



JAYDEN



HANAH



JOSH & KY



AJAY

The last few weeks have been very busy and students from all over the school have had many opportunities to show what **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** they are out in the community.
Well done everyone!

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th

- PFA BBQ at school all welcome
- Last day of Term 3, 2:00pm finish

OCTOBER

Monday 7th

- First Day of Term 4



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 25, Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Dear Students & Families,

Welcome to the last week of Term 3! We have had a busy last few weeks of term! As a newsletter did not go out last last week we are having a double edition this week!

On Friday the 6th of September a large group of Senior students attended the Friendship Games in Newborough. The Friendship Games is an annual event held amongst all special schools in Gippsland. Thank you to Baringa School for their coordination and to all students across the region who participated with a great attitude and enthusiasm.

Another big thank you to Marist Sion College who have been running a series of football clinics across the Junior, Middle and Senior schools. Students across our school had a great time at school and others really enjoyed the opportunity to visit Marist Sion and complete activities there. We have a great school partnership with Marist and we are grateful for the opportunities we are able to have with them throughout the year.

Last Monday a number of groups across the school attended the Special Olympics Australia "Flame of Hope" as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) in Warragul. The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known as the Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the "Flame of Hope" into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions. We were fortunate enough to be a part of the day with a number of our students having the opportunity to also carry the torch through the streets of Warragul. A number of us even became a little famous on Win News! A big thank you to Phil Ashcroft for organising for us to take part in the day.

A group of Senior students attended Tidal River Camp Wednesday to Friday of last week. Students had a wonderful time doing a range of activities over the 3 days. Thank you to all the staff who attended enabling the camp to occur.

This Friday is the last day of Term 3 and we will have a Footy Colours Day to raise money for cancer research. Students are encouraged to wear their footy team colours and bring a gold coin donation. The PFA will supply a sausage sizzle for lunch and it should be lots of Fun! School finishes at 2pm this Friday so if your child catches bus transport home from school please expect them home an hour earlier than usual. Term 4 will commence on Monday 7th of October.

The WDSS school community send their condolences to the Helmuth family on the passing of Amy (Jack & Paige's Mum). If any families need support in conversations around grief and loss please feel free to contact the school.

I hope everyone is able to spend some quality time together with family and friends over these school holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 4.

Alesha





Parents & Friends Association

News & Activities

End of Term BBQ

PFA are holding a end of term BBQ for students and families on Friday.

Parents / Carers are welcome to attend from 11:30am or earlier if you would like to help or just catch up.



Contact Angie or Cheryl at the school for further info.

PLAY NETBALL.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations Close 20 September 2019



All Abilities Team!!

TWILIGHT NETBALL

Competition starts Monday, 7 October 2019 | Burke Street Courts

NetSetGo 5-7
11&U Mixed
17&U Female

NetSetGo 8-10
13&U Mixed
Open Female

All Abilities
15&U Mixed
Open Mixed

Join as a team or as an individual player

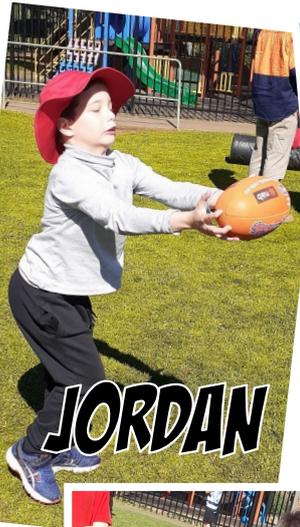
Registration & Competition Details www.wdna.org.au

Enquiries wdna@hotmail.com.au | Karen Romano 0417 524 916

Juniors

Last Tuesday, in brilliant sunshine, the Junior school participated in a footy clinic run by Marist students. Students were involved in activities designed to teach the skills of handball, kicking, marking and tackling, with the Marist students guiding them through these activities. Marist also provided a hotdog and juice box lunch.

Thanks to Marist for running the clinic...and we look forward to another next year!



Juniors

Room 4

Room 4 students are great communicators!

Students have been practicing communicating with each other, staff and people outside the community. We use our voice, our hands and our devices to communicate. We love talking about what we want to do, where we want to go and we really love doing jobs around the school. We use communication to understand what is happening in our day as to tell people how we are feeling. We are great communicators!

Jake



Kynan



Michael



Michael



Connor



Jake

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School also had their Footy Clinic (Room 4 were lucky enough to go with Chris as well!). It was a GREAT day, the Marist students were lots of fun, well done to everyone who organised the day!



