



It's that time of year again - when we start saying our goodbyes to graduating students. This year we are bidding a very fond farewell to Hanah, Kelsey, Cody, Jack, Bridget, Ali, William, Tess, Kieran, Nathan, Bailey and their families (some of whom are like family to us).



We will really miss you all and hope you keep in touch and come and visit. We have news of what the students will be doing next year in this newsletter.....

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Wednesday 11th

- Graduates Lunch

Thursday 12th

School Concert,

6:00pm start

Friday 20th

- Last Day of Term 4
12:30pm finish

JANUARY 2020

Thursday 30th

- First Day of Term 1

Dear Students & Families,

Throughout this term we have been supporting new families and students who have been transitioning in to our school. Today we had our first 2020 Class Orientation. Wednesday 18th 9:30 am to 12pm students will have their second and final class orientation. Students' have had the opportunity to meet their new classmates, teacher/s and support staff and get a feel for their new learning environment. Students will receive a picture list of teachers, Education Support staff and students in their class.

Next week families will receive new bus times for 2020. Some students may find themselves on different buses with different times for drop off and pick up. We have been working closely with the bus lines to compile suitable bus routes for getting students to school in the most efficient and timely way. The times sent home next week are tentative times and may also be subject to change. If any families anticipate that they will be moving house before the start of Term 1 then it is imperative that the school is notified immediately. New bus times on most occasions can take up to two weeks to organise and take effect.

In the remaining weeks, staff will be working vigorously to move out and into new classrooms. Whilst we will attempt to make disruptions minimal, there will be some changes to classroom routines and structure in order to make this happen.

In addition to this many classrooms will be heading off on excursions and partaking in lots of fun and exciting end of year activities. If your child is participating in a particular activity then you will notified by their classroom teacher.

Thursday 12th of December is our School Concert! Again this year we will be hosting the event at school. The concert will be on the school oval with parking available in the school car park, Warragul Regional College carpark and on Burke Street. The Parents and Friends Association will be running a sausage sizzle from with a concert start time 6.30pm. Please ensure all students have arrived by 6.20pm. Families are welcome to bring along fold up chairs and picnic blankets to sit on. During the concert students are expected to sit with their families and will be called up before their item. Toilet facilities will be available and our Senior School garden will be open for families to visit during the evening.

This will my last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I will see you all back in 2020 for what I am sure will be another great year.

Alesha



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CLASS *of* 2019

Good Luck to Hanah, Kelsey, Cody, Jack, Bridget, Ali, William, Tess, Kieran, Nathan & Bailey we will miss you all!



2009

Hanah started with us in 2009. She is always smiling and happy. She loves horse riding, animals and Hydro. Hanah has loved going on camps and excursions and is a bit of a daredevil.

Hanah will be going to Disability Excellence Services next year and will continue to go to RDA. We wish you all the luck for the future.

We will miss Hanah greatly - she is a very special girl!



2019



2007

Kelsey has been with us since she was 5. She was a gorgeous little girl who was loved by all staff. As Kelsey (or Kelsaroon as we call her) grew older she developed teenage attitude in which we certainly knew if she was displeased about something. It is very hard to say goodbye to you Kelsey as you have been an integral part of our school for 13 years. Kelsey will also be going to Disability Excellence Services next year.

We will miss Kelsey so much - her cheekiness is irresistible!



2019



2015

Cody came to our school in 2014. Cody has a caring nature and he always looks out for his friends. Cody will be going to Man Cave 4 days next year and working one day. Keep up the hard work Cody.

Wishing you all the best in your new job Cody - make sure you visit us!



2019

CLASS of 2019



2013

Jack came to our school in 2013. He is our quiet achiever. He has interests in music and maths. Jack will be attending Gippsclan full time next year. We wish you all the luck Jack!

We'll done on having such a successful time at WDSS Jack!



2019



2009

Bridget has been with us since 2009. Bridget has a strong sense of what she wanted to do at school and often invited herself to other rooms excursions! Bridget is going to Mawarra, Cassidy crew and will have a private carer one day a week next year!

We will miss you organising us Bridget!



2019



2017

Ali has been at our school for 3 years! Ali loves hanging out with her friends and is great at looking after others. She is going to Mawarra and already spends time at Cassidy Crew on week nights. Keep up the good work Ali!

We will miss your caring nature Ali! Keep in touch, we want to hear all about your new adventures!



