This week we would like to acknowledge the successes of our students out in the local community. Whether it's Junior, Middle or Senior school, our students make us proud by showing everyone what amazing **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** they are !

Juniors at WGAC

Middle School - Room 21 on Community Access

Seniors at *Inspiring Young People* Dinner

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Friday 4th

- Live 4 Life Launch at WDSS

Monday 7th

- Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 8th

- School Council Meeting

CANTEEN IS ON THIS THURSDAY!

Order forms will be sent home tomorrow

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 2 Issue 14, Tuesday 18th May 2021

Hi all,

Welcome to Week 5 of term 2. All our classes are working well in practising and developing their individual learning goals, learning about emotional regulation and social behaviours and exploring their transition pathways for post school options. Our staff are checking their student's learning through formal assessments and observations, ready to write our mid-year reports. What a busy bunch we are!

This term our PBS focus is all about We are Safe! This week's learning focus is 'We wear a seatbelt. We stay in our seat', this is relevant to community access on our school buses, public transport and when travelling with others out of school hours.

The junior school had a successful and fun excursion to the Arts Centre last week to see – The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Well Done to all the students, staff and helpers who were Safe, Respectful Learners when out in our community.

Our middle school students are managing their streaming groups well, this not only allows for academic skill building, but also allows them to manage transitions, work with different staff and students and practise social skills in different rooms, all important skills to learn for their future.

The senior school are enjoying sessions run by Gail Smith as a part of our Creative workers in schools program, last week I saw the seniors creating some fabulous bird feeders to hang around our school! Can you spot one?

Be sure to rug up, stay warm and practise good hygiene as the weather gets cooler,

Keep Smiling and Have a Super week,

Chris

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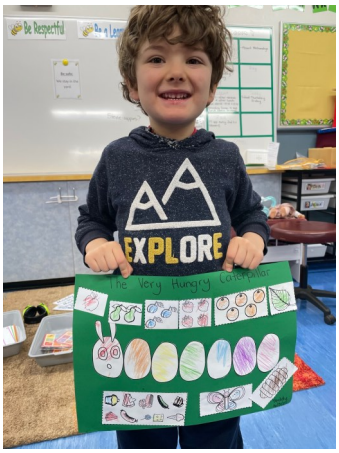
Juniors

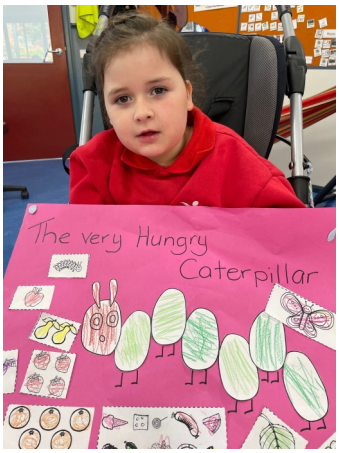
Room 4

Room 4 enjoyed looking at the wonderful book: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle last week in preparation to watch the live performance at the West Gippsland Arts Centre.

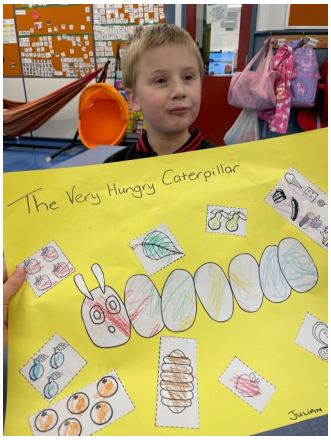
Our class looked at colours, counting, naming different foods and the life cycle of a caterpillar. Students made their very own hungry caterpillar and their posters can be seen on the windows of Room 4 so check them out if you're walking past. Our class enjoyed the performance at the Arts Centre and we had a picnic morning tea afterwards. We also made some edible caterpillars as students worked on their fine motor skills - the marshmallow caterpillars were definitely the favourite!

- Jess





Jules



Roy

Teddy

Stevie

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 21

As part of their Community Access Program, Room 21 students visited Frankies Café in Warragul. It was a great success with the students showing what wonderful **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** they are……

Charlie used her iPad to ask the waiter for '*a table for 6 please*',

We all ordered for ourselves. Seth's looked the best he had a BLT! Alex T enjoyed listening to the conversation of the table next to us, he was often laughing along with them. Seth and Charlie and Alex N talked about their favourite colour and games while they waited for their food.

