

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 4, Tuesday 17th November 2020

Hi Everyone!

Next week our school is having our annual Book Fair which will be an opportunity for students to discover a range of new books and possibly rediscover some past favourites as well. Our theme for this year is Dreamtime and on Wednesday 25th we will be having a Cultural Day where we be participating in a range of activities throughout the day. Next week will be a brilliant follow on from last week where we celebrated NAIDOC week. NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians all across the country. We are looking forward to sharing what we get up to during Book Fair in future newsletters.

We are continuing to plan for 2021 and for new students who will be joining us next year. As part of the enrolment process new students will be participating in some transition sessions. Transition sessions will allow students the opportunity to become familiar with our school and us with them. Your child may have a new student visiting their class during the final weeks of this term and we welcome all our new families and students who will be joining us for 2021.

We will also be having transition days for the whole school in the final few weeks of this term, this is where your child will meet their 2021 classmates, classroom teacher and education support. During transition students will also participate in some activities during their time together. We will also be hosting some transition days for our 2021 Prep students in the first week of December.

Due to COVID this year the concert will look different to previous years. Unfortunately we will not be hosting a physical school concert this year at school. Classes will still be practising their class items as usual and we will be celebrating them within school with our classes. We are very hopeful that Victoria continues to have the wonderful success they are currently having in managing COVID and that we return in 2021 with our usual plans of hosting our school concert in Term 4 where all our school community are able to attend.

A reminder that we have Curriculum Day on Thursday 17th of December which is a pupil free day and the last day of term will be Friday 18th of December with a 12:30pm finish.

Have a great week!

Alesha



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School Visits and Pick Up & Drop Off



Student Transport Bus runs will occur as normal. Buses will exit and pick-up students at school using a staggered process, 2 buses at a time.

Student arrival at school will be staggered. 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 can only accommodate **6 adults** in this space at one time. Please consider who is coming in to the school and the necessity of this. **It is strongly encouraged to call the office beforehand rather than making an unannounced arrival.**

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	

**** Early Birds supervision cancelled ****

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	

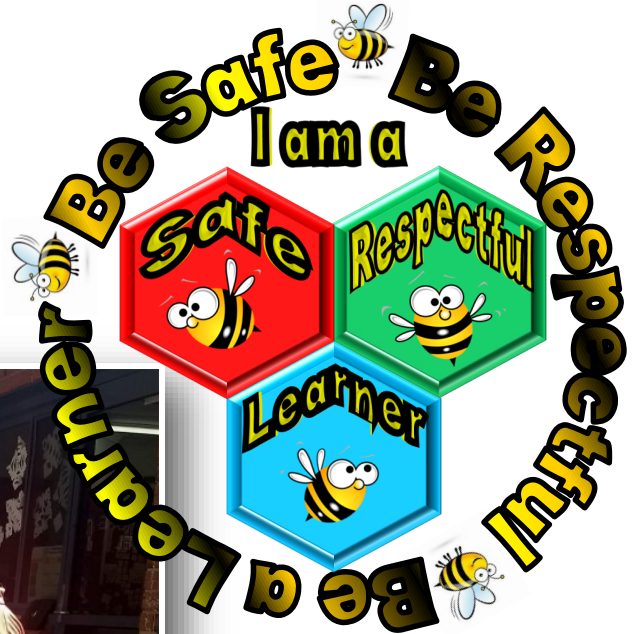


Glenda

Juniors

Jayden is being a great role model in Room 1. He helps to set up play activities for when we are outside. Playing with water and bubbles on a hot day on Tuesday was a great idea! Well done Jayden!

-Helen

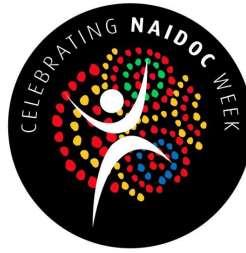


**Great work
Jayden!**

Jayden showing Josh just how much fun playing
with water can be on a hot day !

