PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

TERM 1
WEEK 10
2/4/26

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a fantastic start we have had to Term 1. It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement in learning across the school, for both our students and staff.

This week, staff continued their professional learning with Emina McLean, focusing on our English curriculum. Together, we revisited the importance of explicitly and systematically teaching comprehension across all learning areas, recognising that comprehension is the ultimate goal of our work in literacy.

Staff also explored our refined Instructional Model for teaching texts: Read, Discuss, Vocabulary, Write. Building on this, teams have begun developing their units of work for Term 2. Some of the engaging texts being studied across the school include The Eleventh Hour, The Most Magnificent Thing, Charlotte's Web, and Can You See Me?
I am pleased to inform families that swimming lessons will take place in Term 2 on the following dates:

- *Wednesday 10th June (F–6)*
- *Thursday 11th June (F–6)*
- *Friday 12th June (F–6)*
- *Wednesday 17th June (Years 3–6)*
- *Monday 22nd June (Years 3–6)*
- *Tuesday 23rd June (F–2)*
- *Wednesday 24th June (F–6)*
- *Thursday 25th June (F–2)*

Further information will be shared shortly, including a form to indicate your child's swimming ability and the XUNO notification (including payment details) once transport and costs are finalised. We will also be seeking parent helpers and welcome your support.

A friendly reminder to families that if your child has experienced gastro symptoms, including vomiting, please adhere to the recommended exclusion guidelines to support the health and wellbeing of all students. Last year, the Department of Education introduced the Shared Expectations to Support Student Behaviour Statement. We encourage families to review this document and use it as a guide for conversations at home. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive parent community, and thank you for your ongoing partnership in reinforcing our shared values of Respect, Belonging, and Learning. Respectful Safe Engaged shared expectations

Whole School Dates for Term 2

Please refer to the XUNO calendar regularly to stay up to date.

- *Wednesday 22nd April: Whole School Cross Country*
- *Thursday 7th May: Warrnambool Race Day (student-free day)*
- Monday *11th May: Do It For Dolly Day (wear blue)*
- *Tuesday 19th May: PFCS Expo Night*
- *Tuesday 9th June: Curriculum Day – Assessment and Reporting (student-free day)*
- *Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th June: Parent Teacher Interviews (3:45–7:00pm)*

Assembly

Next term, we will begin with a special ANZAC Assembly on the first Friday. This assembly will commence slightly earlier at 2:45pm to allow sufficient time. Assemblies will then continue to be held on alternate (odd) weeks throughout Term 2.

As we come to the end of a very positive and productive term, we wish all of our families a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th April.

