



Community Access is a big part of the WDSS curriculum as students have the opportunity to learn so many independent living skills !

WDSS Students can often be seen at the supermarket with their shopping lists, purchasing items to bring back to school for the cooking program. It also shows the community what **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** they are!

## Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 24, Tuesday 10th August 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### AUGUST

Tuesday 17th

- 13 Year Old Immunisations
- School Council Meeting

#### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2nd

- NO CANTEEN

WOW...Welcome everyone to Week 5, back onsite ☺. Thanks to all our staff, students and families for their adaptability, flexibility and support!

Whilst most of us are very excited to be back, some of our students and maybe even some of our school community will need support in readjusting back to onsite learning. This is a great opportunity to use our Zones of Regulation curriculum to help teach self-regulation and emotional control.

In general, our school is ticking along well considering all the changes that staff, students and families have had to manage this year.

As a school, we will continue to adhere to COVID safe guidelines and follow all precautions to maintain the health and safety of our school community.

A **BIG** THANK YOU to families who are keeping their students at home if they are unwell.

THANK YOU to most students over 12 who are able to wear face masks on the bus, in class and outside during break times.

THANK YOU to staff and students who continue to wash & sanitise hands frequently and spray and wipe tables and equipment throughout the day.

It has been a real team effort for the whole school community.

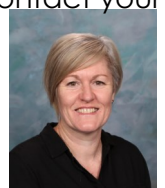
WELL DONE and LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Our canteen, swimming and creative arts programs will all be back on this week, YAY!

If you haven't already, please take the opportunity to contact your class teacher, to arrange an SSG for this semester.

Have a great week back at school,  
Keep Smiling and Stay Safe,

*Chris*



**CANTEEN IS  
ON THIS  
THURSDAY!**

Order forms will be  
sent home tomorrow

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# School Activities



We managed one day of all things arty this week before the lockdown hit – but we made the most of it!

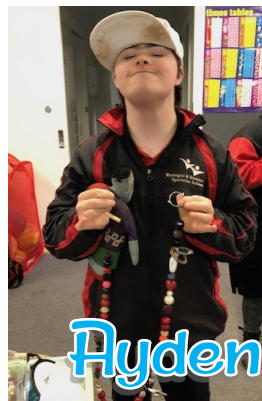
It was the 'big reveal' on Thursday morning as the students finally unrolled their eco prints and the results were fantastic! The papers were still quite damp from being gently

'cooked' in warm water so they were left to dry and next we will choose how to display them. Because the leaves were sandwiched between two sheets of paper, the students were able to take one home.

I'm not sure how many students and staff are aware but in the art room the school has lots and lots of beads just waiting to be used to create all sorts of art – and when I say lots I mean LOADS! We had a special request from Sue to use them so we did a quite simple but skilful and very calming activity. All we needed was some fishing line and the beads and we set to work making bead curtains that can be hung at the class window to catch the sun and reflect lovely light through the room. The students (and staff!) enjoyed choosing beads – some wanted large beads, some small, others wanted their beads to be all shiny and others wanted those that looked like glass. The activity needed steady hands to thread the line through the beads but it didn't take the students very long to master the skill! It was lovely to hear the students chatting away and of course, listening to the records in the background. This week we had Billy Joel chosen by Jack and Queen chosen by Ryan.



Coby



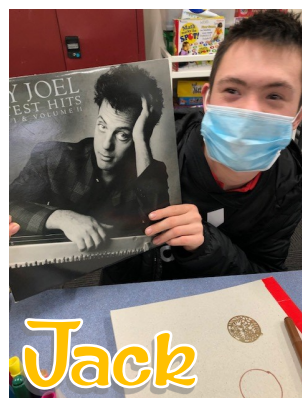
Hyden



Tash

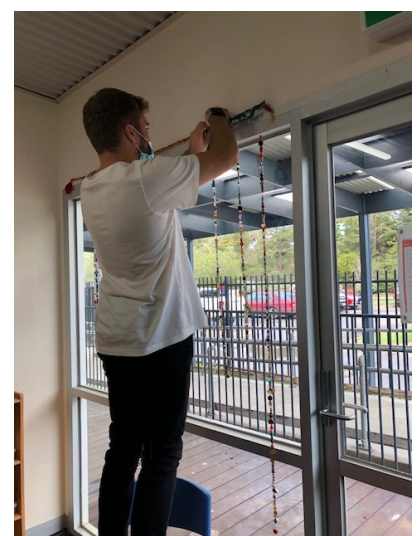


Josh



Jack

Gail



Lachy hanging the beads  
- they look so good in  
the sunlight!