SENIORS

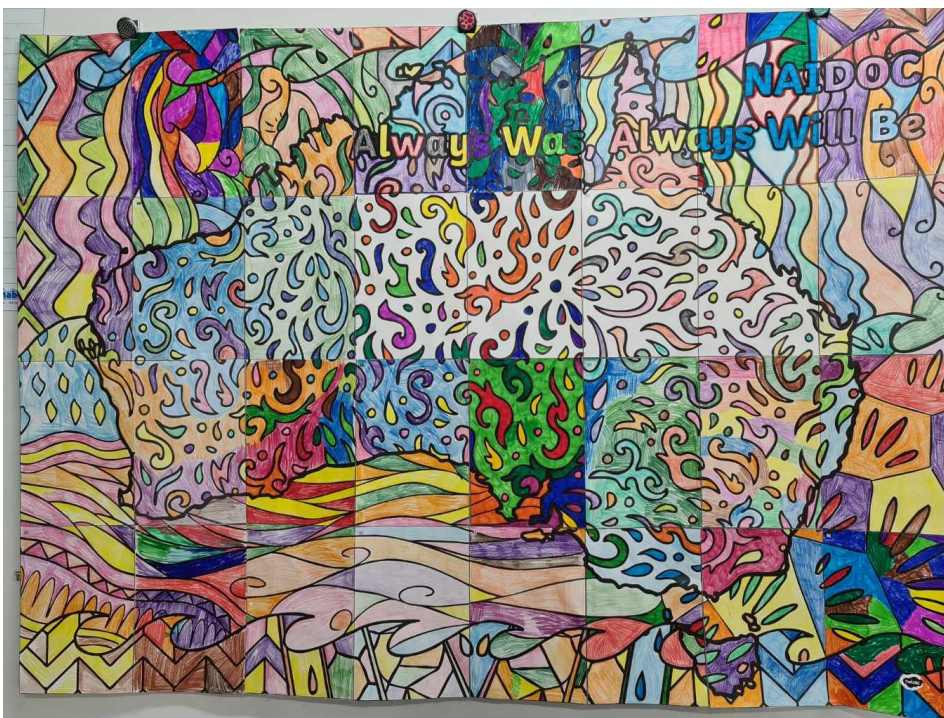
NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week - celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



Always Was, Always Will Be.

8-15 NOV 2020

As part of NAIDOC Week, Rooms 14 and 17 have been focusing on Boonwurrung Country - the **Boonwurrung**, are Aboriginal Australians of the Kulin nation, who occupy from Werribee River to Wilsons Prom. Victoria, Australia. Before British colonisation, they lived as all people of the Kulin nation lived, sustainably on the land, for tens of thousands of years.

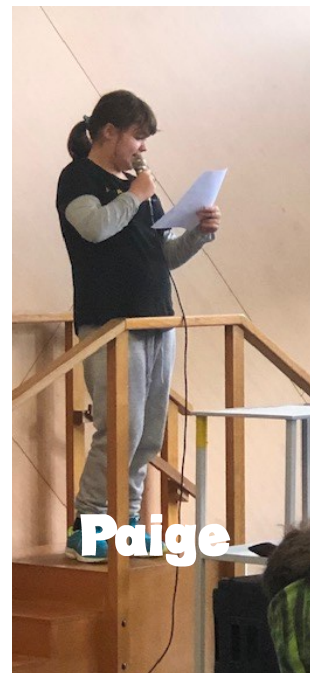


The students worked together to produce this fantastic artwork - doesn't it look wonderful!

SENIORS

As announced last week, our 2021 School Captains and Vice Captains are Jack, Keith, Denzell and Paige.

Here they are giving their speeches to the Senior Students - standing up in front of a big group is never easy and all of the students who applied for the positions did an amazing job!



Senior students showed enormous **RESPECT** for their classmates when listening to everyone's speeches - well done!



Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !



BEN

Being a **LEARNER** and showing his great maths skills by counting one less and working out the change from a \$20 note.



SETH

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** and working so well with his vision assessor.



IKEY

Being a **LEARNER** and using his words to communicate his needs.



STEPH

Being a **LEARNER** and using her words to communicate what she wants.



ANNA

Being a persistent **LEARNER** with body movements in fitness.



STUDENT LED AWARD - INDY

Being **RESPECTFUL** during classtime.
Nominated by Alex



STUDENT LED AWARD - WILL

Being **RESPECTFUL** by showing leadership during the Landcare program.
Nominated by Liam



STUDENT LED AWARD - MIKKI

Being a **LEARNER** and wanting to work in class.
Nominated by Lillie



SETH

Being a **SAFE LEARNER** and trying REALLY hard to do the ropes course at Rubicon and being **RESPECTFUL** by not getting upset when he couldn't do it.

Well done Seth!





As many of you know, one of Matt's favourite pastimes is mowing the lawns on his property - he guards this 'relaxation' time zealously!

Matt got to show off his skills last week at school - unfortunately only moving the mower, not actually mowing the lawn, but he certainly looked the part coming down the school driveway!



Joke of the week

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BLIND DINOSAUR...



DO-YOU-THINK-HE-SAW-US

Q:

Why do birds fly to warmer climates in the winter?

A:

Because it's much quicker than walking.

Thanks for the giggle
Jaime!



Jaime





Association for
Children with a
Disability

NDIS Plan Review

ONLINE WORKSHOP

FREE
ONLINE WORKSHOP

NDIS Plan Review is a 90 minute online workshop for parents of children with disability.

Covid-19 has meant a lot of changes to the way families can access services for their children with disability. Your family may be accessing more services and doing things quite differently this year which can affect your child's NDIS plan. If your Plan Review is coming soon it's a good opportunity to talk to the NDIS Planner about the changes your child needs over the next 12 months.

