

Georgia created this beautiful artwork highlighting one of our school values - Be Safe.

Great work Georgia, very creative !



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

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Dear Families & Friends,

What a week we have all had! Thank you to all families for moving so quickly to support your child in remote and flexible learning. We know that this is challenging and appreciate the many positive conversations we have had with families making this work for their child at home. Well done everyone.

Information released today states that where a parent or carer indicates that a student with a disability cannot learn from home due to vulnerability or family stress, the school must provide on-site learning for that student. We ask that parents and/or carers call or email the school to inform us if your child is returning to on-site learning. Please refer to the email from the school that has more details regarding our current situation.

As part of our return to school procedures, please ensure you follow school guidelines regarding drop off and pick up times, as outlined in the newsletter. If you enter any of our school buildings, even if this is just to do a drop off or a pick off, you are required to check in using the QR code displayed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Tuesday 17th

- 13 Year Old Immunisations

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2nd

- NO CANTEEN

There may be some external programs that are affected by lockdown and you will receive information for your student regarding any changes to your child's program from the staff involved in that program.

One program that we are excited to bring our juniors this term, is Auskick. The school is now registered as an official Auskick Centre and will be running Auskick for students and their families on Wednesdays after lunch. This will occur during school hours, as part of our sport program. As with community sport, parents and families will be encouraged to attend and be involved. At this stage, the program will begin next week (28th July). We of course will be guided by any health advice that may affect this and keep you updated accordingly.

Rachel



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Rachel has been doing some amazing work behind the scenes and has registered WDSS as an Auskick Centre! This enables our Junior students to take part in this fantastic program during school hours.

Students who Register (zero cost) will receive an Auskick Pack filled with cool footy goodies including a football, pump and personalised items!



WDSS AUSKICK 2021

WHEN: Wednesday afternoons

WHERE: Warragul Regional College Oval

WHO: All Junior students.

Parents and carers are also invited to come and watch or help out.

FIRST SESSION: Wednesday 28th July, 2pm

WHAT TO BRING: Suitable clothes for activity

YOU CAN BRING/WEAR: Footy clothes, footy boots, footy colours!

LUNCH: As part of our Auskick celebrations, all junior students will have a footy lunch with their class on Wednesday. Students do not need to bring lunch next Wednesday.

HOW TO REGISTER - NO COST:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/warragul-specialist-school-australian-football-league-centre/99ad404e/register>

*Please note, you do not have to register your child. However, Auskick have made this a \$0 registration for our school. All students who register will receive an Auskick pack that has lots of goodies for your child (including their own footy and pump).

SENIORS



Ky and Georgia's commenced at Baw Baw Skills last week. They are in the Plumbing class - their first task was to practise using metal.



William & Ky



Georgia & Kirsten



TENNIS 4 TEENS

CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS AND HAVE A RELAXED HIT OF TENNIS

Where and When?

Burke St Tennis Courts

Wednesdays from 4.00 – 5.00 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 is lots of fun!

This program is available to all teenagers within the area of ALL abilities, we would love to see you there! Racquets can be provided if needed.

Regards,
Philip Ashcroft



School Activities

**CREATIVE
Working**



CREATIVE WORKER TERM 3

Term 2 of creative working ended on a musical high with the students decorating some more LP covers and a great job they did too. We used a special paint with a lovely glossy finish that made their creations really stand out. We had stencils for all sorts of

lettering, shapes and designs but most of the students once again let their imaginations run wild! Mal gave us excellent inspiration when he said that he would never let his CP hold him back and you can see how he put that determination into his work! As a follow-up we looked at the work of Sam Petersen, a Melbourne artist who is confined to a wheelchair due to dystonia, a neurological movement disorder, and saw how she communicates her ideas through art and poetry.

The next stage of our musical art journey was to make some cover art for the LPs and on the back write down our favourite songs. The students came up with some fantastic concepts and we've still got plenty of blank covers for us all to work on through this term too. I also have some new records to choose from so we can enjoy music while we work.

Hopefully we'll be back at school soon and I'm looking forward to Friday afternoons where I'll be creating art with the middle school students as well as continuing to enjoy working with the seniors too!



Michael



Georgia



William



Malachy



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



ZAC

Being a **LEARNER** counting by 10s from 1-100



JULIAN

Being **SAFE** and showing patience while waiting for others to finish tasks.



MARCUS

Being a **LEARNER** at Landcare and listening to the leaders in the group



STUDENT LED AWARD - BERNADETTE

Being a **LEARNER** by completing her self-care activities. Nominated by Denzell.



GEORGIA

Being a **LEARNER** Using an increased volume during drama. Well done Georgia



PAIGE

Being a **LEARNER** - Working well and completing all class activities



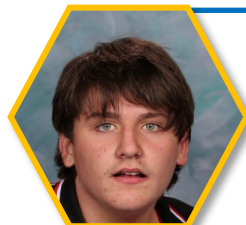
STUDENT LED AWARD - DYLAN

Using a **RESPECTFUL** voice to others. Nominated by Jacob



MELVIN

Being a **LEARNER** Using his voice to answer questions about his holiday.



SETH

Being a **LEARNER** - Using his iPad to communicate to teacher on Monday.



Star Camp 2021

FRIDAY 17 – SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER AT XAVIER COLLEGE, KEW



Applications are now open for Star Camp 2021. Please forward this information to any families of children with disabilities that you know, who may benefit from the camp. Applications close on Friday 30 July.



Aims of Star Camp:

- To provide a fun camp with a range of activities for children with disabilities at no cost to parents and to provide respite for their families and carers.

What is Star Camp:

- a three day camp for children aged from five to fifteen who have intellectual and/or physical disabilities.
- provides a new and fun experience for the children and some welcomed 'respite' (rest) for their carers.
- is hosted by Genazzano FCJ College, Our Lady of Mercy College, St Kevin's College and Xavier College
- campers will be accommodated in the boarding house at Xavier College and all activities are held within the school grounds
- there is no cost to families of campers and all meals are provided



Care of campers:

- Year 12 students from the participating schools become the 'Companions' for the campers, 24/7, these student companions are selected through a rigorous application process and are given extensive training in the various aspects of their role.
- Each camper and companion is supported at all times by medical and teaching volunteers from the host schools.
- A team of medical volunteers will be on duty 24 hours a day throughout the camp, under the leadership of Dr Jacinta Coleman, Head of Adolescent Medicine, Monash Children's Hospital

Camp activities include:

- Jumping castle, Trackless train, Petting Zoo, Ball pit, Swimming, Art and Craft, Music, Games, Disco, Movie night, Visit from Santa



Contact us:

- For expressions of interest or to obtain a camp information handbook and application form please contact: Camp Registrar: Mr Daniel Barrett, phone: 9421 4319 , email: barrettd@stkevins.vic.edu.au or Camp Coordinator: Mrs Rasika Crowley, phone: 9815 4846, email: Rasika.Crowley@xavier.vic.edu.au



Aboriginal Family Camp

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th September 2021



Interchange Gippsland is proud to announce the
9th annual Aboriginal Family Camp

Coonawarra Farm Resort, 3545
Bairnsdale-Dargo Road, Glenaladale

Activities will include:

Smoking ceremony, traditional art workshop, adventure camp activities and more!

- Accommodation, meals and transport will be provided
- Eligibility for the camp is children with a disability who identify as Aboriginal in the Gippsland region, and their immediate family
- For further information or to register for a place on this camp, please contact us on 1300 736 765

This program is fully funded and there is no cost to participants



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School Visits and Pick Up / Drop Off

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	