**Sue and Sharon are our 2020 Art Teachers and the school corridors are starting to come alive with colourful and creative pieces! Check out the awesome portraits on Pages 4 and 5.**

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## MARCH

**Friday 13th**
- Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 17th**
- School Council Meeting

**Thursday 26th**
- Grandridge Bike Challenge

**Friday 27th**
- Last day of Term 1

## APRIL

**Tuesday14th**
- First Day of Term 2


# Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

**Term 1 Issue 6, Wednesday 11th March 2020**


Dear Parents & Carers.

Over the past few weeks we have held Meet & Greet sessions for our Junior, Middle and Senior sections of the school. It was wonderful to see so many families take part in the planned events and meet staff and students who are involved with your child's learning.

Last Wednesday evening we held our Senior School information session for families as our Senior Meet & Greet session. Families were able to hear about Senior School programs followed by our Post School Options expo. The expo provided information to families about adult service provider opportunities that are in our local community. We had a large number of families and students attend both information sessions on the evening. It was great for families to hear about the extensive options available to students at school then also hear of options that our young people are able to access when they leave school. Thank you Kim Rakip, Sue De Silva and the Senior team for their massive effort in organising and coordinating the evening and thank you to all service providers, students, families and staff for coming along.

A reminder to all families that Friday 27th of March will be the last day of Term 1. Students will finish school at 2pm. Please expect your child home one hour earlier than usual if your child catches a school bus home.

On a final note, we are seeing the beginning of the cough, colds and flu season much earlier this year especially due to the fluctuating weather over the past number of months. To prevent the spread of illness, we ask that ill students stay home until they have recovered. In this way we can prevent other members of our school community also becoming ill.

If your child is going to be absent from school could families please ensure that you contact your child's school bus to notify them of their absence. This can be done via phone call or text message to the bus supervisor.

When your child is absent from school you will receive a text from the schools messaging system if your child is away and the school has not received a reason as to why. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or the office as soon as possible if your child is going to be away from school and please notify them of the reason for their absence.

Have a great week!

*Alesha*


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We were very excited to have Collingwood Football Players, Jack Crisp, Jack Madgen and Mark Keane visit the school yesterday! The office was declared a **Collingwood Only Zone** and the oval was abuzz with excitement. This great initiative by Collingwood included visits to many other school and organisations - just goes to show that they really are **THE BEST TEAM EVER !** 😉

**Mark Keane, Jack Madgen, Michael & Michael**

**Mark & Jack with Michael , Alex, Michael & Brendan**

**Jack Crisp, Mark Keane, Jack Madgen are welcome to join the office team any time!**

# SENIORS

## SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Last Wednesday evening the school was a hive of activity from 5pm – 8pm. It was wonderful to see a great turn out of senior students and their families, keen to learn more about the Senior school programs and what is on offer for students once they leave school. The afternoon began in the staff room with the Senior school team, led by Sue, Senior Unit coordinator, presenting aspects of the senior school program – Senior Transition Pathways, Curriculum, School Based Programs, Camps and Student Wellbeing and Leadership. Jenni, our School Psychologist spoke about adolescent development and Anne our OT did an interesting show and tell on kitchen equipment. Rod Dunlop spoke enthusiastically about the Baw Baw – Special Skills pathway and Jenni from LLEN (Local Learning & Employment Network) spoke about her role in supporting our students in work experience and employability skill development.

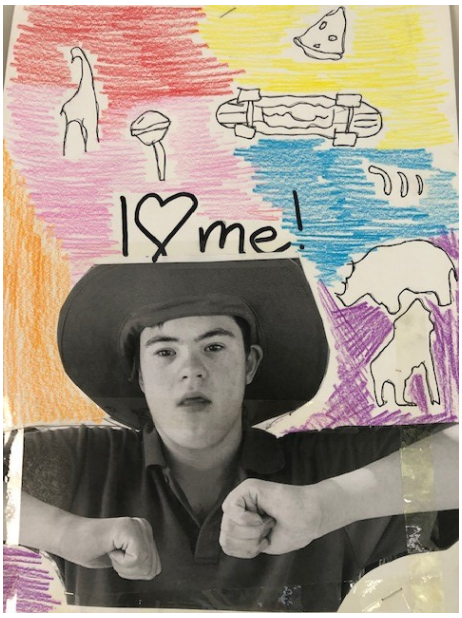
All families then headed off to the Post School Expo in the engine room with a room full of 17 providers all ready to discuss options with interested families. Categories of service providers included – Day Services, Further Education, Disability Employment Agencies and NDIS individual support practitioners. Kim, our Senior Transition teacher was also on hand to touch base with students and families. Kim will be working closely with senior students and families over the year to discuss options.

