

Well done on a GREAT Term 1 everyone!

Enjoy your holidays, we hope you get to have some lovely time together doing lots of fun things (or just chilling out).

See you in Term 2!



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Thursday 1st

- Last Day of Term 1
2:00pm finish

APRIL

Monday 19th

- First Day of Term 2



CANTEEN IS ON THIS THURSDAY!

Order forms will be sent home tomorrow.....

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter Term 1 Issue 9, Tuesday 30th March 2021

Hi all,

HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS...

What a busy and exciting term we have had, it is amazing to think that only a number of weeks ago we welcomed everyone back for the start of the school year. It has been particularly pleasing to see the growth in our new students who have transitioned into our school this year. I would also like to recognise our new Foundation students and how they have settled into school and their class routines. We look forward to seeing them 'every day' next term.

During Term 1 we have been able to get back out to community access, out of school senior programs and excursions, all whilst maintaining our safety measures around COVID. This has been a positive start to programs and learning goals for our students and we hope this can continue into next term.

We are always working towards being Safe, Respectful Learners and creating a positive culture within our school community. This week's PBS learning has been 'We make space for others'. This is an important skill to learn and understand especially when we are out in the community shopping, using public transport and interacting with others.

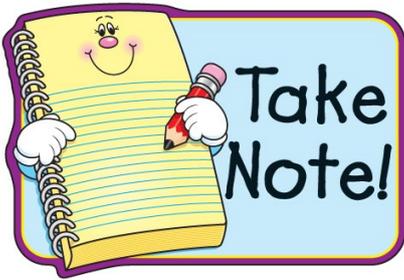
A reminder to all families that this Thursday is the last day of Term 1. Students will finish school at 2pm. Please expect your child home one hour earlier than usual if your child catches a school bus.

I know everyone here at school is looking forward to a relaxing and refreshing break over the holidays, the weather for the Easter weekend is looking FABULOUS. We hope all of our school community have a safe holiday and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Take Care,

Chris





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	

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM



TERM 1 OVERVIEW 28th January – 1st April

Introducing school expectations of Always & Everywhere Weeks	ALWAYS & EVERYWHERE
Week 2 – 1st Feb	We wear hats in Term 1 & 4 to be Sun Smart
Week 3 – 8th Feb	We listen We follow instructions
Week 4 – 15th Feb	COVID lockdown
Week 5 – 22nd Feb	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
Week 6 – 1st March	We speak politely
Week 7 – 8th March	We try our best
Week 8 – 15th March	We ask for help
Week 9 – 22nd March	We look after property and equipment
Week 10 – 29th March	We make space for others

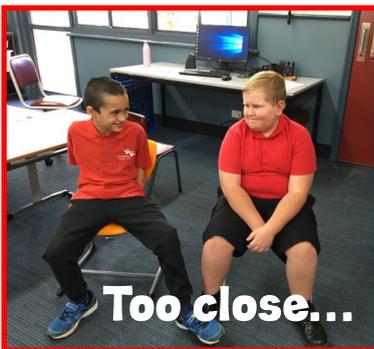
Juniors

Room 1

This week's PBS learning has been about 'Making room for others'. Room 1 practiced making space around them. As you can see some people get upset when we get in their personal space!

Connor found the Word Of the Week on his Communication device. Can you find 'make'?

- *Bev*



SENIORS



Thank you to Keith for this EXCELLENT report on the Live 4 Life Induction Day last week. Keith, Jack, Denzell and Paige are now mentors for the program and will pass on what they learnt to other students. Live 4 Life is a wonderful program running in the Baw Baw Shire and we are grateful to be part of it! Photos of the day are on the next page.....

LIVE 4 LIFE CREW INDUCTION DAY

On Friday last week, The School Captains & Vice captains Keith (Me), Jack T, Paige and Denzell went to the Live 4 Life Program at Gippsland Art Centre in Warragul. There were other schools that came to Live4life as well - Warragul Regional College, Trafalgar High, Drouin Secondary College and Neerim District Secondary College. First in the morning we did human bingo. It is where we ask other students questions about do you do this or not and is it true or not and that was fun. After that we then talked what mental health is and what causes it.