Have a wonderful weekend, Kate

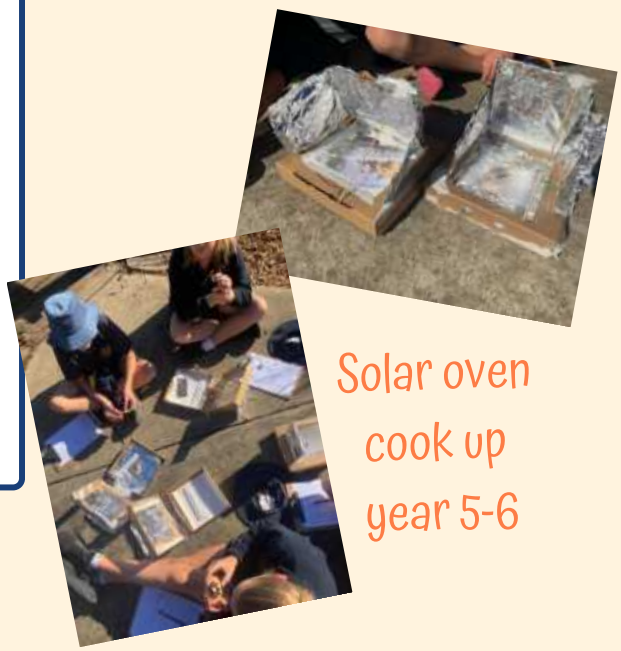
FORTNIGHTLY FEATURE
SCIENCE

Science Focus: The Power of the Sun

This term in Science, students across the school have been exploring the incredible power of the sun as a source of energy, a tool for sustainability, and even a way to tell time.
We began the year thinking about our sustainable school and how we can use natural energy. Our Grade 3–6 students designed and built sizzling solar ovens, investigating how heat can be absorbed, reflected, and trapped. Through three test trials, students observed and measured temperature changes, with some ovens reaching over 50°C, in 15 minutes an amazing achievement using just a pizza box and STEM design! Students used critical thinking to improve their designs, exploring insulation and reflective surfaces to maximise heat.Science numeracy skills were strengthened, with students learning to read thermometers and record data.



Measuring the melt - grade ¾ students using thermometers



Solar oven cook up year 5-6



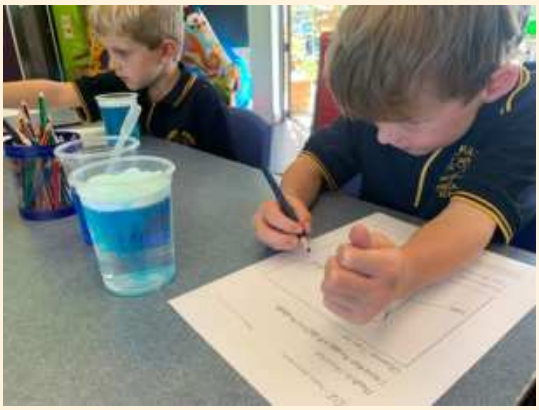
Grade ½ students tracing their shadow and seeing the changes it makes over time.

Our brilliant Grade 1/2 students explored how the sun creates shadows, tracking their movement and building sundials, just like early timekeepers. We tested our sundials marking off the 12 o'clock mark and watching and observing the change over a small amount of time to see how early timekeepers keep watch. We also connected our learning to local Indigenous knowledge, using the six-season calendar for our region and observing how nature signals seasonal changes and we connected to daylength change.

Our youngest Foundation scientists have been discovering how the sun helps things grow from seed to sprout to full flower! Students have been planting sunflowers, running corn experiments, and learning that plants need sunlight, water, and soil to thrive. Using a Predict–Observe–Explain approach, students have explored mini experiments including cloud formation and plant transpiration.







Sensational sunflowers
we have sunflowers growing
in our school families.
From seed to sprout to full flower!
Some are reported to be taller
than the foundation students!

Foundation students investigating how rain forms and using simple science tools (pipettes)

Beach monitoring group - STEM blue team - have started with grade 6 leaders heading to the first monitoring session for the year. They measured how the beach changes over time using different surveying equipment. They are planning to make a model and poster to share with others assisted by year 5 students who will support this program.

PE

TERM 1 - WEEK 8

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Whole school Cross Country- Wed 22nd April
District Cross County & Soccer (Yr 5/6), Port Fairy- Fri 24th April
Division Athletics, Brauerander- Fri 1st May
Division Cross Country, Warrnambool- Fri 15th May
Moyne Winter Sports, Koroit (Yr5/6)- Fri 29th May
Division Winter Sports, Warrnambool- Fri 12th June

PE NEWS

Our Regional swimmers did PFCS and themselves proud, last week. Mairead had the performance of the day, coming 3rd in her backstroke and 12th in the breaststroke. Bronte 7th in Freestyle and Sam narrowly missing the podium, 4th in his breaststroke. Well done swimmers!!

Our District Aths was last Friday and Mr.D and his merry band of helpers, did a great job wrangling all our super athletes in my absence. There were many great performances and personal bests with those finishing 1st or 2nd in a track event or 1st in a field event progressing to the Division Athletics next Term, they are:
Sam, Mia, Bronte, Lexi.F, Mason, Archie.S, Archie.K, Indigo, Felix, Noah, Lilah, Charlotte.K, Dilly, 10yr Boys Relay team and 11yr Girls relay team.

First week back at school is our whole school cross country, we run this even if the weather is a little bit wet (not if it's stormy), so be prepared to pack some spare clothes, but hopefully the weather will be kind. We run this partially on the lower oval and partially through the Russell Clark reserve. It's a really fun morning and we'd love spectators if you can make it.