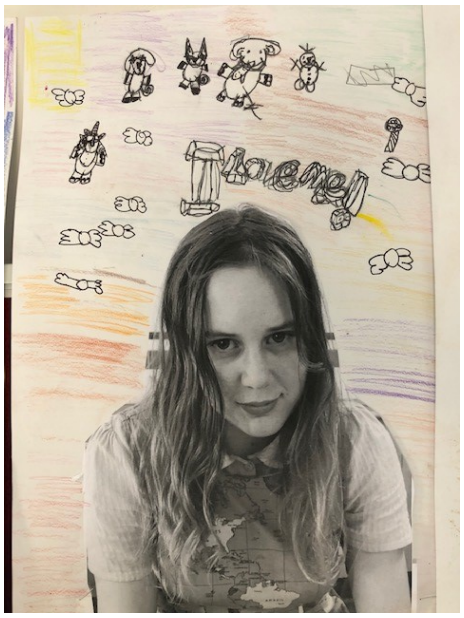
For families who missed out the night and would like further information please contact Sue (Monday / Thursdays) or Kim (Wednesdays) at school. A Senior School Information Handbook is available at the office.

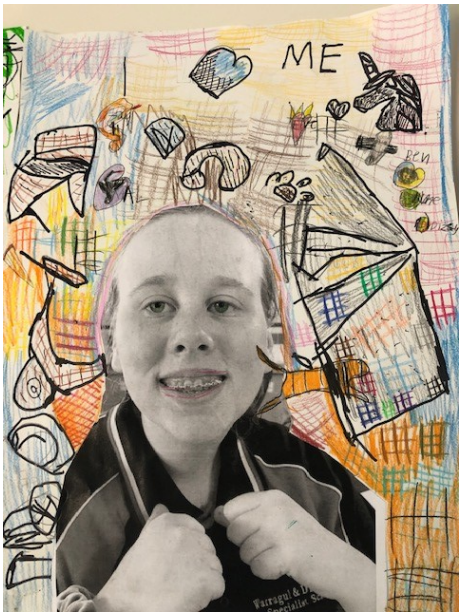
*Sue De Silva*

# Art

The school corridor has been brightened up with the addition of these wonderful ***I LOVE ME*** portraits! They are just brilliant - well done everyone!





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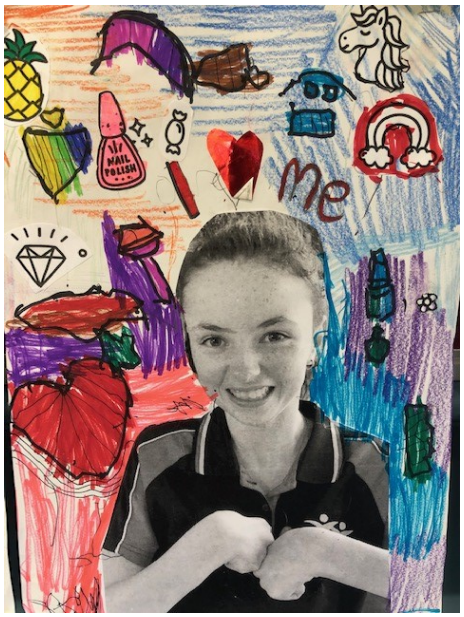
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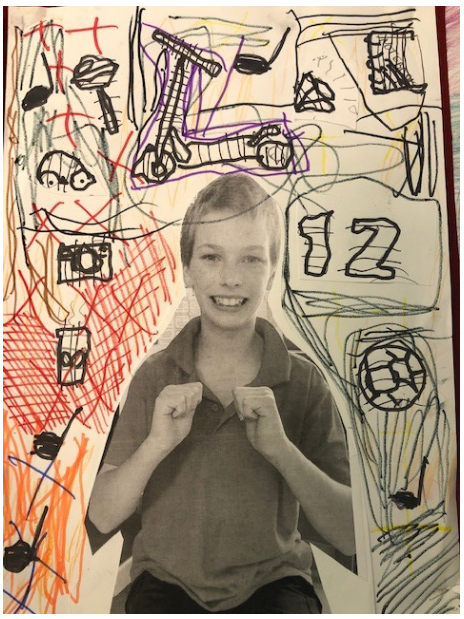
GTA5
Minecraft
Xbox360
I ♡ Me!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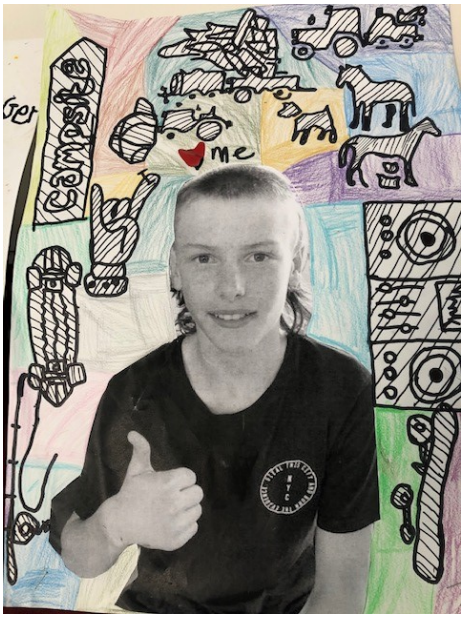
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# Student News.....

