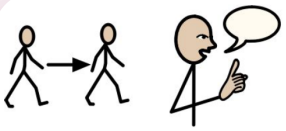
This weeks Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Program learning expectations for the week are:

We Listen and *We Follow Instructions*

We Listen

Always and Everywhere



We Follow Instructions

Always and Everywhere

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 16th

- School Photos

Tuesday 23rd

- 13 & 15 Yr Old Vaccinations

MARCH

Wednesday 3rd

- Senior Info Night & WDSS Post School Options Expo

PLEASE NOTE:
Parents / Carers need to advise the school office if your student is getting picked up and will not be travelling by bus.

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 2, Tuesday 9th February 2021

Dear Students & Families,

Welcome to week three!

It is great to see students starting to settle into their new classes. This week I am seeing more students come in and confidently find their own way to their classroom. It is lovely to see our Foundation (Preps) and other new students finding their way around the school. However, it is even more lovely to see our older students being great leaders around the school, being helpful and welcoming to our new students.

Teachers are busy scheduling their Student Support Group meetings for next week. If you have not yet been asked for a preference, please check your child's bag or put a note in your child's diary. These meetings are a chance for teachers and parents/carers to discuss how the student is settling into class and possible student goals for the Individual Learning Plan.

Students across the whole school have been learning all about our school values of **Being SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**. Last week we focused on being safe and wearing our hats whilst outside. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear at school this term to help us reinforce this learning. This week we are all learning about how important it is to listen and follow instructions. Not only is this great learning for school, but it is also learning that can be transferred to home.

School Photos are scheduled for next Tuesday 16th. The format will be slightly different this year as only individual photos will be taken – however these will be collated to create a Class photo collage (which will include staff). Please see page 6 for details on how to order - if you have any questions related to ordering please contact Spargo Photography on (03) 5942 5234. If your child does not attend Warragul & District Specialist School on this day but you would like them to come in to have their photo taken please contact your child's classroom teacher to organise this.

Rachel

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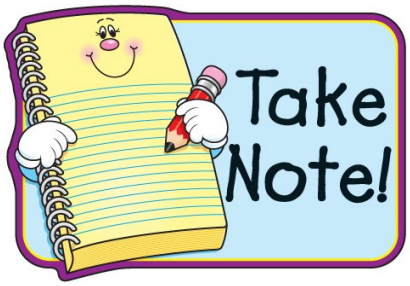


School Visits and Pick Up / Drop Off

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	

Juniors

ROOM 1

Room 1 students are happy to be back at school and welcome Jai to our class and school.

We have begun our learning of the School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations. Last week we focused on staying safe outside by being Sun Smart and wearing our hats.

Students practiced wearing their hats inside before going outside.

- Bev

Connor H

Connor Mc

Jai

Welcome to WDSS Jai!
We love your selfie!

Josh

Kynan

Michael

SENIORS

Senior Programs are up and running and the students have loved getting back to these awesome opportunities!

Nathan, Troy and Will are taking part in the Baw Baw LLEN I am Ready Program.

Each Friday they take part in this innovative program, which aims to start the thinking and conversation about future careers. There are students from various schools. Thank you to Program Coordinator Jenni Graham for providing an overview of what the participants did on the first session:

SESSION ONE:

On Friday we looked at the Code of Conduct & made sure everyone was aware of the COVID-safe practices we need to adhere to. All are required to wear masks indoors unless you have an exemption.

A fun team building activity seeing which group could build the tallest tower out of straws and sticky tape highlighted some great leadership, teamwork and creative skills.
Tanya spoke about Career pathways, work places and why we work.

SENIORS

Students were super excited to get back to Baw Baw Skills - which continues to provide young people in Gippsland with amazing training and opportunities!

Senior Garden Program

The garden is overflowing with tasty produce! Students have been busy picking, weeding and tidying up. They have also managed to fit in a few healthy samples!

2021 School Photos

Spargo Photography are our School Photographers for 2021.

Photos are scheduled for

Tuesday, 16 February 2021.

ONLINE PRE-ORDER

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day, however, sibling photos must be requested online before 5:00pm the day prior.

To order click on the following link;

School Photographs Orders

Access Key: YX3QLYRD

If you have any inquiries, please contact Spargo Photography on (03) 5942 5234

Spargo photography

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

News from Glenda

BOOK CLUB 2021

By now your student should have brought home a Scholastic Bookclub Issue 1 catalogue and order form. There will be 8 issues sent home during the year. There is no obligation to purchase any books but it is worth having a quick glance through as there are often great resources for very reasonable prices.

Orders can be placed by either sending cash or a cheque made out to Scholastic Australia back to school with the order form or payments can be done online by following the prompts below the order form.

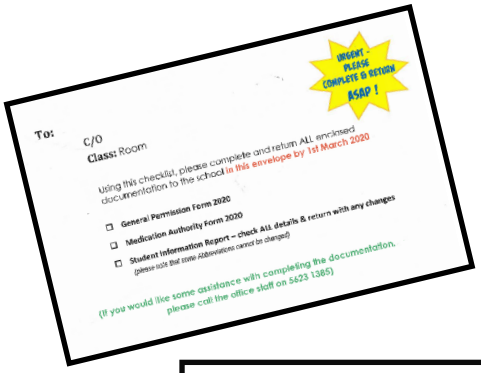
For all orders placed the school receives 20% bonus rewards. Last year we received over **$1000 worth of free books and resources** because of your purchases. Your issue will always have a due by date pinned onto the front page. **This order is due back by the 17th Feb (Wednesday).** I collate and place the orders within 24 hours and they take approx. a week to be delivered. They will be sent home with your child unless you indicate that other arrangements are needed or perhaps it is a surprise.

