



As the year draws to a close it is wonderful to see students continuing to be such

**SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**

and doing it with smiles on their faces, in what has been a tough year for all. These beautiful photos of Charlie and Haven from Room 2 capture exactly what makes our days so special here at WDSS and the reason why we love coming in to work each day!



## Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 4, Tuesday 1st December 2020

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## DECEMBER

### Thursday 17th

- Pupil Free Day

### Friday 18th

- Last day of Term 4  
12:30:pm finish

**- 2021 -**

## JANUARY

### Friday 29th

- First day of Term 1

## FEBRUARY

### Monday 1st

- Foundation Students commence

During this term we have had a number of new student enrolments and their families visit the school in anticipation of starting their education with us in 2021. We offer a warm welcome to these students and their families. Over the next few weeks we will be running transition programs for these students as well as our normal meet your 2021 class transition sessions for our current students. If you get the opportunity, please welcome these new students and their families into our school.

Despite COVID19 restrictions impacting our graduate's transition programs, all of our 2020 graduates have a transition pathway for 2021. Thank you to the students, families and staff who have worked tirelessly over the last few months to explore individual pathways for the graduate students. Thank you to the pathways providers for accommodating a modified transition program for our graduates. Next year we will continue to support our 2020 graduates and their families during term one to cement their 2021 adult program. Good luck to our graduates for 2021!

A reminder that we have Curriculum Day on Thursday 17th of December which is a pupil free day. The last day of term will be Friday 18th of December with a 12:30pm finish. On this day we traditionally set up classrooms for the following year.

*Matt*



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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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Thanks to our amazing volunteer Glenda for all of her hard work in making Book Fair & Cultural Day such a success!

Book Fair has finished for 2020. It was a huge success raising **\$1,150** giving us **\$350** in commission which will be used for new books for the school. Thank you so much for supporting it and making it a fun time for everyone. Roll on 2021 and our next Bookfair which is already booked for November!

- *Glenda*



Jaime and Bella checking out Book Fair



Michael and Jordan finding their favourites!



2021 School Captains Keith and Jack filling out their Wishlists!

Following on from NAIDOC Week and in conjunction with Bookfair, last Wednesday we also had Cultural Day. Terry Marks, Koorie Engagement Support Officer, opened the day with a Welcome to Country and some stories of her family - the students were captivated with her story-telling and were wonderful **RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**. There were



**Thank you Terry!**



One of the activities was decorating boomerangs, don't they look awesome!

activities to do and books to read, it was also lovely to have a whole school activity, as we haven't had much opportunity this year!



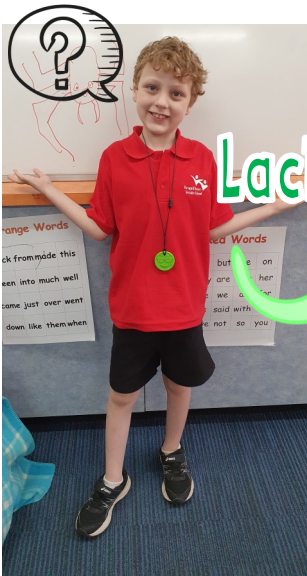
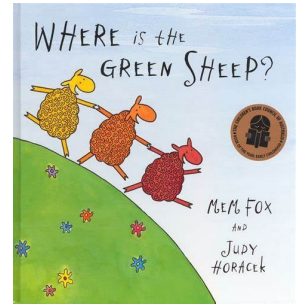
April reading to Room 2 students in the courtyard - such an awesome reading spot!



# Juniors

## ROOM 1

We have had a great time reading "Where is the Green Sheep" over the last few weeks. Everyone in Room 1 has had a go at hiding the green sheep in the classroom. It was great fun to try and find it. We made a book about our green sheep. Can you see where we hid it?



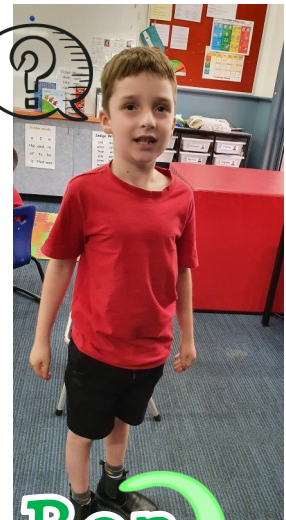
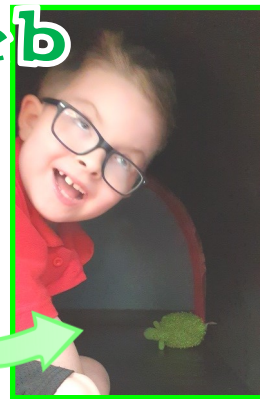
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# Juniors

