Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for attending the Meet and Greet interviews this week. This is such a great opportunity for us to work together for the best outcomes for our students. We appreciate you giving up your time to invest in this process and your children.

I’d also like to say a big thank you to our fundraising committee for organising such a successful Night Market. It was just a lovely community atmosphere that was created, as well as a great way to raise extra funds for school improvement. Soon we will be having the rotunda area landscaped using our fundraising from 2016.

School Council Elections
Nomination forms need to be in to the front office by 4.00pm next Monday (February 20th). A ballot will only be held if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacant positions. Please see us or any other councillor if you would like more information or have any questions about being on School Council. Current councillors are Nadia Bettio, Reg Stott, Donna Anderson, Megan Downes, Scott Patten, Tim Parker, Nella Cascone, Aru Mhalgi, Fiona Byrne, Sam Sorrenti, Sally Spiteri, Rachael White and Samantha Kelly

Remember these dates:
♦ Monday February 13th – Nominations Open
♦ Monday February 20th - Nominations Close (4.00pm)
♦ Tuesday February 21st – Ballot Papers issued (if required)
♦ Tuesday March 7th – Close of ballot (4.00pm)
♦ Thursday March 16th – AGM and first meeting of new School Council

Extracurricular Activities
We are proud of the extracurricular activities and opportunities we offer our students here at Cambridge and I’d like to congratulate all of our 70 students who tried out for the swimming trials on Wednesday. We have 45 students who will now be representing CPS at the District Swimming Competition. We also have a cricket program that has started after school on Mondays as well as our very popular Chess Club which also runs after school on Mondays.

Just a reminder that this term we have a pupil free day planned for Tuesday, 14 March and students will not be required at school on this day. The outside school hours program will be operating on this day. This Tuesday follows the Labour Day public holiday on Monday, 13 March so children and families can have an extra-long weekend.
News from Nadia cont....

Our student leadership team has been finalised with the election of our Junior School Councillors. Congratulations to our amazing student leaders:

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Lately we have been noticing a number of students arriving really early to school, some well before staff arrive for work. I would like to remind families that the school yard is supervised from 8:30 am and children should not be in the yard without adult supervision before this time. We have also had quite a large number of students waiting to be picked up from school after 3:30 pm. Students can wait in the office until 3:30 pm but will need to go to after school care after 3:30 pm.

The school offers before and after school care for families who need to have their children looked after before 8:30 am or after 3:30 pm. On Thursday and Friday mornings, children may be dropped off earlier if they go to Breakfast Club (in the gym foyer from 8:15 am). Please note that if children continue to arrive at school early or remain at school after 3:30 pm, they will be taken to before or after school care and families will need to pay for this supervision.

Have a great week

Nadia
Message from Our Assistant Principals
Nella Cascone PLT 5/6, Gaye Aldridge PLT 3/4
Sarah Narres PLT Prep—2

is a WHOLE school approach involving the entire school community working together to create and develop policies and practices to improve all of our children’s mental health and wellbeing. World Health Organization (WHO) research has demonstrated that change is more effective and sustainable when schools work on addressing aspects of their core functions together. Please read the attached sheet ‘Belonging at school makes a difference’. The Action Team who drive this framework is currently planning another year of many exciting and fun family activities. This year we will be completing component 3: Working with parents and carers. The student welfare committee has planned a number of community events this year which will promote the health and mental wellbeing of our students.

Walking School Bus or Riding to School
Our enrolment numbers have crept up to over 1000 students which means more traffic congestion during peak school periods with families dropping off and picking up students in cars. Obviously the school does not have enough parking space to accommodate all these families so let’s think creatively. For those families who live close to the school, why not consider the ‘walking school bus’ as an alternative to driving your child or children to school. The walking school bus is arranged by families who live near each other. One to two adults walk their children to school, collecting others along the way. Not only will this alleviate some of the traffic issues such as double parking but it is an excellent way to keep fit, enjoy the fresh morning air and spend some quality time with your child before they start their busy school day. Families should also consider allowing their children to ride their bikes to school. Students in the lower grades are welcome to ride with an adult. The school has an excellent bike shed where bikes can be securely parked. We are asking our community to work together to reduce the flow of traffic during these busy peak periods. If you have other creative ideas on how to minimise traffic congestion during these times, we are happy to hear them.