Have a great break, hope the Easter Bunny finds you, stay active!







Brooke Green
Physical Education Coordinator

SAKGP

Menu

Quesadilla with mexican rice, salsa and mexican zucchini sweet bread.

Recipes requested by the students; **Rice paper rolls** and **banana pancakes**

Donations

Harvest lettuce, tomatoes & corn







What we've cooked

Our Grade 5/6 students turned up the heat, preparing delicious quesadilla pockets using fresh ingredients and herbs. It was wonderful to see their confidence growing as they chopped, mixed, and cooked, creating flavours inspired by Mexican cuisine. Next week, it's the Grade 3/4 students' turn to step into the kitchen and continue the fun!

Last week, our Grade 3 and 4 students truly impressed us with their cooking skills. They worked collaboratively to prepare fresh rice paper rolls, hearty chicken soup, and crowd-favourite banana pancakes. From careful chopping to thoughtful plating, they showed fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm.

As we come to the end of a busy term in the kitchen, we also celebrate the incredible harvest from our garden. Students have enjoyed using fresh, seasonal produce straight from the garden beds, deepening their understanding of where food comes from and how it nourishes us.

What a term it has been, full of flavour, learning, and connection. From garden to plate, our students have embraced every moment. We look forward to more delicious adventures next term!

Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented at our assembly on Friday 24/04/26 in the school hall at 3:00pm.

00A - Paul Z

Paul, for your amazing effort this term. Paul, you have made great progress and are working hard to follow our school and classroom routines. I am very proud of how you are learning to write your name—your writing is getting neater each time. Keep up the great work, Paul!

1/2A - Paige T

Paige, for excellent work with her reading. Paige has been trying really hard this term and I have seen lots of growth in her reading and writing. Keep up the amazing work, I am so proud of you!

1/2B - Nathalie C

Nathalie, for being such a positive member of our classroom. Each day you bring joy to our classroom with your witty sense of humour and willingness to learn. You have also engaged very well in your weekly VNAP program, where you have been enthusiastic each lesson. Well done Nathalie, keep up the great work!

3/4A - Amelia B

Amelia, For your dedication to your learning. You always try your best, and your strong work ethic and willingness to help others are greatly appreciated. Well done, Amelia!

3/4B - Hazel H

Hazel, for showing determination, perseverance and hard work in all that you do. Hazel, you consistently challenge yourself to keep going even if things are tricky. Your positive attitude is a wonderful quality, and you should be very proud of your efforts this term. Keep up the fantastic work, Hazel!

5/6A -Charlotte K

Charlotte, we can always rely on you to do a job responsibly. Several times this year you have been on-the-ball when things have needed to be done in our classroom or out in the yard, which is thoroughly appreciated and demonstrates excellent leadership qualities. All those little things make big differences to our school. Great job, Charlotte!

5/6B - Alex H

Alex, You have shown great consistency in your learning and always aim to do your best. You challenge yourself to improve and approach your work with care. You are a respectful member of the class and your positive attitude makes a difference everyday. Well done!



BREAKFAST CLUB!

EVERYONE WELCOME

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
8:15AM TO 8:45AM



Starting 23/04/26

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Happy Easter

Easter Holiday Surf Lesssons

GO SURF
STAND UP PADDLEBOARD
Surf & Stand Up Paddleboard School & Hire
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SURF LESSONS, HIRE, SURFGROMS



PORT FAIRY

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PORT FAIRY SOCCER CLUB

2026 MiniRoos and MiniTillies

Terms 2 & 3. 12 sessions
Ages 4-11
Commencing 21st April
Tuesdays 4.15pm-5.15pm
All abilities welcome

Register Now

MiniRoos (mixed)

MiniTillies (girls)



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Coach: Simon Sealey

Ages: Primarily for children in Kinder/Foundation/Year1

Start date: 8 sessions starting April 18th

Time: 8:30am- 9:30am Saturday Mornings

Location: Gardens Oval, Port Fairy

PORT FAIRY SEAGULLS

Superkick

Coach: James Taylor

Ages: Primarily for children in Year 1&2 and older children who are not ready/available to play U/10s