2019



2017

William has been at our school since early 2016. He loves music and sensory play. He likes being part of a busy class. William is going to Scope full time next year. We wish you all the best William.

We will miss your happy energy William!



2019

CLASS of 2019



2015

Tess came to our school in late 2014. She is our class clown and she loves to play tricks on people. Tess is going to Mawarra and Scope and hopefully volunteering at Gumbuya World next year. We will miss your sense of humor Tess.

Tess lights up a room whenever she walks in - we will miss her happiness!



2019



2019

Kieran has only been with us this year. Kieran has been a quiet student who is now showing his sense of humour. He was a great worker in canteen and won a prize for his great work at Baw Baw skills. Kieran will be going to Man cave full time next year. *We hope you continue to grow and share your awesome sense of humour Kieran!*



2019



2013

Nathan returned to WDSS this year in his final year of school. He has continued to enjoy relaxing in the hydro pool and hanging out with his peers. In August Nathan was admitted to hospital and has had a long stint at the Monash Medical Centre. Great news – he returned home this week and we hope to see his at the Grad lunch and school concert! His 2020 program is still on the drawing board!

Wishing you a much healthier 2020 Nathan!



2019



2017

Bailey has had an eventful year this year. He participated in the AFL Ladder program which he really enjoyed. He has dabbled in different transition options but is still to decide on where he will head in 2020. Watch this space!

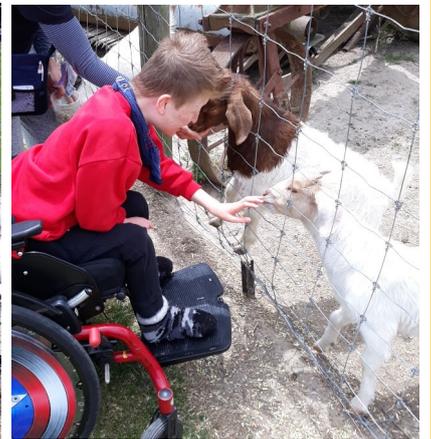
Good luck Bailey!



2019

CHESTERFIELD FARM VISIT

Last Thursday the Junior classes celebrated the end of the year with an excursion to Chesterfield Farm in Scoresby. They patted baby animals in the nursery, fed hungry goats and ducks through the fence, milked the cow by hand, and watched the sheepdog round up the sheep. But the highlight for most was the tractor and cart ride. There was so much fun to be had!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

