

BUZZ TV



Warragul & District Specialist School have launched their very own BUZZ TV channel! This week we are launching Storytime on BUZZ TV! Join the staff at WDSS on a range of adventures as we share some of our favourite books with you. You can access individual episodes via the links provided below or head over to the main page of our school website and click on the BUZZ TV logo to join in on the BUZZ TV fun!

Click here for the website:



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 2 Issue 9, Tuesday 5th May 2020

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2!

What a busy first few weeks we have all had and continue to have. A massive congratulations to everyone on all their super efforts so far this term (students, staff and parents!). We have been so impressed on how everyone has been working so hard in some very challenging circumstances. Thank you.

We have been receiving some amazing reports on student achievement at home. We love seeing all the wonderful things happening so keep sending through photos of students and work completed through to your classroom teachers or to the school office email: warragul.district.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au for a chance to feature in an upcoming newsletter.

In this week's newsletter you will find some information about content featured our school website in the Remote Learning Resources section. Each week we will be showcasing areas of the website and links from various subject areas that we think are great.

On a page in this week's newsletter you will find information about website links and where the resources can be found on our school website and you also will be provided with a direct link to these websites as well.

The Warragul & District Specialist School website is growing and growing and updated regularly. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you are looking for something in particular and they will guide you to the right spot. There is also a wide range of downloadable activities and worksheets that can be printed and used. Again speak with your child's teacher should you require further clarification on what would be suitable for your child.

BUZZ TV!

At the end of Week 2 everyone should have received a text message and email to our very first video featured on BUZZ TV! Which was A BIG Hello from WDSS! The idea of BUZZ TV has been in the making for quite some time and we are super excited to be able to launch it and particularly so during these strange times. Each week we will be providing a BUZZ TV Guide in the newsletter with featured videos for the week.

This week we are launching Storytime on BUZZ TV and there are 5 stories featured in the BUZZ TV Guide. You can click on the link under each individual story or you can go to the main page on our school website <http://www.wgldss.vic.edu.au/> (click the link to go straight there) and find the BUZZ TV logo. Once you click on the logo it will take you to all the available BUZZ TV content. Staff are really enjoying making these BUZZ TV segments for you all and are Being great Learners, learning lots of new things along the way. Beeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee sure to check it out!

Have a great week, look after yourselves and each other!

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TV Guide

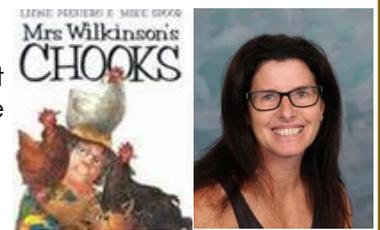
Week beginning Tuesday 5th May



Mrs Wilkinson's Chooks with Megan

Mrs Wilkinson is blissfully happy with her four chooks, Charlotte, Maureen, Violet and Shirley. She fails to see how others perceive their behaviour and the problems they cause. Join Megan on Storytime to see what happens next!

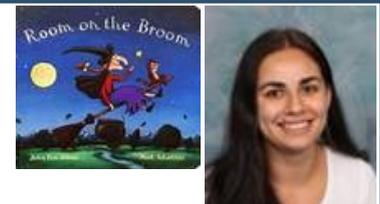
Click here to watch: [Mrs Wilkinson's Chooks](#)



Room on the Broom with Bri

The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. Join Bri on Storytime and find out what happens on this fun adventure!

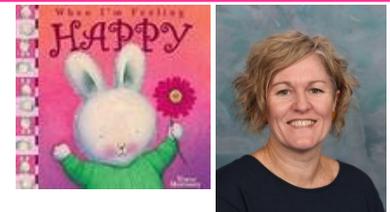
Click here to watch: [Room on the Broom](#)



When I'm Feeling Happy with Chris

Feeling happy can make you feel bouncy and full of joy! What makes you feel happy? Join Chris on Storytime and discover all the wonderful things that can happen when you are feeling happy.