Life 4 Life tries to prevent youth suicide and helps to make the best for everyone's lives and to improve youth mental health. We learned about the key messages about Life 4 Life that are:

1. Look for warning signs
2. Ask how they are
3. Listen up
4. Help them connect with an adult
5. Your Friendship is important.

Then we worked as a crew to think of what theme we can have for the Baw Baw group. Jack Tobin had a slogan called "BE FAIR. SHOW U CARE"

After our lunch break we then had to vote on what theme was the best one and the one that got the most votes was:

START THE TALK TO STOP THE STIGMA

After that we then got t shirts that says Life 4 Life and soon we will also get our Life 4 Life jumpers and got some photos along with it. We had great food and I will say that day was fantastic! I really enjoyed it.

We will let you all know about our WDSS Live 4 Life Launch in May!

From Keith (School Captain)

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Jack



Keith & Sarah



Paige & Denzell



T-shirts look great!



Awesome young adults!

SENIORS

Our Thursday Seniors 'Waverly Industries' group has had to spend this term developing other skills as we have patiently waited for Waverly Industries to be able to have volunteers in their workplace.



We've had lots of fun times exploring our local environment: bushwalking, traveling on the train, exploring hidden gems and cooking on the local free BBQs.

Last week we finally got to visit Waverly Industries for a tour and to see what sort of work we'll be doing there next term. We were greeted by lots of friendly workers and we can't wait to start there next term!

If you have some time to relax these holidays you might want to head to the Noojee Trestle Bridge, Glen Nayook or even Cranbourne Botanic Gardens (where we saw a Kangaroo and a Bandicoot!)

- *Sandra*



Glen Nayook



Dakota & Troy

Neerim South



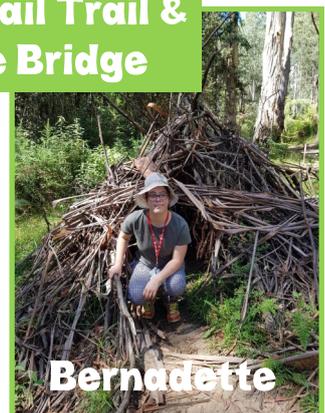
Jayden



Noojee Rail Trail & Trestle Bridge



Cranbourne Botanic Gardens



Bernadette

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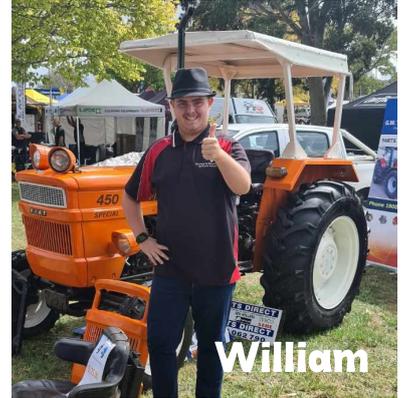
Everyone in the region was thrilled to have Farm World back! Some of our Seniors visited on Friday:

I saw some horse riding, alpacas. I got a picture of me next to the tractor. I bought a hot dog for lunch from food service and sprite lemonade by myself. I liked the horse riding best !

- William

I like the alpacas. I bought chips to eat. They tasted good.

- Kirsten



STUDENT Awards We are Safe, Respectful Learners !



CALLUM

Being a **LEARNER** - writing his name independently



ZAC

Being **RESPECTFUL** and always sitting and listening like a great learner during



JAI

Demonstrating our school values as he walks **SAFELY** along the path on the way into school.



MICHAEL

Being a great **LEARNER** , reading his timetable and respectfully waiting to print his photos until Friday.



JOSIAH

Being a **LEARNER** counting really well in his maths session.



ABBY

Being **SAFE** by really looking after her property - especially her phone and pencil case.



BAYDEN

Being **SAFE** by looking after his own property in class.

