



It's that time of year again - when we start saying our goodbyes to graduating students.

goodbye & good luck

This year we are bidding a very fond farewell to Ajay, Anna, Bella, Blayden, Dakota, Denzell, Jacob, Jack, Josh, Keith, Liam, Malachy, Mikki, Paige, Pat, and their families. We will really miss you all and hope you keep in touch and come and visit. We have news of what the students will be doing next year in this newsletter.....

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 4, Tuesday 7th December 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Tues 14th

- **Whole School Transition Day**

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 16th

- **Pupil Free Day**

Friday 17th

- **Last day of Term 4**
12:30pm finish

FEBRUARY 2022

Tuesday 1st

- **First day of Term 1 (not Foundation Students)**

Thursday 3rd

- **Foundation Students commence**

Hi all,

Can you believe that we are already in Week 10 and next week is the last week of school for 2021? What another 'BIG' year it has been, we are very Thankful and Proud of all our students and their families/caregivers for the growth and support they have achieved and given WDSS throughout this year!

Staff and students are now in preparations for the end of the year, with our first 2022 transition session last Friday with another to follow next Tuesday the 14th December, our Foundation student transition early this week and our Graduation Soiree tomorrow evening, here at school for our 2021 Graduates. We wish them all well as they leave school and head onto the next stage of their lives.

In exciting staff news our teacher Kylie Baker gave birth to twins on Saturday the 27th of November, Wesley and Blair (the new babies) and Kylie along with her family are all in a 'Bubble of Love' and doing well!



A BIG thank you goes out to all our staff who have worked hard this year in all areas across the school, assessments and reporting are well underway and students will receive their Semester 2 reports next Wednesday. A reminder that next Thursday the 16th December is a Pupil free day and Friday the 17th December will be a cleaning day and a 12.30 finish.

Here's to finishing the 2021 school year as Safe, Respectful learners and members of the WDSS community.

Keep Smiling & Take Care

Chris



Juniors

Students were so excited to have Harold the Giraffe and the Life Ed Van visit WDSS! Everyone had a wonderful time and learnt lots - thank you to Carol for organising it!

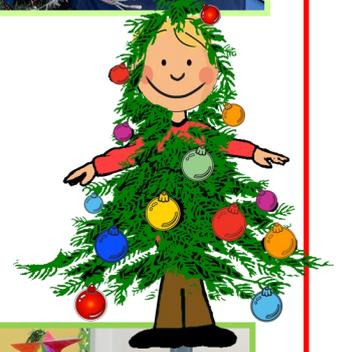


Juniors

Room 4

Room 4 have enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit by putting up and decorating our Christmas tree. We put some Christmas carols on and got the tinsel, lights and baubles out to place on the tree. We have started to make some of our own decorations to add to the tree and we'll continue to hang new ornaments, as we create them, until we finish school for the year.

- Jess



WDSS Colouring Competition

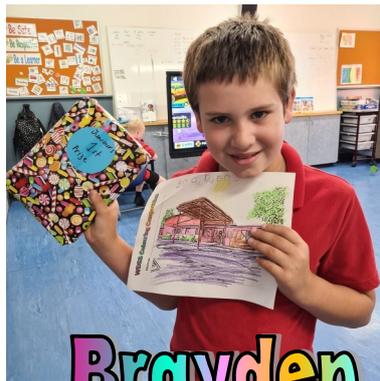
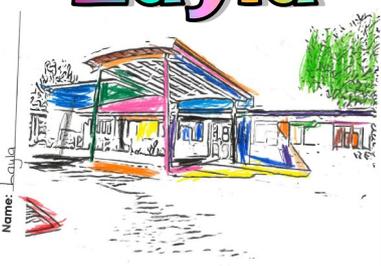
The winners of the school colouring competition were Brayden and Layla from Juniors, Alex N from Middle and Anna, Paige and Denzell from the Seniors.

There were many beautiful and bright interpretations of our school! Thankyou everyone who entered !

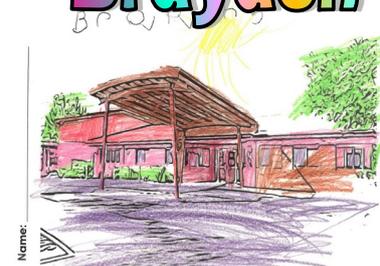
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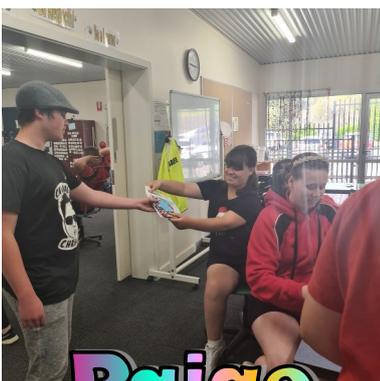
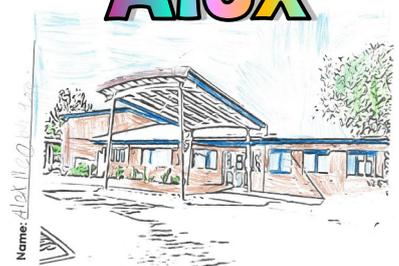
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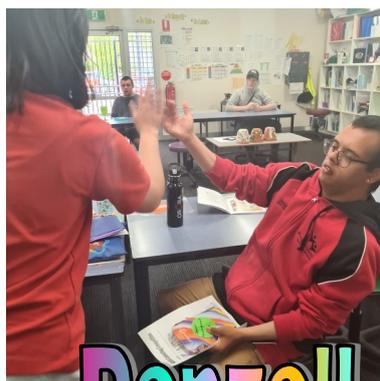
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Alex