Click here to watch: [When I'm Feeling Happy](#)



Turtle and Snail are Friends with Kerry

Snail and Turtle are friends and love to spend time together. They are sometimes the same, sometimes different. Join Kerry on Storytime where we celebrate Turtle and Snail's friendship, what they have in common but also celebrate their differences.

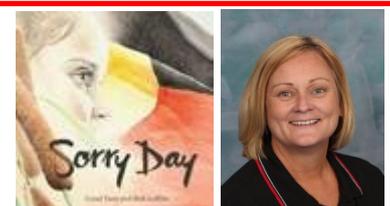
Click here to watch: [Turtle and Snail are Friends](#)



Sorry Day with Rachel

Set at the public apology of former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to Australia's Stolen Generations, two stories intertwine as young Maggie waits with her mother for the speech to begin, and the story of the Stolen Generations is in the thoughts of the crowd. Join Rachel on Storytime for this very important picture book.

Click here to watch: [Sorry Day](#)





We would like to take this opportunity to say.....

to all of our Parents, Carers, Siblings, Aunts, Uncles and especially our Students a HUGE THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS on your amazing efforts.

Our staff are blown away with the way you have all embraced and adapted to this new, different (and sometimes scary) way of learning.

Parents and Carers - as we move into week 4, please be kind to yourselves and remember we do not expect you to be teachers. We are all learning together and with each other's support together we will uphold a quality education for our students and children.

We all appreciate the effort we are seeing from our students (and families) who are learning remotely. We couldn't be more proud of the resilience they are showing and the standard of work they are achieving.

From everyone at WDSS - hang in there!



Art with Sharon

Great to see students still being creative in Learning at Home. Art teacher Sharon had a great challenge for students - collect things from the garden and create a picture. Jordan created this beautiful masterpiece made from leaves and twigs!



Juniors

ROOM 2



Welcome wider School community to what has been happening in Room 2 in these exciting times. Champika and I are very proud to be supporting such a wonderful group of students and families. I can say on a personal note that I have enjoyed touching base on the phone and getting to develop a closer relationship with the families in Room 2, I feel like I have gotten to know you all better and the chats can be a real highlight of my day. I am constantly amazed at the adaptability and resilience we have all shown and in particular the ingenuity our families have in teaching our kiddos. Most importantly of all, how teaching can be fun, as these photos will show!

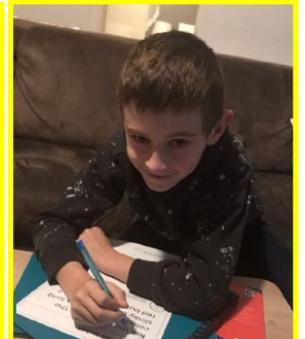
Keep up the good work Room 2 and look forward to seeing everyone face to face!

- David and Champika



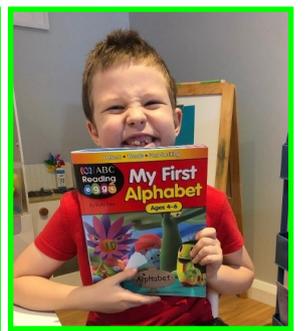
Here is Axl whipping up an apple pie storm in the school kitchen, Axl is also a bit of Mine Craft master producing some pretty paper craft.

Logan W is hard at work at home, the poor boy gets work from two schools so there is not let up for him, although I know he is always improving on his PS4 skills in his free time!



Savanna is having fun at home and it is great to hear she get lots of time on her Proloqu2go skills also getting lots of cooking practice. We might have to have a Masterchef competition when this all finishes!

Logan T seems always to be smiling in photos sent from home and so he should as he finishes a massive activity book he ploughed through!



Here Charlie is grooving on the carpet with a marble run, I can't wait to for us all to get back together so we can share and play with the toys in the Room 2 cupboard.

Alex has also been enjoying some of his time at home, I know we all miss his beaming face when he sing songs in the classroom.