School Uniform Policy
A copy of our school uniform policy can be found on our school website www.cambridgeps.vic.edu.au. Students are to be dressed in school uniform, including proper school shoes, on the days they attend school with the exception of special event days. The majority of our families respect and adhere to the policy and some need to be reminded, especially about inappropriate footwear such as canvas (Dunlop) runners and other canvas fabric shoes and the fluorescent-coloured runners being worn, netball skirts worn on non-sports days, and jewellery and charity wristbands as well. Please familiarise yourself with the policy and make sure your child attends school with the correct uniform.

Updating emergency details at school
Some family circumstances may have changed in this new year. Please contact the office if you have had a change of address, telephone numbers or emergency contacts. It is extremely important that these details are updated as soon as possible just in case there is a need to contact you quickly.

Children with allergies
There are a number of students who have food allergies. Some may be more severe than others. Please inform your child’s teacher and the office if your child’s allergies are severe and, if so, please ensure you provide the school with a Management Plan and, if necessary, an Epipen. If your child suffers from Asthma or any other allergy, please ensure you supply the school with a new Asthma or Anaphylaxis Management Plan, even if it is the same as last year. It must be signed by a doctor. Children suffering from Asthma must carry an asthma inhaler. The Asthma Foundation recommends that students suffering from asthma should carry their inhaler at all times. If you do not wish your child to carry their inhaler, please supply a container with the inhaler, instructions and the Asthma plan to sick bay.

Head Lice & Nits
It is an unfortunate fact of school life that children will get head lice. Therefore parents are reminded to check and treat children’s hair regularly throughout the year. When a report of head lice is made to the school, a note is sent home to families reminding them to check and treat children’s hair. Regular checking and treatment may prevent these pesky little creatures from inhabiting your child’s head. And remember to keep hair short or, if long, have it tied back.
Getting to school on time

Back to school sees a return to morning mayhem when chaos rules. It is particularly difficult for parents when they have uncooperative and sluggish children to deal with each morning. Some kids don’t have trouble being organised in the morning, they don’t need to be constantly reminded to get dressed, wash, eat breakfast.

If mornings are hectic in your house and at least one child can’t get ready for school without you nagging them, try the following:

- Establish a clear morning routine. It sounds simple, but many families have no clear order of morning activities. When you are clear on what kids should do to get ready, take photos of them going through their routine and place them on a chart for everyone to see.
- Let kids know what you will do. Work out your jobs and those that the kids need to do, then stick to them. For instance, it may be your job to make school lunches but the kids should put them in their bags.
- Use lists for organisationally-challenged kids. A list of five main activities on the back of the bedroom door can be a big help, particularly for boys. Keep the list simple and uncluttered.
- Identify and remove distractions such as the TV. There is NO PLACE for TV in kids’ lives in the morning, but if it goes on, it should only be when each child is ready for school.
- Avoid covering up children’s poor behaviour. It is tempting to cover for kids by driving latecomers or bringing unmade lunches to school. Don’t. This will ensure morning madness continues as they know that Mum or Dad will come to the rescue.

Students late to school

Please make sure your child is on time for school. Now that might mean getting them up just that little bit earlier if you know they are slow movers or if you know that you will encounter traffic. If your child is 5 or 10 minutes late, they miss out on very important instruction time, and they also disrupt the class routine and take up the teacher’s time. But more importantly they become upset, anxious and unsettled for the remainder of the day. Have your child at school by at least 8:30 am. Also please DO NOT send your child to school too early. We have children here unsupervised at 7:45 am!! This is far too early as there are no adults around to supervise students out in the yard. Adult supervision begins at 8:30 am.

School Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital to your child’s academic and social progress. Children who attend school EVERY DAY tend to have more friends, keep up with their work and are less anxious. Regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future. Parents have an obligation to have their children at school. If for any reason they are not able to attend, even for a day, please contact your child’s teacher with the reason why. Where a child has been absent for more than one day with no contact made by the parent to the school, it is the teacher’s responsibility to ask the child the reason for the absence, and in many cases you will be contacted by the school to explain that absence. We are required by the Department of Education to explain ALL absences, even those of one day.

