

WDSS is open

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It has been quite confusing for some of our students with siblings at home Remote Learning, while they are required to get up early, get out of their PJ's and come to school every day!

Speech Therapist Bri has made a social story for parents to hopefully make things easier.

## Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 3, Tuesday 18th August 2020

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3! Our school is still a hub of activity despite the many restrictions we have on programming at this current time.

Many Senior programs have been cancelled due to COVID however it has been great to see the persistence of our Senior students during this time who are working out new ways to participate in learning via different platforms. A program in Seniors that has been fortunately able to continue to happen via a different platform has been drama. Drama teacher Michelle has been running classes via Webex rather than physically attending school. Students have been enjoying these sessions and it is fantastic that we have the technology in place to make this new style of instruction occur.

The art room has also been super busy this term and we are excited to see and hear about some wonderful artwork that will be heading over to the school garden in the coming weeks and months. Students across the school have been working on a range of creative pieces that I am sure will look great in the garden space. Well done everyone who has taken part in this project so far.

During remote learning we launched Buzz TV, our school TV channel. As we returned to in school instruction, we have also been able to transition Buzz TV from being mainly run and hosted by staff to now being mainly hosted by students. Previous staff hosted Buzz TV episodes can still be accessed on our school website under Buzz TV, whilst our student run episodes will be accessed by students and classrooms through our internal network for the foreseeable future.

Does your child catch a student transport bus to and from school? No? Then if your child attends Warragul & District Specialist School for three days or more and lives within our school transport area then now may be the time to consider accessing the Student with Disabilities Transport Program. Many school buses have places currently available however these spots do fill up quick.

The Student with Disabilities Transport Program is funded by the Victorian Department of Education and there are no additional transport costs to use this service. With COVID restrictions still in full swing and a strong emphasis being on reducing the need to travel throughout the community this is definitely a way for families to reduce their need to travel but also it will allow your child to increase their independence whilst being supported by a bus supervisor and driver. Please contact myself if you would like to explore this option further.

Stay safe, stay socially distanced, wash and sanitise your hands often and wear a mask if you are able.

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.

<b>M o r n i n g</b>		
<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>
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 \*\***

<b>A f t e r n o o n</b>		
<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>
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
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# Juniors

## Room 4

Room 4 have been reading Fairy Tales this term. Did you know they nearly always start with "Once upon a time" AND they mostly finish with "they lived happily ever after"?

Just like "The Little Red Hen", we made some cakes in our classroom. We think that the little red hen would have felt  when the other animals didn't help her make the cakes.



Stevie



Callum

Jordan & Jacob



And just like "Jack and the Beanstalk", we planted some beans!



We are not sure that our beans are magical though and we thought we might feel a bit  and maybe a little bit  if we climbed up into the clouds and found a giant like Jack did!

Sumedha is working out what word rhymes with Jack's "harp".

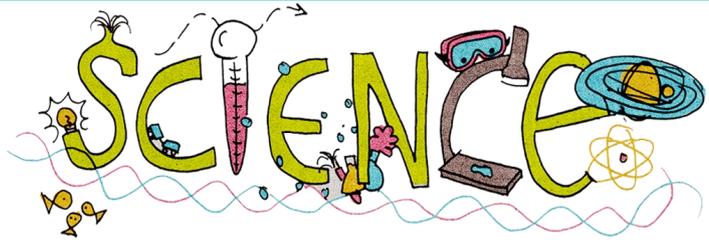
Great work Sumedha!

Sumedha



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## ROOM 7



Those crazy, wacky Room 7 scientists love experimenting and getting their hands on anything gooey! Last week they combined food dye with milk - they whirled it and swirled it, made beautiful patterns and had lots of fun!



HERB



TASH



ZAC

Sophie LOVED watching Zac demonstrate and could wait to do her own!



SOPHIE



GRACE



# School Activities

We are so fortunate to have Jess and Ali, staff from Rubicon school camp working with our students over the next few weeks. Middle and Senior classes will participate in 2 sessions per week - with activities ranging from initiative games to camp cooking. It's going to be lots of fun! The school garden served as a wonderful backdrop for our first camp cook-up, the S'mores were delicious and it was a great end to the week.



It is always wonderful to see our students being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** when we have visitors to the school!



