

We wish you all a
very safe and
Happy Christmas
and New Year!
See you in 2024!



Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 4 Issue 32, Wednesday 13th December 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Tuesday 19th

- Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 20th

- Last day of Term 4
12:30pm finish

JANUARY 2024

Mon 29th & Tues 30th

- Pupil Free Days

Wednesday 31st

- First day of Term 1

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st

- Foundation Students
commence

It's hard to believe we are in the last week of the school year. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming new preps and students into the school at the beginning of the school year. It has been a pleasure to have witnessed the growth that so many students have made in so many areas over the 2023.

This Thursday we celebrate the graduation of our 2023 transition class. Some of our graduates started their schooling with us in 2011! All our graduates and have worked hard to develop and finalise their transition plans over the last few years. We wish them all the best of luck as they enact their plans and transition into the adult world. Like graduates before them, we hope they visit us in 2024 and share their experiences.

This year we introduced the new Disability Inclusion Profile into the school. The profile allows us to identify reasonable adjustments we put into place to allow your child to access their learning at a higher level. Some of our families have participated in a Disability Profile meeting and have let us know that through the meetings they have a greater understanding of what their child is able to accomplish at school.

In 2023 we have also strengthened our Professional Learning Communities in which teachers and staff work together to plan and evaluate learning programs.

Finally, I thank everyone for a wonderful 2023 and wish everyone a relaxing holiday. Please make the time to do something special as a family and enjoy each other's company.

Matt



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Class of ★ ★ ★ 2023

It's that time of year again - when we start saying our goodbyes to graduating students.

This year we are bidding a very fond farewell to Abby, Bayden, Georgia, Jack, Kirsten, Lee, Liam, Seth, Will, William and their families. We will really miss you all and hope you keep in touch and come and visit.

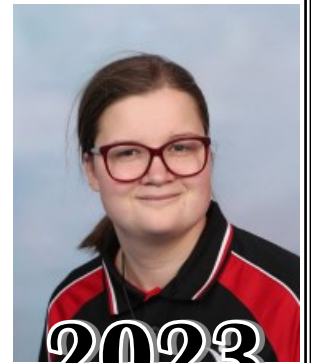
Good Luck Abby, Bayden, Georgia, Jack, Kirsten, Lee, Liam, Seth, Will & William, we will miss you all!



2012

Abby has been at our school since 2012. Abby loves being organised and ensuring others are just as organised to make sure things run smoothly. Abby will tell you how it is with her honesty. Abby is always thoughtful of her peers and ensuring people are being fair. Abby will be attending the Evolve Program at Knoxbrooke next year developing skills to one day have her own bakery called 'Somerville Bakery'.

Wishing you all the very best in your future endeavours Abby!



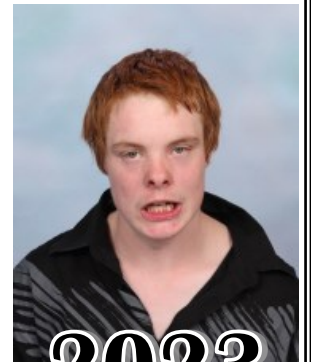
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PREP

Bayden started his school life with us in grade prep. Bayden has represented our school as Vice Captain this year demonstrating all our school values. Bayden's creativeness with his stories give you a belly full of laughter will be dearly missed. If there is opportunity for a prank Bayden is always there. However, Bayden also takes pride in his responsibilities and if he has a job to do he will make sure it is done each and every time. Bayden is off to the Evolve Program next year with Knoxbrooke.

We are going to miss your fun attitude (and your crazy stories) Bayden!



2023



PREP

Georgia has been at our school since 2019. Georgia is one of our school captains this year and she has done an exceptional job. Georgia is an enthusiastic learner who enjoys all her programs at school. Georgia is a very kind and caring student who is always willing to help her peers and staff. Georgia is hoping to continue her passion in childcare through supporting students in the Kindergarten Program at Grace Bergland Kinder in Warragul as well as some further education in this area.

We will miss your kind and caring nature Georgia!



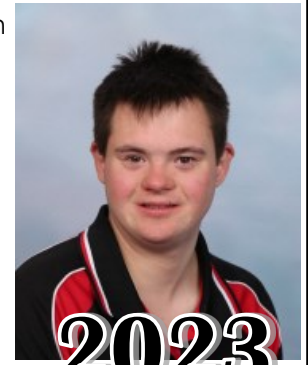
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Jack came to our school in 2019. Jack is a 'Mr Fix it'. He can just about fix anything with a roll of sticky tape and will insist that whatever it may be needs repairing rather than placing it in the bin. Jack is a real groover and sets the scene at lunch time with his moves to the music with his peers up on the deck. Jack's bubbly personality will be dearly missed around WDSS. Jack is off to Best Fit next year.