Reporting and Recording attendance – (extract from the DET website)

Parent responsibilities:

Parents are required to ensure their child attends school and to provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school, and the principal must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent. The principal must be able to determine from the records if the excuse given was reasonable in terms of the parent meeting their legal obligations.

Parents should inform the school of the reason for their child’s absence so that the school can:

- determine if the child’s absence needs to be excused by the principal, in line with school policy and these guidelines;
- determine the appropriate follow up to ensure the child’s education and wellbeing is supported;
- record if the parent has a reasonable excuse for not meeting their obligation to ensure their child attends school each day;
- Where possible, parents should inform the school in advance of upcoming planned absences.
School Attendance – Every Day Counts

The Victorian Government is introducing new measures to ensure students attend school every day and get the most out of their schooling.

♦ Children and young people who attend school regularly and complete Year 12 or equivalent have better health and employment outcomes and higher incomes throughout their lives.
♦ From 1 January 2014, amendments to the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 came into effect in relation to the enforcement of compulsory school enrolment and attendance. New procedures to implement the legislation took effect on 1 March 2014.
♦ This new legislation means that parents could receive an Infringement Notice if their child misses five full days of school in a year without a reasonable excuse. Principals are able to use their discretion when deciding whether or not to escalate issues of non-attendance. Guidance provided will assist principals with this decision-making process. Importantly, however, new procedures for enforcing attendance are articulated as a strategy of last resort, when other interventions to improve attendance have failed.

Bikes and Scooters in the School Grounds

It is wonderful to see the number of students and their families leaving the car at home and riding their bikes and scooters to school. Just a friendly reminder to all families that for the safety of everyone, no Bikes or Scooters are allowed to be ridden in the school grounds at any time. This includes parents and younger siblings. Please ensure that when riding, you dismount at the gates and walk your bike/scooter while in the school grounds. Please also be careful of others while walking your bikes and scooters through the school crossing. We thank you for your cooperation in looking out for the safety of all.

Drop of area

We have been provided with a drop of area beside the pedestrian gate leading to the OSHC facility. Please use this area as it is intended to be used and DO NOT park there.

Also please DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAYS OF NEIGHBOURING HOMES!!

Safer Internet

Be smart, play your part!

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has a number of resources for the whole community to use. If you would like to access those resources with your child, log onto www.esafety.gov.au. Learn about how to keep your child safe online.

School Photo Day – Thursday, 16 March - PREP to GRADE 5

Envelopes will be sent home soon. Once you receive the envelope, please complete and return it to school with the correct money ON PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY, 16 MARCH. Grade 6 and family photos will be taken LATER IN THE YEAR.

Nella Cascone
Assistant Principal
**PLT PREP**

Welcome to Cambridge Primary School and to the 2017 school year! Prep is a busy and exciting time for both you and your child. Term one is all about settling into school, learning routines and being happy to come to school each day.

To support the learning that happens this term you can read with, and to, your children each night, practise some counting to 20 and back from 10, and just ‘have a go’ at some writing. It’s also good for your children to talk about what they’ve learnt, both academically and the routines and expectations as this will help to reinforce them. Please remember to send in the blue take-home pouch each day.

If any children don’t have a hat, they play under the roof outside rooms 16 and 17 and older brothers and sisters can only play with the preps if they are in grade one. Grade two students and above aren’t allowed in the prep area.

Please ensure that your child’s belongings are named, especially their hat and jumper, as these often get misplaced! If you have any questions, please see your child’s teacher.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

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**PLT 1**

It has been fantastic start to the new school year with all the grade one students settling in with their new grades and teachers. Well done, grade one students for doing a fantastic job so far!

We encourage all the students who have iPads to remember to bring their iPads to school every day and to place them in their lockers for the day and then to remember to take them home every day. Further information about the school iPad program in grade one will be handed out soon. Please, parents remember to read daily with your child to help support the school’s reading program and to increase your child’s reading confidence.

And, a big thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday. It was great to meet all the parents and to further consolidate the important relationship between the school and the families to ensure we provide the best education for all our students.

