



Wear your PJ's on Friday & bring a gold coin to help raise money for children in foster care.

Sausage Sizzle will also be on – gold coin donation (thanks to our PFA!)

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Friday 22nd

- National Pyjama Day & Sausage Sizzle.

Gold Coin Donation for both - funds to help children in foster care.

CANTEEN IS ON THIS WEEK - PLEASE NOTE MENU CHANGES FOR TERM 3!

Hi everyone,

It's nice to see some sunny weather this week after all of the rain we have been having lately. We have had a settled start to the term, with students looking like they are enjoying being back, seeing their friends and getting into the usual routines.

Junior students will have an excursion to the West Gippsland Arts Centre this term, with Edward the Emu on show. Some classes enjoyed a positive experience at the Wiggles concert last term and we are excited about enabling all of our juniors to be involved in this excursion.

While rooms 1 and 8 continue their swimming program, rooms 18 and 19 are starting their swimming this term. Middle school have had some new students transition to our school from other schools and our students have enjoyed meeting some new classmates and helping them feel relaxed here with us. Welcome to all our new students, we hope that you are enjoying your start at our school.

Seniors have a busy term ahead, with all students heading to a Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park early next week. Health and Human Development classes start this term and students have started training for a netball round robin that will take place later in the term.

You will be contacted by your child's classroom teacher over the next week or so, with Student Support Group meetings scheduled for week 4. We look forward to having some collaborative discussions regarding your child's learning and other needs and encourage families to start thinking about things that they would like to discuss during this meeting.

We have staff and students becoming unwell with not only Covid, but also the flu and gastro. Please remember to follow the usual protocols of keeping students home if they are unwell. Recommendations regarding Covid and RATs and masks are always changing. We will endeavour to keep families up to date via the newsletter and emails. You will notice this newsletter has this week's update included.

Lastly, let's not forget Pyjama Day this Friday! The details are in this newsletter and I encourage everyone to get involved and help raise money for such a worthy cause.

Rachel



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COVID SAFE UPDATE 19/7/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

Recently DET guidelines have changed. Please read the information below.

Mask wearing

The Victorian Department of Health **strongly recommends** that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in our school to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication), from now to the end of winter. Should this cause distress to any of our students they will not be required to wear a mask.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors.

We are asking for your support in helping your child to understand the importance of this simple step that will help keep our school as safe as possible.

Rapid antigen testing

Today each student will be bringing home 2 boxes of RATS (Rapid Antigen Tests). It is recommended that rapid antigen tests are used by students and staff when symptomatic.

Household contacts are required to test negative using a rapid antigen test on at least 5 out of 7 days if they are attending or working at a school onsite.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398 and please notify the school via phone or email.

If a staff member or student has recovered from COVID-19, they are not required to get tested or isolate/quarantine if re-exposed to a case within 4 weeks of ending their isolation period.

All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

We all appreciate how important it is for our students to be back at school. These actions will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank you

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National Pyjama Day - 22 July 2022

Join us in your Pyjama's at school for National Pyjama Day!

National Pyjama Day is all about wearing your favourite pair of PJ's to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care.

With the money raised from National Pyjama Day, you'll be helping the foundation offer learning skills to more than 1000 foster children, fund educational resources and help provide stable, positive relationships.

- Friday 22nd July
- Wear your PJ's and bring a Gold Coin Donation
- We will also be having a Sausage Sizzle-bring a Gold Coin Donation

HELP WANTED!



Parents / Carers - if you can spare an hour or two to help with the sausage sizzle it would be much appreciated.

Please contact the school if you can lend a hand!

Juniors

ROOM 1

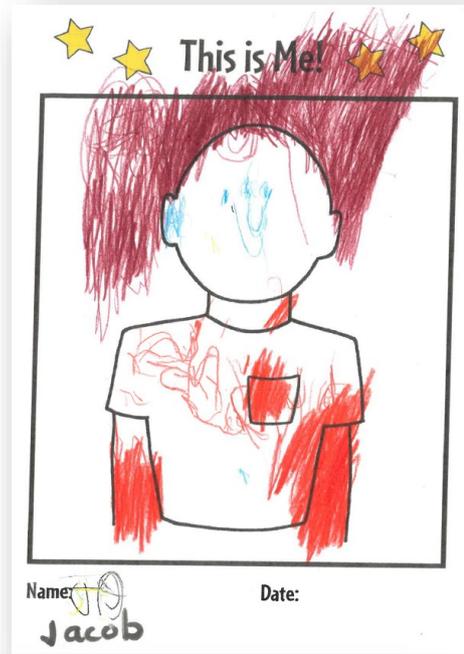
This week our PBS expectation is 'We understand and accept our differences'.

