



**A BIG congratulations to our SRC for organising such a wonderful event on Friday!**

**Alex, Georgia, Nathan, William, Zoey, Maegan, Tyra, Bayden and Savannah worked together so well, ensuring a very successful day!**

**Check out pages 3-4 for a report and fun photos.....**



## Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 30, Wednesday 2nd November 2022

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## NOVEMBER

### Wednesday 2nd

- School Captain 2023 Speeches & vote count

### Wednesday 9th

- PFA social dinner, 5:30pm Warragul Downtowner

### Saturday 19th

- Family Photo Fundraising Day

### Thursday 24th

- Grandridge Bike Challenge

## DECEMBER

### Monday 19th

- Pupil Free Day

### Tuesday 20th

- Last day of Term 4 12:30pm finish

Hi everyone,

Today some of our school will be hearing from students who are aspiring to be our WDSS School Captain and/or Vice-Captain in 2023. All graduate students were welcome to apply and present their speeches. Voting then takes place by staff and students to determine who will step in to the roles. Good luck to all students applying for a student leadership role for 2023. We hope to announce the successful candidates in the forthcoming weeks.

Last Friday 28th of October was World Teachers Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our teachers across our school who plan, assess student learning, manage our classrooms, and implement engaging programs for our students across each academic year. Our teachers are a valued cohort, who are part of the wonderful staff we have here at WDSS. We are grateful for all that they do each day. THANK YOU 😊

Also last Friday our SRC ran a very successful disco for our students. There were lights, smoke, music, dancing and smiles all around. Everyone had a Wonderful time and the dress ups were Fabulous! A 'BIG' Thank you to Nick Winchcombe for donating the lighting, speakers and smoke machine, Emma Winchcombe, and Jacqui Lilley for helping and representing the PFA, DJ Lachy and all staff that were involved. It was SUPER FUN!

We hope our WDSS families enjoyed an extra day off yesterday and stayed warm and dry. It is nice to see that there is sunshine ahead for this weekend.

Take Care and Have a wonderful week!



Chris



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# Crazy Colours / Crazy Hair Day



What a great day it was on Friday! Staff and students put on their best disco gear and decorated their hair all in a good cause: to raise money for the Very Special Kids Foundation. We managed to raise \$103.75!

The highlight of the day was the WDSS SRC Disco complete with lights, smoke machine and disco ball.

A huge thank you to Emma and her son Nick for supplying the lights for us. They certainly made Room 8 look like a REAL disco!

Thanks to our resident DJ Lachy who dressed the part with an afro wig and a mean looking moustache.

Thank you also to Jacquie, mum of Jack in Room 4. She helped all day with supplying popcorn, chips, setting up and cleaning up at the end of the day. Its always lovely to have parent participation in these events.

This was also the first SRC run event for the students. A huge thank you to our SRC : Alex (the security guard!), Georgia ( who didn't stop dancing!), Nathan, William J, Zoey, Maegan, Tyra , Savannah and Brayden. It was such a success that we think we should run it at least twice a year!!

- Sue

## Prizes Awarded -

For showing their groovy dance moves and enthusiasm on the dance floor:

**Junior:** Ben

**Middle:** Dakota

**Seniors:** Georgia

For looking fun and fabulous!

**Junior:** Savannah

**Middle:** Michael

**Seniors:** William



**Security Guard  
Alex**

Erin & Ayden hoping they'll get through security!



Alex keeping an eye on Joe making sure he doesn't cause any trouble ;)



Georgia was AMAZING, she went and asked students who were feeling nervous to have a dance with her and they loved it! What a wonderful School Captain she is!



**Sophie + Emma**



**Macy**



**William**



**Michael**



**Nathan, Seth, Michael, Marcus,  
Isaac, Alex**



**DJ Lachy in the house!**



**Nathan + Michael**



**Charlie**



**Pippa**



**Sue**



**Bernadette**



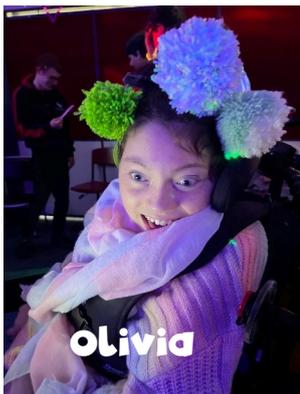
**Bri + Haven**



**DISCO**



**Emma, Haven + Carlea**



**Olivia**



**Erin + Bernie**



**Alex**



**Alex**



**Callum**



**Tyler**



**David + Ayden**



**Grace + Alex**



**Zac**



**PFA Social Dinner**  
**Wednesday 9th November**  
**5:30pm**  
**Warragul Downtowner**

Everyone had a wonderful catch-up last time and we would love to see some new faces!

