



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 Angel, Jaime, Catherine, Jayden, Lily, Shakira, Ben 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 8th December 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Thursday 17th

- Pupil Free Day

Friday 18th

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

- 2021 -

JANUARY

Friday 29th

- First day of Term 1

FEBRUARY

Monday 1st

- Foundation Students commence

Dear Students and Families

Can you believe that we are already in Week 10 and less than 2 weeks until school finishes for the year? I think we will all be happy to say goodbye to 2020 and look forward to a return to a little bit of normality in 2021!

Staff and students are now in preparations for the end of the year with school concert items being rehearsed and recorded in readiness for an online version. No doubt we will all miss the School concert on the school oval this year but looking forward to watching the concert online.

Week 10 is the official final week for the 2020 Graduates. Wednesday's Grad lunch will be held at Burke St park and the graduates will spent their last day at school having fun at Gumbuya World. We wish them well as they leave school and head to their next stage of their lives.

This term we have been supporting new students and their families who will be transitioning into our school. The new Foundation (Prep) students enjoyed their transition mornings last week under the expert guidance of Jess Lawrence, the 2021 Foundation teacher. Today is the State wide Transition Day where students meet their new teachers and class for 2021. Students will be given a group photo of their new classmates and staff to bring home in readiness for 2021. Next Tuesday 15th Dec will be the second transition morning from 9.30am – 12.05pm. Students will also receive their Semester 2 reports.

Reminder that next Thursday 17th Dec is a Pupil free day and an important Curriculum Day for staff. Friday 18th Dec will be a cleaning day and a 12.30 finish.

Let's all keep smiling and enjoy the final 2 weeks of the school year!



Sue

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2020 CLASS OF

*Good Luck Jaime, Jayden,
Angel, Lily, Catherine,
Shakira and Ben, we will miss
you all!*



2007

Jaime has been at our school since 2015 Jaime is an all-rounder. She is always smiling and happy and up for a chat. She was one of our school captains this year and has always been a respectful and conscientious student. Jaime has contributed jokes to our school newsletter this year as well as she has been an excellent role model for our younger students.

Jaime is looking to do some work with Waratah Gardening services next year as well as continuing to do work experience on a farm.

Keep up the hard work Jaime! We will miss your jokes, chats and caring nature!



2020

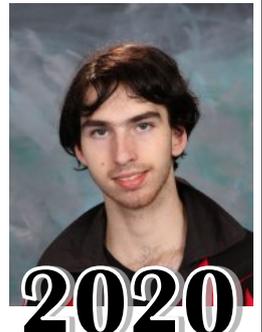


2007

Jayden has also been at our school since he was 7. Jayden has a vivid imagination and loves to tell detailed science fiction or scary stories. Jayden has an outstanding sense of humour and nothing ever seems to faze him. He often wears costumes to school and can be seen playing imaginative games with his best mates on the yard.

Jayden is looking into several opportunities next year. He is looking to find work at Waverly industries and also would like to attend TAFE. Jayden will also look at a Disability Employment Service.

We will miss your imagination and fun attitude to life Jayden!



2020



2007

Angel commenced with us as a Prep. She had a mop of blonde curls and soon became a favourite with students and staff. Angel loved ducks and would carry several rubber ducks everywhere she went. She was fiercely independent and loved being with her peers. Angel had lots of little sayings and would yell out KEITH for our favourite friend.

We will be very sad to see Angel go as she has been a big part of our school for so long. Angel will be doing a home based program next year which will include all her favourite activities like swimming, cooking and going for walks.

All the best Angel!



2020

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2007

Lily has been at our school since 2015 She is a very keen artist and does impressive detailed drawings. Lily also was one of our school captains this year. Lily loves fashion and doing make up.

Lily is looking to go to TAFE next year to continue her education and further her interest in Art.

Well done on having such a successful time at WDSS Lily!



2020



2008

Catherine has been at our school since she was 5. Catherine has a great sense of humour and loves to laugh. She draws original characters (OC's) and number blocks and can create them on the computer as well. Catherine is a whizz at crocheting and has created many animals for the school including bees for our school mottoes.

Catherine is looking to do a combination of CCG and Mawarra next year. She will expand her knowledge on computers and creating as well as spending some time doing social outings.

We will miss your sense of humour Catherine!



2020

Shakira has only been with us for almost 3 years. Shakira is a quiet achiever. She likes fashion and make up and has a caring nature. Shakira is looking to study aged or child care next year.

Good luck for the future Shakira!



Ben has only been at our school the 18 months. He is a computer and gaming whizz. He can work his way around a computer better than most staff in the school! He also likes to catch up with his mates here at school. Ben would like to continue his interest in gaming and learn more about it in the future.

Good Luck Ben!

Juniors

Room 8

Room 8 have been very busy the last couple of weeks. Some students have been participating in gymnastics sessions, while others have joined the Middle school for Athletics.