Ajay had a very important job a couple of weeks ago - he walked his mum Kirstie down the aisle at her wedding! Don't they look just gorgeous! Ajay was amazing in fulfilling his very important role and he had an absolutely fantastic day, dancing the night away.

Ajay's mum and new Step-dad Wayne were so proud of him - well done Ajay !

*If your student has achieved something special please let the office know - we love sharing their accomplishments!*

# Parents & Friends Association

# News & Activities

PFA is raising funds to install new play equipment for junior students.

We would love to see **more junior school families involved in helping raise funds** - currently there is only one family from the junior school who help out PFA.

**If you can spare even 1 hour of your time please contact Emma on 0447 770 892**

**Please contact Emma if you can help at the next BBQ -**

→ **Saturday 21st March –**

BBQ - Warragul Woolworths 9:00am onwards

# STUDENT Awards

## We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

**ALEX**
Being a great **LEARNER** and learning to type his own name!

**AXL**
Being **RESPECTFUL** – helping and reading to Charlie during class time.

**SUMEDHA**
Being a great **LEARNER** in all class activities.

**DYLAN**
Being **RESPECTFUL** and always being willing to help with jobs around the school.

**NOAH**
Being a **RESPECTFUL** learner - speaking politely to his class mates

**MICHAEL**
Being a **LEARNER** and trying new foods with sneaky vegetables hidden in them!

**THURSTAN**
Being **SAFE** – moving himself independently.

**LILLIE**
Being a **LEARNER** and reading each night.

**PAIGE**
Being a **LEARNER** and reading each night.

**ALEX**
Being a **LEARNER** – by answering the Vic Roads Learners test.

**ANNA**
Being a **LEARNER** - listening well and asking for help when needed.

**NATHAN**
Being **RESPECTFUL** – sharing and letting others have a turn.

# STUDENT Awards

## We are Safe, Respectful Learners !

**JOSH**

Being **RESPECTFUL** by being very supportive and helpful to a friend

**BERNADETTE**

Being a **LEARNER**

**GEORGIA**

Always being **SAFE** on the yard.

**KIRSTEN**

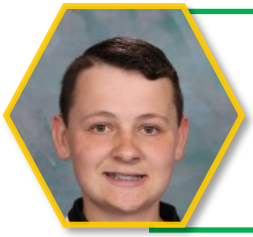
Being a **LEARNER** and participating in dance and drama

**TROY**

Being a **LEARNER** and attempting his Vic Roads Learners test.

**SHAKIRA**

Being a **LEARNER** and completing all her maths booklet with accuracy.



**WILL**

Being **RESPECTFUL** by being very supportive and helpful to a friend

## FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP PICK & MIX 1-6!

Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.

Nutrition Australia

VICTORIA State Government

# Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- **WASH** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. DRY with paper towel or hand dryer.
- **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- **ISOLATE** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- **PHONE** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- **DON'T** wear a face mask if you are well.
- **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- **GET** the flu shot (available April).
- **SHAKING HANDS** is optional!

## Find out more
## www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

**If you are concerned, call the**

## Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

**Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only**

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