Learning at Home

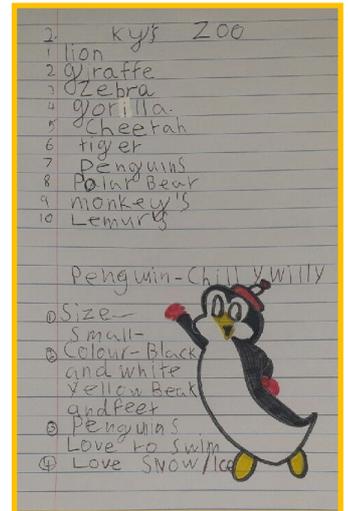
Learning from Home is **'different strokes for different folks'**. What works for some does not work for others - what is important is that it works for YOU ! Maths, Literacy and Science can be learnt by playing board games, doing puzzles, cooking, gardening or doing a 'scavenger hunt' while out walking.

Here is a look at what some of our students have been doing at home.....



Ky has been SUPER busy and so creative in his learning at home! One of last weeks tasks was to make a list of 10 animals you would have in your zoo, draw one, name it and describe it. Ky did a fantastic job and his drawing of 'Chilly Willy' is AWESOME!

Ky was also challenged to do some box construction on Friday and he created this AMAZING truck! Who would have thought you could make something so amazing from boxes! Well done Ky!



Arabella also had fun with her box construction - she made a box train decorated it with post-it notes!

She has also been busy in the kitchen - baking a cake with her sister for her Gran's birthday. What a star!



Like his classmates, Michael from Room 8 has adapted to his learning at home with resilience and positivity!



Here he is working on his literacy work sheets and cooking some yummy muffins for his family. Fantastic work Michael!

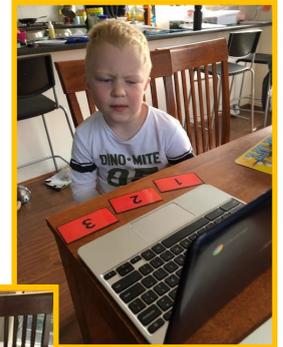




Learning at Home



Michael from Room 3 is learning in lots of different ways! Completing worksheets, doing some online work and exploring while out getting fresh air and exercise.



We love your style Michael!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MARVALS!

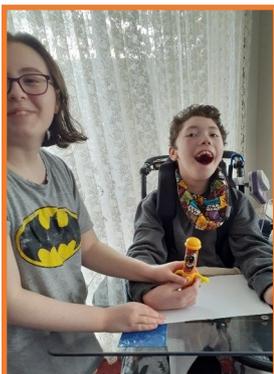
Great to see out Middle School students continuing their marvellous ways in Learning at Home!



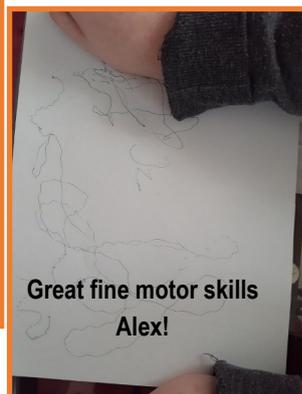
As Tash's parents are essential workers, some days she comes into school, others days she works really well at home! Well done on your resilience Tash!



Thurstan is LOVING learning at home with his brothers! Looks like he is having so much fun, keep up the AMAZING work Thurst!

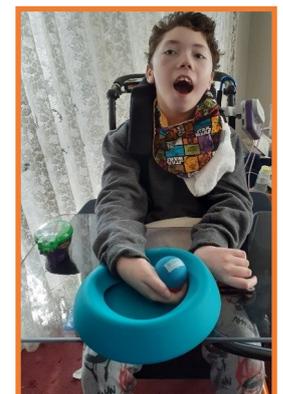


Thank you Jess!



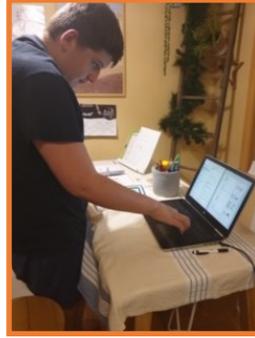
Great fine motor skills Alex!

