Dear Students & Families,

We have entered into another busy week at Warragul & District Specialist School! As you'd be aware yesterday was a student free day as we held a curriculum day with all teaching and education support staff. Staff members worked together in groups completing an online course titled Preventing and Responding to Extreme Behaviours this course focused on promoting safe, orderly and inclusive learning environments and it generated lots of great discussion. Our staff found this day to be very beneficial, we look forward to continuing to support your child’s learning outcomes whilst implementing our new knowledge and strategies acquired on the day.

As some of you may have noticed we have had a bit of change outside of the front of our school in the form of lots of dirt being dug up and new concreting poured. With the increase of student numbers we have found that there simply was not enough space for everyone to navigate their way to and from classrooms of a morning and evening so we hope this will alleviate this issue now that the concrete footpaths have been widened. In the upcoming school holidays we will also be continuing on with our concreting crusade by adding additional concrete paths in some playgrounds and laying some foundations in order to install new seating in the Senior portable yard.

A group of music students are going with Colin to Fairview Aged Care Facility tomorrow afternoon to perform a range items for the local residents. I was fortunate enough to get a sneak of their items and I was suitably impressed with the efforts of our talented students! We wish them all the best with their performance.

On Friday a large number of Middle and Senior school students are going to Newborough for the annual Friendship Games soccer tournament. This day is often one that is enjoyed by all that attend and allows students the opportunity to represent their school and compete against other Special schools in the Gippsland region. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Baringa Special School for all their hard work in organising what I am sure will be another great day. Also this Friday the Junior school are going to Chesterfield Farm in Scorseby. Chesterfield Farm is an excellent excursion where students have the opportunity to meet and greet a large number of animals as well as learn about life living on a farm. Enjoy!

Next Friday the Junior school will be heading off to Musicfest at Newborough Hall to perform with other Gippsland special schools, students have been very busy practicing for the event. Parents are welcome to attend, please speak to your child’s teacher for further information.

A reminder that tickets for our school concert are on sale now at the West Gippsland Arts Centre this year and not through our school office. Limit of 3 per family, however additional tickets (if available) may be purchased from the 9th September.

Alesha
Physical Activity Levels

Two thirds of our children DO NOT meet the daily physical activity guidelines*.

Less than a third of children meet the Sedentary behaviour guidelines of 'no more than 2 hours of screen-based entertainment' every day.

60% of Australian adults did less than the recommended 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per day.

Nearly 70% of Australian adults (i.e. almost 12 million adults) are either sedentary or have low levels of physical activity.

For more information please refer to: http://www.bluearth.org/
Sign of the Week

Soccer/Football

Bus Phone Numbers

Drouin 0400 922 051
Labertouche 0457 801 462
Nar Nar Goon 0428 235 371
Neerim South 0428 235 370
Trafalgar 0409 525 420
Poowong North 0429 499 557
Yannathan 0428 235 372

Please keep your child’s bus phone number handy—so you can contact them if required.

Raffle Winners

Savanna Room 4
Ky Room 7
Jimmy Room 14

Students of the Week

Tim Room 7
2015 Christmas Party for Special Children

This year's party will be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Sunday 13th December from 9.30am to 1.30pm with lots of entertainment, rides, activities, sausage sizzle, drinks, ice cream and much more! The age requirement is between 3-16 years old.
To request an invitation, you need to contact Warragul & District Specialist School office on 5623 1385 and we will submit a request for an invitation. Please do so by September 15th.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card or are temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

How to apply:
Contact the school office 5623 1385 to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Cut off date:
Wednesday 16th September

School Concert Tickets are on sale and can be purchased:
In person from the Box Office at the West Gippsland Arts Centre
or
By phoning the Box Office: 5624 2456

Price: $7.00 per ticket
No. Available: Limit of 3 per family, however additional tickets (if available) may be purchased from 9th September.

Thursday 3rd September is the last day to return your completed Dental Consent form.