Remember that swimming starts Monday, 20 February.

Have a great term everyone and we all look forward to another exciting year jam packed with learning and fun activities with our amazing grade one students and their families!

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**PLT 2**

The grade two classes have all started the year by establishing routines and building relationships. Your child will already be bringing home their take home books (five at a time) and know which day in the week they need to change their books. This routine will hopefully encourage re-reading of books and the reading of additional books from home.

The grade two swimming program begins on Monday, 27 February. Your child will attend swimming every day for the week. Students should come to school dressed in their bathers with their uniform over the top. They need to bring a towel, goggles, swimming cap and additional underwear. Please make sure every item of your child’s uniform is labelled with their name. Place their swimming items in a separate bag that can be taken to the pool.

Teachers were very happy to meet families at our Meet and Greet afternoon, and discuss how we can all work together to help students meet their term one goals. We are looking forward to having a great year together.
PLT 3
Welcome to grade three! The students and teachers have had a wonderful start to the year. We have been getting to know each other and our classmates, learning how our classrooms will operate throughout the year and participating in some fantastic activities.

This term the students will be participating in an incursion, Chess Fest, to be held at CPS during the month of March. The students will participate in four one-hour chess lessons and one full-day tournament on every Wednesday of the month. The payment for this incursion will be taken from the parent payment to cover the cost of the chess lessons and tournament day. We are looking forward to the incursion days and learning all about chess!

PLT 4
Welcome back to school everyone! We have had a terrific start to the year and are settling in beautifully to grade four. We have an exciting term ahead of us. Our inquiry unit this term is ‘How can I be a healthier me? How can we develop positive and safe relationships in our everyday life?’ To coincide with developing positive relationships we are off to camp early this year we will be attending Camp Oasis in Mt Evelyn where we will be participating in terrific activities such as the Flying Fox, Crate Climb, Candle making and Initiative games. The students that are not attending camp will be staying at school and enjoying a range of fun and engaging activities also.

Thank you to everyone that came to the Meet and Greet and the night market it was a huge success.

PLT 5
The students of PLT 5 have made a great start to the year, settling well into the senior school. It was great to see so many of the students with their families at the Welcome BBQ. It was a wonderful chance for the teachers and parents to touch base in a relaxed atmosphere. We had a very successful Meet & Greet this week and valued the opportunity to share your unique perspective of your child with us and for the students to be able to share their academic and personal goals for 2017. It was also good to discuss routines and expectations within the classroom including the IIIPs that I’m sure you have been hearing about.

We would like to congratulate all the students who tried out for the position of Junior School Councillor. It takes a lot of courage and confidence to deliver a speech to the class and were impressed with how well the students spoke and the resilience of those students who were unsuccessful on this occasion. Congratulations also go to Auritro from 5A who was our first Principal’s Award winner for PLT 5.

Finally we would like to remind parents that the uniform policy is available on the Cambridge website. As leaders in the school, the students in grades five and six set the example for the younger students so it is important that they are in correct school uniform. Grade five students do not participate in Interschool Sport practise until term four so there is no appropriate time for the girls to wear a netball skirt.

PLT 6
The grade six students have made a fine start to the year. We are now in full swing and it was great to spend the first two weeks getting to know the students. Canberra Camp deposits, of $60, are now due. The trip is a fantastic learning opportunity and also is extremely valuable in developing independence before heading to secondary school.

Secondary school application forms will come out early next term. It is important to have already thought about which school is right for your child. Be especially aware of the school in your designated neighbourhood area and make a time to tour that school. This will be the school that your child will attend if no other place is available and most schools fill their quota. Schools have a zone map on their website. Over the next few months the grade six students will tour a number of secondary schools, starting with Hoppers Crossing Secondary College on 1 March.
Administration News

Payments
Thank you to all our parents who have already made payments for 2017. Any outstanding amounts are due by 28 February 2017. If you need a payment plan, please come and see our friendly office staff.

A reminder for Health Care Card holders, please come by the office and pick up a CSEF application form, which will go towards covering camps, sports and excursion payments ($125).

