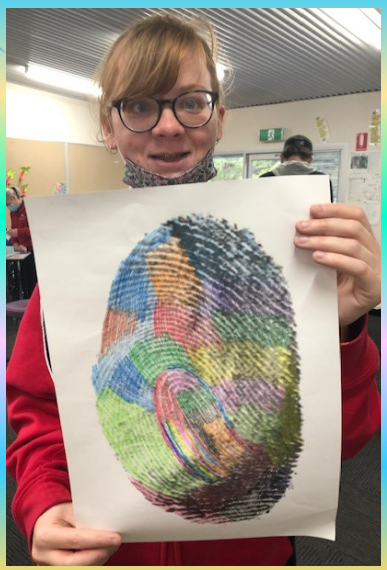
CREATIVE working

Students are loving working with our Creative Worker Gail!

Bella



William

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Tuesday 8th

School Council Meeting

Monday 14th

- Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 18th

- Live 4 Life Launch at WDSS - *Start the Talk to End the Stigma* 11:30am to 1:30pm

CANTEEN IS ON THIS THURSDAY!

Order forms will be sent home tomorrow

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 2 Issue 17, Tuesday 8th June 2021

Welcome back to all students after a brief Remote & Flexible learning last week.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting their students at home. Regional Victoria has opened up with most of the restrictions being lifted. It is even more essential that we continue to follow the good practises that has kept our school community safe. Washing hands and social distancing are key to keeping our community safe. It remains essential that students, staff and school community members do not come into the school if they have cold and flu like symptoms. A big thank you to our families and staff who have followed this rule and stayed home, or collected students when they have these symptoms.

Most senior programs are up and running within COVID safe guidelines. Senior students headed off to Baw Baw skills and CCG. Two buses of seniors have been out and about in the Landcare program. Hopeworks students travelled to Moe today and Keith completed his last day of work placement at LVE (Latrobe Valley Enterprises). Junior and middle school are resuming programs this week too.

Our PBS expected behaviour this week is: **We stay on the path**. Students across the school will work on this as they move around the school, at the park or out shopping.

A reminder that next Monday is a public holiday so **no school on Monday 14th June.**

Have a great week everyone!

Sue

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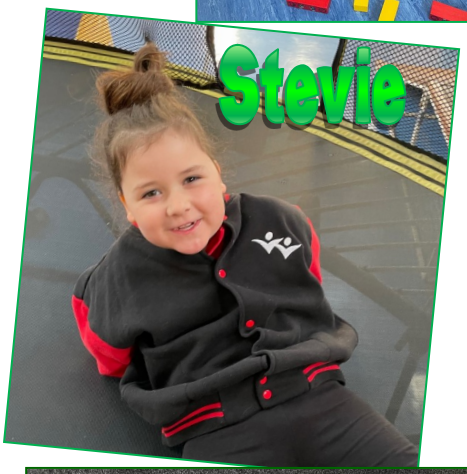
Juniors

Room 4

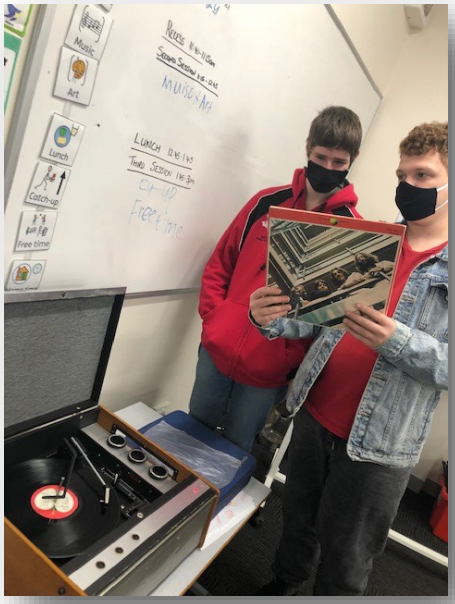
Room 4 love beginning each day in the Therapy and Engine Rooms. Here are some photos of a variety of activities that we enjoy doing to regulate our emotions to start the day off in the Green Zone.

- *Jess*



SENIORS

Seniors were very happy to be back at school after lockdown. It was straight 'back to business' and we were very proud of how everyone settled back in!



Keith & Jack checking out the vinyl records Gail brought in (see page 4)

Pat cooking up a storm!

Pat out on community access.

Lee playing a maths game.

Mikki colouring in her fingerprint in Gail's Creative Workshop

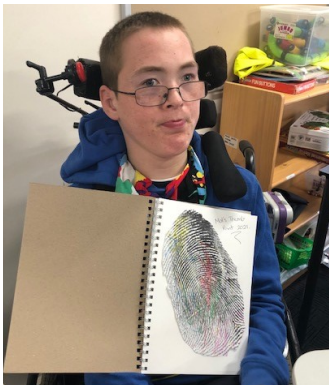
School Activities

Creative Working – Week 3 & 4

We only had one day on our creative activities in week three and one in week four because of the lockdown but I think everyone enjoyed what we did!