Room 1 celebrated their differences by drawing themselves and filling out a sheet all about themselves. We love that we are all different!

As well, we've celebrated a few birthdays this week. Connor and Brayden turned 9, and Lachy turned 25!!!



- Bev



Callum

About Me

My Name is Callum

Color your gender picture. I am a girl boy

What is your age? I am 9 years old.

Draw a picture of yourself.

Color the circles with the color of your eyes. My eyes are

Circle the texture that is closest to your hair.

Connor Mc

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My Name is Connor Mc

Color your gender picture. I am a girl boy

What is your age? I am 9 years old.

Draw a picture of yourself.

Color the circles with the color of your eyes. My eyes are

Circle the texture that is closest to your hair.

SENIORS

On Monday Ky, Melvin, Coby and Jack made boot jacks during their time at CCG. They used a bandsaw, linisher sander, impact driver, electric drill, holesaw bits and a blow torch to cut out, sand, create and torch their own boot jack to help them remove their work boots at home. The boys were super proud of the work they did and their finished product. It was great to see students step up and mentor others on what they had learned and how to do it for themselves. Well done everyone!



SENIORS

Senior Students have been working on their netball skills for the upcoming All Abilities School Netball Carnival to be held in Traralgon on 11th August.





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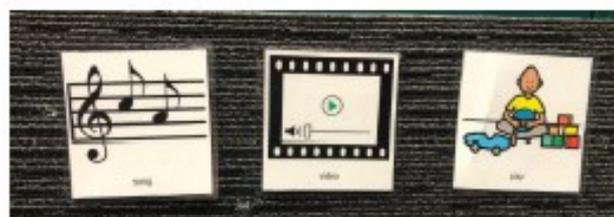
Carlea

PLAY THERAPY



Room 1 and Room 18 in junior and middle school have been playing "supermarket shopping".

We have had lots of fun watching a song on YouTube, then a video that shows a supermarket sequence, and finally having a go at playing with pretend food, money, baskets, shopping bags and a cash register!



We use a visual schedule to show us what is coming next in our play session.

Play can be structured or unstructured. This allows staff to model play sequences, whilst still allowing students to be creative and learn to navigate and negotiate with one another throughout a play session.



Play is a great time to use our communication devices to find foods we needed on our shopping list!

Play supports development of:

- Speech and language
- Social skills and emotions
- Turn taking skills, playing alongside others
- Theory of mind- putting yourself in someone else's shoes
- Flexible and creative thinking, such as making props out of different objects and extending on play themes.

School Garden Program

The students have hit the ground running in the garden and art room at the start of the new term! Before the break we made some easy-peasy bird feeders by mixing bird seed with gelatine, and putting the mixture into a paper cup to set over the holidays. Our task last week was to thread some string onto them so we could hang them around the school for the birds to enjoy!

Another task the students did before the break was to clean up all the leaves that had dropped around the canteen and art room areas. It was hard work but they all pitched in and took all they collected to our compost bins in the garden. Another important job was to give our scarecrow pride of place in the garden too - he looks fantastic standing guard over the flower bed! Talking of flowers you may have noticed that the spring bulbs Zeth planted in the old wheelbarrow have started to grow - nice work Zeth! The students also helped to prune the fruit trees with some special loppers which they used with great care and got the job done in no time

And - at the end of the day we had a little spare time so we chilled out with a lovely drawing session with black paper and pastels and as you can see the results were fantastic!

- Gail





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



CALLUM

Being a **LEARNER** by sorting pictures beginning with 2 different sounds.



ZETH

Great Netball playing and calling for the ball.



STUDENT LED AWARD - SETH

Being a great friend.
Nominated by Zeth



ISAAC

Great effort in learning letters



JOSIAH

Great shooting and passing the ball.



BRENDAN

Being a **LEARNER** starting the term off well and participating in his daily school routine.



WILLIAM

Being a **LEARNER**, showing excellent listening skills.



AYDEN

Settling back into school and being helpful.



VICTOR

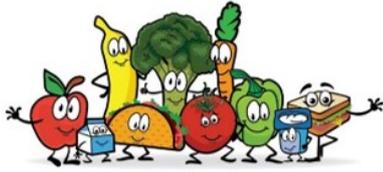
Being a **LEARNER** and sharing what he did on the weekend/holidays.



GEORGIA

Being **RESPECTFUL** helping others around the school.



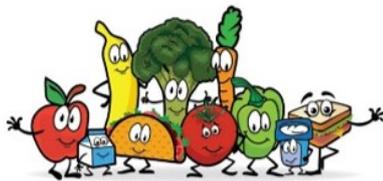


School Canteen Order

Term 3 2022 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat Pie - \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) - \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Baked Potato - \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw 	Other Items - Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.		Total: \$ _____ Enclosed: \$ _____
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