Alex is also loving learning at home as he has his big sister Jess as his very own ES! It is **WONDERFUL** to hear how many siblings are helping with our students and their learning, well done to them all. Alex has been practising his drawing and loves his sensory items from Ange!





Learning at Home



Seth tried something new last week and helped his dad build a fence! He has also been practising his independent living skills, helping with washing. Seth is always very excited to read the newsletter (Hi Seth!) and was very happy with his new visuals from Speech Therapy.



Paige has been working hard and is getting into a good routine. Although she misses her friends she is enjoying doing lots of different things. We miss you too Paige, keep up the great work! PS: that healthy lunch looks delicious!



Who's the Boss?!
Abby doing her remote learning in her dad's conference room!



Marcus making Taco sauce - Yummy!!



Alex has been showing great initiative at home and making dinner. Last week he cooked a roast and made date loaf all by himself! Fantastic work Alex!



Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



JAIME

Being a persistent remote **LEARNER** & accessing the Seniors online meeting independently!



ALEX

Being a **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER** & showing initiative in cooking nightly meals as well as completing his work.



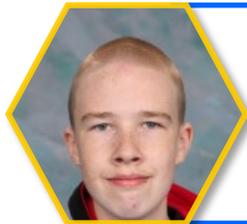
KY

Being a fantastic, creative super star **LEARNER** with his remote learning



ARABELLA

Being a fantastic, creative super star **LEARNER** with her remote learning



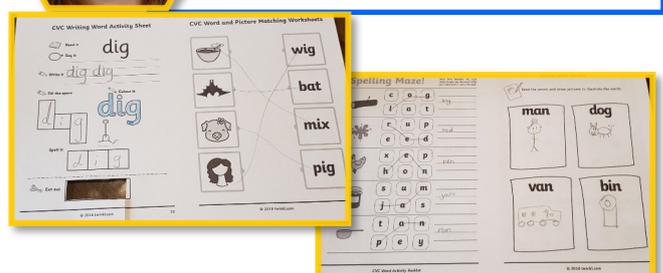
NOAH

Being a space age **LEARNER** & getting a boarding pass to be on the next shuttle to Mars!



NEYLIANA

Being a hard working remote **LEARNER** & completing all of her work!



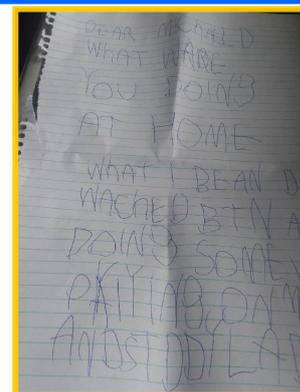
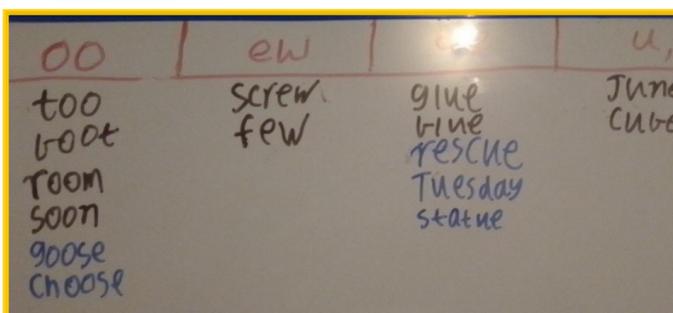
MICHAEL

Being a remarkable remote **LEARNER** - fantastic spelling & neat writing!



MICHAEL

Being a remarkable remote **LEARNER** - writing a letter to classmate Michael!





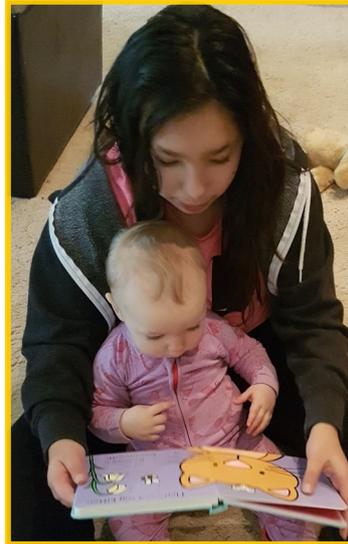
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ALEX

Being a remarkable remote **LEARNER** with his sensory activities!



