



To our WSSS Family,
We wish you all a very safe and Happy
Christmas and New Year!
See you in 2023!

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Monday 19th

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 20th

- Last day of Term 4
12:30pm finish

JANUARY 2023

Monday 30th

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 31st

- First day of Term 1

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd

- Foundation Students
commence

It's hard to believe we are in the last week of the school year. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming new preps and students into the school at the beginning of the school year. It is a pleasure to have witnessed the growth that so many students have made in so many areas over the year.

This Thursday we celebrate the graduation of our 2022 transition class. Some of our graduates started their schooling with us in 2012! All our graduates and their team have worked hard to develop and finalise their transition plans over the last few years. We wish them all the best of luck as they enact their plans and transition into the adult world. We hope they visit us in 2023 and share their experiences.

This year we undertook a successful school review. At the review our practises were examined by an external reviewer, DET regional staff, and an external special school principal. The results of the review were positive with clear strategic direction being identified. The review highlighted our strengths in supporting students to regulate so they can engage in their learning and in our senior transition program. I'm excited to develop our next school strategic plan which will look at:

Working and planning together in Professional Learning Communities
Developing student voice

Supporting students to develop their Personal and Social capabilities

Finally, I thank everyone for a wonderful 2022 and wish everyone a relaxing holiday. Please make the time to do something special as a family and enjoy each other's company.

Matt



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Class of
2022

It's that time of year again - when we start saying our goodbyes to graduating students.

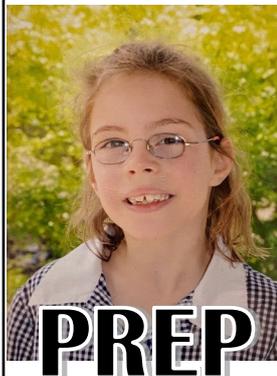
This year we are bidding a very fond farewell to Alex, Bernadette, Indy, Lillie, Nathan, Noah, Troy and their families. We will really miss you all and hope you keep in touch and come and visit.

Good Luck Alex, Bernadette, Indy, Lillie, Nathan, Noah & Troy, we will miss you all!



Alex has been at our school since 2011. Alex is one of our school captains this year and he has done an amazing job. He is kind, respectful, always courteous and caring towards our younger students. Alex is hoping to gain full-time employment and looking forward to getting his P's in February.

Well done on having such a successful time at WSS Alex!



Bernadette came to us in 2015. She is always interested in having a chat with staff and students about what is happening in their lives! Bernadette has a caring nature and is quick to look after other students needs. Next year Bernadette will be attending the Evolve Program at Knoxville.

We will miss your happy and caring attitude Bernadette!



Indy came to our school in 2013. She is an enthusiastic learner who enjoyed school, listening attentively to the responses of others before offering her own experiences and opinions. Indy's character is so good-natured, she has won the hearts of some of the loudest students in the school. Indy transitioned to her post school program at All Abilities earlier this year.

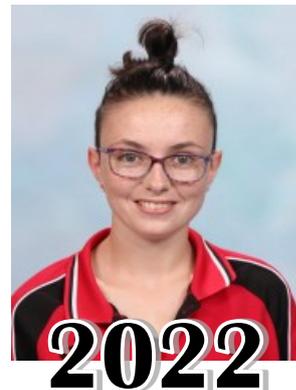
We are going to miss your easy going attitude Indy!





Lillie has been at our school since 2016. Lillie loves organising herself and others to make sure things run smoothly. She is a social butterfly and this has helped her secure work in the role of Ambassador (receptionist at Pilates classes) at Through Life Physio. Lillie transitioned to her post school program at All Abilities earlier this year.

Wishing you all the very best in your future endeavours Lillie !



Nathan has only been at our school since 2020 but he has made a big impression! He has been a Vice School Captain this year and has been fantastic. Nathan loves trains and can tell you what trains are running when and where across the whole state! He loves organising and being allocated jobs. Nathan will be attending the Evolve Program at Knoxbrooke next year.

Well done on your achievements Nathan, we will miss your fun banter !



Noah came to us in 2011. Noah has an amazing imagination and a great knowledge of IT. He loves nature and has even tamed a few magpies around the school, who will miss him feeding them next year. Noah is very thoughtful about his peers and always notices when they are absent, checking that they are ok when they return to school. Noah will be attending the Evolve Program at Knoxbrooke next year.

We will miss your wonderfully quirky stories Noah !



Troy came to our school in 2011. Troy has matured into a fiercely independent young man who can get himself anywhere on public transport! Whilst Troy transitioned to his post school programs earlier this year, we enjoyed his visits to let us know how he was going!

Wishing you all the best Troy!



Juniors

ROOM 8

Room 8 have been busy little elves completing their Christmas worksheets!



Head Elf Matt is very proud of their hard work!

