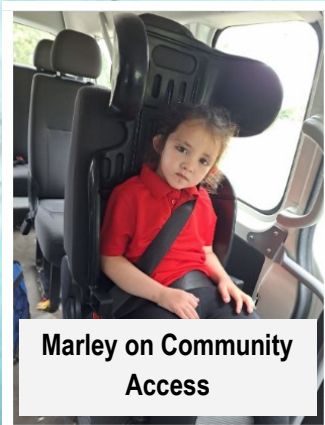


As seen on Seesaw this week! Parents are loving using the new app - getting news, photos and videos of their students day.

If you haven't set up Seesaw and need assistance please contact the school.



Video of Olivia riding her bike!



Marley on Community Access



Tash doing her class work

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Wednesday 20th

- Senior Info Night & WDSS Post School Options Expo

Friday 22nd

- Seniors, Farm World Excursion

Tuesday 26th

- SRC Sausage Sizzle & Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 28th

- Last Day of Term 1, 2:00pm finish

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 5, Tuesday 12th March 2024

The term is quickly flying by with the Easter holidays fast approaching. If you haven't already done so you should be meeting soon with your child's teacher for a Student Support Group Meeting, (SSG). At this meeting you will be discussing how your child has settled into the new year, how they are progressing in their learning and setting goals for the year. You will review your child's progress against these goals throughout the year. If appropriate you may adjust these goals or set new ones if the original goal has been met.

Our School Representative Council (SRC), made up of students from across the school, is organising an Easter egg hunt and BBQ for Tuesday the 26th of April. This should be an exciting event with students of all ages participating. The school's Parents and Friends Association (PFA) will be assisting on the day. We are asking for additional parent volunteers to help run the event. Please contact the school if you can assist.

I would like to remind our senior students and their families of our upcoming Post School Options Expo, which will be held on Wednesday 20th March from 5:00pm to 5:40pm and the Post School options Expo from 5:30pm onwards. Many NDIS organisations will be there to discuss and explore your child's transition to adulthood options. Please let your classroom teacher know you plan to attend through Sentral or Seesaw.



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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.

The Victorian Government has invested \$1.5 million from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund to provide up to 95,000 Little Angler Kits to primary school aged children in Victoria.

This initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn how to fish, as well as learning more about marine life and the natural environment.

All WDSS students born from 2013 - 2018 are eligible to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Please contact the school by 20th March if you would like a kit. Please note: parents are required to pick up the kits from the school as they cannot go home on buses.

Any remaining kits will then be offered to older students.

Fishing kits should be stored securely at home in a place where children cannot access it, and children should be supervised by an adult when using the kit and when spending time around water. The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle and information on how to use them to catch a fish. Please note that the tackle tray includes fishing hooks and lead sinkers. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer.

The Little Angler hub on the Victorian Fisheries Authority website, has safety information, instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish. Access via this link: [Victorian Fishing Authority Little Angler Kits](#)

What's In Your Little Angler Kit?

Your kit contains everything you need to get hooked on fishing as a fun and exciting hobby that you can enjoy with school friends, neighbours and family. Fishing trips are full of adventure and can take you all across Victoria and beyond, creating lifelong memories and great stories to share. As a Little Angler, you're now part of a special club with thousands of other kids!

- fishing rod
- reel with fishing line
- tackle box
- hooks, swivels and lure
- carry case.



Seesaw

What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is an APP being introduced by WDSS this year. It will be used by our school staff to share student learning with families. It will also replace diary communication by allowing for direct communication with classroom staff.

Seesaw provides a safe and at times creative way for students to document their learning, while practicing digital literacy skills in a controlled environment.

Students will have an individual learning journal which staff will post to weekly.

How do I get Seesaw?

The Seesaw APP can be downloaded to any apple or android device from the store. Classroom teachers will soon send home some terms and conditions for use. When signed consent is received, classroom teachers will either send home a class code, text message or email for you to connect your child to the APP.

How often will teachers post?

Classroom teachers will post weekly learning experiences that your child is engaged in. Teacher will also check the Seesaw inbox daily for any communication between families and school. Important communication which is time sensitive (such as student changes to the bus) should still be communicated to the front office by phone as teachers will not check Seesaw while teaching.

I need help!

