

# Welcome back to school



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

#### Wednesday 6th

- PFA Welcome to 2019  
9:15am at WDSS

#### Tuesday 19th

- 13 & 15 year old  
Immunisations

#### Friday 22nd

- Curriculum Day - NO  
SCHOOL

### MARCH

#### Wednesday 20th

- WDSS School Leavers  
Expo - 6:00pm

**\* PARENTS &  
FRIENDS (PFA)  
WELCOME TO 2019\***

**TOMORROW 9:15AM AT  
THE SCHOOL!**

## Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 1, Tuesday 5th February 2019

### Dear Students & Families,

Hello and welcome back for the 2019 school year. I am always amazed at how eager students are to return to school and get back into the school routines and learning. Watching students get off the bus on the first day, I was pleased to see them buzzing with excitement, chatting to their friends and staff members. Walking around the school, it was great to see the eagerness of students to get back into programs and talking about the learning that would occur during the year.

I would love to welcome all the new students into our school for 2019. It was especially exciting to see our 2019 prep students starting their educational journey. Well done to everyone in transitioning into your new school and educational program. Please remember that transition doesn't stop on the first day of school but continues into the year. I wish you well for the forthcoming year.

Thank you to the Parent and Friends Association (PFA) for their donation of uniforms to students in the senior section of the school. It was wonderful to see the vast majority of senior students proudly wearing their uniforms.

Currently our wonderful speech team is one member down. We are attempting to employ a new speech pathologist, but as of yet we have been unsuccessful. At the moment we are talking to a potential replacement. If you know of a speech pathologist who is interested in working with us, please encourage them to contact myself or the school.

*Matt*

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**IMPORTANT !!**

All Students should have received 2019 forms for completion. Please return 2019 Forms ASAP - these are due by 1st March. If you need assistance completing them or additional copies please contact the office on 5623 1385

Warragul & District Secondary College  
Telephone: 03 5623 1365 Fax: 03 5622 5721

**Parent Permission Form**

**2019 SWIMMING & THERAPY PROGRAM**  
(including School Swimming Sports, date TBA)

WDSS Students regularly attend swimming lessons as part of the school Physical Education and/or Therapy Program.

Location will be either the **Warragul Leisure Centre** or **Drouin Secondary College Indoor Pool**. Parents of Students taking part in Therapy sessions in the school spa will be advised by Physiotherapists.

Parents will be advised of individual program details (including day and time) prior to commencement.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Please pack bathers & towel in a waterproof bag and also provide a change of underwear and clothes.

**COST:** Cost will vary according to program and charges will appear on Statements.

\* Please sign and return this permission slip to the school no later than the commencement date.

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to my child taking part in the WDSS Swimming Program. Where the teacher is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher to:

- consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,
- administer such first-aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2019

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development requires this consent to be signed for all students attending school excursions.  
NOTE: Parents/guardians should provide written approval prior to their child taking part in any excursion.

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
C/O \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: Room \_\_\_\_\_

Using this checklist, please complete and return ALL enclosed documentation to the school **in this envelope by 1st March 2019**

- ☐ General Permission Form 2019
- ☐ Medication Authority Form 2019
- ☐ Student Information Report – check ALL details & return with any changes (please note that some Abbreviations cannot be changed)

(If you would like some assistance with completing the documentation, please call the office staff on 5623 1385)



**Be Safe**  
**Be a Learner**  
**Be Respectful**



# SENIORS

## ROOM 17, GRADUATE POLO TOPS & WINDCHEATERS

Janelle and Emma from Parents & Friends (PFA) presented Graduate students with their windcheaters last Thursday at Senior Assembly.

A HUGE thank you to the P&F for fundraising for these windcheaters.



Kieran is new to WDSS and loves his new uniform!

Senior students are also proudly wearing their black and red Senior tops. If you visit Phil's class in Room 14 you will see all students in the Senior tops!

There will be another order form sent out in next 2 weeks.

Our aim is to have all seniors proudly wearing their polo tops and windcheaters at school and out in the community.



William & Paige



Noah & Lillie



Room 14 showed off their new uniforms when they visited residents at Cooida Lodge - Lillie had a lovely time and is looking forward to the next visit!

# Warragul & District Specialist School presents our annual



On Wednesday March 20th 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 15th March to 5623 1385**

For any other queries please contact the school





## Free one-on-one NDIS discussions in Drouin

**Want to know what the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) means for you, how to access it, how to prepare for your planning meeting, or what to do when you get your NDIS plan?**

Yooralla is holding free, one-on-one NDIS discussions in Drouin, to help people with disability and their carers make the most of the NDIS, no matter what stage of the journey they are in.

We can explain how the NDIS works, how to access the NDIS, how to prepare for your NDIS planning meeting and if you have your plan how to make the most of it – all in easy to understand language.

### Event details

**When:** Tuesday, 19 February 2019  
from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Where:** Yooralla - Drouin Community  
Hub 138 Princes Way, Drouin

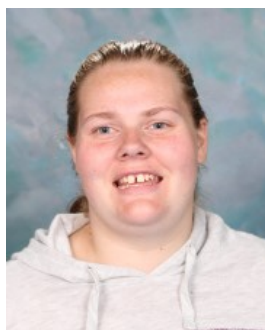
**Sessions:** 5 sessions per day, 45 minutes  
each

To book, please visit:

**[www.yooralla.com.au/ndis-discussions](http://www.yooralla.com.au/ndis-discussions)**  
or call **03 9666 4500**.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?....

Well done to Ann (Class of 2017), who was awarded the Inspiring Student Award from Federation Training at their Presentation Night late last year. Ann is hoping to get work in the child care field. We are so proud of her achievements!



## Secondary School Vaccinations in 2019

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students

Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Baw Baw Shire immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Baw Baw Shire immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).