

## WELCOME TO TERM 3

The students have all settled in and have had lot of activities this past week!

We hope parents are enjoying some of the freedom that being *Back to School* brings!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JULY

#### Tuesday 30th

- Job Skills Expo, Lardner Park

### AUGUST

#### Monday 5th

- West Gippsland Trade Alliance Open Day

#### Tuesday 20th

- 2nd dose, 13 year old Immunisations,

#### Thursday 29th

- School Swimming Sports, Warragul Leisure Centre



## Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 19, Tuesday 23rd June 2019

### Dear Students & Families,

Student Support Group (SSG) meetings are currently being organised and held with Teachers, families and students and also with Allied Health staff where required. These SSG meetings are a great time to review your child's progress towards their goals and make any necessary adjustments. SSG's are a fantastic platform for everyone to come together, so I hope everyone is able to take the opportunity to catch up. Your child's teacher will be in contact shortly to organise a meeting time with families if they have not done so already.

#### **Transport: Did you know?**

Warragul Bus Lines run our schools Student with Disabilities Transport Program which is the bus program which picks up and drops off students to and from school each day. The program is not a door to pick up service and families are expected to meet the bus at designated bus stops. Some bus stops may be outside or near a student's house however this is determined based on the distance between each stop and on where one is deemed necessary.

The Student with Disabilities Transport Program is funded by the Department of Education & Training. All transport enquiries, changes, initial complaints or requests are managed by the school. If you are planning on moving, have moved or having issues on the bus please contact myself to discuss these further.

Please be aware that if you are planning on moving, it can take up to 2 weeks for your child to move on to a different bus and some buses are now **full**. Please take this in to account and provide as much notice as possible to avoid possible transport delays.

As I mentioned last week, it is winter, it is cold, wet and windy. It is also time to wear warm clothing to school and have extra layers of clothing available (with clear names labelled). With the cold weather comes colds and illnesses. Please remember that if your child is ill please keep them at home. In this way we can limit the spread of illnesses and therefore limiting the absences of staff and students which affects our school days and learning time.

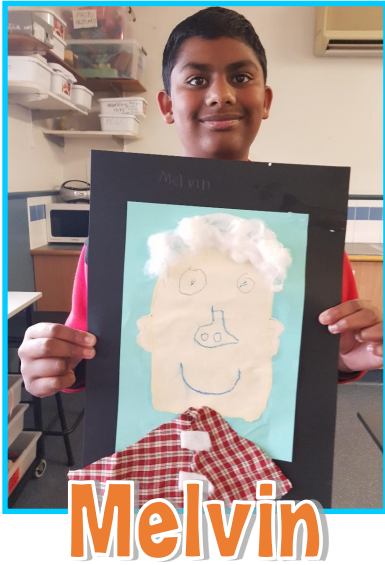
Have a wonderful week!

*Alesha*

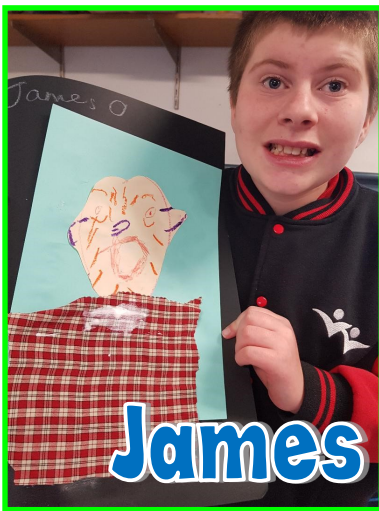




# Art with Sandra



To coincide with 100 days of school students this week have been thinking about how they will look when they hit 100 years of age. May we all age well!



*Sandra*



Tash has just joined WDSS and is a welcome additional to Room 19, she is settling in beautifully! Welcome to WDSS Tash and family !!





# Art with Sandra

Thanks to everyone who donated their paper shopping bags to us, students have started turning them into Art Portfolios for storing their artwork. They are currently printing the background using our Gelli Plates. The Gelli Plates are very squishy and students are enjoying touching and squeezing them as much as making prints from them.

- Sandra



## \*\* SOCIAL LUNCH \*\*

Emma is hosting a lunch at her house in Drouin this Friday 26th July and would love to have you come along! It is a great chance to network with other parents and meet new people.



~ Lunch and drinks provided ~

Please contact Emma on 0447 770 892 or Angie at the school for more information



## 2019 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion

Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** to **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



# STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



**JAKE**

Being a great **LEARNER**, enjoying a successful (first) full week of school.



**VINCENT**

Being a great **LEARNER** doing his activity schedule



**SKY**

Being a **LEARNER** - doing great work about the Big Idea in literacy



**NOAH**

Being **SAFE** - reversing his wheelchair safely out of an enclosed space



**BEN**

Being a good **LEARNER** with his counting



**ARABELLA**

Being **SAFE** and having amazing safe hands



**DENZELL**

Being a **LEARNER** - reading each morning. Nominated by Bernadette



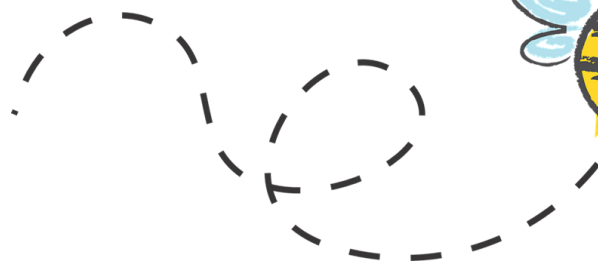
**INDY**

Being a **LEARNER** - great listening. Nominated y Liam



**JAMES**

Being **RESPECTFUL** - listening to staff instructions





# 2019 Special Children's Christmas Party at the Melbourne Showgrounds - FREE EVENT!



Special Children's  
EVENTS AUSTRALIA

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**When: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

**This is the 24th year Anniversary and it will run from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Grand Pavilion of Melbourne Showgrounds.**

A 4 hour stage show featuring many artists will keep the children entertained. There will be activities such as merry go-rounds, jumping castles, face painting and much more. With all this fun to be had, they will need all the food, drinks, and ice creams they can eat, which we will provide for free. Of course no Christmas party is complete without Santa and after his arrival the toy room will be open each child will receive two beautiful presents.

- Children up to and including Year 6 equivalent
- Children must be accompanied by parents or caregivers. There will be no child minding facilities available.
- Siblings are more than welcome to join in on the fun of the day, go on the rides and enjoy the food, however, they won't be allowed to go through the Toy Room to receive any presents. **Please do not include siblings in your request**

**To apply for an invitation on please contact the school office  
(Angie) on 5623 1385 by Friday 9th August**

## 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

# Family Friendly Baw Baw

Community  
Discussion

Wednesday,  
21 August 2019

## Come Join Us!

Open to local residents, parents, grandparents and carers with an interest in building a stronger, more connected community.

Wednesday, 21 August 2019, 9:30am – 1.00pm

Danny's The Venue – Logan Park,  
Howitt Street Warroagul

We want people with big dreams and wild ideas, people able to see past How Things Are to discover What Could Be.

Please join us for a fun, free-wheeling exploration of possibilities and help us build a family friendly future.

Facilitated by founder of Minds at Work and one of the most sought-after creative minds in the country, Jason Clarke

Door Prizes!  
Fun for kids!  
Library Story  
Time!



Seats are limited. Book now with Michele on 5624 2814

Kids welcome!

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