Your child's classroom teacher should be able to help with any questions you may have. Alternatively, you can drop into the office and ask to speak with Jade Nedic our Junior Unit Co-ordinator who will happily help connect you on the APP.

What do I do now?

To get started on Seesaw, you will need to return the signed consent form, download the Seesaw APP, and connect with your child's classroom. Once your connected, all you need to do is regularly check your child's learning journal to see all the amazing things happening in the classroom.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

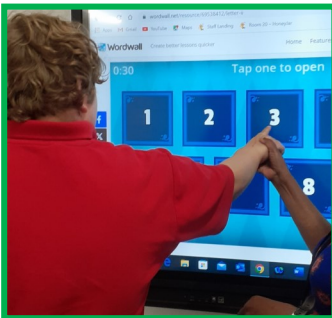
Room 20 - Numeracy



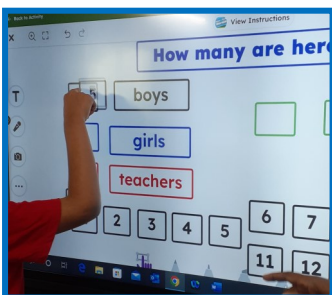
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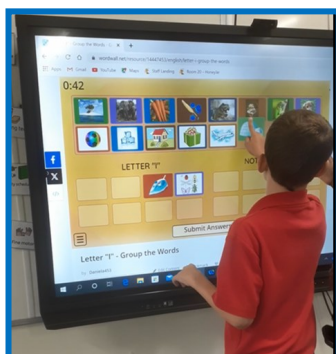
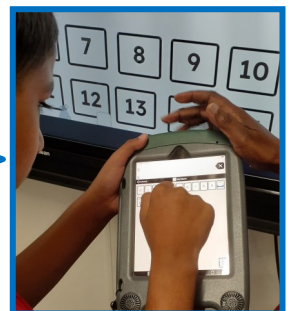
In Room 20 we learn about numbers in many areas of the curriculum. Students have been practising fruit cutting skills. Then they move on to count how many pieces they have cut. They are supported to compare the sizes of the cut pieces also.



Isaac (Ikey) can be seen using Wordwall to identify a number. This is a literacy session that incorporates numeracy. The week's letter was "li". When Ikey swiped the number, a word and some pictures were revealed. The computer read out the revealed word. Ikey had to identify the picture that corresponds with the word.



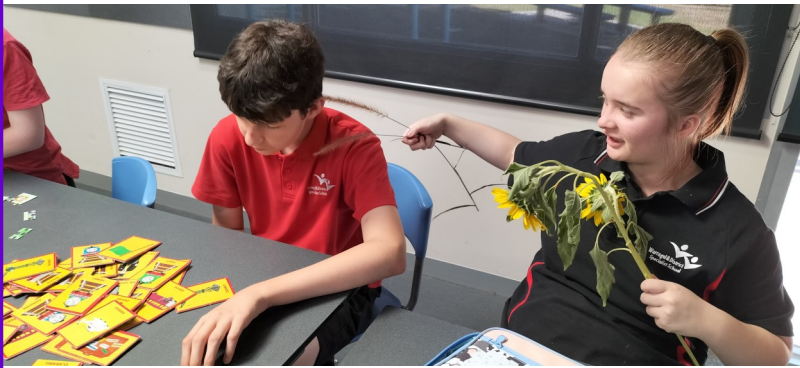
Josh counted how many boys were present. Then, he identified the number on his ipad



Ryan says, "I am being supported to identify and group things that start with 'li'. Then I count them."

SENIORS

Flowers of Appreciation started with on Thursday with the Horticulture Program. The bouquet looked beautiful! Alesha was the lucky first recipient chosen by students. Students loved feeling the soft bunny tails petals on their skin.



