



— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 16th

- School Photos

Tuesday 23rd

- 13 & 15 Yr Old Vaccinations

MARCH

Wednesday 3rd

- WDSS Post School Options Expo

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 1, Tuesday 3rd February 2021

Dear Students & Families,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year!

It was great to see students returning to school last Friday! Students were very excited to return to school with many eagerly interacting with friends and staff. Many parents also told me how eager their child was to return to school.

I would also like to welcome all our new students to our school. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and scary at the same time. Staff are working hard to make this significant transition as easy and fun as possible. Please remember to talk to your child's team if you have any concerns about their transition so we can make it as enjoyable as possible.

Most of our returning students are very excited to get back into the routine of school and have settled back into their school program very well. We have to remember however, that for some students the transition into a new environment or classroom can be unsettling. This is especially the case when there are new staff and students in their class. We are working hard to support these students in their transition so they settle quickly into the class routines. Please contact your child's teacher or team if you have any concerns.

We hope that everyone in our school community has a wonderful productive year!



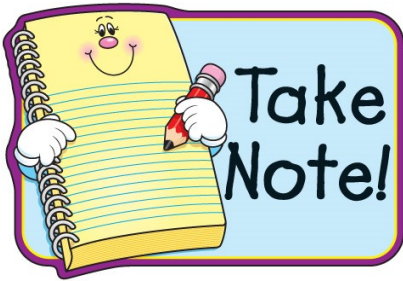
Matt

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents / Carers need to advise the school office if your student is getting picked up and will not be travelling by bus.

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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	

Juniors

Room 4

Room 4 have had a big couple of days as we welcomed both new students to our school as well as our 2021 Preps. There have been lots of things to look at, new activities to try and lots of new people to meet. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Jazmine



Roy



Some of the Room 4 students showing us how much fun they had!

Jules

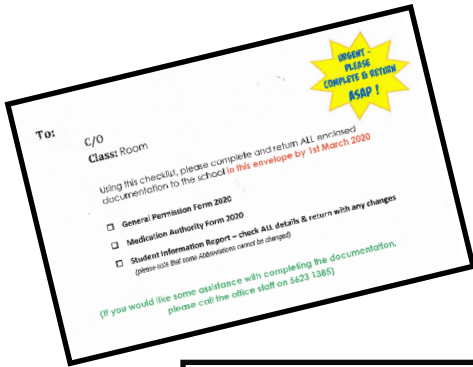


Stevie



IMPORTANT !!

All Students should have received 2021 forms for completion. Please return 2021 Forms ASAP - these are due by 1st March. If you need assistance completing them or additional copies please contact the office on 5623 1385



2021 PERMISSION FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

Please your preference as required

GENERAL PERMISSION - give permission...

Yes No **Consent:** Authorise School Staff for the child to attend out of school community activities (including AEC) excursions and activities within the confines of the River Row area - travelling on the school bus, walking or on a public transport.

Yes No **Health:** Manage any issues for the release of my child's contact and medical information to be released to staff/other staff - necessary when organising Student Transport.

Yes No **First Aid:** Authorise the child to access School Based First Aid Health (Therapy) staff as part of their educational program.

Yes No **Substance:** For staff to support my child to apply sunscreen in accordance with policy.

Yes No **Self-Harm:** Personal Care: For staff to supervise the showering of my child after sport activity or after accidents etc. if required.

Medication use in emergency situations - providing the child with all necessary registration, insurance and information as required.

in about my child with HSD provided as required.

located in the school handbook - distributed to school staff.

in class to be published in the local media - local and class work to promote the school and engage.

in School Class / Group photos - regularly taken and shared.

items to be included in school permission documents in accordance with use of school, are sent home to my parent for other schools for use by our staff and students.

to be used for in-school training for our staff and other schools staff.

in school brochures - normal not used.

web pages - normal not used.

in social media pages - summer not used.