A reminder that families can pay for school expenses including OSHC by BPAY. Your family number & reference are available on your family statements or from the office. Please remember to send an email to the school explaining what the payment is for.

Communication & Correspondence
We would like to remind parents & carers of our procedure when collecting your child from school early. Please come to the office to sign your child out & collect an early pass to take to your child’s teacher in the classroom. Sending the teacher a note to ask for your child to wait at the office is no longer our procedure as this takes other students out of the classroom and away from their learning. We thank you for your support.

We are trying to minimise messages passed to students in the classroom. We understand that sometimes emergencies happen and you need a message passed on to your child. Any late bookings for After School Care will be announced at the end of the day.

Outside School Hours Care
Before school care operates between 6:45 and 8:45 am and after school care operates between 3:15 and 6:45 pm. Please ensure you arrive no later than 6:40 pm to collect your child. OSHC staff can process cash and EFTPOS payments. If you have any enquiries about bookings or payments, please contact the OSHC staff on 0475 973 325 between 9:00 am and 6:45 pm.

Hats on Term 1
We have slouch hats and legionnaire hats available to buy at the office for $15 each. School bags can be purchased from PSW, our uniform suppliers.

School Website
Our school website is a great place to find answers to some of your questions as well as copies of notices sent home (under the parents tab) so hop online and check it out here:

Newsletter Mailing List
Newsletters are published fortnightly on our school website and contain a wealth of information for families on what’s happening at our school and all the upcoming events. Subscribing to our mailing list will ensure you never miss a newsletter. Just a reminder that you need to subscribe at the beginning of each year.

Attendance/Absences
If your child is absent for any reason, you must notify the school. You can write a note to your child’s classroom teacher (please include your child’s full name, grade and dates of absence), phone the office and leave a message on the answering machine, or hop onto the school website at www.cambridgeps.vic.edu.au and click the link to complete the student absentee form (see below):

Student Absentee Form
Student Absentee Form
If your child is unable to attend school, please fill in the below form. Complete all fields required.

- Parent/Guardian name:
  - First
  - Last

- Parent/Guardian email address:

- Student’s name:
  - First
  - Last

- Student’s class:

- Select one:
  - Medical appointment
  - Illness
  - Hospitalized
  - Sport
  - Parent choice
  - Dental appointment
  - Family holiday
  - Educational
  - Bereavement
  - Other (specify below)

- If ‘Other’, please indicate reason:

- First day of absence:
  - DD
  - MM
  - YYYY

- Last day of absence:
  - DD
  - MM
  - YYYY

- Total number of days absent:

Must be at least 1 character. Currently Used: 0 characters.

Submit
UNIFORMS

The school does not have a uniform shop onsite. All uniform items except the school dress can be purchased from PSW. Dresses can be purchased from Rushfords.

PSW currently have a special offer on CPS long-sleeve white polo tops—50% off—available until sold out.

The office has a small supply of hats, library bags and pouches for sale. School bags can be purchased from PSW.

Unit 1
16-17 Hammer Court
Hoppers Crossing 3029

Phone: (03) 9768 0312
Email: hopperscrossing@psw.com.au

Normal Trading Hours
Tue to Fri: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Extended Trading Hours
(7 Nov 2016 - 11 Mar 2017)
Mon to Fri: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
UNIFORMS

Rushfords Schoolwear

Shop 1 / 13 Barnes Place
Werribee

We have moved just around the corner, opposite Comben Drive carpark.

RUSHFORDS SCHOOLWEAR TRADING HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5.30PM
SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
PH: 9741 3211
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au
SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Subject to availability, second-hand uniforms can be purchased from:

The Lighthouse Store
21/13a Elm Park Drive
Hoppers Crossing

Alternatively, you can often find second-hand uniforms for sale on Facebook. A couple of uniform groups in the local area are:

- Wyndham school uniform buy, swap and sell
- Werribee school uniform and book sales

If you child has lost any uniform items or other personal effects, please check the lost property baskets located in the corridor behind the office. The baskets are frequently overflowing so please clearly label all clothing, hats and drink bottles to ensure they can find their way back to your child.
Hi CPS school bankers,

Welcome back to another exciting year of banking.