SENIORS

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Specialist School

WORKPLACE READINESS PROGRAM



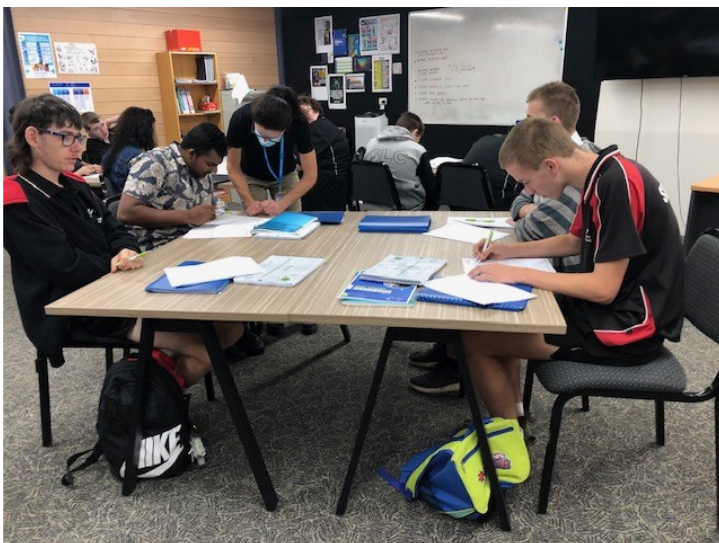
VET DSS Cert 2 in Workplace Skills

Coby, Ethan, Dylan, Michael, Riley and Melvin have settled in well to their new course at CCG each Thursday.

They, along with a group of students from Baringa, are working through modules related to workplace skills: OHS such as safety in the workplace and now on to customer service. Students then transfer this knowledge into practical skill development each Monday at the Knoxbrooke Op Shop and Vintage Vibes. Head down there on Mondays and you will see our students at work.

Thank you to Megan and Chris B for supporting our students on this program.

- Sue



The WDSS SRC
(Student Representative Council)
meet every second Wednesday.



Congratulations to students who
have been selected from across the
school:

Juniors: Isla, Brock, Stevie, Jacob

Middle Brayden, Levi, Vyolet, Zoey, Mason

Seniors: Coby, Melvin, Eli, Michael, Charlie, Shona, Indianna, Maegan

Each fortnight we will discuss issues that arise from around the school
and plan whole school events.



TERM 1 Event: SRC Easter BBQ lunch on Tuesday 26th March Gold
coin donation. Easter egg hunt also being planned !



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Thank you to
Zenun's parents Nuray and Gani who have
already volunteered to run the BBQ on the day -
we still need more helpers, please contact the
office if you can assist.

School Activities

Drama sessions with Michelle from BE Performing Arts in Warragul has started with a bang! Students from middle and senior school have chosen to be part of the 6 week program for Term 1. If you wander past the engine room you would hear lots of singing, dance music and acting skits. We all have lots of fun as well as developing confidence, communication and coordination.

**There will be a mini performance on Tuesday 26th March 11.45am in the engine room.
All welcome to come along!**

- Sue



School Garden Program

It's been a hot one in the garden over the last few weeks but thanks to our new watering system all the plants have been thriving! There are tomatoes to harvest almost every day and I know some of the students and staff have been working very hard in their kitchens making salsa and passata – YUMM! There are still some blackberries ripening and Helen's corn that she thought was past its use-by date is going great guns! We also have sweet potatoes that are growing nicely - as well as ordinary spuds. There are lots of olives on the trees and the lime tree is full to bursting! The lemongrass and ginger are loving life in the greenhouse and this week we'll be planting some more ginger and turmeric in there as well.

The students have done great work emptying all of the bad soil out of our compost bins and the area is now ready to start making some lovely compost for our garden beds. Thursday's crew got us off to a good start by wetting and tearing cardboard to make a base so please feel free to put your waste in there – but remember, no weeds, grass, fish, meat or dairy!

Our chill-out teepee is getting set for a makeover which we will start after the Easter break. Can you believe we built it almost four years ago? The kiwi fruit (kindly donated by Meredith) is growing very well next to it and the hope is that it will eventually grow over the teepee to make it a lovely relaxing space.

See you all in the garden on Thursday!

- Gail



Art with Annie

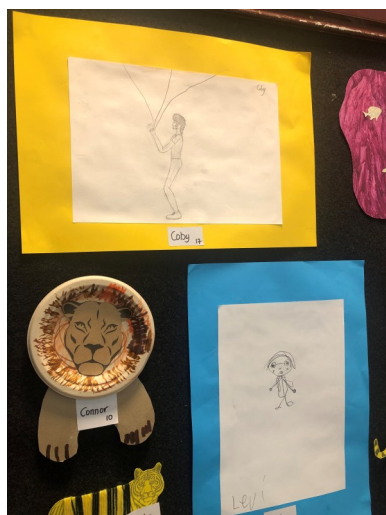
Warragul Show

This year we were able to join the Warragul Show with a lovely display of work from the students. Although, we had limited space, we exhibited work from:

Coby, Dylan, Ben, Will, Tyra, Levi, Marcus, Jemma, Zeth, Layla, Jacob, Charlie O, Michael W, Zoey, Vyolet, Charlotte, Zeahn, Connor H, Josiah

Congratulations to all the students whose work was selected for the display. We hope to continue our association with the Warragul Show and possibly even enter some of the competitions next year.

