



**A BIG Congratulations to Bri and her husband Sammy on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby boy! Adorable Alfie James arrived just before midnight on Saturday. They have all settled back home and Bri and Sammy are loving their new role as parents!**



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Thursday 14th**

- RUOK? Day

**Friday 15th**

- Wear Your Team Colours Day, BBQ for students
- Last day of Term 3 2:00pm finish

**OCTOBER**

**Monday 2nd**

- First Day of Term 4

**Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter**  
Term 3 Issue 24, Tuesday 12th September 2023

Hi all,

What a Fabulous Friday we had with the Live4Life, RUOK and SRC Disco. All our students and staff along with some parent/carer visitors and Awesome PFA volunteers had a Groovy time in Rm 11. The disco was Buzzing with DJ Lachy on tunes and Great lighting equipment from Nick Winchcombe. A huge Thank You to all our School Community for putting on an Awesome event for our students.

Matt received some exciting news yesterday in relation to our new build. Over the school holidays our old portables – Rms10/11 and 12/13 will be removed via a large crane down onto trucks on Burke St and taken away. This is the beginning of creating space for our new build to start. The staff and students have taken it in their stride and moving has begun. Our school will look different, with some classes moving rooms and our music room working out of Rm 15 next term. A big Thank you to Carlea for creating a social story to support our students with the changes and again our School Community for all working together to make the changes run as smoothly as possible.

On Friday we can dress up again with the upcoming footy finals and final day of term celebrations. Our PFA are running a BBQ and we hope to see as many staff and students as possible dressed up in footy colours! School finishes at 2pm and students arriving home via buses will be there an hour earlier than usual!

Have a safe, restful and fun-filled break and we will see everyone for the start of Term 4 on Monday 2nd October.



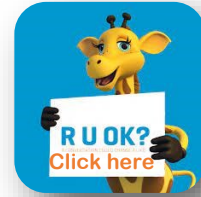
**Our Commitment to Child Safety**  
Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.  
Warragul & District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

**R U OK? is all about helping our friends, classmates and family by having conversations**



**R U OK? at school**

Check out this 3-minute video from **Healthy Harold** from Life Education and his friends Jack and Violet who provide practical advice for students to help them support their friends.



**R U OK? is about all of the people who can help someone**



When our friends are sad, frustrated, angry or just not themselves, its important that we try to help them, and ask "Are you OK?"



**How do we feel when we are worried or sad?**



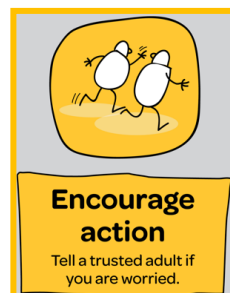
## How to have an R U OK? conversation



- You could also say something like:
- How are you travelling?
  - You don't seem yourself lately – want to talk about it?
  - You seem a bit sad lately, are you OK?
  - What's going on?



- You could say:
- I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.
  - How are you feeling about that?



- You could say:
- Have you talked to an adult?
  - How can I help you?
  - Let's go and tell someone together.



- When you check in you could say:
- Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?
  - Did you tell an adult? What did they say?
  - Do you need more help?

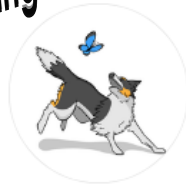




# DISCO



Supporting the.....



## Corey Maric Youth Support Foundation

It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up in support of the Corey Maric Youth Support Foundation last Friday for the Life4Life/RUOK? WDSS Disco. It was such a fun day and Students, Staff and even a few Parents got their groove on and let their hair down ! The SRC did a fabulous job organising the event. We have to give special thanks to our extraordinary School Captains Liam, Georgia & William who made sure every student was made to be feel comfortable and included! Thanks to Nick Winchcombe for his wizardry with setting up the lights and sound. allowing Lachy to once again prove that he is a DJ Master !