Seth used the EFT tap and go function to pay for our lunch.

We would like to thank the Frankies staff who were BRILLIANT – addressing the students not the adults. Wonderful to see such respectful inclusion in our local community!

Seth's yummy BLT !

Alex loved putting his social skills to use.

Great communicating with your iPad Charlie !

Seth and Alex sorting out payment of the bill.

SENIORS

The Landcare group have been having a wonderful time on Mondays, helping out the community and learning lots of new skills. This week they learnt that sheep's wool makes excellent mulch, as in addition to retaining moisture and stopping weeds, it can also retain more heat during cold winters. This keeps roots warmer and can help keep crops alive past their normal growing point. This is a great way to use wool not suitable for sale due to 'dags' etc.

The students helped a local farmer mulch trees - it was a very productive day!

Erin gathering some wool.

Great work everyone!

Tash & Mikki taking a well earned break.

School Activities

As previously mentioned, last term our school was successful in obtaining a Creative Worker grant. As a result of this success, we welcome Gail into our school this term. Gail has previously worked with senior Students in the School garden and will be working in our Art program for 2.5 days per week.

Creative Working – Week One

It was so exciting to be in the classroom with all the students for my first week as your school's Creative Worker! I am usually having fun with you all outside in the school garden but for the next two terms I'll also be helping us get creative inside too!

On Thursday, Phil, Julie and Carli's classes all got together for an activity called lumen printing. Most of you will know how to take a photo with a smartphone but this is a very old way of using the power of daylight to make photos and they look like a shadow print.

We began by collecting leaves and flowers from the garden. It was really interesting to look closely at different parts of the plants and see how intricate some of them were. Have you ever noticed the tiny curly stems on a passionfruit vine or how pretty the leaves of weeds can be?

Back in class we dried everything we had picked and then made a design with them on a piece of darkroom photo paper. This was covered with a piece of glass and it was all clipped together. The paper has a special surface on it which means that as soon as it sees the light it starts to get darker so we had to work quite quickly! On a sunny day our photos would have been ready in 15 minutes but it was cloudy and rainy so they were put on shelves to expose over a few days.

In the next newsletter we'll be able to show you the finished result!

On Friday I worked with Zoe and Sandra's students to make some bird feeders. It was pretty messy but a lot of fun and I'm sure the birds will love eating them!

They are made out of toilet roll tubes which we covered with cooking fat and then rolled in bird seed. They were put in the fridge so the fat got nice and hard to make the seeds really stick. Next week we will hang them up in the garden and around the school and give the birds some lovely treats as we go into winter.

Gail

Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

CALLUM

Being **SAFE** by walking to and from the Art Centre safely.

NOAH

Being a **LEARNER** concentrating on his tasks and completing his studyladder work.

ERIN

Being a great **LEARNER** talking and communicating in maths.

COBY

Being a great **LEARNER** - excellent at sport last week - great goal keeper!

SKY

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** - great soccer playing & being a good sport.

NATHAN

Being **RESPECTFUL** by being a great team member in soccer.

TASH

Being a great **LEARNER** at Landcare.

GEORGIA

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER**, great work at Landcare, helping and communicating.

HARRISON

Being a **LEARNER** swapping money for an item in Maths.

BLAYDEN

Being a **LEARNER** and engaging in a whole day of classroom tasks.

STUDENT LED AWARD -PAIGE

Being **RESPECTFUL** by being a great friend. Nominated by Bernadette.

BERNADETTE

Being a **LEARNER** doing a fantastic job at swimming.

STUDENT LED AWARD - MAL

Being a **LEARNER** - spending the day at the Police Academy teaching the Police how to speak to individuals with communication difficulties Nominated by Liam

Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

KIRSTEN

Being a **LEARNER** completing great work during Maths groups.

NOAH

Being **RESPECTFUL**.