CHARLIE

Being a remarkable **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** by doing lots of school work and helping with her little sister!



LEVI

Being a remarkable remote **LEARNER** - by carrying out the Science experiments and working hard on his worksheets.



BRENDAN

Being a remarkable remote **LEARNER** - growing his science project with his brother!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Georgia



Georgia celebrates her 15th Birthday this week! We hope you have a fun celebration with your family - Room 11 look forward to having a belated celebration with you when we return to school.



OT

Therapy

More fun and easy tips
from Anne and
Yvonne.....

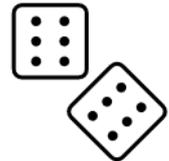
Occupational

Top TIPS from OT



Bring back Dice Games!

Dice games are fun, cheap and help develop many skills!



Did you know Dice games were played over 5,000 years ago? Yes, they were found in Egyptian tombs and were extremely popular in Roman times.

You can find Dice games:

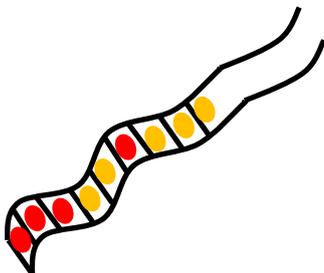
- for two or twenty players
- to play on the table or floor
- appropriate for 3 to 70-year olds

So, check out what you have in the cupboard or go to GOOGLE for some inspirational ideas. Keep an eye on the WDSS Website over the coming weeks for games we know

Do you have some DICE? Some pencils and paper?

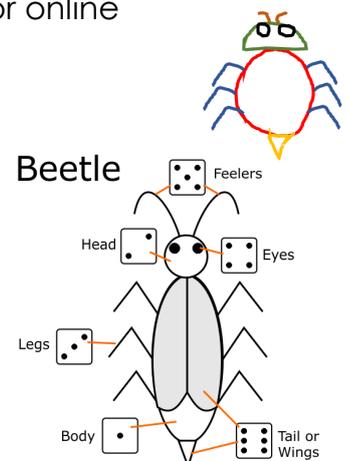
That is about all you really need to get started. If you need supplies, try the supermarket, newsagent, discount stores, toy shop or online

The Path Game



With Dice games children can learn:

- ✓ Counting and numbers
- ✓ Quick mental addition
- ✓ Scoring
- ✓ How to win or lose gracefully
- ✓ Patience
- ✓ Numerous fine hand skills