We will miss your bouncy enthusiasm Jack, keep having fun !



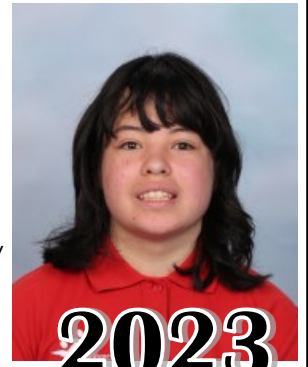
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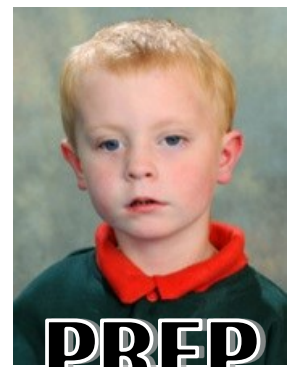
2016

Kirsten joined our school in 2016. Kirsten is a kind and caring student who thrives to support her junior peers. Kirsten is an excellent role model when in her buddy role of supporting the younger grades. Kirsten is loyal to her peers and is an excellent friend to many. Kirsten applies herself well in the classroom and demonstrates our school values in all aspects of her learning. Kirsten is joining the Cassidy Crew next year.

Congratulations of all of your achievements Kirsten, the juniors will really miss you !



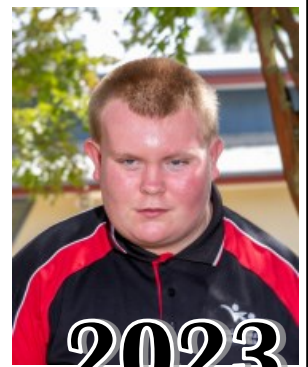
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Lee started with us in grade prep. Lee keeps everyone in routine and is sure to let you know if something is out of place. Lee demonstrates our school values in all aspects of his learning. Lee will take any opportunity to be cheeky and has a unique grin when he knows he has pulled the wool over a new staff member or peer. Lee is joining Knoxbrooke next year.

Wishing you all the best Lee, WDSS won't be the same without you!



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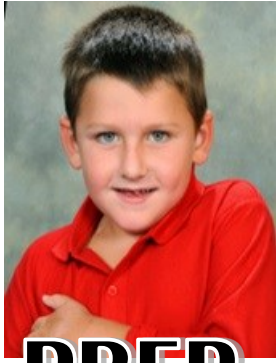
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Liam joined us for his very first year of school in grade prep. Liam is one of our school captains this year and has done an exceptional job. Liam is the first to put his hand up where he can be of any assistance. Liam consistently demonstrates our school values in every aspect of his learning. Liam is willing to always give 100 percent and will tackle a challenge. Liam is very supportive of his peers and is a fantastic role model. Liam will take any opportunity to crack a joke too and if you're not careful he will talk your ear off!. Liam is hoping to join the Warragul TAFE next year to continue his education.

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



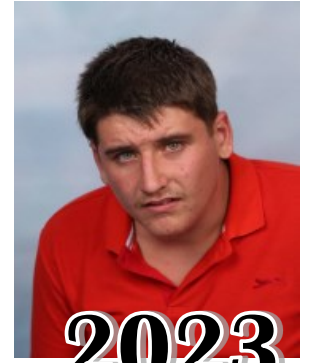
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Seth joined us for his very first year of school in grade prep. Seth is a determined learner and will persist with any challenge thrown his way until he succeeds. Seth is adventurous and loves exploring nature. Seth is exceptional with dates on the calendar, and we will miss his ways of keeping the teachers in the know of what is happening. Seth transitioned earlier in the year to SASI in Newborough and is kicking goals.

Congratulations Seth, keep on keeping everyone organised!



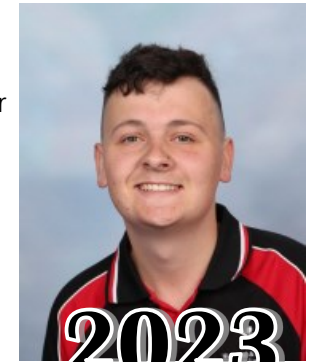
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Will came to WDSS in 2017. Will is a very thoughtful and caring student towards his peers. Will considers the needs of others and will always offer his support. Will demonstrates our school values in every aspect of his learning. Will persisted with his VET course in Automotive and whilst at times felt like he would never see the end of it, has completed it with flying colours. We are very proud of your commitment Will. Will has a part time job at McDonalds and on a Dairy farm. Will takes pride in his car and loves an opportunity to show off his polish job on it. We wish you all the very best Will.

Well done on your achievements Will, we can't wait to hear about your future adventures !