# Juniors

## ROOM 1

This term in Science we have been learning about Force and Motion, in particular rolling and spinning.

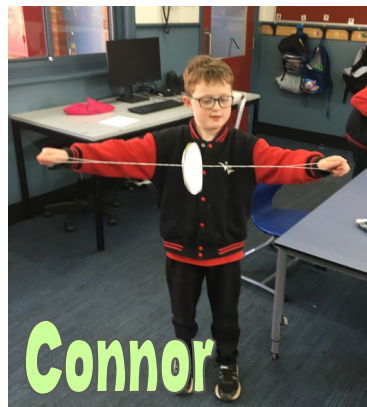
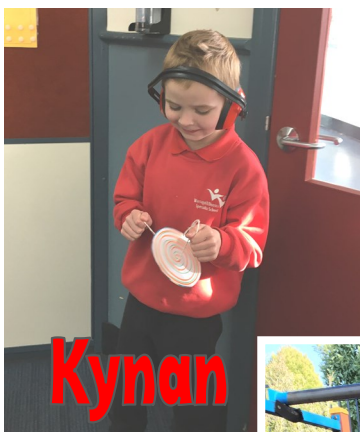
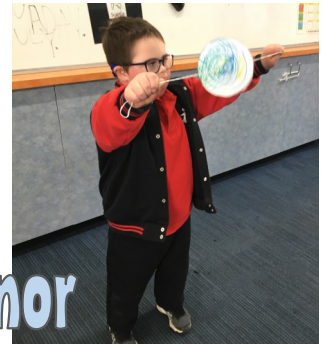
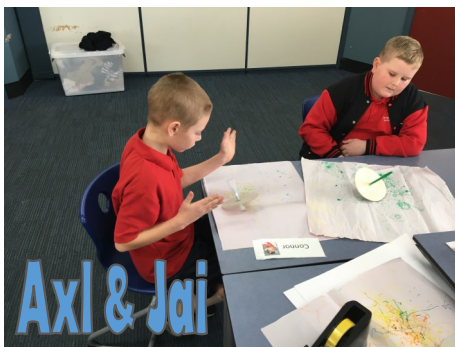
Students tested how the angle of the ramp can affect how far a car will roll. They also experimented with spinners they made.

Jai and Axl loved making a spinner that drew on paper. Michael, Kynan, Connor H and Connor Mc were keen to wind their string spinners up to see how they would spin.

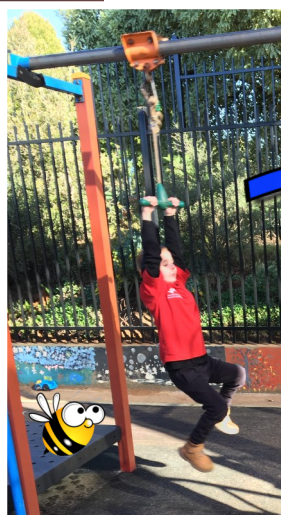
Joshua and Michael have been experimenting rolling cars down the ramp.

Kynan has been testing out how far he can move across the flying fox in the playground- a new skill, well done Kynan!.

- Bev



Kynan has been an amazing **SAFE LEARNER** practising on the flying fox, moving further each time!



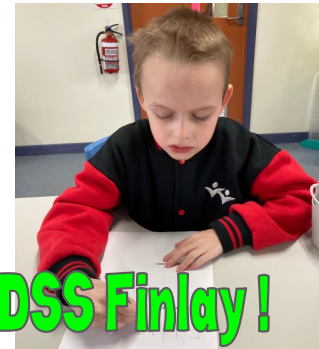


# MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet Finlay our new student in Room 20, he is doing a great job settling into WDSS!



