in 2s
- Pattern recognition
- Trusting the count
- Introducing 'Friends of 10'



Differentiated Learning

Students learn at different rates. Our literacy and numeracy programmes cater for a wide range of student capabilities by providing differentiated learning opportunities. This means that the teacher works with groups of students at a similar level on a particular topic, and that more advanced groups are given extension opportunities that challenge them every day.

Maths Opportunities

Older students can choose to participate in national competitions such as the Australian Maths Trust Challenge and Enrichment programmes, and the ICAS series of national assessments which include English, Maths, ICT, Science & Spelling. Our students have had considerable success over the years.



Games to help build Numeracy

Parents can support Numeracy development by playing games with their child such as:

- Snakes & Ladders – counting on as well as simple addition
- Strategy games such as Connect 4, Tic-Tac-Toe (especially using odd and even numbers)
- Dice games
- Card games

Think of a number

Double it

Add six

Halve the total

Take away the number you started with

The answer is three

(aren't numbers fantastic?)





The Power of 'Yet'

Just because I don't understand something now doesn't mean that I'm never going to 'get' it. It just means that on my learning journey, I haven't got to that particular station yet.

But I will.



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PE, Sport & Japanese

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Swimming Carnival

Held annually at the Doncaster Aquarena, students in Grades 3 to 6 participate in the annual House Swimming Carnival, and may then progress on to District, Regional and State competitions.

Weekly Sport Classes

for Grades 3-6, with Interschool Competitions for Grade 5/6 students in sports such as Football, Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, T-Ball, Cricket, Softball, Rounders, Basketball and Tennis.

Weekly Physical Education class

All grades have a one hour PE class delivered every week by a fully qualified specialist PE/Sport teacher.

Annual House Athletics & Junior Games Carnival

A major highlight of the school year is the House Athletics and Junior Games Carnival, held at the Doncaster Athletics Track.

Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students participate in a variety of fun field games and activities, as well as running races. Older students enter events of their choice, including running various distances, long jump, high jump, discus and shotput. Students who do well at the House Athletics Carnival then have the opportunity to go on to compete against other schools at District, Zone, Regional and State Finals.





Sport Incursions

From wheelchair basketball, to hockey, golf, taekwando, European handball, Ultimate Frisbee, futsal, Hot Shots tennis, AFL, Little Aths, netball, softball and rugby, WPS students have some amazing sporting opportunities and experiences!

Orienteering

Grade 3 and 4 students compete every year at an interschool Orienteering challenge against other schools in the Eastern region.

にほんご

Weekly Japanese lessons

Prep to Grade 6

All students learn Japanese for one hour a week, taught by a specialist Japanese language teacher. The focus during the Prep year is on learning Japanese language through songs and games, as well as learning to recognize the first 15 Hiragana writing syllables.

Once students reach Grade 3, they exchange letters each year with students in Japanese schools.



It's me. *It's my friend*

Grade	Class	No.
7	2	32

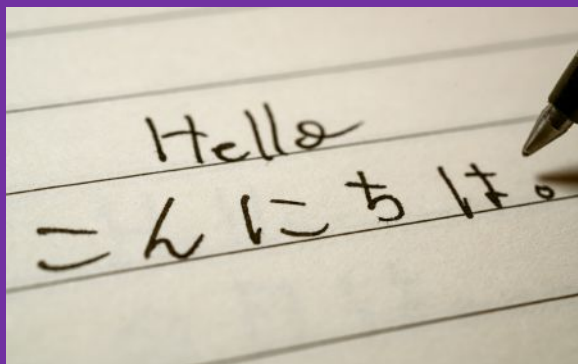
Name Risa Umayahara

 DATE

♥ ☆ ♥ *Tues day, 7 January 2014* ☆ ♥

Dear my friend, ♥ ☆ ♥

Hello!! My name is Risa Umayahara.
I live in Hiroshima (14-9, furueshinmachi Nishi-ku
Hiroshima-City, Hiroshima
Japan 733-0893



Japanese classroom

Our beautiful Japanese room features low tables and floor cushions. Students enjoy changing out of their regular school shoes and wearing Japanese slippers or traditional shoes during Japanese lessons, and dressing up in kimono or happi jackets.

We have also enjoyed regular Japanese incursions, including Japanese drumming, kite making, story telling and cooking.





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SCIENCE

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STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

Our Prep to Grade 6 whole school STEM programme is based on the Primary Connections Science Units:

- Biology
- Physical Science
- Earth & Space
- Chemistry

At Warrandyte Primary School, we have a fully equipped STEM Classroom, complete with digital microscopes, scales, batteries, mirrors, torches, safety equipment and STEM work stations.

All students have weekly lessons in the STEM Classroom where they get to have a hands on approach to Science and Technology.


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**The Five E's of
Science education**

Engage

Evaluate

Explore

Elaborate

Explain





Science Trained Teachers

We have a whole-school Science programme, structured by a Science Specialist teacher. Classroom teachers are trained in how to deliver Science. From dissecting a sheep's brain in Grade 3/4 to winning the Australia-wide Solar Boat Challenge (Primary School division) in 2014, Science is a strong focus at our school.

Collaborative Learning

Collaborative learning is all about developing skills as part of a team. Students are encouraged to become team members who make great contributions. There are also many opportunities to develop leadership skills by leading a team. Our students quickly discover that two (or more) heads are usually better than one.





Animals

Students have a unique relationships with animals at Warrandyte Primary School. Over the years, they have cared for free range lambs and chickens, guinea pigs (Monte and Carlo) and a variety of other animals great and small.

Lord Howe Island Stick Insects

Several years ago, our school was invited by the Melbourne Zoo to participate in a programme to raise endangered Lord Howe Stick Insects. Our current stick insects from the zoo are a different variety, but our students learn all about endangered and extinct animals and what they need for survival.