Start date: 8 sessions starting April 18th

Time: 8:30am- 9:30am Saturday Mornings

Location: Gardens Oval, Port Fairy

PORT FAIRY SEAGULLS

net set go

FRIDAY NIGHTS

FOUNDATION (PREP) & GRADE 1

1ST MAY - 26TH JUNE

4.30-5.15PM

GARDENS OVAL

GRADE 2 AND UP

1ST MAY - 26TH JUNE

5-6 PM

GARDENS OVAL

4 WEEK EXTENDED SESSIONS

AUGUST 7,14,21,28

5PM-6PM

@ STADIUM

BRING A FRIEND,

ALL WELCOME

PORT FAIRY SEAGULLS

Rotary Warrnambool

Second Hand Book Sale

Location

AL Lane Pavillion
53 Hyland Street
Warrnambool

Easter Sale

Saturday 4th April

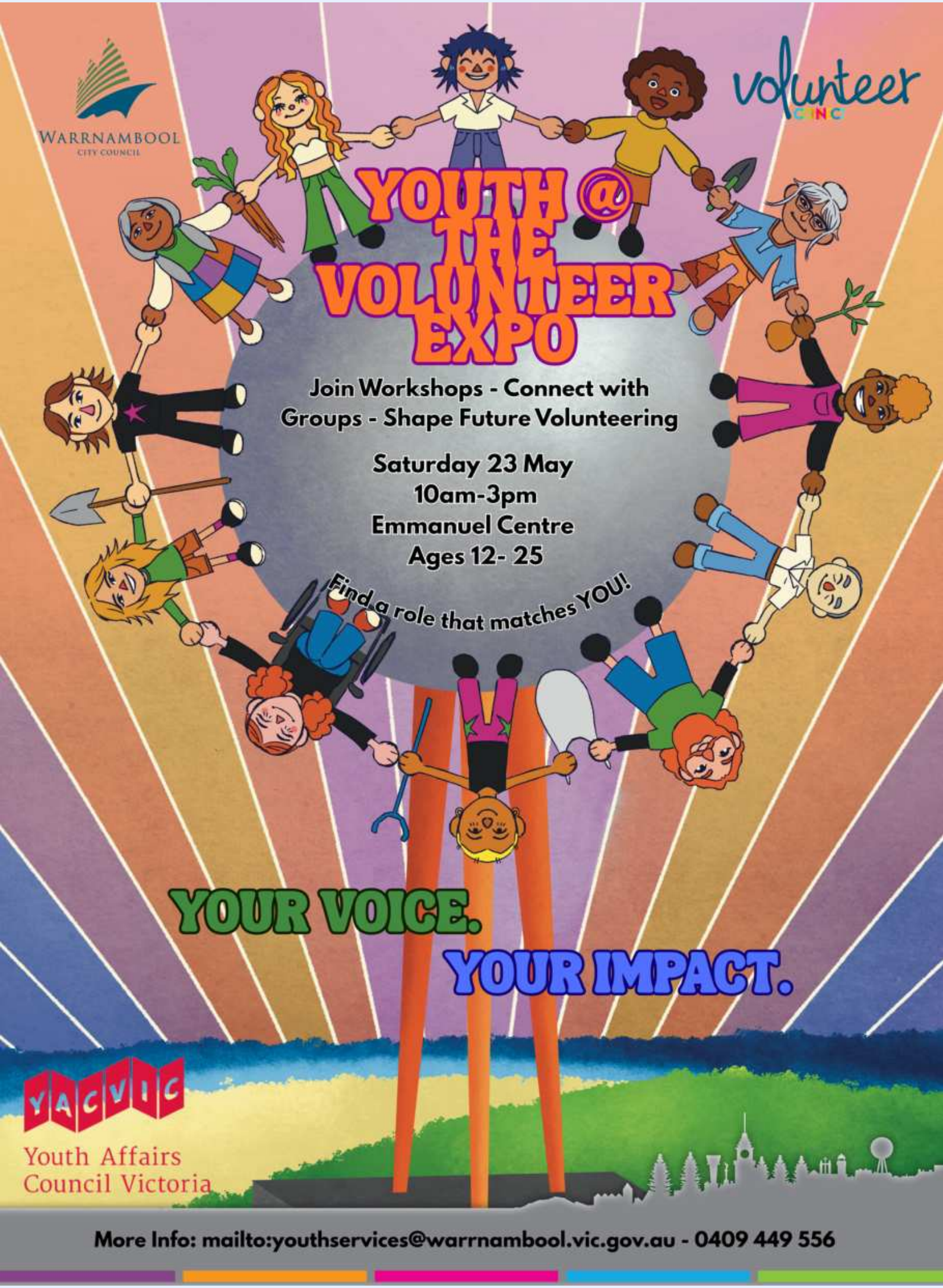
9am-2pm

Something for Everyone

Modern titles
Books for collectors
Non-Fiction topics

Entry: Gold coin donation
Cash or Card available

FUNDRAISING TOWARDS LOCAL PROJECTS


WARRNAMBOOL
CITY COUNCIL
volunteer
CONNECT
YOUTH @ THE VOLUNTEER EXPO
Join Workshops - Connect with Groups - Shape Future Volunteering
Saturday 23 May
10am-3pm
Emmanuel Centre
Ages 12- 25
Find a role that matches YOU!
YOUR VOICE.
YOUR IMPACT.
YACVIC
Youth Affairs Council Victoria
More Info: mailto:youthservices@warrnambool.vic.gov.au - 0409 449 556

PLUS
Lucky door prizes, sausage sizzle, food & coffee vans, fun activities for all ages

WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL | volunteer CONNECT



South West Volunteer Expo

Discover how you can get involved in your community

The South West Volunteer Expo is on **Saturday May 23 from 10am – 2pm** at the Emmanuel Centre on Botanic Road.

Come along and meet local organisations, explore volunteer opportunities, and find a role that suits your interests, skills and passions.

Youth @ The Volunteer Expo

This year's Expo features a dedicated youth space with workshops, activities, and a youth discussion session. Young people aged 12–25 are encouraged to come along and explore how volunteering can build skills, confidence and community connections