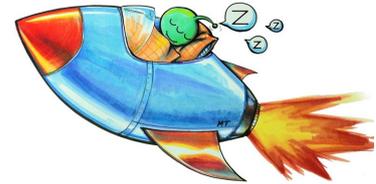
# School Activities cont...

Jess and Ali's activities really challenged the students into 'thinking outside the square' and working as a team. They all had so much fun and can't wait to see what Jess and Ali have in store for them this week!



## JOKE of the week

HOW DO YOU PUT  
A BABY ALIEN TO SLEEP?



YOU ROCKET

Q:

What is grey, stands in a river when it rains and doesn't get wet?

A:

An elephant with an umbrella

Thanks for the  
giggle Jaime!



**Jaime**

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?...

It was great to see two former students featured in the local media recently! Cody and David have been going from strength to strength since graduating and we are very proud of their achievements!

Cody is working with Gippy Trees and his future is looking bright!

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## L2P Learner Driver Program receives new car

Stephanie Paul

The Baw Baw L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program is a program provided by community-minded volunteers to assist young adults aged between 16 and 23, who are geographically isolated or ex-

perienced, it has been able to slowly recommence operations.

Phil Drummond, Branch Manager, Trafalgar & District Community Bank, said the support it had provided to the Baw Baw L2P Learner Driver Men-

tor Program has been invaluable in driving new and different vehicles," Mr Drummond said.

Beth Carr, Co-ordinator, Baw Baw L2P, said without the support of Trafalgar & District Community Bank, it would not be in a position to provide access to

persuading driving ex their prob Trafalgar nity Bank Baw Baw Mentor Pi purchase car. Although demic ha the ability provide it munity.



The new Nissan Micra car with Ian Symons, Terry Barridge, Beth Carr, David Smith and Phil Drummond, Branch Manager, Trafalgar & District Community Bank.

Just some of the fantastic local customers **Maxima** have helped on their road to employment...

### Cody, Warragul



Through Maxima, Cody has been placed with Gippy Trees where he is learning tree lopping, chipping and more. He's on his way to a successful arborist career, and he's loving it! As Cody says, he's now got a great "reason to get out of bed every day".

With the assistance of the Baw Baw L2P Learner Driver Program, David was successful in getting his licence. This has not only been wonderful for David's independence, it is also a big help to his family!

## Doing the right thing!

We are so proud of how WDSS students have responded to COVID-19 restrictions and requirements, the continue to strive to do the right thing, whether its socials distancing or wearing masks. They are all doing so well !



Middle School students Michael, Michael, Noah, Sky and Seth masked up!



# Student Awards

## We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



**BEN**

Being a **LEARNER** - working hard with Anne in OT



**THERAPY AWARD- NOAH**

Being a **SAFE LEARNER** - standing so well in his standing frame with



**ALEX**

Being a **LEARNER** - working well and completing all set class tasks



**MIKKI**

Being a **LEARNER** - having a go at all tasks



**SETH**

Being a great **LEARNER** - and trying hard with his writing



**STEVIE**

Being a great **LEARNER** - and doing some wonderful learning on her new communication device



**THERAPY AWARD -  
ROOM 1 & 2 STUDENTS**

Putting in great efforts in their engine room circuits in recent weeks, learning new skills and persisting with challenging activities.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Jack**

Happy 17th Birthday!



**Abby**

Happy 15th Birthday!



**Stevie**

Happy 6th Birthday!

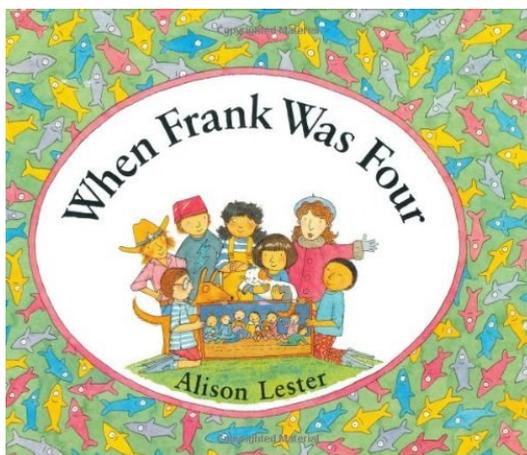
When is your birthday and how old will you be?

## WORD OF THE WEEK:



Location of 'when' in the 'Time words' folder of Proloquo2Go.

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



Click [here](#) to see Steph reading

**When Frank Was Four**  
and modelling core vocabulary