ROOM 4

Being excellent **SAFE** and **RESPECTFUL** **LEARNERS** while attending the performance of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. **Awesome effort everyone!!**

SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE SPORT & RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

All Abilities

MOE UNITED SC: SOCCER PROGRAM

LEARN TO PLAY SOCCER IN A SAFE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

LEARN TO PLAY SOCCER IN A SAFE AND FRIENDLY SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR

SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (5 - 18YEARS)

TO REGISTER VISIT:
HTTPS://REGISTRATION.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU/COMMON/PAGES/REG/WELCOMEREGPLUS.ASPX?ENTITYID=7697&SAVE=0

FOR MORE INROMATION PLEASE CONTACT
REG POXON ON 0438 950 046

DATES	DAY	LOCATION	TIME
19 APRIL TO 25 JUNE	TUESDAY	MOE UNITED SC, VALE STREET, MOE	5PM- 6PM

GippSport

Victoria State Government

Access for All Abilities play

VicHealth

Football Victoria

PIE OF THE WEEK

This week we have Honey Mustard Chicken Pie with or without tomato sauce - $3.00.

HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN PIE

School Canteen Order

Term 2 2021 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ **Room / Teacher:** _____

FOOD - *Please tick*		**DRINKS** - *Please tick*	
☐ Party Sausage Rolls (2) - $2.00 ☐ *Tomato Sauce*	☐ Chicken, coleslaw & cheese wrap - $4.00 ☐ *Cheese* ☐ *Coleslaw*	☐ Strawberry Milk $ 2.50	☐ Apple Juice $ 2.00
☐ Dim Sims (3) - $2.50 ☐ *Soy Sauce*	☐ Chicken Nuggets (6) - $4.00	☐ Chocolate Milk $ 2.50	☐ Orange Juice $ 2.00
☐ Pie of the Week $3.00 ☐ *Sauce* ***See Newsletter for this week's flavour!***	**Other Items** - *Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.* ☐ Frog in a Pond $1.50 ☐ Icy Pole $0.50 ☐ Cupcake $1.00		**Total: $**_____ **Enclosed: $** _____

Hello families & friends of WDSS,

I am involved with Warragul Tennis Club and was just touching base to let you know that Tennis 4 Teens is coming to the school's local tennis club this term.

Where and When?

Burke St Tennis Courts

Wednesday 12th , 19th May, 2nd , 9th June
(with further dates to be decided)

From 4.00 – 5.30 pm

Contact: Philip Ashcroft Mob. 0423 245 036

What is Tennis 4 Teens?

Tennis 4 Teens is a non-competitive, stress-free, fun, social program that offers participants activities both on and off court. Tennis 4 Teens is a program designed by teens, for teens and has the following values at its core

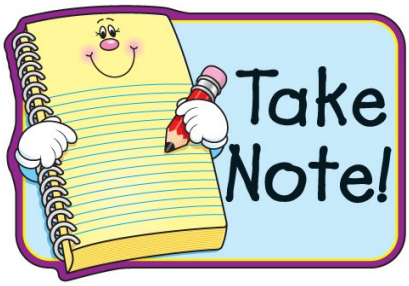
- Youth have a "say" in the activities conducted in a session
- Social element pre and/or post on court play
- Flexible i.e. drop in/out/Pay As You Go
- 1 – 1/12 hours per session (including all social activities)
- Active Facilitator
- Use of an online platform through tennis 4 teens website to sign up to sessions

This program has been made possible as a result of funding we received from Tennis Victoria and VicHealth. They have developed a program that encourages youth aged between 12-17 years to be active in a non-competitive/social environment. More details on what the program is about can be found at www.tennis4teens.com.au, in particular the 3 videos on the About page.

This program is available to all teenagers within the area of ALL abilities, we would love to see you there!

Regards,

Philip Ashcroft



School Visits and Pick Up / Drop Off

Warragul & District Specialist School

Student arrival at school will continue to be staggered in 2021. 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 is still under social distancing rules and can only accommodate **6 adults** in this space at one time. Please consider this when visiting the school.

When picking up or dropping off Junior students please wait outside near the bollards after letting the office know you have arrived.

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	

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	