We encourage parents / carers to come along on Wednesday 9th November - it is a great chance to listen to experiences (and potential solutions!) that other families with special needs children have faced.

If you would like to attend please contact Emma on 0447 770 892 or Angie or Cheryl at the school.

**Kids welcome - indoor playground to keep them busy!**



**Vision  
Portraits**

**As a fundraising activity PFA are  
having a Family Photo Day on  
Saturday 19th November at the school.**

It is a great opportunity to get a family photo while supporting our school - having the session at the school allows students to feel comfortable in familiar surrounds.

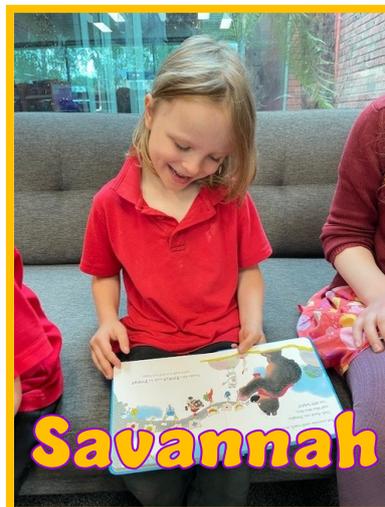
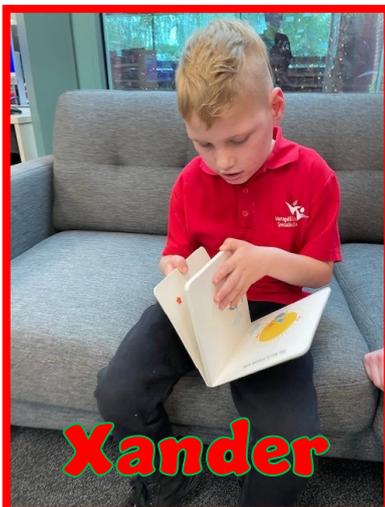
Please refer to the email sent out to families for further information or contact the school office.

# Juniors

## ROOM 1

Last week, Room 4 went out to the West Gippsland Library for community access. We saw lots of books, played with some toys and listened to a story. All students were extremely well behaved and staff were very proud of them all. Superstars!

- Jess



# SENIORS

Last week Sarah from VEC (Victorian Electoral Commission) gave a really hands on and informative presentation about how to vote. This came at the perfect time as we are holding our 2023 School captain election this Wednesday!



## Grandridge Challenge

Bike Ed training started last week with our brand new bikes! Senior students are training for the Grandridge Challenge on Thursday Nov 24th. Most students will ride the Boolarra to Mirboo North rail trail while another group will walk and enjoy the parks and playgrounds.



# Thunderstorm Asthma

## Why does Thunderstorm asthma occur:

Thunderstorm asthma events are very unusual, occurring when there is a combination of high grass pollen counts and a particular type of thunderstorm with high winds.

## When do Thunderstorm asthma events happen:

There is a season for Thunderstorm Asthma from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December this grass pollen season. Thunderstorm Asthma Events only occur when there is the unique combination of high pollen counts and storm activity with high winds that carry the pollen long distances.

## Who is most at risk:

Thunderstorm asthma is most likely to affect people who have Asthma or Hayfever or who sneeze or wheeze during pollen season.

Thunderstorm Asthma is a very serious event. Last time there was a thunderstorm asthma event in Victoria ten people died.

## What to do if you think you have been affected:

- Stay indoors on high risk days
- Don't ignore symptoms of wheezing or shortness of breath, a persistent dry cough or chest tightness
- Seek medical attention quickly as thunderstorm asthma can progress very quickly.

## If you usually have asthma:

- Make sure you are taking your preventer medication as prescribed during Grass pollen season.
- Have a full Ventolin puffer with you at all times
- Don't ignore symptoms of wheezing or shortness of breath
- Check in with your GP and make sure your Asthma emergency plan is up to date
- Download the Vic Emergency App to your phone for alerts of high risk days in your area