Are you part of an organisation or community group?

Scan the QR code to register a FREE stall at the Expo and start recruiting new volunteers!



◀◀◀ Stall registration here



Enquiries to **volunteer@warrnambool.vic.gov.au** or call **5559 4919**

Vacation Care Program

Easter Vacation Care 2026
Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2026
BOOKINGS COMMENCE AT WARRNAMBOOL STADIUM
MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026, 9AM – 5PM OR BY EMAIL
OSHC@WARRNAMBOOL.VIC.GOV.AU FULL FEE $96.40 PER DAY

Monday 6th April — EASTER MONDAY

Program Closed

Tuesday 7th April — MESSY MASTERPIECES

Unlock a world of imagination! Messy Masterpieces is all about exploring textures, colours, and the pure joy of making something from nothing. It's a day where there are no "wrong" ways—only new discoveries.

Wednesday 8th April — JURASSIC SPARK

Stomp back in time for a ROAR-some adventure! It's all about sparking curiosity and letting little palaeontologists explore a world that existed millions of years ago.

Thursday 9th April — BRICKS & BLOCKS

Incursion fee of $5 per child. Get ready to build, break, and create! Join us for a day of Bricks & Blocks. We're taking the fun to the next level—you will assemble your special creature, and the best part? You get to keep your brick animal to take home at the end of the day!

Friday 10th April — MEXICAN FIESTA

Hola! Get ready for a vibrant Mexican Fiesta! We're turning VCP into a colourful celebration filled with traditional games, creative crafts, and high-energy music.

Monday 13th April — BORN TO BE WILD

** It's a jungle out there! Don't be spotted without your best safari gear. From majestic lions to daring explorers, we want to see your wildest outfits. Pack your sense of adventure and get ready to go wild!