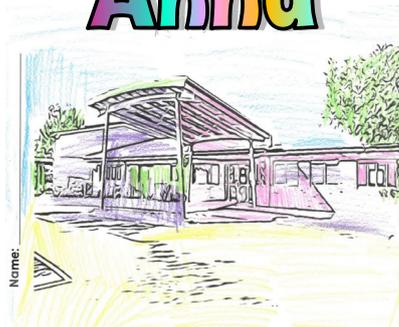
Paige



Denzell

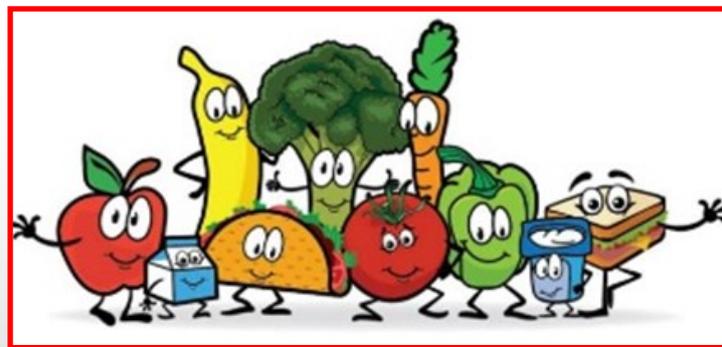


Anna





This week we say goodbye to Harrison and the Moxey family as they move to start a new life in NSW. Janelle and Anthony have been a big part of the WDSS family since arriving in 2014 - Janelle was a hard working joint President of our PFA for many years and Anthony also served on school council. We thank them for everything they have done for WDSS and wish them and Harry all the best for the future!



School Canteen

**No Canteen this week.
Back in 2022 !**

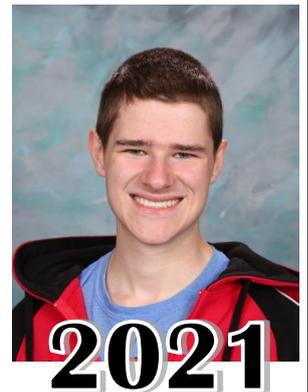
2021 CLASS OF

*Good Luck Ajay, Anna, Bella,
Blayden, Dakota, Denzell, Jacob,
Jack, Josh, Keith, Liam, Malachy,
Mikki, Paige and Pat,
we will miss you all!*



Keith has been at our school since prep. He loved Spiderman so much he had Spiderman toast for breakfast and he still loves it. Keith is one of our school captains this year and he has done a fantastic job. He is kind, respectful, always courteous and caring towards others. He is our quiet achiever. Keith is going to TAFE next year and we wish him all the best.

*Well done on having such a successful time at
WDSS Keith !*



Ajay came to us in Prep in 2008. He was a little fair firecracker. He has grown into a very tall guy who loves to go out and about in the community. He joins in all activities and loves an adventure. We'll miss Ajay's cleaning fairy services in the BER. Ajay is going to SASI next year and we hope he enjoys his new journey.

We will miss your fun attitude to life Ajay !



Denzell came to our school in prep in 2009. His first teacher was Miss Alesha. Denzell loved to tackle her to play World Champion Wrestling! Denzell loves to tell jokes and play practical jokes. He is a hard worker and a good friend. He is very tolerant and understanding of others. Denzell is going to be self-employed next year. What an achievement !

*We are going to miss your easy going attitude
Denzell !*





Anna came to our school in 2017. Anna is also a loyal and caring friend. She is sensitive and empathetic to others. Anna is generally quiet unless you are talking Football or Frozen, her two favourite subjects, then she becomes very animated. Anna is also joining the ACHIEVE program next year.

Anna we will miss your smile and friendly manner!



Bella came to our school in 2016. Bella is our resident animal lover and she loves creating some exceptional pieces of art. Bella is also an excellent organiser of both her own desk and the teacher's desks. We will certainly miss Bella's loud and bubbly personality! Bella will be a part of the Achieve program next year and we wish her all the very best!

We'll done on your achievements Bella !



