

SENIORS

UNIFIED IN OUR UNIFORMS!

Our 2020 Graduates were very excited last week as they received their graduation jackets ! The jackets were donated by our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) and Emma and Rhonda from PFA presented them at Senior Assembly. A big THANK YOU to our hardworking PFA for their fundraising efforts which make this great initiative possible!



Jaime Lily and Ben modelling the 2020 jackets - don't they look great!!

It is also wonderful to see so many senior students proudly wearing their Senior tops !

Jayden & Liam



Lee



Abby



Jack



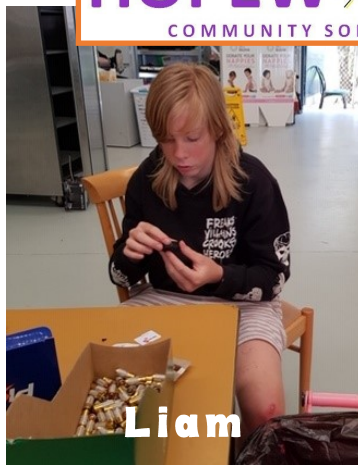
Daniel

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Seniors have now commenced all of their external programs (Baw Baw Skills, CCG, Hopeworks and Waverley Industries) and are making the most of the awesome opportunities they have been given. Well done everyone we are very proud of the positive start to the year you have all made! If you would like to hear more about these great programs and the Senior Pathways please come along to the Senior School Information Evening on 4th March, 5:00pm at the school.



Jacob



Liam



Bella & Paige



**Catherine, Keith,
Denzell, Ajay & Jacob**



Ajay, Lillie & Denzell





SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2020

All Government schools in Victoria have a School council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

There are three categories of membership:

- **A mandated Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be a parent member at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school. However, these parents must be counted as DET members in the Council quorum.
 - **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
 - **An optional Community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences.
- The term of office is 2 years.
- Parent membership on school council can be a very fulfilling personal experience and satisfying and parents may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.
- Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.



There are 2 Members whose two year terms expire this year and any parent of a student attending Warragul & District Specialist School is welcome to nominate for council.

Parent nominations can be made in two ways either by Self Nomination or Nomination by another Parent at Warragul & District Specialist School. Both forms are available at the office or contact the school and a form can be sent home.

~ If you have any further queries, please ring Matt on 5623 1385 ~

The time line for 2020 is as follows:-

- Notice of election and call for nominations - Tuesday 11th February 2020
- Closing date for nominations - Tuesday 18th February 2020
- List of candidates and nominators will be posted - Thursday 20th February 2020

If a ballot is necessary:

- Ballot papers prepared and distributed - on or before Monday 24th February 2020
- Close of Ballot - 2nd March 2020
- Vote count & Declaration of poll - 3rd March 2020

Please refer to the School Council Parent Fact Sheet (forwarded via email with this newsletter) for further info.



Parents & Friends Association

News & Activities



INVITATION TO MORNING TEA

Our Parents & Friends Association (PFA) would like invite families to morning tea to celebrate being back at school! If you are new to the school, please come along - it is a great chance to network and find out about our school community!

When: Thursday 13th February 9:30am at the school, please RSVP to the school office on 5623 1385

PFA need your help - even one or two hours is a big help! We currently have only 6 families who have offered to help with PFA - please help them out so they can keep helping our school and students!



→ **Thursday 20th February –**

Selling Bendigo Bank Charity Day Raffle tickets at the Warragul Kiosk 10:00am to 2:00pm - our school is a major recipient!

→ **Saturday 22nd February –**

BBQ - Warragul Woolworths 9:00am onwards

→ **Saturday 21st March –**

BBQ - Warragul Woolworths 9:00am onwards



School Photographs for 2020

Spargo Photography will be by our School Photographers for 2020.

Photos are scheduled for **Tuesday, 18 February 2020.**

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child's envelope (Block letters preferred)
- Please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the "online Order#" section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- **Do not** use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see the school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- **Do not** place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.

Only family/siblings with a completed family envelope will be photographed.

Spargo photography

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO ORDER YOUR PHOTOS
Simply follow the 3 easy steps:

- 1 Choose a pack.
- 1a Choose a Design (packs 1-3 only)
- 2 Add Pack Extras (optional)
- 3 Fill out the envelope provided and return it to school on **PHOTO DAY** with either cash enclosed in a separate envelope.

PRE-ORDER

- 1 Go to www.spargophoto.com.au
- 2 Select School and Year
- 3 Select your pack
- 4 Choose your design
- 5 Complete your order
- 6 If order Confirmed
- 7 After order is confirmed

SCHOOL Photo Payment Envelope
No Cash child must have their own envelope

In order your school pack will simply choose which pack you would like to follow. Please print clearly, read instructions repeated on flyer.

Call or Text Name: _____
 Call or Text Surname: _____
 Teacher's Name: _____
 School Name: _____ Group / Class: _____
 Parent / Family order: _____
 Email Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

Qty	Pack	Design	Unit Price	Total Price
TOTAL				

PAYMENT DETAILS:
 CASH (Please use correct money as change cannot be given)
 DEBIT CARD (Please provide online or www.spargophoto.com.au purchase)
 ONLINE ORDER # _____
 SEND PHOTOS HOME WITH STUDENT (This is subject of school's discretion)
 RETURN WITH ANOTHER CHILD
 Name: _____ Class: _____

Spargo Photography
 254 South Creek Rd, A.- New Creek, VIC 3817
 Ph: 03 5942 5234 ac@spargophoto.com.au
 www.spargophoto.com.au

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ONLINE PRE-ORDER

You now have the flexibility of pre-paying your child's photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope.