Tuesday 14th April — GOTTA CATCH "EM ALL

Calling all Trainers! Get ready for an action-packed Pokémon adventure. Whether you're a seasoned master or just starting your journey, this day is designed for fans to dive into the world of Pokémon through adventure, creativity, and play.

Wednesday 15th April — TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Excursion Fee of $5 per child. If you're heading down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise! Bring your own stuffed friend to the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens for a "beary" special day out. Designed by the legendary William Guilfoyle, the gardens offer sweeping lawns and winding pathways that are practically made for little paws and big imaginations. Leaving Stadium at 11.00am, returning by 2.30pm. **NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE.**

Thursday 16th April — PROJECT PLANET: REPLANT & REUSE

Ready to become a Planet Hero? Vacation Care is going green! From DIY seedbombsandrecycledartprojectsto bug-huntingexpeditions, we're learning how to protect our planet while having a blast. Joinus aswe dig in,getmessy,andsavetheworld—one craftatatime!

Friday 17th April — AHOY, PIRATES AHEAD!

** Ahoy there, me hearties! Prepare to set sail for a swashbuckling day! It's time to find your sea legs and join the fiercest crew on the high seas for a day of discovery and daring deeds. Whether you've got a striped shirt, a waistcoat, or a makeshift eye patch, come dressed in your best pirate attire to impress your Captain.

** Designates dress-up day

Infant, Child & Youth Mental Health Services

2026 Term 1 Online Parent Group Timetable

01

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH SCHOOL REFUSAL

Supporting your child who is having difficulty attending school

Wednesday 25th February: 9:30-10:30 am

HELPING YOUR CHILD DEVELOP EMOTIONAL REGULATION SKILLS

Supporting your child to develop the skills to manage big emotions

Wednesday 4th March: 9.30-10.30a

02

03

HELPING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD

Supporting your child to develop the skills to manage anxiety and build resilience in stressful situations

Wednesday 11th March: 9:30-10:30 am

HELPING YOUR CHILD ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Supporting you to understand the diagnosis of autism, setting goals, making accommodations and exploring support options

Monday 16th March: 1:30-2:30pm

04

05

STEPS TO A CALMER HOME

Supporting parents to stay present, mindful, and attuned to their children's emotional needs

Wednesday 25th March: 9:30-10:30 am

Join the link: https://vcc.healthdirect.org.au/t/swh-camhs/room/circle-of-security-group-room

** Please note- this is the correct group even though link says Circle of Security **

For more information, please contact your ICYMHS clinician or email us at camhs@swh.net.au

we want to hear from young people

have your say

Draft Environment & Sustainability Strategy

take our survey..... tell us what you want to see in Moyne over the next 10 years

Protect our environment

Biodiversity

https: //engage.moyne.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability-strategy










THE 2026 WARRNAMBOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
SPEECH & DRAMA EISTEDDFOD
CELEBRATING YOUNG VOICES, TALENT, AND EXPRESSION!
DATES:
MONDAY 25th to
FRIDAY 29th of MAY 2026
VENUE:
ST. PIUS X HALL, MORRISS ROAD
HIGHLIGHTS:
POEMS: SOLO OR WITH FRIENDS
SPEECHES AND MONOLOGUES
GROUP PERFORMANCES
IMPROMPTU AND PREPARED READING
ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION FOR SPECTATORS
ENTRIES via stardom.com.au (Dates TBA)
INQUIRIES: 0438579844 or
warrnambool.speechd.eisteddfod@gmail.com

Supporting healing and empowerment for women in Portland

Brophy will deliver a free Shark Cage Group program in Portland from May 6 to June 24.
It will run from 11am to 1:30pm each Wednesday.

Shark Cage is an eight week group program for women who have experienced family violence or sexual assault. It is designed to empower, uplift and support healing.

The program focuses on:

- Learning about the impacts of trauma, human rights and healing recovery
- Creating a strong positive sense of self and self-worth, in an empowering space
- Exploring characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships

Interested in finding out more? Scan the QR code to register or call (03) 5561 8888 for more information.



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brophy family and youth services