DATE: _____

31st MARCH 2021

MEDICATION AUTHORITY 2021

Valid until 31st March 2022 - Parents / Carers must advise & authorise any changes throughout the year

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE: ____/____/2021

School Medication to be in original packaging which must show:

- Student's Name
- Name of medication
- Dosage & Time to be administered

SALE Medication must be handed to the Staff Supervisor or brought to the school by Parents/Carers. DO NOT place any medications in student bags!

REGULAR MEDICATION TO BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL

Time Given	Medication Name	Dosage mg/ml	Route (S/O/T/Inst)	Office Use

OCCASIONAL MEDICATION TO BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL (AS NEEDED)

Reason	Medication Name	Dosage mg/ml	Route (S/O/T/Inst)	Office Use

PAIN MEDICATION - It is preferable that pain medication is given before or after school, however HSD will administer paracetamol (not Aspirin) if no other option. Parents will be contacted prior to administering.

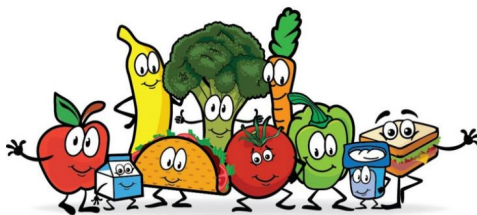
DOSE PERMISSION For staff to administer paracetamol (as per directions) if necessary. Parents/Carers will be contacted prior to administering medication. Yes No

In an emergency situation, we also need to be aware of any other regular medication your child takes BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

HOME MEDICATION

Time Given	Medication Name	Dosage mg/ml	Route (S/O/T/Inst)	Office Use

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/21 Classroom Teacher Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/21



Canteen will again be held on Thursdays in 2021 - start date will be advised in the coming weeks.

School Canteen

Kim is currently working on the Menu (modified menu due to COVID restrictions).

- ➔ Order forms will be sent home each week on Wednesdays.
- ➔ Please note that Canteen maybe cancelled at any time if restrictions change. Families will be advised by text message if/when this occurs.



2021 School Photos

Spargo Photography will be by our School Photographers for 2021.

Photos are scheduled for **Tuesday, 16 February 2021.**

Envelopes for orders will be sent home as soon as we receive them.



SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Senior School Information Evening being held before the

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO:

Wednesday 3rd March

5:00pm to 6:00pm - WDSS Staffroom

It is a great opportunity for to get a better understanding of the Senior School Programs / Pathways and we encourage parents to attend.

Please RSVP to the school on 5623 1385 by 26th February

**Warragul & District Specialist School
presents our annual**



**On Wednesday March 3rd we are having our annual
Post School Options Expo at the school commencing at 6.00pm**

**IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT AGED 16 AND OVER IT IS STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED YOU ATTEND THIS SESSION !**

Service Providers that will be attending include:

- ◆ Day Service Providers
- ◆ Disability Employment Agencies
- ◆ Further Education Organisations
- ◆ NDIS Individual Support Practitioners

**Each provider will have a table set up with brochures / details
of what their service offers and will be there to answer all of
your questions!**

~ Tea, coffee and supper will be provided ~

To assist with catering please **RSVP by 26th February to 5623 1385**

For any other queries please contact the school



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

We are SunSmart - a note for families



Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor for future skin cancer risk.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV so don't be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to **Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!**

Our service aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures encouraged by educators.

During the daily local sun protection times (issued whenever UV levels are three and above), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.

1. **Slip on a shirt** - dress your child in clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.
2. **Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen** – apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and provide permission for sunscreen to be reapplied to your child before they go outdoors. This should be applied every two hours. From 3 years of age, please help your child apply their own sunscreen so they can start to learn independent skills.
3. **Slap on a hat** – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved sun hat.

4. **Seek shade** – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.
5. **Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the service. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.



Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available on the free SunSmart app or widget, in the weather section of the newspaper and on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



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