VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2013
Curriculum Innovation Award
The WEPS Science Specialist Program has been shortlisted for this prestigious award. Winner announced at the Crown Palladium in May.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- Thurs Mar 28th end of term 1. 2:30pm dismissal.
- Mon April 15th start of term 2.
- Fri April 19th Yr 5/6 Class. Caring for our Water Ways Anglers Club 11:30-1:30.
- Fri April 23rd Division Athletics for selected students - Brauerander Park.
- Thurs April 25th Anzac Day Public Holiday
- Thursday May 2nd May Race Day Student Free
- Tues May 7th House Cross Country P-6.
- Fri May 17th Soccer 5 a side- selected Yr 1/2, & 3/4 students.
- Tues May 21st District Cross Country at Albert Park- Selected Yr 3-6 students.
- Thurs May 30th Division Cross Country
- Monday June 10th Queens Birthday. Public Holiday
- Thurs June 13th St Johns First Aid Program for all classes throughout the day.
- Monday June 17th Regional Golf. W’bool GC.
- Fri June 28th End of Term 2. 2:30 dismissal.

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

The end of term one is with us tomorrow and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Thank you one and all for your input and support during our first term of 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBYN LEDIN WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING PRINCIPAL OF GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR TERM 2 2013. This is a brilliant opportunity for Robyn to pursue her leadership aspirations and whilst we are all going to miss her dearly, we are delighted for Robyn. The process of appointing an Acting Assistant Principal at WEPS is underway and the person will be in place for the beginning of term 2.

CLOSE THE GAP DAY – Last Thursday our Koorie Student Leaders and Koorie Coordinator Kate Buchanan participated in the Close the Gap Day on the Civic Green. Our students had a terrific time participating in a variety of activities and also interviewing people and taking footage for a presentation on what ‘Close the Gap’ means to them. Their movie will be published on the Koorie Leadership Page on our blog in the near future.

KOORIE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT OFFICERS (KESO) – Steve Young will remain at WEPS as our KESO. Steve is well known and respected by our Koorie families through a relationship that has developed over ten years. Thank you to the families for their voice in support of Steve remaining at WEPS.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS - Congratulations to our brilliant athletics team who performed extremely well yesterday in the Interschool Athletics Sports. According to Mrs Dywer our students were an absolute pleasure to be with and they were extremely supportive and encouraging to their team mates. Thank you to Mr Millard for his expertise and efforts in preparing our athletes.

Last week we were fortunate to have two AFL Footballers visit our school to work with our year 5/6 students. Our students asked a range of challenging questions and were provided with positive and enlightening responses from these young players. James Kelly (9) for Geelong Cats commented on the grounds – ‘Of all the schools he goes to and there are many – nothing compares AWESOME!’

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS – Thank you to the parents, staff and support staff who participated in these meetings over the past two days. Your input and preparation for these meetings is invaluable to ensure that we are a united team and giving our best for students on the WEPS PSD Program.

On behalf of the WEPS School community have a terrific holiday.

Lindy
Warrnambool City Athletics Sports
On Tuesday, 26th March 44 children from Years 4-6 represented our school at the Warrnambool City Athletics Sports. In perfect conditions, warm and sunny, our children performed very well with our school being placed 3rd overall in the grand aggregate trophy, boy and girls relay aggregates trophies and boys and girls aggregates trophies. Our school was placed 3rd in the handicap trophy. Ann Dwyer and I were very impressed with the way the children behaved and encouraged each other throughout the day. Once again our school can feel proud of the way these children represented us. Our school spirit was evident throughout the day as students and parents cheered on each other for the entire day. Many thanks to Emma Rodgers for supervising the triple jump event (It was run very smoothly and professionally.) and Meghan Shanley and Patrick Drake (2 year 6 students) for their assistance at the presentation area. A job well done and greatly appreciated by everyone involved at the sports. Also thanks to the many parents who assisted in packing up the school tent. Its shade was welcomed by students, teachers and parents throughout the day. A special thank you to all the teachers who gave up their recess and lunchtimes to assist with the training of the children. It was pleasing to see so many parents and friends come along to support WEPS children. The children really appreciated your support. Finally thanks to Ann Dwyer for her tireless work in making sure everyone made it to their event, slip, slopped and slapped the team, kept a record of everyone’s placing and the general well being of the team. Well done Ann!

The following results are in no particular order:
Jay Rantall 1st 1500 metres, 1st 800 metres, 1st discus, 3rd relay, 3rd 100 metres sprint Championship Stella Bridgewater 1st 800 metres, 1st 1500 metres, 2nd relay
Oliver Bridgewater 1st hurdles, 2nd high jump, 3rd relay
Grace Farrer 1st hurdles, 1st high jump, 2nd 200 metres, 2nd relay, 3rd 100 metres sprint championship Liam King 1st 200 metres, 1st discus. Tanner Kelly 1st shot put. Connor Hinkley 3rd relay.
Zhane Heremaia 1st triple jump, 3rd relay. Alex Lavithis-Davies 1st 200 metres, 3rd relay.
Maddison Beveridge 2nd hurdles, 3rd relay
Bella Rantall 3rd 200 metres, 3rd relay. Zacc Dwyer 1st 200 metres, 3rd long jump 3rd relay.
Logan McLeod 2nd 800 metres, 3rd relay. Jake Shircore 3rd hurdles.
Klara Torneus 2nd triple jump, 3rd 1500 metres. Elesha Galbraith 2nd long jump.
Tyler Hewson 3rd relay. Sophie Morton 3rd triple jump Owen Kirby 3rd Hurdles, 3rd relay.
Stella Bridgewater 1st 1500 metres, 2nd triple jump. Alijah Heremaia 1st discus, 2nd shot put.
Lindsey McDonald 2nd shot put. Klara Torneus 2nd triple jump & 1500 metres, 3rd discus.
James Lacey 3rd high jump. Adelle Teagle 3rd high jump.

Congratulations to the many children who have now qualified to represent our district at the South Western Zone Athletics Carnival to be held in Warrnambool on Tuesday 23rd April. The information regarding these sports will be sent home early in term 2.

Interschool Athletic Sports
Everyone tried their personal best and even when people were not racing, our team mates at WEPS supported the competitors on the track doing their events.
Everybody cheered each other no matter what place or school.
By Jay, Dailin, Zacc, Logan and Owen

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The term has been very busy with lots of cooking, experimenting and our bus trip. Here are some of the children’s comments and photos about their term.
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Student Banking
This week there was a total of $162.85 banked.
There were 19 deposits in total.
Room 16 had the most with 3.
Well done to all our bankers this term
See you all back in term 2.
Happy Easter to all. Robyn and Deb - Your banking ladies.

National Ride2School Day
Well done to all students who participated in National Ride2School Day last Friday. We had 222 students either walk or ride to school. They were greeted at the gate by students handing our stickers and prizes for their efforts. Also over 20 students took part in the walking school bus that collected students along the walking route from Raglan Parade. In East Warrnambool. What a great way to start the day getting exercise and waking up the brain for a great day of learning!

Riding bikes and Scooters at school
Everybody (adults and students) who ride their bikes, scooters to school must not ride in or around the school grounds.

You must wear a bike helmet.

If you don't wear one you wont be able to ride home!