The Association for Children with a Disability (ACD) is running a FREE, online workshop called NDIS Plan Review, starting in November.

It's a fantastic opportunity to tailor your child's plan to their changing needs and goals.

You'll learn about:

- >> Planning for your NDIS Plan Review during Covid-19
- >> Informing the Planner how Covid-19 will change your child's support needs
- >> Types of Plan Review
- >> Gathering supporting evidence
- >> Extending or rolling-over NDIS Plans
- >> Evidencing over and underspend

ACD facilitators have children with disability, so they understand how you're feeling and what to expect in your Plan Review.

Be sure to register ASAP to secure your place.

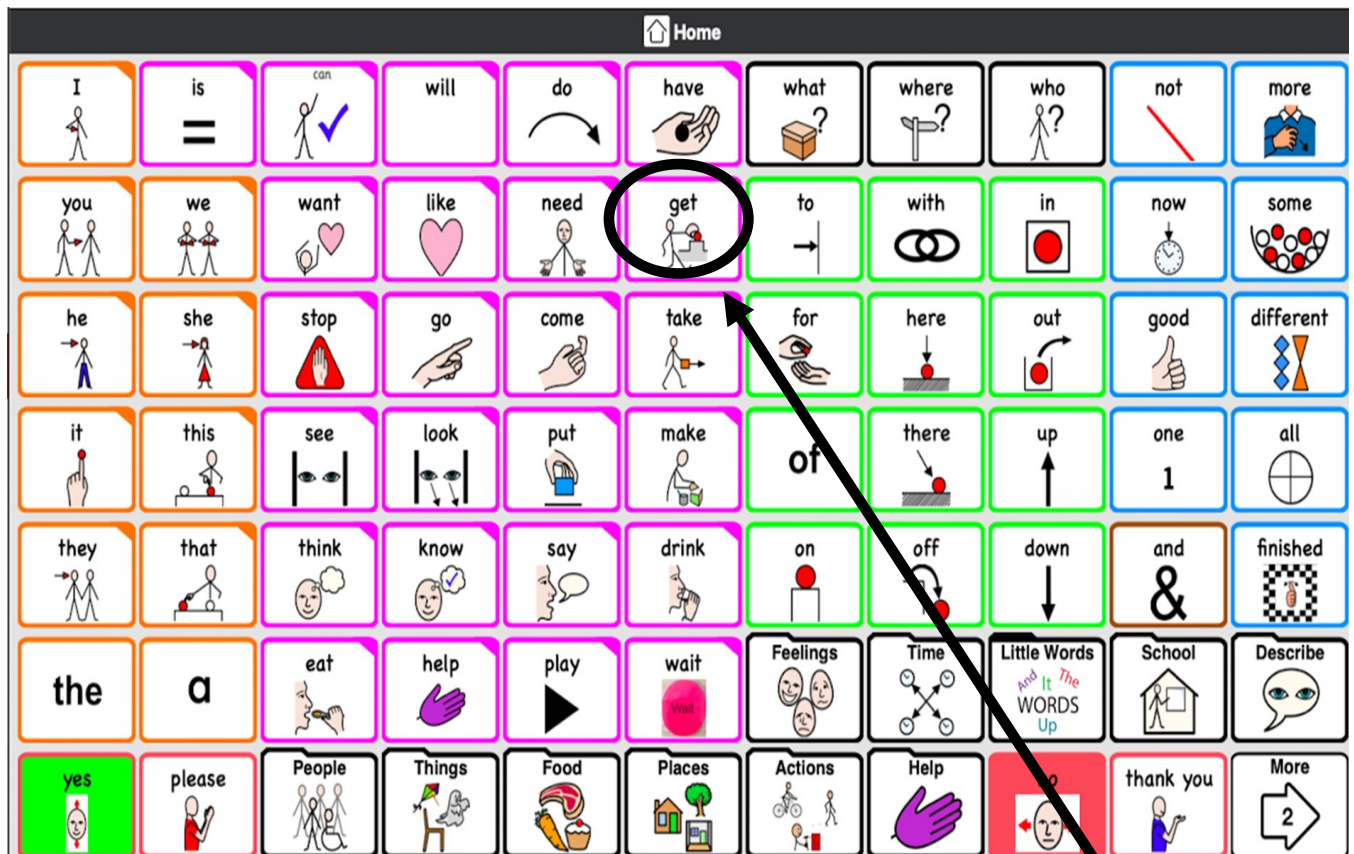
Bookings are essential. Click here to book your spot: <https://vic.acd.org.au/events>

Questions?

- For queries relating to this workshop, please email ACD: educate@acd.org.au
- You can also phone ACD's office during business hours on 1800 654 013 (regional callers)

We are going to **get** takeaway pizza for dinner on Friday night - yummy!

WORD OF THE WEEK:



Location of 'get' on the Homepage of Proloquo2Go.

Please help us practice by using the word **get** in natural communication opportunities.