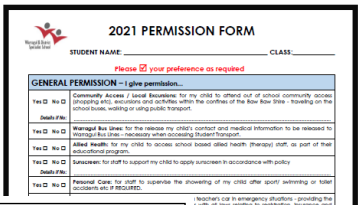
We also run a book fair annually, this years Book fair will begin on Mon 22nd November.

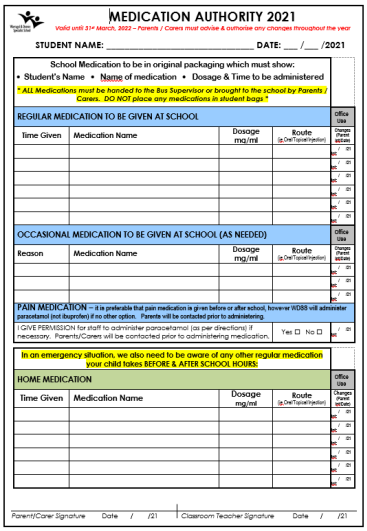
If you have any questions re this program, please let the office know and I will contact you.

Cheers

Glenda Gray

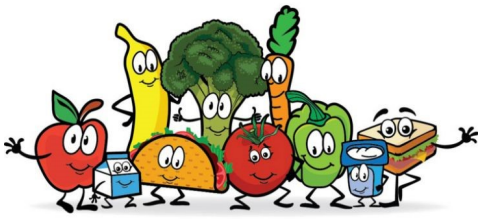






IMPORTANT !!

All Students should have received 2021 forms for completion. Please return 2021 Forms ASAP - these are due by 1st March. If you need assistance completing them or additional copies please contact the office on 5623 1385



School Canteen

Canteen will again be held on Thursdays in 2021 - start date will be advised in the coming weeks.

Kim is currently working on the Menu (modified menu due to COVID restrictions).

➔ Order forms will be sent home each week on Wednesdays.

➔ Please note that Canteen maybe cancelled at any time if restrictions change. Families will be advised by text message if/when this occurs.

Melba Support Services manages Stratfield Ct children's respite facility located in Warragul which offers planned access for families that require short-term, overnight respite care for children with diagnosed disabilities aged 6 to 17 years. This service can be accessed with funds in the Core Supports budget of a person's NDIS Plan.

They currently have capacity to provide ongoing respite supports to more families.

melba support services

Respite for kids and families available in Warragul

Respite (known as Short Term Accommodation and Assistance under the NDIS) allows kids and families to enjoy a great break.

Stratfield Court is our children's respite facility located in Warragul. We offer planned short term weekday, weekend and school holiday stays for children with diagnosed disabilities aged 6 to 17.

While at Stratfield Court, our dedicated staff support people to:

- Socialise and build new friendships
- Enjoy outings to parks, beaches, cinema, bowling alley, Melbourne Zoo and other fun places in Gippsland, Mornington Peninsula, Yarra Ranges and Melbourne
- Participate in activities within the local community, and most importantly have fun!

What else is available at Stratfield Court?

- TV, DVD player and Netflix to watch your favourite movies and shows
- All your favourite board games
- Veggie garden that all the kids help to take care of
- Bikes, scooters, trampoline, and sandpit for outdoor play

Funding for respite can be accessed from your NDIS Plan.

For more information on accessing respite, contact us:

(03) 8763 4300
respite@melbasupport.com.au

Visit us online at: www.melbasupport.com.au

STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

KY

Being **SAFE** and walking away form an argument.

GEORGIA

Being **RESPECTFUL -** heling others with their school work.

STUDENT LED AWARD - PAIGE

Being **RESPECTFUL -** by being a great friend out on the yard. Nominated by Bernadette

STUDENT LED AWARD– DENZELL

Being **RESPECTFUL -** by assisting a student to travel to & from swimming. Nominated by Paige

Please note that there will be a slight change to procedures this year for the Senior Info Night and the Post School Options Expo due to COVID restrictions.

A note with further info will be sent home with students.

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Senior School Information Evening being held before the **POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO**:

Wednesday 3rd March

5:00pm to 5:40pm & 5:45pm to 6:30pm

(limited numbers, however sessions will also be available via Webex)

It is a great opportunity for to get a better understanding of the Senior School Programs / Pathways and we encourage parents to attend.

Please RSVP to the school on 5623 1385 by 26th February

Warragul & District Specialist School presents our annual

On Wednesday March 3rd we are having our annual

***Post School Options Expo* at the school commencing at 5.00pm**

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

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 26th February to 5623 1385**

For any other queries please contact the school

FREE

Pre-Season MiniRoos Program

Proudly supported by VicHealth

6 Saturday Sessions -

- 20th Feb
- 27th Feb
- 6th March
- 13th March
- 20th March
- 27th March

9:30—11:00am at Bellbird Park, Drouin

ALL participant MUST register prior to attending the free program

For further information, please contact the
Miniroo's Coordinator: **Paul** : 0423 702 210

Email: ddsc.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/drouindragonsminiroos

This is a great program for 5 - 10 year old children to get involved in Soccer without committing to a full season.

Registration Details will be published soon on the Drouin Dragons Facebook and Website pages

Proudly Supporting Drouin Dragons Soccer Club