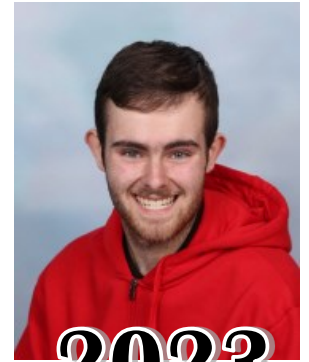
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William joined WDSS in 2015. William has excelled in his role as vice school captain this year. William has given every opportunity thrown his way 110 percent. William demonstrates all our school values in all areas of his learning. William is very creative, and his comics keep you on your toes. William's enthusiasm for all our sports and dress up days has been impressive! William loves any opportunity to perform and knows how to hold the crowd's attention with awe. We wish William all the very best into his post school journey in 2024.

Wishing you all the best for the future William, we will miss your enthusiasm (especially for dress up and sport days)!



2023



Juniors

Junior students had an awesome day out at Deep Creek Reserve on Friday!



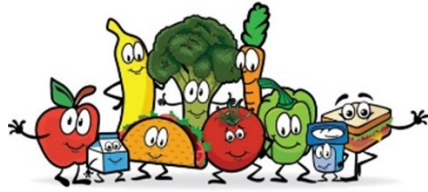
SENIORS

Senior Students had a wonderful day on Friday as they prepared and then enjoyed a lovely traditional Christmas Lunch!

On the menu was Roast Chicken, Ham and Vegetables. For dessert there was Pavlova, jelly and a selection of slices. Yummm!!!



SENIORS



School Canteen

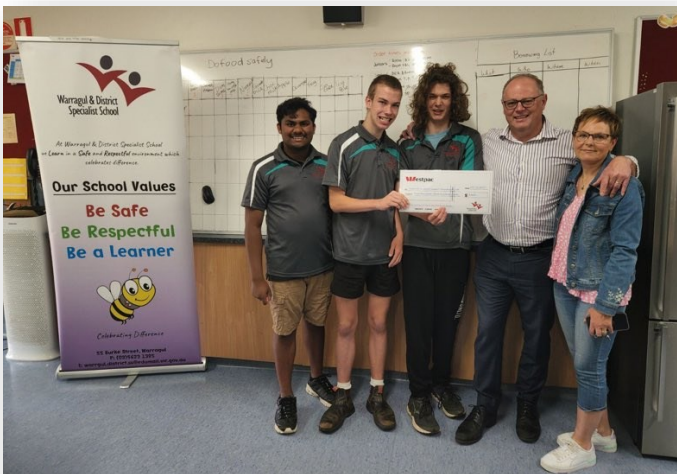


All profits raised from our school canteen program are donated to a local charity, in 2023 our students chose to donate our funds to the **Corey Maric Youth Support Foundation**. This year we raised an amazing **\$3,300** - our largest amount to date! We also had some SRC run events that contributed to the end result.

Today Kate and Zvonko Maric visited to the school to accept the donation - we sincerely thank them for taking the time to come and speak with staff and students about their son Corey and the foundation they started in his memory.

Among the many things that the foundation supports are: heavily subsidised youth counselling sessions at the Warragul Wellness Centre, the GOTYA Program, Live4Life Team Mental Health Workers and funding a Welling Support Staff Member at St Pauls Anglican Grammar School.

Thank you to Carli, April, Marcus, Melvin, Michael, Zeth, Tyra, Eli, Josiah & Isaac for their hard work in the canteen each work and to the SRC members for supporting the local community.



Corey Maric
Youth Support Foundation Ltd



Check out the following pages for awesome School Holiday Activities....



BEST FIT DISABILITY GROUP ACTIVITIES



JANUARY 2024

Monday 8th to Fri 12th January 9am to 4pm	IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES BYO LUNCHES	Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park and outdoor activities.
Monday 8th January 10am to 4pm	COOKING DAY AT ASHDOWN HOMEMADE PIZZA'S	Come and try your hand at cooking homemade pizzas in our pizza oven at Ashdown. Delicious is an understatement! Lunch Provided.
Tuesday 9th January 9am to 4pm	INVERLOCH & CAPE PATTERSON COASTAL EXPERIENCE	Explore what the region has to offer at the local beaches and rock pools. Relax, unwind and enjoy nature. BYO Lunch.
Tuesday 9th January 10am to Thursday 11th 3pm	LAKE GLENMAGGIE CARAVAN STAY – 3 DAY / 2 NIGHTS	Lake Glenmaggie Caravan Stay - Come and enjoy getting back to nature and a relaxed pace – 3 days/2nights.
Wednesday 10th January 10am to 4pm	LAKE GLENMAGGIE DAY TRIP	Come and enjoy a relaxed pace. Enjoy fishing by the lake, swimming, canoeing, stand up paddleboarding & getting back to nature. – BYO Lunch.
Thursday 11th January 10am to 4pm	KEMIZO ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE - ROLLER SKATING & LASER TAG	The Ultimate destination for fun and excitement of roller skating & laser tag. Come and join us! - Lunch Provided.
Friday 12th of January 9:30am to 4pm	GUMBUYA WORLD DAY OUT	Enjoy a day out at Gumbuya World this Summer, Waterslides, Rides, Animals – Don't forget your swimmers! Lunch provided.
Monday 15th to Fri the 19th January 9am to 4pm	IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES BYO LUNCHES	Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park and outdoor activities.
Monday 15th of January to Wed 17th 10am to 4pm	RYE RETREAT STAY – 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS 1:2 RATIO	Enjoy a relaxing stay at a Hamptons style home, includes a large heated solar pool, sauna & 100m from the beach. Enjoy a scenic & wildlife cruise of Port Phillip Bay.