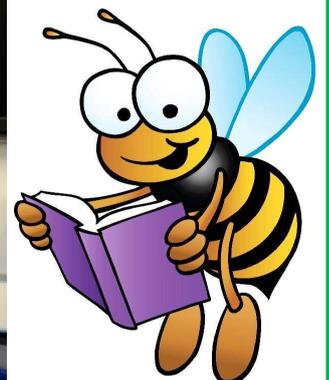
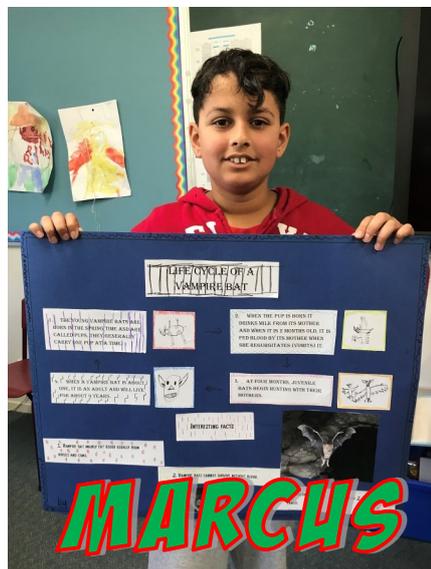
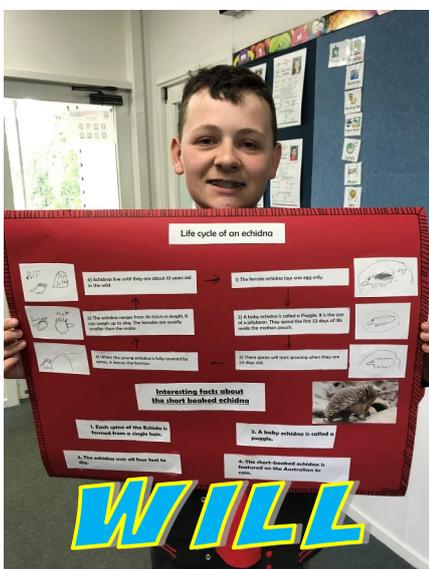
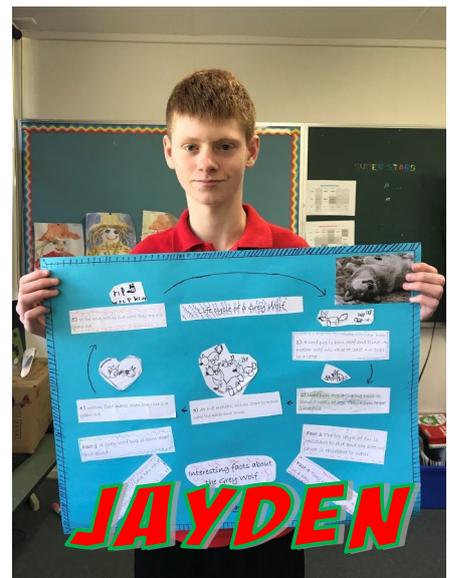
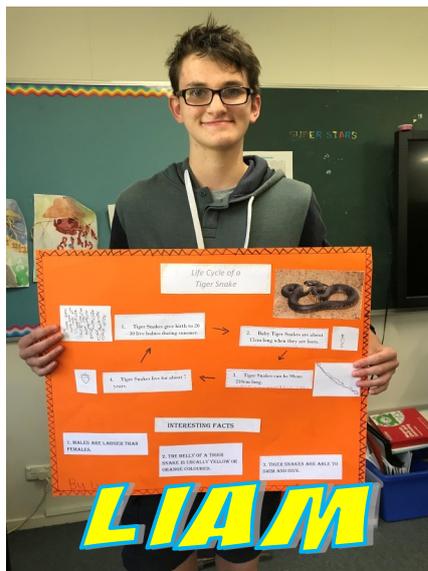
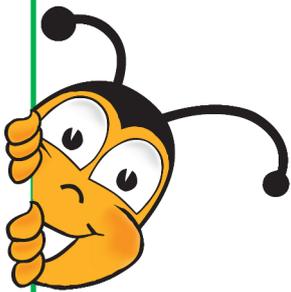
Room 10

Room 10 have worked hard to create posters of life cycles of different animals.

Liam did his project on Tiger Snakes, Jayden chose Grey Wolves, Will did Short Beaked Echidnas and Marcus chose Vampire Bats!

Students researched their chosen animal and found the different aspects of their life cycles. They also hunted for some interesting facts to display on their poster too. Not only did they find out a lot of information about their selected animal, they also learnt about the other animals being researched; as they enjoyed sharing their discoveries with each other.

Once they had designed and set out their posters, they presented their projects to Room 18 who were a fantastic audience. **Terrific effort Room 10!**



SCHOOL CONCERT 2019



THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL OVAL AT 6:00PM

BYO CAMP CHAIRS / PICNIC RUG

PFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FROM 5:30PM

SAUSAGES - \$2.00

SOFT DRINKS - \$2.00

POPCORN / CHIPS - \$1.00

**** CASH ONLY ****



MILKSHAKE VAN

\$4 MILKSHAKES !





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !



MICHAEL

Being a **LEARNER** by engaging in all the activities at Chesterfield Farm



JAKE

Being a **LEARNER** adjusting to an unfamiliar environment



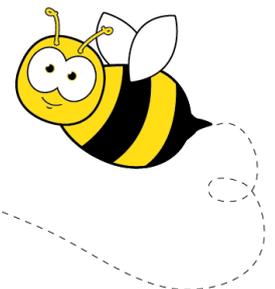
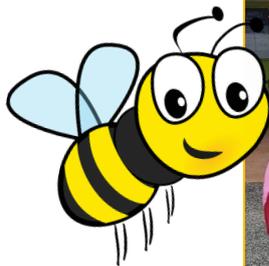
ROOM 11

Being **LEARNERS**



MICHAEL

Being **RESPECTFUL** and looking after other members of the class



2019 Graduates

For being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** & just **AWESOME** at camp last week !
Well done Hanah, Kelsey, Cody, Jack, Bridget, Ali, William, Tess & Kieran

PLEASE NOTE - 2020 Pupil Free Days



Tuesday 28th January

Wednesday 29th January

Friday 13th March

Friday 8th May