- Annie





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



CALLUM

For showing wonderful patience & perseverance in doing the pirate jigsaw.



KALLUM

For being **SAFE** and **RESPECTFUL** towards classmates and staff.



ELLA

For safely walking to Aldi with staff to do the shopping, and completing her Maths work.



COREY

For being a **LEARNER** and opting into class activities each day.



School Canteen Order

Term 1 2024 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick			DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Roll (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy 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"/> Nachos with beef & cheese - \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Salsa <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream 		<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
GLUTEN FREE HOT FOOD - Please tick		SNACKS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00 
		Total: \$ _____		Enclosed: \$ _____



VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO Warragul District Specialist School

We are raising funds for:
New Interactive Whiteboards

We are now collecting cans, bottles, and Prima/Juice-box containers, as part of our:

Senior School Community Connections and Gardening Program.

We would love some community support to help raise much-needed funds for our school.

We have 2 donation options available for our community:

1. Send your cans and bottles to school with your child. **(Non-alcoholic beverages only please)** We will place a specially marked bin near the front entrance of the main building and students can place their items inside. Senior students will collect these and deposit them at the depot.
2. Take your cans and recyclable bottles and containers down to the depot independently....

Please go to: <https://cdsvic.org.au/> for your nearest collection point. At the collection depot, you can deposit your items and **scan our exclusive barcode or key in our exclusive barcode number**. And any funds raised will go directly to the school. YAY!

WDSS Zone ID Barcode:
C2000010419



Thank you so much for supporting our school!



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

126 NORTH ROAD,
WARRAGUL
1800 601020

events@cassidycrew.com.au

Week One

<p>Monday APRIL 1ST PUBLIC HOLIDAY In-Centre activities provided if requested.</p>	<p>Tuesday APRIL 2ND AM - Bowling at Warragul Ten Pin Bowl. U16 1 game \$19 PM—In Centre Activities 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Wednesday APRIL 3RD IN-CENTRE ACTIVITIES With morning milkshake at local café. Crazy science experiments, walk and baking. BYO lunch or buy at centre. 9am-3pm.</p>	<p>Thursday APRIL 4TH V JUNIOR HOT WHEELS CINEMA Fountain Gate. Followed by a play at Rocket Playground, Narre Warren. 9am-5pm \$????</p>	<p>Friday APRIL 5TH CASEY ARC POOL 9am-3pm Bring your lunch or purchase from café. Child U16 \$8</p>	<p>Saturday Regular weekly kids club program 10am - 2pm</p>
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Week Two

<p>Monday APRIL 8TH RYE FORESHORE All Abilities Adventure Playground and sandcastle building on the foreshore. BYO picnic lunch. Weather permitting. 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Tuesday APRIL 9TH IN-CENTRE ACTIVITIES With option to attend Warragul Youth Theatre Groups performance of Frozen Jnr at WGAC \$10 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Wednesday APRIL 10TH SCIENCEWORKS Spotswood Children under 16 free 9am-5pm</p>	<p>Thursday APRIL 11TH AM—In Centre activities PM—Swimming at Warragul Leisure Centre \$6.40 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Friday APRIL 12TH MYUNA FARM BYO lunch or buy it there. \$9.50 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Saturday Regular weekly kids club program 10am - 2pm</p>
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You're invited to
the

BEST FIT EASTER EGGTRAVAGANZA

Friday 22nd March, 2024
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
23 Ashdown Drive,
Warragul

This is a FREE event.
Fun Easter activities, Easter Egg hunt, BBQ meal provided, surprise guest appearance & a chance to meet the Best Fit team.