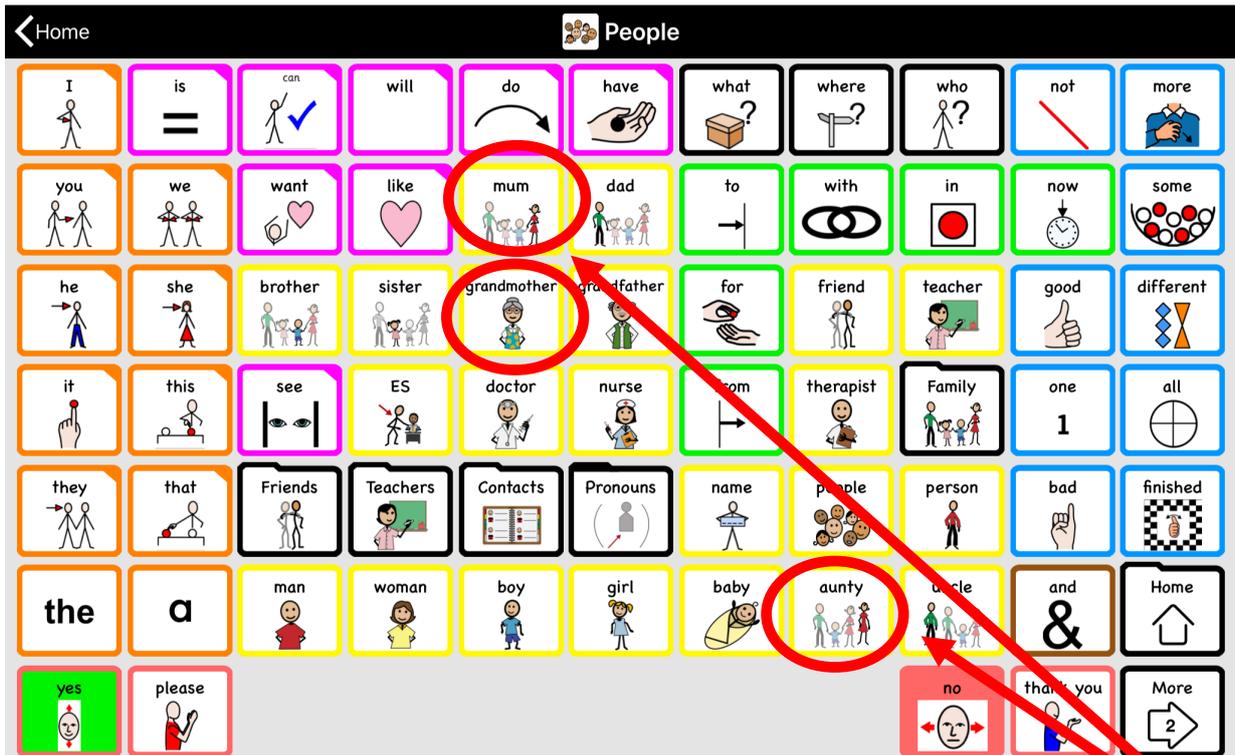


Have a great time this week enjoying some 'good old' family fun as you create some wonderful memories of this time home together

Please send in some photos of you playing and share with us any games you make up yourselves

In addition to our Word of the Week, please see the following pages for activities and information from Steph and Bri.

WORDS OF THE WEEK:



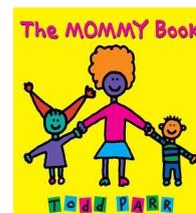
Locations of 'mum', 'aunty' and 'grandmother' on 'People' page of Proloquo2Go.



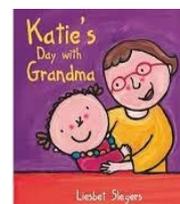
Happy Mother's Day!

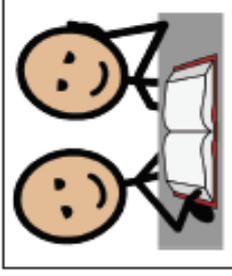
Bri and Steph have read two books to celebrate our WDSS mums, grandmothers and aunts.

Click here to watch Bri read: [The Mummy Book](#):



Click here to watch Steph read: [Katie and Grandma](#):





CORE WORDS AT HOME

READING BOOKS

So much to talk about when you read books together!

<p>CORE WORDS</p>	<p>Verbs Describe Quantity Prepositions Questions Pronouns Time</p>	<p>want, go, do, like, help, stop, need, get, turn, look, see, read not, all done/finished, different, good, bad, new more here, there, at what, where, who, how, why I, you, it, he, she, they, that, this now, again, next</p>	<p>SOCIAL INTERACTION</p> <p>It's funny/scary/good/bad what is your favorite? that is my favorite!</p>
<p>EXAMPLE WAYS TO USE THE WORDS</p>	<p>NEEDS & WANTS</p> <p>want want more want different no more all done/finished not that stop, stop that need help do it again I want more ____. I/you need help. read again! read more!</p>	<p>GETTING & GIVING INFORMATION</p> <p>what next? what read next? what that? what doing? what see? what do you see? where that? where go? where is ___? it is here! it is there! who that? how she do that? how get there? why he do that? where they go? turn page, my turn, your turn look! look at that! I see __, I want to see it get new book, see new page</p>	<p>SOCIAL INTERACTION</p> <p>It's funny/scary/good/bad what is your favorite? that is my favorite!</p>