NOTE: All prices may vary depending on level of care required and participants.

For further information & bookings contact 1300 604 374 or enquiries@bfordisability.com.au



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ACTIVITIES



JANUARY 2024

Monday 15th January 10am to 4pm	REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE TRARALGON	Race your friends on the giant waterslides, enjoy the indoor water play zone, quiet time in the therapy pool & spas, or swim some laps in the indoor or outdoor pool, BYO Lunch.
Tuesday 16th January 10am to 4pm	FOUNTAIN GATE RETAIL SHOPPING DAY	Retail therapy day is here! Join us for a day at Fountain Gate to shop in all your favourite stores. Please bring spending money for food court lunch & shopping.
Wednesday 17th January 9am to 4pm	RYE BEACH DAY	Time to hit the sand and water, slip slop slap and enjoy a day of fun at Rye Beach. Also visit the Rye Beach House. Lunch provided.
Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th 10am to 4pm	RYE RETREAT STAY – 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS 1:2 RATIO	Enjoy a relaxing stay at a Hamptons style home, includes a large heated solar pool, sauna & 100m from the beach. Enjoy a scenic & wildlife cruise of Port Phillip Bay.
Thursday 18th January 10am to 4pm	SEAL & DOLPHIN CRUISE SORRENTO & BEACH DAY	Come aboard the Scenic & Wildlife Cruise, see the very best of Port Phillip Bay in just 1.5 hours. See Seals, Seabirds, keep your eyes out for the local dolphins, Lunch provided.
Friday 19th January 9am to 4pm	IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES BYO LUNCH	Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park and outdoor activities.
Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th Jan 9am to 4pm	IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES BYO LUNCHES	Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park and outdoor activities.
Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th Jan 10am to 4pm	RYE RETREAT STAY 4 DAY / 3 NIGHT	Enjoy a relaxing stay in Rye, includes a large heated solar pool, sauna & 100m from the beach. Enjoy a scenic & wildlife cruise of Port Phillip Bay & Hot Springs outing.
Monday 22nd January 9am to 4pm	THE SUMMIT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PARK	The Summit is a multi-award-winning venue located on 50 acres at Trafalgar East, join us for a day of inflatable fun, ziplines, laser tag just to name a few. BBQ Lunch provided.



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ROADIES ALL SITES WARATAH BEACH CAMP



WARATAH BEACH CAMP!

This summer ICG ROADIES are heading to beautiful Waratah Beach Camp. The ROADIES team support 13-17 year old people with a disability to meet new friends, have fun and experience new activities.

Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 January 2024

To book your spot call 1300 736 765 or simply scan this QR code, enter your details and we will be in touch!



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22ND OF DECEMBER, GUMBUYA WORLD

TDAC is heading into the heart of the action at Gumbuya World! Whether you're a thrill-seeker ready to conquer every roller coaster or an animal lover eager to meet our furry friends, there's something for everyone.

3RD - 5TH JANUARY PHILIP ISLAND RESPITE

It's summer time, and the weather is high! For TDAC's three day overnight trip this summer holiday, we are heading to Phillip Island! From the Penguin Parade to A Maze'N Things you won't want to miss this.

11TH JANUARY, MELBOURNE ZOO

Lions & Tigers & Bears, OH MY! TDAC is heading to the Zoo! So, if you're ready for a bit of education, a dash of adventure, and a whole lot of animal charisma, join us on this wild ride!

22ND JANUARY, INFLATABLE WORLD

Get ready to bounce into fun at Inflatible World Pakenham! Imagine a world where the floor is as bouncy as a kangaroo and every turn is a new inflatable adventure.

25TH JANUARY, BOUNCE

Bounce is where you can leap to new heights of fun. And remember, it's not about how high you jump, but how epic you look doing it! Ready to bounce off the walls... literally?

29TH JANUARY, CHAOS LAB

Brace yourselves for a day of explosive fun at Chaos Lab! This isn't your typical science class - it's a hands-on, wild, and wacky science adventure. So, put on your safety goggles, roll up your sleeves, and let's stir up some chaos in the coolest way possible.



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