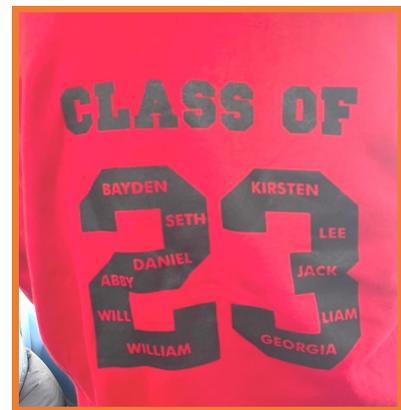


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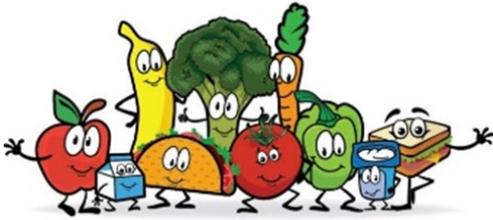


The SRC held their breakup last week, as our first students reps they did an amazing job this year!

Our Parents & Friends Association, Emma, Jacqui, Dani (and Evie) and Glenda presented our 2023 Graduates with their school jumpers last week. Purchasing the graduation jumpers is just one of the things the PFA fundraises for to help our school. Please consider helping them in 2023.



SENIORS



School Canteen

As we come to the end of the 2022 year, students and staff in the canteen program have had a great year. We have been very busy preparing, cutting, cooking and bagging student and staff lunches on a Thursday, delivering numerous lunches to all areas of the school. Our most popular lunch options would have to be our baked potato, fried rice and nugget orders.

Our school canteen program this year has raised \$2,500 this has been a great success to our program, all students have worked very hard and should be very proud of this achievement.

All profits raised from our school canteen program is donated to a local charity, this year our students have together chosen to donate our funds to Live4life Baw Baw, particularly to support the Baw Baw crew. The crew are secondary students who attend schools in our local area, these funds will go towards attending events and training.

The canteen team Carli, Sharon, Will, Alex, Nathan, Coby, Marcus, Melvin, Michael, Ky and Dylan would like to thank the students and staff for their ongoing support over the year, we are very proud

of this years achievement.

- Carli



Well done Carli and canteen for raising \$2,500 for the Live4Life program !





Celebrating everyone's achievements this year at RDA with Certificates and Sashes are Pippa, Jordan, Savanna, Erin, Jai, Sebastian and Josiah!



Pippa & Josiah



Jordan



Savanna



Erin, Jai & Sebastian



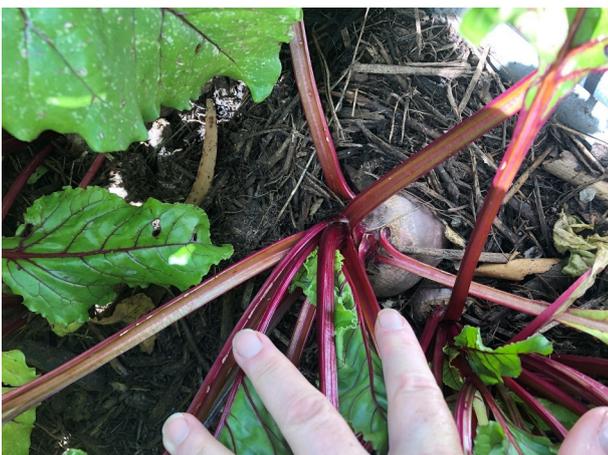
School Garden Program

The school garden is still looking lovely after our very successful Open Day so the plan for the remaining week of the term is to keep it that way heading into our summer holiday!

There is always work to do in the garden even if it's just taking the dead heads off flowers and keeping on top of the weeds. A bit of pruning was done on one of our apple trees last week to cut back a low hanging branch that was getting in the way of the pathway. The shears were also used on a pesky thorny blackberry that seems to have rooted very deeply into one of the berry beds! Talking of berries, the blueberries have some lovely, sweet fruit on them so help yourselves! There are some fantastic beetroots that are ready to be picked too. Our friendly magpie also came down for a very close look as the compost bins were tidied up!

In our art arvo we got into the festive spirit with a nice collaboration on two Christmas tree cut-outs. Using the fantastic resources in the art room Christmas box, we let our imaginations run wild and decorated them with all manner of stickers, drawings, sparkly pom poms and shiny stars. This week we'll aim to have them both filled up and on display!

- Gail



GIPPY GIRLS CAN



CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

FOR MULTICULTURAL GIRLS 8-24

Would you like to become more active, make new friends and learn about health and wellbeing?

You're invited to meet and work with experienced health & wellbeing practitioners and mentors, for a 18-session (monthly) immersion into women's empowerment, physical activity and self exploration.

These monthly events will rotate between Latrobe and Baw Baw.

Join us to learn more about the program:

 **Wed 14 Dec 2022**
4-6pm
Goods shed, Warragul
Railway Station carpark,
Alfred Street

 **Thurs 15 Dec 2022**
4-6pm
Traralgon Neighbourhood
Learning House 11-13 Breed Street

FREE
Program for girls
aged 8-24

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GEN G

ON THE GO

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Do you want to have fun,
make new friends and get
connected with
community?

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Camps



Community events



Civic activities



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