And we have been practicing for our concert item (The Gingerbread Man) which is to be filmed today. We are very excited!

-Bev



Axl,



Axl



Michael



Ryan

Athletics with Middle School was lots of fun!



Michael



Alex



Levi



Jordan

Great costumes! We can't wait to see the show!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 7

As you can see by the massive smiles on their faces, Room 7 had an AMAZING excursion to Blue Rock Dam last week! It was a great day for exploring the area and fish and chips for lunch went down a treat. Kylie was very impressed with all of her students who showed the community what **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** they are, well done Charlie, Grace, Ikey, Noah, Sophie, Steph, Tash & Zac!



We're going on a Roadtrip !



Selfie time!



Zac, Tash & Charlie



Ikey



Grace



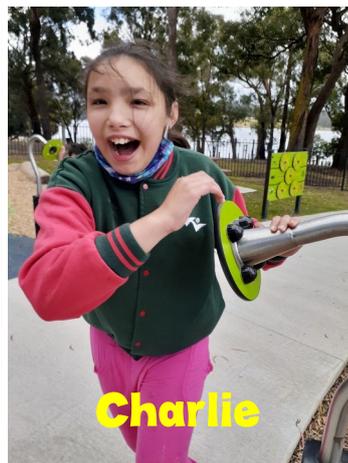
Noah



Sophie



Charlie & Tash



Charlie

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We have been lucky to have a special athletics program running on Mondays. Middle School and some Junior Students have been running, leaping, throwing and having a great time !



SENIORS

Our Senior students have been as busy as ever these past weeks.....

'Fitness in the park' is held on Tuesday afternoons - students do half an hour of rigorous exercises to music for 30 seconds at a time. Everyone is starting to see great results in their fitness levels. We encourage students to keep active in the holidays so they're 'match fit' when school returns!



Nathan, Jack, Bella and Jacob recently took part in the Victorian Gippsport challenge held in November that required students to be active for seven days. For example bike riding, walking, GoNoodle or swimming at school and at home. They received a medal and certificate for the efforts - well done everyone!



Will doing a zoom Orientation session for the **I Am Ready** employability program for 2021. Will was very excited as he knew some of the students from Drouin Secondary College. Troy logged on to the session from home. Well done Troy! Nathan will also be in the program next year.

SENIORS

Yesterday was the final day of Baw Baw Skills for 2020. The students have learnt so many new carpentry skills and created some amazing pieces to take home! Great work!



and finally.....its that time of year again! Although we will not be having our concert on the oval this year, students have been busy rehearsing their performances which will be filmed and made available for viewing by families.



Drama teacher Michelle before and after the performance - thank you Michelle!



JOKE of the week

Q:

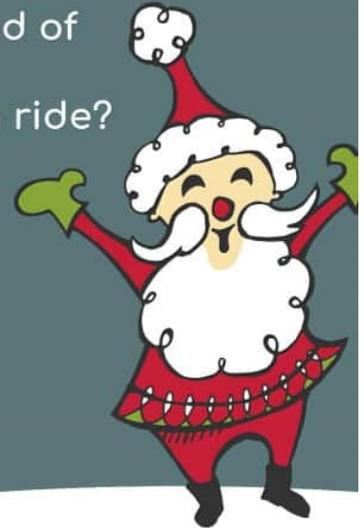
How can you tell that a calendar is popular?

A:

Because it has a lot of dates.

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride?

A: a Holly Davidson!



Jaime



Thank you to our resident jokester Jaime for continuing to give us the medicine of all - laughter! Jaime is always very helpful to the office staff and we will miss her greatly, good luck for 2021 Jaime!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sumedha

Happy 7th Birthday!



Charlie

Happy 13th Birthday!



Sophie

Happy 11th Birthday!



Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



DENZELL

Being **RESPECTFUL**, and politely assisting staff at all times



PAIGE

Being **RESPECTFUL**, and leading by example in and out of the class



ANNA

Being **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** by role modelling strategies on how to stay out of playground disputes and name calling.



JACK

Being **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** by role modelling strategies on how to stay out of playground disputes and name calling.



KEITH

Being **RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** by role modelling strategies on how to stay out of playground disputes and name calling.



KIRSTEN

Being **RESPECTFUL**, great work on Monday at landcare



ABBY

Being **RESPECTFUL**, great work on Monday at landcare



JAYDEN

Being a **LEARNER** great work at Baw Baw Skills.



WILLIAM

Being a great **LEARNER** in Maths.



Juniors - Logan T and Brayden

Middle - Sky and Ky

Seniors - Will and Nathan

Book Fair Vouchers were awarded to the above Students for showing what **Safe, Respectful Learners** they are by respecting other cultures last week on Cultural Day.

AWESOME WORK - WELL DONE!