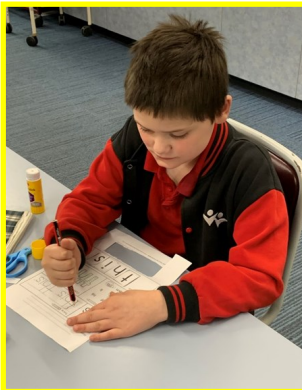
## ROOM 2

Room 2 has been very busy this semester - they love working on the **Word Of the Week** (WOW). - *Champika*



Savanna is doing threading and working hard in the engine room.

Charlie is working with Mari trying the walking frame.



Alex is working on his keyword from the 'WOW' box. He enjoys doing puzzles.

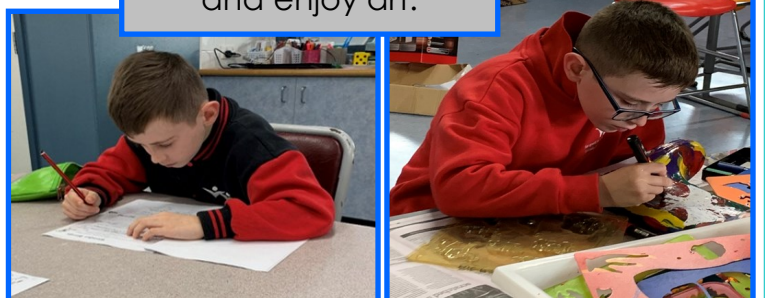


Haven is working on the 'WOW' word, she loves the bubble song in the triple S program.



Logan T is working on the 'WOW' words and loves to play with playdough at the relaxation program.

Logan W working hard and enjoy art.