SENIORS

SOCCER

All Abilities Soccer - at Drouin Dragons

In preparation for the Soccer Friendship Games, Drouin Dragons Soccer Club hosted three all abilities soccer teams at Bellbird Park on Friday 30th of August. The teams were from Warragul District Specialist School, Baringa Special School and Officer Specialist School.

Officer played Baringa in the first match and while the teams were a little bit unevenly matched with Officer being a slightly younger cohort it was great to see the enthusiasm of all the players grow as the game went on. It was also lovely to watch how Baringa worked to make sure that the Officer students were given a chance to touch the ball and to feel involved.

The next game Baringa played Warragul. Warragul looked fantastic in their uniforms which were donated by the Drouin Dragons and they ran on the ground as a team. This game was a hotly contested affair with some ferocious tackling and great passing moves from both teams. Baringa took out the game 5 goals to 3.

The students enjoyed a couple more games before the end of the day and had a well-earned sausage cooked by staff and Students from Warragul. It was great to see all the students participating and having fun. Football Victoria was in attendance and was inspired to organise a gala day for students and clubs in first term next year. Drouin Dragons were wonderful support for the day and are looking forward to developing pathways for these students beyond school.

- **Phil Ashcroft**



SENIORS

Soccer Friendship Games

The Soccer Friendship Games continue to be a highlight of the year for our senior students ! Baringa Special School do an outstanding job of arranging this annual event - the students always return to school with positive energy and stories of the day. This year the Newborough Yallourn United Soccer Club presented the inaugural Michael Buhagiar Memorial Spirit of the Games Award to honour the dedication and support Michael gave to the Friendship Games. Michael was a former president of the club and was an integral part of the games from its inception.

We were extremely proud when Troy was presented with the award - Troy showed great maturity and sportsmanship making him a very



SENIORS



It has been a very sporty few weeks here at WDSS for our Seniors !! Recently they attended the All Abilities School Netball Carnival in Traralgon. Students had a few weeks of training prior to the event and it was great to see their new skills in action! Thanks to CRT Jo for taking her camera along - she really captured the action of the day!



Jack



A BIG Thank You to Bella's mum Kellie who umpired for us!



Hannah



Cody getting some coaching advice from Sue



Bella



Lillie



Ajay scoring the goal of the day!



Troy



Josh



Jaime



Alex



Kelsey



Lillie & Dakota



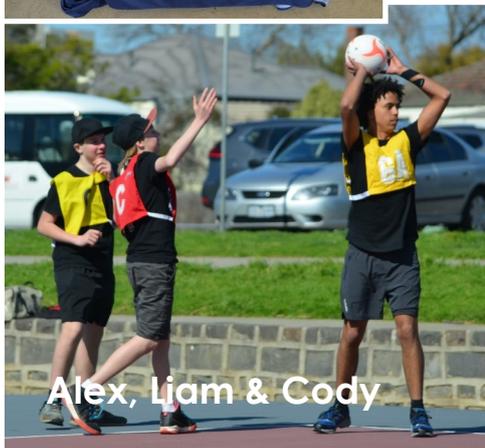
Anna



Denzell



Tess



Alex, Liam & Cody

Keith



Bernadette



William



Liam



Jaime & Keith- great pass !





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



MICHAEL

Being **RESPECTFUL** - by listening and controlling his emotions when he was getting upset.



LAYLA

Being **RESPECTFUL** - playing nicely in a game and waiting her turn



JAMES

Being a **LEARNER** in social skills lessons



JOSH

Being **RESPECTFUL** and assisting others - nominated by Liam



MIKKI

Being a **LEARNER** and working with others - nominated by Liam



NOAH

Being a positive **LEARNER** on the train to Drouin



LILLIE

Being **RESPECTFUL** on the train to Drouin



BELLA

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** - excellent soccer training



WILLIAM

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** - excellent soccer training



DENZELL

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** - excellent soccer training



JACK

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** - excellent soccer training



SEBASTIAN

Being a great **LEARNER** in showing responsibility for his personal goal



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MICHAEL

Being a great **LEARNER**, listening and following instructions.



LAYLA

Being **SAFE** - great persistence in walking at the Torch Run



KYNAN

Being a great **LEARNER** - listening and following instructions



TASH

Being **SAFE** - great persistence and walking at the Footy Clinic



AYDEN

Being **SAFE** and helping staff support others



MICHAEL

Being **SAFE** - always listening to instructions



CHRIS

Being **RESPECTFUL** to staff and classmates by having a mature attitude and ignoring negative behaviours.



LIAM

Being an **AWESOME SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER** at the Footy Clinic - you are always such great positive role model
Liam, well done!