Some of the class had missed out on lumen printing so the students that had previously done the activity kindly helped them create their masterpieces.

We had also been working on how we can show our identity in an artistic way. Some artists do portraits of themselves, others take 'selfies' on their phones - I'm sure lots of you have done that! But there are also other ways of showing yourself through art and that is by the marks you make on a surface – it is your body that moves a pencil across the paper to make a line or dips paint on a brush and puts it on a canvas. One of the easiest ways to make your mark is to make a fingerprint and if you look carefully at well-known paintings and sculptures you can sometimes see the artist's prints on the surface. We watched a video about a famous artist called Chuck Close who is in a wheelchair but that hasn't stopped him from making HUGE portraits and some of them are done using only his fingerprints which he dips over and over again into ink!



We took our fingerprints by putting our thumb onto an ink pad then pressing it a few times onto a piece of card. These were scanned and printed really big so we could see all the lines of our thumbs! No-one else has the same lines and marks – they are unique to you! We then coloured them in and wrote around the edge about who we are and what we like to do. We were also each given a special art journal which we can use for anything! We can write in it, draw, paste, paint….a nice little place where we can let our imagination go wild!

After the lockdown we had a nice chill-out session to get back into the swing of school again. I brought in my record player and a few LPs and the students (and staff!) decided what we would listen to. As the Beatles, the Beach Boys and David Bowie played in the background we created whatever we wanted with air-dry clay. There were some brilliant models - from South Park and Marvel characters to a copy of the Titanic and bowls decorated with beads. Once they are fully dried we can paint and varnish them for added protection.

It was also nice to see that the King Parrots are enjoying the toilet roll bird feeders we made – there is also a very fat magpie strolling around the footy oval so I'm guessing he/she has been enjoying them too!

Gail

Student Work

Anna recently took part in the Central Region Parish Debutante Ball, she had a wonderful time and wrote this EXCELLENT report on her experiences!

Anna's Deb Ball Report

On Saturday the 15th May I made my debut at Central Region Parish Debutante Ball. It was held at Lardner park.

My big brother Sam was my partner.

I was meant to do it last year but it was moved because of Covid 19.

We had to do lots of dance training. It was a bit tricky at times.

On the day of the Deb, I had to get ready. I got my hair done. My sister Bridget did my make up for me. I wore the same dress that Bridget wore to her Deb.

My grandparents, Aunty, God mother and friends came to see me dressed up.

I did a special dance with my dad. Sam did a special dance with mum

I looked like a princess. It was so much fun.

- Anna

STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

ALEX
Being **RESPECTFUL** by helping CRT Joe and working so well with other students.

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CHARLIE
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JOSIAH
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NOAH
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SETH
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Warragul & District Specialist School

We are getting an increasing number of outside agencies calling to speak to teaching and therapy staff about students they see out of school.

Please advise the school if you have asked anyone to contact WDSS as we need Parent / Carer permission to speak with external agencies about your student.

PIE OF THE WEEK

EVERYONE loves curried sausages, so why not put it in a pie!

This Thursday, with or without tomato sauce - $3.00.

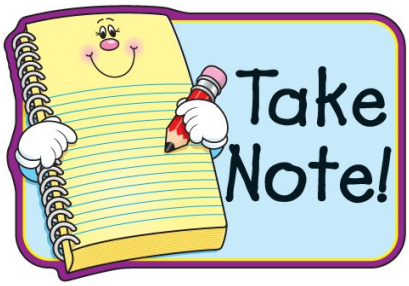
Curried Sausage Pie

School Canteen Order

Term 2 2021 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ **Room / Teacher:** _____

FOOD - *Please tick*		**DRINKS** - *Please tick*	
☐ Party Sausage Rolls (2) - $2.00 ☐ *Tomato Sauce*	☐ Chicken, coleslaw & cheese wrap - $4.00 ☐ *Cheese* ☐ *Coleslaw*	☐ Strawberry Milk $ 2.50	☐ Apple Juice $ 2.00
☐ Dim Sims (3) - $2.50 ☐ *Soy Sauce*	☐ Chicken Nuggets (6) - $4.00	☐ Chocolate Milk $ 2.50	☐ Orange Juice $ 2.00
☐ Pie of the Week $3.00 ☐ *Sauce* ***See Newsletter for this week's flavour!***	**Other Items** - *Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.* ☐ Frog in a Pond $1.50 ☐ Icy Pole $0.50 ☐ Cupcake $1.00		**Total: $**_____ **Enclosed: $** _____



School Visits and Pick Up / Drop Off

Warragul & District Specialist School

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	