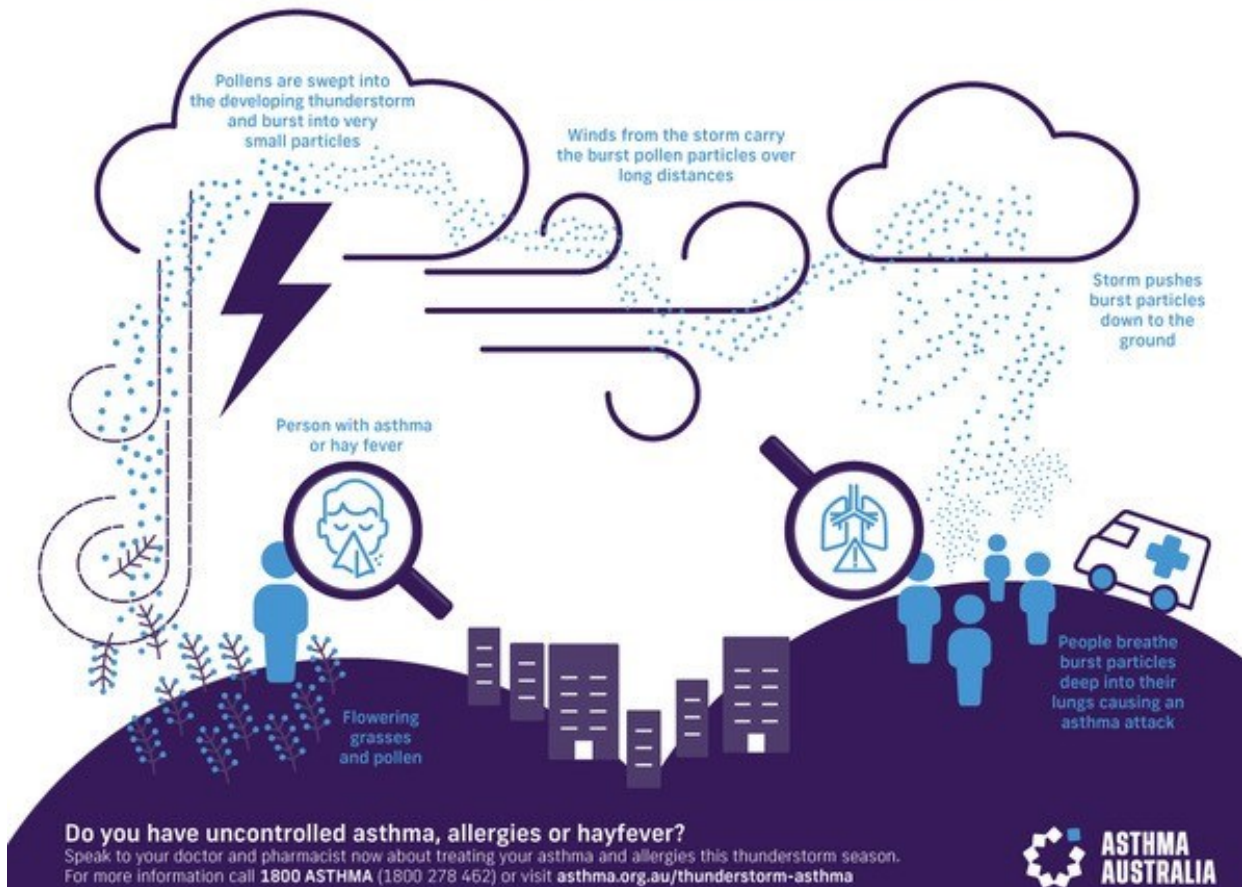




# THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA INFO SHEET

**Parents / Carers: Please ensure  
your student has their Asthma Pump  
with them EVERY DAY**

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA



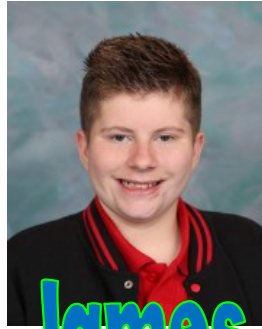
If you have asthma or hay fever (sneezing, itchy eyes or nose, dry cough) you may be at risk of thunderstorm asthma. Thunderstorm asthma can be dangerous and can cause severe difficulty in breathing. If you have asthma or hay fever, see your doctor to discuss options on how best to protect yourself during this thunderstorm season.

### Steps to take this thunderstorm asthma season:

- Take the **Asthma Control Test** to check your level of asthma control; see your doctor urgently if your score is under 20
- Discuss with your doctor medications to manage both asthma and hay fever
- Use an asthma preventer inhaler **every day, even when well**
- Carry an asthma reliever puffer with you at all times
- Treat your hay fever and pollen allergies **every day**
- Watch for pollen levels and stay indoors with doors and windows closed when pollen levels are high
- Stay indoors with doors and windows closed before and during thunderstorms, particularly when windy
- See a doctor **immediately** or call Triple Zero (000) if you experience **any** difficulty breathing during this thunderstorm season
- Do not wait, act quickly

For more information on thunderstorm asthma and how to be prepared, call **1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)** to speak with an Asthma Educator or visit [asthma.org.au/thunderstorm-asthma](http://asthma.org.au/thunderstorm-asthma)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**James**

Happy 15th Birthday!



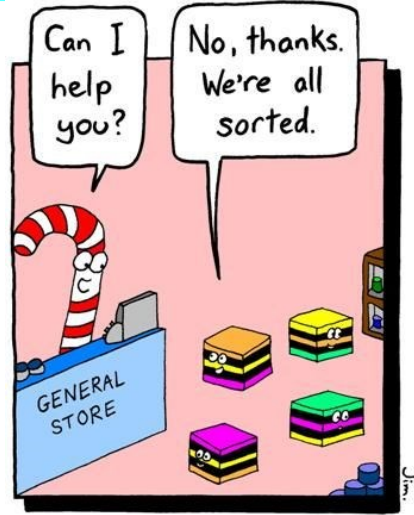
## JOKE of the week

**Q:**

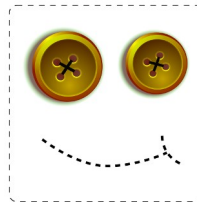
What kind of button cannot undo?

**A:**

A belly button.



Thanks for the giggle  
Jaime!



**Jaime**

ARE YOU FUNNY?  
DO YOU LOVE  
MAKING PEOPLE  
LAUGH?

APPLY  
NOW!

We need a FUNNY student to supply our Joke of the Week in 2021?

See Angie if you would like this very important job!







# Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



## ALEX

Being a **LEARNER**, using his communication switch with Alice and Bri.



## STUDENT LED AWARD: OLIVIA

Being a **LEARNER** and settling into her new class. Nominated by Lillie



## STUDENT LED AWARD: TROY

Being a **LEARNER** and working well at Baw Baw Skills. Nominated by Alex



## ARABELLA

Being **SAFE** while out walking in the community and listening to instructions.



## JORDAN

Being a good **LEARNER** and making and playing with new friends.

ATTENTION

PARENTS

If your student has a new Paediatrician please advise the school ASAP. For further details contact School Nurse Meredith.