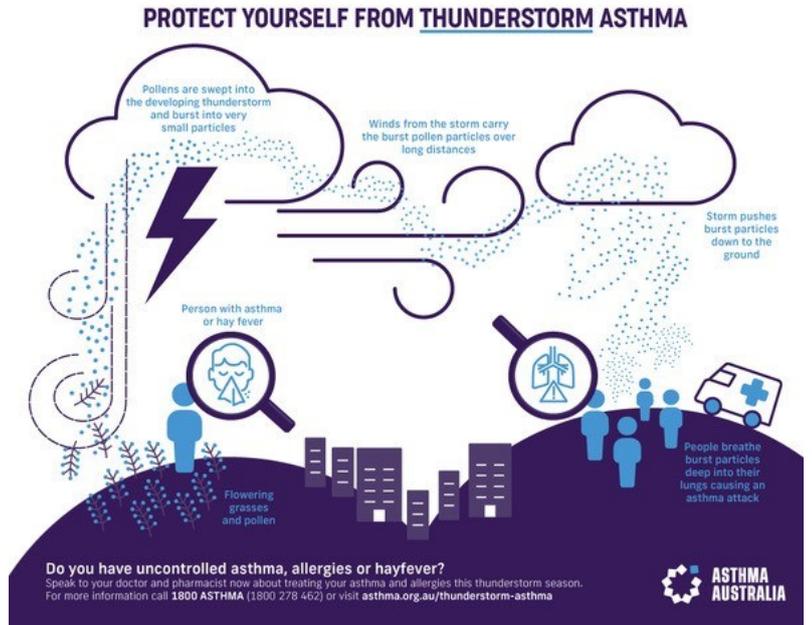
## Resources:



**Vic Emergency App** – <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/responsibilities/victorias-warning-system> or <http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/#thunderstorm-asthma-forecast>

**Melbourne Pollen count and forecast** – <https://www.melbournepollen.com.au>

**Better Health Channel** – <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/asthma-management>



# THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA INFO SHEET



If you have asthma or hay fever (sneezing, itchy eyes or nose, dry cough) you may be at risk of thunderstorm asthma. Thunderstorm asthma can be dangerous and can cause severe difficulty in breathing. If you have asthma or hay fever, see your doctor to discuss options on how best to protect yourself during this thunderstorm season.

## Steps to take this thunderstorm asthma season:

- Take the [Asthma Control Test](#) to check your level of asthma control; see your doctor urgently if your score is under 20
- Discuss with your doctor medications to manage both asthma and hay fever
- Use an asthma preventer inhaler every day, even when well
- Carry an asthma reliever puffer with you at all times
- If you have hay fever, use a steroid nasal spray every day during the pollen season
- Check your local daily pollen levels and stay inside with doors and windows closed when pollen levels are high
- Stay indoors with doors and windows closed before and during thunderstorms, particularly when windy
- See a doctor immediately or call Triple Zero (000) if you experience any difficulty breathing during this thunderstorm season
- Do not wait, act quickly

For more information on thunderstorm asthma and how to be prepared, call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) to speak with an Asthma Educator or visit [asthma.org.au/thunderstorm-asthma](https://asthma.org.au/thunderstorm-asthma)



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Flo, White Magic and eChamber are campaign partners of Asthma Australia and have not been involved in the development of this resource.



# STUDENT Awards

## We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



### JACOB

For being a Learner by working independently with his Literacy work.



### BRAYDEN

For being a responsible member of the SRC and helping to organise the disco.



### KYNAN

For completing his puzzles.



### MICHAEL

Being a **LEARNER** and leaving the class for program activities.



### SOPHIE

Being **RESPECTFUL** and following instructions.



### LACHLAN

Being a **LEARNER** for working hard to complete all his work.



### WILLIAM

Being a **LEARNER** having a go at riding a bike



### SETH

Being a **LEARNER** for a great swimming session.



### ALEX

Being a **LEARNER** returning to school with positive attitude.



### DYLAN

Showing great skills on his bike changing gears.



### MAX

Great trying on his bike learning to balance.



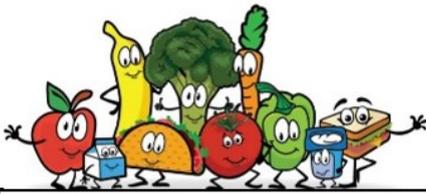
### STUDENT LED AWARD - COBY

Being a **SAFE** and showing good riding skills.  
Nominated by Marcus



### STUDENT LED AWARD - ISAAC

Being a **SAFE** bike rider.  
Nominated by Michael



# School Canteen Order

Term 4 2022 (Thursdays)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room / Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) - \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
<input type="checkbox"/> Fried Rice - \$5.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00 
			Total: \$ _____  Enclosed: \$ _____

## BUS PHONE NUMBERS



Bona Vista	0428 235 372
Labertouche	0457 801 462
Nar Nar Goon	0428 235 371
Neerim South	0428 235 370
Poowong North	0429 499 557
Trafalgar	0409 525 420
Warragul	0400 922 051

### Our Commitment to Child Safety

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children with a disability as well the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person involved in Warragul & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.