Tony the Turtle

Tony the Turtle lives in our school reception area. He maintains a keen interest in all the comings and goings in our busy School Office. Having live animals at school means that students learn the importance of maintaining an optimal living environment for an animal and suitable feeding. Some students just enjoy being mesmerized watching Tony's chilled approach to life.





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Visual & Performing Arts

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What do the Arts teach us?

Appreciate beauty

Find our voice

Respect others

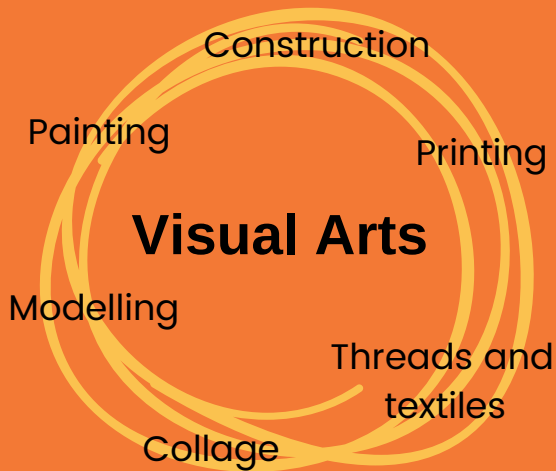
Experiment

Persevere

Express what can't be said

Visual Arts

In the early years at school, there is an emphasis on exploration, experimentation and the introduction of techniques and processes. Common arts language is built upon from Prep to Grade 6.



Our school features a spacious, purpose built and well-resourced new art room.

Students develop intercultural understandings by exploring the way culture impacts art including the history and traditions of different cultures.



Performing Arts

Music - Dance - Drama

Students learn a variety of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. They have opportunities to work together in small groups and may create drama performances, compose their own music and choreograph their own dance routines.

Students participate in a variety of Performance activities across the school year. Previously, these have included opportunities such as junior and senior choirs, performances at school assembly, a Warrandyte's Got Talent competition, whole school performances and the annual Carols Night on the outdoor stage overlooking the Warrandyte valley.

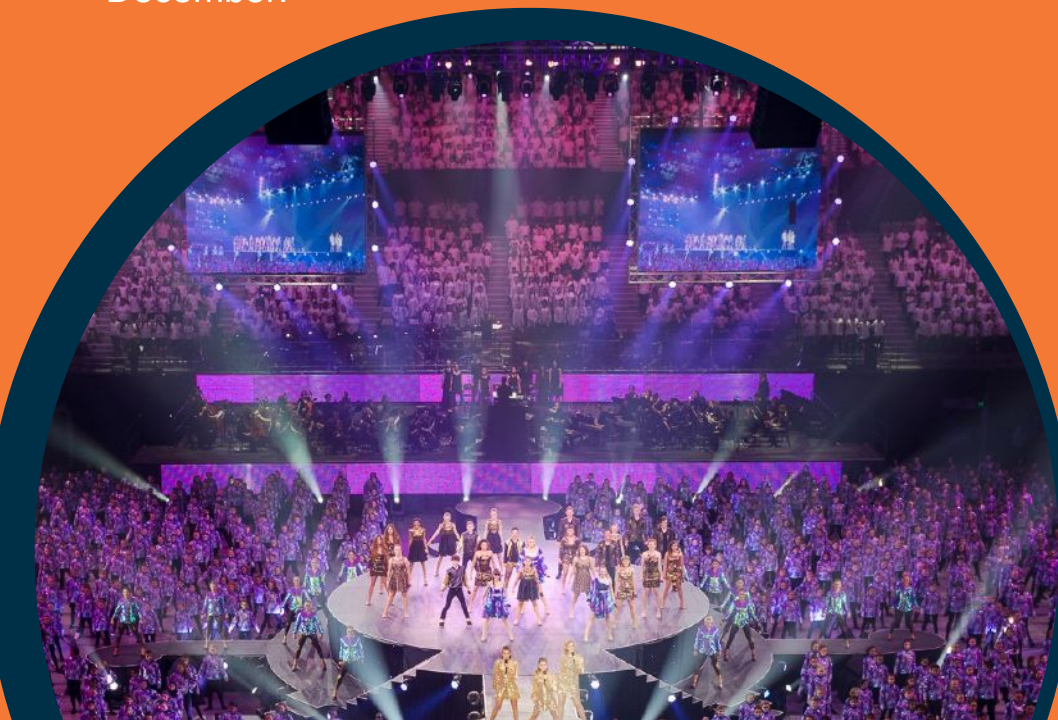


Warrandyte Primary School has strong links to community including:

- Warrandyte Festival
 - Year level performances on the main stage
 - Bushband performances
 - Creating the school float, art pieces to carry or wear for the Festival parade and temporary art installations.
- Community Art displays in the local library and IGA
- Parent driven art projects
- Art incursions/ and excursions
- Performances and visits to local kindergartens



In recent years, Warrandyte Primary School has also been selected to send dance and choir teams to the State Schools Spectacular, filmed at Melbourne Arena each year and broadcast on Channel 7 in December.



Community Music Programme

An after school music programme offers private lessons which may include voice, drums, saxophone, violin, piano, cello etc.



Bushband

Established in 1983 by teacher and local musician, Kevin O'Mara, the Warrandyte Primary School Bushband continues to be a fixture in the local community. Grade 5 and 6 students participate in weekly Bushband choir rehearsals and regular performances, including at the Warrandyte Festival every year. Grade 6 students have the opportunity to audition for a variety of instruments including the wobble board, washboard, spoons, slapbase or the "gargle".





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