To pre-order please visit:

www.spargophoto.com.au

and click on Shop Front

If you have any inquiries, please contact Spargo Photography on 5942 5234

IMPORTANT !!

All Students should have received 2020 forms for completion. Please return 2020 Forms ASAP - these are due by 1st March. If you need assistance completing them or additional copies please contact the office on 5623 1385

Warragul & District Specialised School
Telephone: 03 9623 1385 Fax: 03 9622 3721

Parent Permission Form

2020 SWIMMING & THERAPY PROGRAM
(Including School Swimming Sports, date TBA)

WDSS Students regularly attend swimming lessons as part of the school Physical Education and/or Therapy Program.

Location will be either the **Warragul Leisure Centre** or **Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool**.
Parents of Students taking part in Therapy sessions in the school spa will be advised by Physiotherapists.

**** Parents will be advised of individual program details (including day and time) prior to commencement. ****

REQUIREMENTS: Please pack bathers & towel in a waterproof bag and also provide a change of underwear and clothes.

COST: Cost will vary according to program and charges will appear on Statements.

* Please sign and return this permission slip to the school no later than the 05/02/2020.

STUDENT NAME: _____
CLASS: _____

I consent to my child taking part in the WDSS Swimming Program. Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

- consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by medical practitioners,
- administer such first-aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/2020

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development requires this consent to be signed for all students attending school excursions.
NOTE: Parents/guardians should provide written approval prior to their child taking part in any excursion.

To: _____
C/O _____
Class: Room _____

URGENT - PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN ASAP!

Using this checklist, please complete and return ALL enclosed documentation to the school in this envelope by 1st March 2020

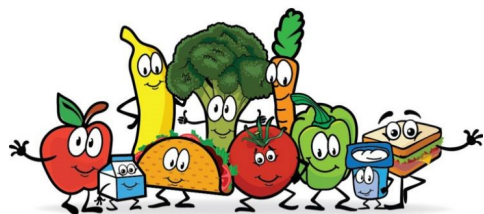
- General Permission Form 2020
- Medication Authority Form 2020
- Student Information Report - check ALL details & return with any changes (please note that some Abbreviations cannot be changed)

(If you would like some assistance with completing the documentation, please call the office staff on 5623 1385)

BUS PHONE NUMBERS



Drouin	0400 922 051
Labertouche	0457 801 462
Nar Nar Goon	0428 235 371
Neerim South	0428 235 370
Trafalgar	0409 525 420
Poowong North	0429 499 557
Yannathan	0428 235 372



School Canteen

CANTEEN IS STARTING THIS WEEK!

Order Form will be sent home each Wednesday. Orders will be collected from the classrooms by students working in Canteen.

A new item commencing this term is Zucchini Slice with Coleslaw - YUMMY!

PLEASE NOTE - 2020 Pupil Free Days



Friday 13th March

Friday 8th May



SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Senior School Information Evening being held before the **POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO**:

Wednesday 4th March

5:00pm to 6:00pm

WDSS Staffroom

It is a great opportunity for to get a better understanding of the Senior School Programs / Pathways and we encourage parents to attend.

Please RSVP to the school on 5623 1385 by 26th February

**Warragul & District Specialist School
presents our annual**



**On Wednesday March 4th we are having our annual
Post School Options Expo at the school commencing at 6.00pm**

**IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT AGED 16 AND OVER IT IS STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED YOU ATTEND THIS SESSION !**

Service Providers that will be attending include:

- ◆ Day Service Providers
- ◆ Disability Employment Agencies
- ◆ Further Education Organisations
- ◆ NDIS Individual Support Practitioners

**Each provider will have a table set up with brochures / details
of what their service offers and will be there to answer all of
your questions!**

~ Tea, coffee and supper will be provided ~

To assist with catering please **RSVP by 26th February to 5623 1385**

For any other queries please contact the school



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



MICHAEL

Being a good **LEARNER** and respectful when playing with new students



JORDAN

Being **RESPECTFUL** - being a kind caring classmate in his first week of school.



GRACE

Being a **LEARNER** by making clear choices at eating times



ERIN

Being a **LEARNER** by using her communication skills



PAIGE

Being a **LEARNER** - reading by herself and to others. Nominated by Denzell



WILLIAM

Being a great **LEARNER** at Baw Baw Skills in automotive



SETH

Being a **LEARNER** in performing arts



STUDENT LED AWARD - LIAM

Being **RESPECTFUL** - helping others out in the yard and asking if they are ok



STUDENT LED AWARD - GEORGIA

Being a **LEARNER** - by using her voice



STUDENT LED AWARD - WILL

Being **RESPECTFUL** - helping Jacob settle into class on Monday



STUDENT LED AWARD - MIKKI

Being a **LEARNER** - by becoming more independent. Nominated by Lillie



PAT

For being a **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER** & settling into school so well! Great work Pat!