Student Work

Students from Room 19 have been doing some great recaps in Literacy of what they have been up to at home - well done for being such great **LEARNERS!**

I did a run in the street to home.
I went to the shops to get water.
I walked home.
I felt proud.
- Anthony



My dog had a puppy 5 days ago. The puppy is starting to get big. He is starting to grow. We all want to keep him, but Mum says looking after a dog is a big responsibility. I will be disappointed if we don't keep him, but I will cope.
- Tyra

Last week, my brothers Brodie, Dennis and me were at home playing Minecraft. Brodie Took my controller. I went and got my other controller. I felt happy and clever.
- Max





2021 School Photos

With our photo catch up day held last week, school photos have now been completed.

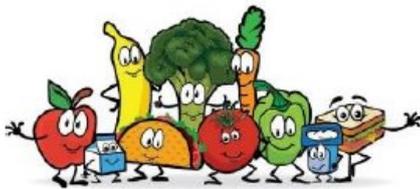
Photos can be ordered via www.spargophoto.com.au – select School Photography then Student Access Code Request – complete details to receive a code.

The code will allow you to view and order photos online.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Spargo Photography on (03) 5942 5234



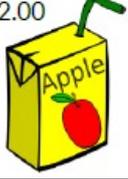
NB: Due to the revised group photo format this year, there will be a delay in delivery of school photos.



School Canteen Order

Term 1 2021 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken, coleslaw & cheese wrap - \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) - \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
Other Items - Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.		Total: \$ _____ Money Enclosed: \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 		

Holiday Activities with

Does your child have a NDIS plan?

Does the plan have funding for social & community engagement?

Would you like your child to spend time on the school holidays with other kids, in a supportive environment, with support workers, all while having fun?

If you answered yes to ALL of the questions above, then give Paula a call on 0432855279.



Swimming in small groups, at the Warragul Leisure Centre.

(Not lessons, just play)



Craft Group

Finger knitting, pompoms, Easter activities, suncatchers, pencil toppers, making cards, cut and paste activities.



Girls Group

Boardgames, manicures, craft, drawing, colouring, dancing, social skills, making new friends.



Outing to the Warragul Cinema with a small group to watch Tom & Jerry, or Peter Rabbit 2.



Boys Group

Lego, boardgames, movie, drawing, dancing, social skills, making new friends.



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Perceus Disability Services offers a unique service that builds living and employment skills. We build skills that will assist a person that aspires to be an empowered and valued community member. People who are wanting to be employed in meaningful employment earning a fair wage.

We work with the person to build not only work skills but skills that will enable them to continue to work in the longer term. We provide the opportunity to be employed in an open employment environment while remaining supported to achieve your work goals. The skills that are built upon may eventually lead to employment outside of the Disability Sector if this is a desire.

Perceus looks at the whole person and assists them in areas where skills require building up. However, we also look at their strengths and ways that they can be used to build up their peers and assist them.

An example of the ways we assist the person -

- Mental Health assistance with referrals to services, attendance at appointments
- Physical Health assistance to attend GP appointments, build skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle
This may include developing an eating/menu plan, shopping lists and meal preparation skills.
- Assistance to maintain or find stable accommodation, this includes building skills around budgeting, keeping the home clean and tidy and could also include garden maintenance. This could also be assistance with talking to landlords or their agents.
- Employment skills - this assistance is provided around being able to work to occupational Health and safety laws, working to meet expectations of your employer, learning to take direction from your supervisor, building skills around your employment.
- We also offer opportunities to access and participate in Community, Social and Recreation activities.

Perceus offers employment in Car and Truck detailing, Home and Office cleaning, Landscaping, Garden and Home maintenance and Creations.

To access our service -

- Call us on 0423 363 361. Alternatively, you can email info@perceus.com.au
- Our intake officer will call and gather some information and you may be offered an interview to gather further information.
- If successful, you will be offered a 4-to-8-week trial. During this time, we identify your strengths and exceptions, you will try out some or all our employment areas.
- After the trial period, you will be offered assistance in seeking employment. In some cases, we may offer you employment.