Welcome to WDSS Finlay!



Jayden showed what an awesome **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER** he is by showing Finlay around!



Our other middle school students have been engaging in some great activities at school, being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** 😊



Students have been reading **Morris Micklewhite & the Tangerine Dress** in Literacy - and having lots of fun dressing up in our own tangerine dress!





# SENIORS

Senior students were all very happy to back at school to see their friends and getting some exercise in the engine room!





# SENIORS

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Room 10 had a great time volunteering at the Warragul Community Garden with Gail and Martha today. The boys all worked really hard at mowing, whipper snipping and moving compost.

We worked together as a team to get the tasks completed. It was fantastic to see the boys engaged in volunteer work and helping the community. It is a great opportunity for the students to improve their employability skills. Well done Room 10!

- Julie







# STUDENT Awards

## We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



### VILI

Being a **LEARNER** using his words during weekend news.



### KEIRAN

Being **RESPECTFUL** - having a positive attitude at Landcare and the community Garden.



### STUDENT LED AWARD - PAIGE

Being great at swimming  
Nominated by Bernadette



### STUDENT LED AWARD - MAL

Being a **LEARNER** -  
awesome at swimming  
Nominated by Anna



### SKY

Always being an  
enthusiastic **LEARNER!**



### STUDENT LED AWARD - AJAY

Being **RESPECTFUL** when  
food ran out. Nominated  
by Jack.



### JACK

Being a **RESPECTFUL  
LEARNER** and undertaking  
assembly solo



### GEORGIA

Being **RESPECTFUL** by being  
good friend and always  
being helpful to others.



### STUDENT LED AWARD - KY

Being **RESPECTFUL** by  
being good friend and  
always helping others  
Nominated by Sky



### DANIEL

Being a **LEARNER** great  
work at Baw Baw Skills



### HARRISON

Being a **LEARNER** for  
requesting things he  
wants.



### LILLIE

Being a **LEARNER** following  
instructions and staying on  
task at Hopeworks



### BAYDEN

Being **RESPECTFUL** by  
being nice to play with.



### ALEX

Being a **LEARNER** following  
instructions and staying on  
task at Hopeworks



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## We are Safe, Respectful Learners !



**LIAM**

Being **RESPECTFUL** - being positive on the yard.



**MELVIN**

Being a **LEARNER** - trying hard at new things at Landcare and in maths.



**KEITH**

Being **RESPECTFUL** and helpful at Baw Baw and.....

### STUDENT LED AWARD

Helping Daniel at Baw Baw Skills. Nominated by Daniel



**ABBY**











Being a **LEARNER** - worked well at maths & being **RESPECTFUL** - being organized cleaned up dishes on her own.



## School Canteen Order

Term 3 2021 (Thursdays)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room / Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat Pie - \$3.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) - \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato - \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw 	<b>Other Items - Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.</b>		<b>Total: \$ _____</b> <b>Enclosed: \$ _____</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00 	





# School Visits and Pick Up / Drop Off

Student arrival at school will continue to be staggered in 2021. Please ensure you refer to the below timetable for times and locations. Staff will be situated at each designated pick up and drop off location.

The Main Office Foyer is still under social distancing rules and can only accommodate **6 adults** in this space at one time. Please consider this when visiting the school.

***When picking up or dropping off Junior students please wait outside near the bollards after letting the office know you have arrived.***

**Sanitiser** is provided upon entry, please use this.

Morning		
Who	When	Where
Drop-off Buses	9:00 – 9:15am	Bus Circle
Juniors School	9:10 – 9:20am	Outside Main office
Middle school	9:10 – 9:20am	Oval gate (through main carpark)
Senior School	9:20 – 9:30am	Main Portable Yard gate
Care Needs	Individual arrangements	

Afternoon		
Who	When	Where
Pick-up Buses	3:00 – 3:15pm	Bus Circle
Juniors School	2:50 – 3:00pm	Outside Main office
Middle school	2:50 – 3:00pm	Oval gate (through main carpark)
Senior School	3:10 – 3:20pm	Main Portable Yard gate
Care Needs	Individual arrangements	