Please RSVP via the attached QR Code





BEST FIT
DISABILITY GROUP

MARCH 2024 ACTIVITIES



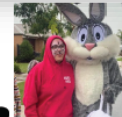
Friday 1st March	Warragul Show Evening Outing	5:30pm to 9:30pm Meal provided	Enjoy pizza and then head to the local Warragul Show. Price includes pizza, show entry, 2 x rides. Enjoy the action of monster trucks & fireworks. Please bring extra spending money for additional rides, or showbags. Meal Included - Friday night: 5:30pm to 9:30pm
Friday 22nd March	Easter Eggstravaganza Free Event	3pm to 6pm Meal provided	Come and enjoy an afternoon with the Best Fit team celebrating all things Easter. Activities for the family, Easter egg hunt, and a special surprise visitor - BBQ meal provided - Friday 3pm - 6pm
Saturday 23rd March	Rodeo at Farm World Lardner Park	4:30 - 9:30pm Meal provided	This year's rodeo will feature some of the best heart-stopping Bull and Bronc riding action in Victoria, Barrel Racers & junior events. The Freestyle Kings Motocross Show will be carving up some dust. Meal included. Saturday night: 4:30pm- 9:30pm



Please note: All our activity services are quoted on a 1:2 staff to participant ratio. Contact us on 1300 604 374 or enquiries@bfordisability.com.au if requiring a 1:1 pricing structure. Thank-you!



BEST FIT
DISABILITY GROUP



ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Friday 22 nd March	3pm to 6pm	Easter Eggstravaganza *Free Event, BBQ meal provided*	Ashdown House - Warragul
Saturday 23 rd March	4:30pm to 9:30pm	Rodeo Evening at Farm World Lardner Park - Meal provided	Lardner Park - Lardner
Tuesday 2 nd to Friday the 5 th April	9am to 4pm	In-House Activities - Bring your own lunch	Sunnybrook House - Warragul
Tuesday 2 nd April	9am to 4pm	1:1 Activity of your choosing - Lunch included	Client choice
Wednesday 3 rd April	9am to 4pm	Lake Glenmaggie Day Trip - Bring your own lunch	Lake Glenmaggie
Wed 3 rd April to Thur 4 th	9am to 4pm	Lake Glenmaggie Overnighter - Meals provided - 2 days/1night	Lake Glenmaggie
Thursday 4 th April	9am to 4pm	Flipout Box Hill - Lunch Included	Box Hill
Friday 5 th April	10am to 4pm	Noojee Trout Farm, Toorong Falls & Lunch Outing	Noojee
Monday 8 th of April to Friday the 12 th	9am to 4pm	In-House Activities - Bring your own lunch	Sunnybrook House - Warragul
Monday 8 th of April to Wednesday 10 th	10am to 4pm	Ocean Grove Retreat Stay - Meals provided - 3 days/2 nights	Ocean Grove
Monday 8 th April	10am to 4pm	Cooking at Ashdown - lunch included	Ashdown House - Warragul
Tuesday 9 th April	10am to 4pm	Retail Shopping Day / Dandy Market - BYO lunch / money	Dandenong/Fountain Gate
Wednesday 10 th of April to Friday 12 th	10am to 4pm	Ocean Grove Retreat Stay - Meals provided - 3 days/2 nights	Ocean Grove
Wednesday 10 th April	10am to 4pm	Cranbourne Indoor Pool	Cranbourne
Thursday 11 th April	10am to 4pm	Movie Day at Morwell Cinemas	Morwell
Friday 12 th April	10am to 4pm	Frozen Youth Production & Mermaid Hair Braids	Warragul Arts Centre - Warragul
Friday 19 th April to Saturday 20 th April	4pm to 10am	Harry Potter TM - A Forbidden Forest Experience & Sleepover	Mt Martha
Expression of Interest			
Second week of July school holidays	TBC	Ballarat & Sovereign Hill Getaway	Ballarat

For all enquiries & bookings contact us 1300 604 374 or bookings@bfordisability.com.au

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BRINGING BACK YOUR FAMILY FAVOURITES
SATURDAY IS SENSORY FRIENDLY

11AM - SATURDAY 16TH & SUNDAY 17TH MARCH



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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 20th March

5:00pm to 5:30pm - WDSS staff room

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

Please let your classroom teacher know if you plan to attend through Sentral or Seesaw



On Wednesday March 20th we are having our annual *Post School Options Expo* at the school commencing at 5.30pm to 6:30pm

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 8th March to 5623 1385 - via Sentral or Seesaw**

For any other queries please contact the school