FOCUS: Getting Along
THEME: My Getting Along Thinking. Make good choices. Talk and share the problem when someone acts unfairly.

Dear Parents,
Thank you to the many families who attended our Celebration Day last Friday. It was tremendous to see so many families visit classrooms, share lunch and join us for assembly. The staff, along with the students, greatly appreciate your presence and the opportunity to share what the students have been engaged with during the Learning How to Learn Program.

WEPS SCHOOL CAPTAINS - Congratulations to the WEPS School Captains for 2013- Bella Rantall, Ollie King, Dailin Toone and Kayla Jewell. These students put a great deal of effort into the application process and they are already providing great leadership to our students and are excellent ambassadors for WEPS. A full list of the Student Leadership positions is attached.

GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA VISITS WEPS
Tomorrow February 21st at 11.30am, the WEPS School Community is most privileged to have the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Honourable Alex Chernov AO and Mrs Elizabeth Chernov-visit WEPS. The focus for their visit will be to observe and speak with us about our teaching and learning programs and in particular the WEPS science specialisation and our partnership with Deakin University. Our Student Leaders will have a major role in leading this tour.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS- School Councillors are elected for a two year term and each year at this time, half the parents and half the teacher members either renominate or retire. Information regarding the School Council elections can be downloaded from the WEPS Blog – Parent Section or collected from the office. There are four parent vacancies, and it is great to know that at least two councillors are renominating. There are also three DEECD vacancies. Thank you to the councillors who are either retiring or seeking re-election- Emma Rodgers, Erica Ahu, Geoff Ward, Juli Lynch, Robyn Ledin and Jodie Abbott for their contributions over the past years.

POWERFUL LEARNING WITH ICT- WEPS is fortunate to have received continued professional support from Juli Lynch and funded through the Deakin University Participation Program. Juli will be conducting three workshops with all Home Groups teachers over coming months, to increase our skills and knowledge in using ICT to create and share learning and to allow us to fully capitalise on the equipment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Fri Feb 22 Year 5/6 Elite Sports-Brauer
Mon Feb 25th Grade 1/2 Beach combing 11:30-1:30.
Tues Feb 26th Grade 1/2 Beach combing 11:30-1:30.
Wed Feb 27th Grade 1/2 Beach combing 11:30-1:30.
Fri Mar 1st Interschool tennis
Tues Mar 5th School Photos
Mon Mar 11th Labour Day public Holiday
Wed Mar 13th Year 3-6 Athletic Sports.
Mon Mar 18th Grade 5/6 Rock Pools backup.
Tues Mar 19th Grade 5/6 Rock Pools backup.
Tues Mar 19th Camp Quality Anti-Bullying Puppet show Prep-Year 2 - 1:00pm, Year 3-6 2:30pm.
Tues Mar 26th Inter School Athletics
Thurs Mar 28th Golf Clinics
Thurs Mar 28th end of term 1 3:30pm dismissal.
Mon April 15th start of term 2.
Art Gallery visit

Over the last 2 weeks the 1/2 children have visited the Art Gallery to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Warrnambool fire brigade. The children also spent time enjoying books at our City Library. Here is some of our children’s writing about the experience.

* Last Friday 1/2D, 1/2H and 1/2 U went on a bus to the Art Gallery and the Library. I was happy and I liked the Library. By Akaysha

* Last Friday 1/2D, 1/2H and 1/2U went to the Art Gallery and Library. We all caught the bus together. When we got there the grade 2’s went to the Library and grade 1’s stayed at the Art Gallery to look at Fire trucks. When we went to the Library we read a book to a partner. IT WAS GREAT! By Cadence

* I went to the Library. I read books then I went to the Art Gallery and I got to squirt the hose. It was fun. By Zac.

Excursion recount

Fire Safe Kids. All the 1/2’s went to the Art Gallery. We listened to the fire brigade man then we went inside and looked at some old stuff that they used to use. We were pretending there was a fire and then we went outside and looked at the stuff they used when there was a fire. Then we squirted water out of the hose. I felt excited and happy as well. By Hannah Stokie.

The excursion to the Art Gallery. On Friday all the grade 1/2’s went on an excursion to the Art Gallery. It was what it was like for firemen in the olden days and what they used instead of fire trucks. Warrnambool looked a lot different than it looks now. There was a model of Warrnambool’s biggest hotel. Mrs Hopkins took a photo of that. I rather fancied that for it was very pretty. By Kiri Hawkes.

Congratulations Jesse McEwen, Isaac Rodgers and Charlie Johnson Schembri on being chosen as
**House Captains & Vice Captains 2013**

Last Friday our elected House Captains received their badges. Congratulations to the following students on their appointment.

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**Parent Helpers’ School Athletics Carnival Wednesday March 13th**

Our school house athletics sports will be held on Wednesday March 13th for Years 3-6. for our sports to run smoothly we rely on parent helpers. We are in need of helpers. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please return this form to the office asap. Thank you

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**Aussie Of The Month**

Congratulations Jesse McEwen, Isaac Rodgers and Charlie Johnson Schembri on being chosen as Aussie Of The Month
The Link

Happy birthday

Aysha Fisher Grose  Joseph Heremaia  Ryan Sheen
Gabby Quarrell  Millie Quarrell  Jack Claridge
Axle Grainger  Adelle Teagle  Kayla Shears
Angela Fowler  Tahlia Freeman Morton  Jennifer Edelman
Harley Power

Student Banking
This week there was a total of $120.05 banked.
There were 18 deposits in total.
Room 19 had the most with 3.

Art Room News

The Art Room is looking for donations of:
- Glass jars with lids
- Magazines
- Left over material
- Old stocking or tights (holes ok)
If you can help please drop them at the Art room door.
Thankyou.

Ride2School Day
Friday March 22, 2013 marks the seventh National Ride2School Day, which is expected to see students from more than 1,500 Australian schools walk, ride, scoot or skate to school.
Ride2School Day is about encouraging the school community to make active travel a normal part of their everyday lives.
- Ride to school will reduce traffic congestion around the school
- Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
- It contributes to the students' daily exercise.
We will be running a 'Walking Bus', leaving Guyett and sons Funeral Home (old McDonalds) on the highway at 8:15am on Friday March 22nd. The walk will be led by Year 3/4 teacher Chelsea Arnott. Prizes at the gate for those who walk, ride or do 'part way is ok', (drive part way, walk part way).