Paige came to our school in 2014. She was a quiet girl who always has been a great worker. She has developed into a mature caring adult who is always looking after her friends. Paige is respectful and responsible; two traits that will hold her in good stead for future years. Paige is joining the ACHIEVE program at Mawarra next year. We are going to miss your organisation of our tasks!!!

We wish you all the best Paige !



Mal came to our school in 2016. Mal has a wicked sense of humour which is a little on the devious side. Mal is always taking on what he perceives as injustice and advocating for others. He has an incredible sense of right and wrong and is great at standing up for himself and others. Mal hopes to go to Perceus next year where he hopes to be involved in several enterprises such as printing and car detailing.

We are going to miss your cheeky smile Mal !





2009

Pat came to our school as a prep student in 2009 and he was cute as a button. Pat is our cheeky lovable larrikin of the Graduate Group. He loves being outdoors and sensory play and gets great enjoyment watching his classmates mucking around. Pat is hopefully going to SASSI next year (Statewide Autistic Services).

All the best Pat!



2021



2009

Dakota came to us in 2010. Dakota has been doing a strapping course over the last 2 years and is a very hard worker. Dakota is a fiercely loyal friend and is very independent in the community. Despite his bluff, he is a big softy at heart.

We wish you all the best for next year Dakota.



2021



2010

Mikki also started at our school in late 2009. She has always been fiercely independent and carries several bags of treasures to show and share with others. Mikki loves to be in the thick of any fun to be had and loves to get out and about in the community. She is strong willed and will stand up for herself. Watch out world here she comes! She loves being with her friends and is going to do some exciting projects next year.

Mikki, we are going to miss your laugh and sense of fun.



2021



2009

Josh came to us in 2014. He is a mischievous ratbag and is always looking for a way to interact with others in mischievous way. Josh keeps us on our toes and loves going out and about in the community. Josh will be attending Knoxbrooke next year.

We wish you all the very best next year Josh !



2021



2009

Jack came to us in 2017 and was another of our school captains. Jack has grown in confidence and has been a spectacular School Captain. He is the voice of reason in the Graduate group and is always co-operative and respectful. Jack is hoping to be at Perceus full time next year.

We will certainly miss your leadership Jack!



2021



2011

Blayden came to us in 2011. Blayden is always looking out for his friends and loves to garden. Blayden has a lot of general knowledge and has a great memory.

All the best for next year Blayden!



2021



2015

Jacob came to our school in 2015 then left and came back again! Jacob is a gentle giant who is a loyal friend and he tries very hard to be everyone's friend. Jacob loves to do jobs with responsibility and works hard at being helpful. Jacob is still looking into options for next year.

We hope all works out well for you Jacob.



2021



2017

Liam came to us in 2017 and boy could he talk! Liam has been out of school most of this term working and living independently. Liam is a hard worker who is very good at talking to anyone and making them feel included. Liam also is empathetic and loyal friend.

Liam we wish you all the best!



2021

SENIORS

Baw Baw Shire Education Sponsorship 2021

Congratulations to Bernadette and Denzell who are the 2021 recipients of Baw Baw Shire's Education Sponsorship - a monetary award of \$250.

WDSS nominated Bernadette and Denzell to recognise and acknowledge attributes and effort they have contributed to our school.

The school contributed the following comments to Baw Baw Shire Council as part of the application process:

"Denzell has attended WDSS since he first began school in prep and now he is 18 and in his final year of school. Denzell has been a respectful, supportive, optimistic and authentic student in all his 13 years at school!

This year Denzell was nominated as vice captain of the school due to his wonderful qualities as a respectful and supportive student. Denzell is always willing to help others. He will always open doors for staff and assist students that need his help. In his swimming program he is responsible for leading others to the pool, ensuring that students wait at road crossings. He often will remind students to listen to the teacher. Denzell is respectful towards school equipment and will use it appropriately.

Denzell ALWAYS follows the school values: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner. Denzell will always have a go and NEVER complains or refuses to do a task. Denzell is a worthy recipient for this student sponsorship".



"Bernadette is a supportive student to her peers and staff and is always willing to help without being asked. Bernadette will help those students who need help and require support in moving from one place to another at school. She will always greet staff and students with a cheery 'Hello'. She will often ask if she can help out.

Bernadette is one of the most authentic students I have met: what you see is who Bernadette really is. She does not pretend to be anyone else other than her true self. Bernadette has a positive attitude and truly enjoys being around others and helping out. Bernadette is a worthy recipient for this student sponsorship award".



Congratulations Bernadette & Denzell

SENIORS

Last week Seniors had a lovely get together in the park to formally welcome our 2022 School Captains - Alex, Liam, Georgia and Nathan. Their 2021 counterparts Jack, Keith, Paige & Denzell handed over the baton and were thanked for their AWESOME contribution to the school over the years. The graduates are now looking forward to their Senior Soiree tomorrow night which will celebrate their time with WDSS.



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



ANNA

Being a **LEARNER**, self-correcting and sounding out when reading each morning.



BERNADETTE

Being a **LEARNER**, writing the beginning of her name consistently.