Dear Students & Families,

The holidays are upon us already! It has been a busy term with many great things happening. Some of the highlights have been the camps and excursions run by classrooms. These camps and excursions are designed to provide opportunities for your child to use their skills in their local community. It’s great to see students extending themselves and taking risks in their learning despite being sometimes nervous and anxious. Congratulations to students and the staff who support them, for taking these risks. Their smiles of satisfaction when they achieve their challenges are well worth seeing. During these holidays I hope you have the opportunity to see these skills during your holiday activities.

Over the holidays we will be taking the opportunity to continue the renovation of the courtyard. Generous donations from the Variety Club and Cassandra Ganter foundation, have allowed us to purchase a range of play and activity equipment. This work continues the work that occurred earlier in the year. Over the holidays we will also complete our fencing project with our new style fencing going up around the school oval. A generous donation from the Warragul Lions club and Apex club will allow us to put in 6 bench seats around the oval.

I hope that everyone has restful and fun holidays. With the weather the way it is, maybe even a trip to the snow!

Matt
Last Thursday, Room 3 & 4 went on an excursion to Gumbuya Park. We had lots of fun using our Myki cards to catch the train to and from Garfield. We had a yummy picnic lunch and a play on the playground. We saw lots of animals as we walked around. We saw a variety of different birds, a wombat, wallabies, emus, dingoes and a koala. All of the students enjoyed feeding the kangaroos! The kangaroos came right up to them and ate out of their hands. One of the kangaroos even had a joey in her pouch! Unfortunately, a number of students were unable to come on the excursion but a great day was had by all who attended and we look forward to another excursion later on in the year when everyone can come.
Junior Student of the Week—Brendan from Room 10 for increased communication with peers.

Middle Student of the Week—Indy from Room 10 for continued persistence with PODD sheets.

Middle Student of the Week—Michael from Room 7 for consistently doing the right thing.

Senior Student of the Week—Lara from Room 17 for fantastic Peer Modelling during Language Box activities with Room 10.

Seed Creations fundraiser will run until the end of term. More order forms available from the office. This is a major fundraiser for the school. Please support this fundraiser - they make wonderful gifts.

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Our RDA students have thoroughly enjoyed riding their horses so far this year. They are all learning different skills to help them be able to challenge the movement of their bodies through riding over different obstacles. They practice using reins to lead their horse around poles, over bridges and balance planks. Each session is targeted differently to each student's needs and include activities that practice balance, core/postural strength, fine motor and gross motor skills and stretching of tight muscles. It is fun physiotherapy on a horse!!! The best part of it is the smiles and the excitement that we see each week before their ride and after their ride.
TAFE Training

Over the last 7 weeks Harley, Ann, Philip and Brayden from the seniors attended the Passport to Employment Program at Federation Training in Warragul. The aim of the program was to introduce the students to some of the skills necessary to gain employment after leaving school. Some of the skills that the students learnt about were resume writing, interview skills and learning to dress appropriately.

The students visited various workplaces such as Coles and Mitsubishi to see what goes on behind the scenes in real workplaces. They also visited the Baw Baw Skills Centre to look at the trades that are taught there and some of the potential programs students can access such as carpentry, plumbing, automotive, 3D printing and agriculture and horticulture studies.

As part of the program the students were given an opportunity to purchase appropriate clothing for interviews and received hair and beauty makeovers at CCG on the night of their graduation. All of the students enjoyed attending the course and had a great time and learnt lots of skills.
Warragul Winterfest and Lantern Parade

Kick back against the depths of winter with Warragul’s Winterfest and celebrate with a lantern parade and festivities at Eastern Park.

Lantern workshops will be held at WDSS this Thursday in the Art Room for some classes.

The lantern parade is on this Saturday 25th June 2016 commencing at 4.30pm at Eastern Park, Normanby Street Warragul. There will be food and drink stalls at the community event.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

We had some extra help in the office last week! Ebony wowed us with how good she was using the mouse on the PC - fantastic fine motor skills and great concentration!
My Time Family Circus Holiday Program – June 2016

The Circus Holiday Program will promote children’s development by responding to each child’s needs, feelings and interests, support children to regulate their emotions, support friendships, provide opportunities to develop new skills that are within their reach, work on social skills and provide an opportunity to meet others. The Program provides an opportunity for children, their families and friends to participate in a fun, creative and physical activity.

10a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Tuesday 28th June and Wednesday 29th June, 2016

At the Community Church, 1-29 Wills Street, Warragul

Facilitators: Marni Jackson & Amber Richardson

Please let us know if you would like to come along.

Phone: 5622 1200

Be sure to wear comfy clothes and bring a water bottle and snacks.