Just a reminder that School Banking is on Wednesdays and all deposit books need to be in at the office by 9:00 am.

So get saving!

From the School Banking team.
All grades are studying Biological Sciences this year. In term 1 students will have Mrs Blake, Ms Briffa or Miss Keenan.

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Susie Blake, El Briffa, Fran Keenan

Science teachers 2017
L’ITALIANO 2017

This year at Cambridge Primary, Grades Prep to 6 will have the privilege of learning Italian with Signora Tregilgas, Signora Antonello and Signora McArthur.

Grades Prep to 6 will receive one hour of Italian each week, which will take place in a team teaching capacity in the foyer of the big gym.

Some of the topics that we will cover in Italian are:

- Greetings and courtesies
- My family
- Easter time, mother’s day, father’s day and Christmas time
- Counting in Italian
- About myself
- I know the colours
- My body parts
- In my classroom and many others.

All classes are fun filled with games, songs and stories all in the target language of Italian, making it enjoyable to learn about another culture and its spoken and written form of communicating.

Grazie

Signora Tregilgas, Signora Antonello e Signora McArthur
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Literacy team needs help with covering books. If you have some time to spare and would like to volunteer, please leave your name at the office.

SPARE UNIFORMS
Sometimes accidents happen and children need a change of clothes. We keep a supply of spare uniforms for this purpose and parents are reminded to wash and return any items their child borrows so that we always have a good supply when needed.

Unfortunately we have run out of spare tracksuit pants and shorts in larger sizes so the school office would greatly appreciate donations of navy shorts or tracksuit pants in good condition in sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 or 16 only. We have plenty of smaller sizes as well as plenty of jumpers/jackets.
COMMUNITY NEWS

HELPING YOUR KIDS SETTLE INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 8th March
6.30pm – 8pm
Plaza Library
Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre
Level 1, Demmatt Road, Werribee

ALL PARENTS WANT TO RAISE CONFIDENT AND HAPPY CHILDREN

This seminar will explore ways to promote strong and positive relationships with your children as they navigate the transition to secondary school.

Learn what is important:
- It’s okay not to know everything
- Don’t take things too personally
- Help your child stay positive
- Navigate different cultures
- Self care
- Role Modelling

Learn how to communicate better:
- Encouraging your child to listen
- Working through emotions
- Praise and encouragement

This seminar is FREE but BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

For bookings visit the Library Event Calendar
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries or call 8734 2600

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.
Manor Lakes
THE WYNDHAM ROTARY
FUN RUN
OR WALK
IN AID OF WERRIBEE MERCY HOSPITAL CRITICAL CARE UNIT

RUN DISTANCES
10KM & 5KM

WALK DISTANCES
8KM & 4KM

KIDS EVENTS
1500M (under 10)
400M (under 6)

SUNDAY
5TH MARCH
CHIRNSIDE PARK, WERRIBEE

REGISTER AT: WYNDHAMFUNRUN.ORG
FACEBOOK: WYNDHAMROTARYFUNRUN


Mercy Health
Care first
HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED!!!
INTERESTED IN PLAYING HOCKEY?

The Werribee Hockey Club is seeking players for season 2017. The Club is the only hockey club in the Wyndham area, and provides opportunities for all ages and all abilities, from beginners to experienced players. We have teams for juniors, seniors and masters and are conveniently located at Presidents Park. We have a great family and social atmosphere, and a history of on field success with a number of teams regularly playing finals.

Competitions available:
WDHL—Tuesday night 5-6pm aimed at primary school children beginning the game
Email: whdl.whc@gmail.com

Junior interclub for boys and girls: U10, U12, U14 & U18,
Email Junior Convener: juniors.whc@gmail.com

Senior Men, Women’s and Masters teams
Email Men’s Convener: mens.whc@gmail.com

Email Women’s Convener: womens.whc@gmail.com

For more information email info.werribeehc@gmail.com, check out our website @ www.werribeehockeyclub.com.au, or find us on Fb!
Community Event: Twilight Cinemas

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH

We will be starting off the year with a special outdoor cinema night. Look out for the flyer which will be coming home soon.
# Calendar and Important Dates ~Term 1 2017

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