### Best Dancer Awards

- Charlotte
- Altan
- Alex N
- Ryan
- Will
- Kirsten



### Best Dressed Awards

- Jack L
- Michael S
- Leah
- Michael W
- Srihas
- Ayden
- Melvin





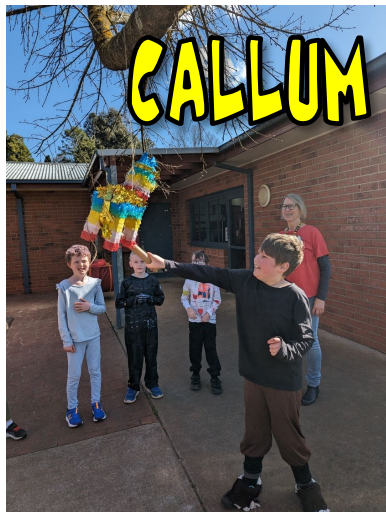
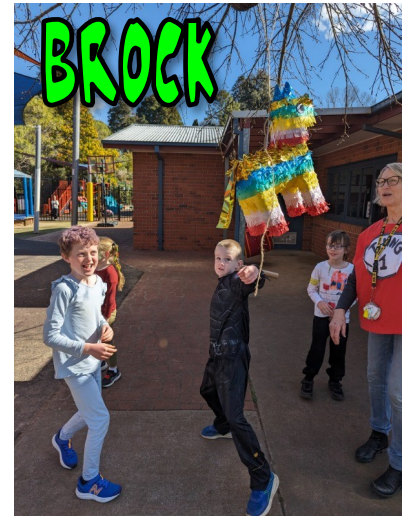
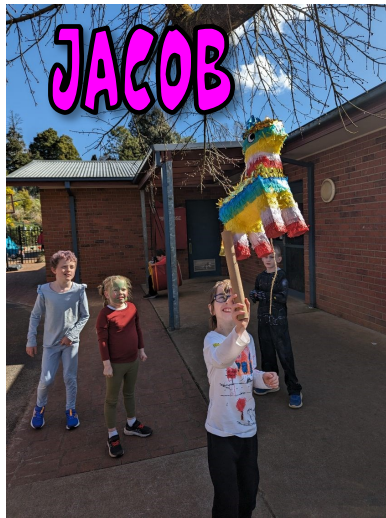
# Juniors

## ROOM 1

Room 1 had a fun day before Bev went on Long Service Leave. They went Travel Training on our Book Week Dress Up Day - so they got to show off their costumes to the community!



As a class reward for filling up their Honey Jar, they had a surprise: a Piñata! Everyone had fun smashing it (and enjoying the treats)!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Room 20

Thank you to Star Reporter Jayden for his report on Room 20's cooking !



### Room 20 cooked spaghetti bolognese.

**Who:** I washed the spinach that we picked from the garden and grated the zucchini.

**When:** we cooked on Wednesday.

**Where:** we cooked in the kitchen.

**What:** I liked the cheese the best

Jayden



Jayden



Michael



## Check out this article from the Baw Baw Shire on Liam and Melvin's recent work experience.....



### Students learn the lay of the land with Council's Open Space team!

Two Warragul and District Specialist School students have recently spent few days a week working alongside Council's open space team gaining valuable hands-on knowledge of garden landscaping and maintenance.

As part of Council's student placement program, Liam and Melvin shadowed Open Space Maintenance Officers John and Kate as they diligently cared for Civic Park's in Warragul and Drouin during their last school term.

Liam's placement saw him work under John's tutelage to landscape the garden beds around the Arts Centre, including choosing and ordering plants to make the garden beds his own.

On his time with the Open Spaces team, Liam says he loved everything about the work experience placement program and "really enjoyed completing jobs like mulching the garden beds and using the leaf blower for the first time".

"Waking up at 6am each morning to arrive at work wasn't hard because I was looking forward to going. John was very kind, helpful and friendly which made me feel comfortable" says Liam.

Melvin completed his placement with Kate at Drouin's Civic Park, where he assisted with routine maintenance like rubbish pick up and leaf blowing. He also helped hand weed a newly planted area along the embankment behind Drouin's outdoor pool and planted geraniums at his school. Throughout it all, he learned the importance of correctly wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like gloves, glasses and earplugs, and the importance of putting out safety signage before starting work for the day.

Reflecting on his experience, Melvin says he "felt important having a responsibility of a job to be at and Kate was friendly, and I felt safe with her. I want to be a landscaper when I finish school and through this work placement opportunity it has given me the confidence to talk about my work experience at the Shire all of the time!"

"The opportunities have been incredible for both Melvin and Liam. At school we have seen growth in both students from their time undertaking work experience" says the student's teacher, Zoe.

Council's student placement program encourages students at secondary or higher-level education to undertake a work experience program with Council. Facilitated through the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning & Employment Network, students are able to test their interests in several fields and find out about potential career pathways in Local Government.

"We're thrilled to have accommodated Liam and Melvin as part of their work experience placements," says Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Cr Annemarie McCabe. "We're pleased to offer this valuable program to our young residents and help them gain hands on real experience and discover what their passions may be."



*Liam and Melvin with Open Space Maintenance Officer, Kate.*

# Wear Your Favourite Sport



## TEAM COLOURS











# Friday 15th September

Thanks to Jacqui for offering to do a sausage sizzle - any Parents / Carers who are able to assist on the day would be most welcome!



### School Canteen Term 3 (Thursdays)

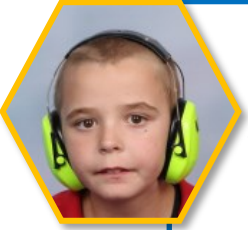
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room / Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	Other Items - Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Sausage Rolls (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Meat Pie - \$3.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Frog in a Pond \$1.50 
<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Nuggets (6) - \$4.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole \$0.50 
<input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Bolognese - \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese 		<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00 
 <b>GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Party Pies - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Sauce <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Party Sausage Rolls - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Sauce <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Chicken Nuggets \$4.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 	<b>Total:</b> \$ _____ <b>Enclosed:</b> \$ _____



# STUDENT Awards

## We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



**KYNAN**

Working hard to listen and transition around the school and community.



**MICHAEL**

Being **RESPECTFUL** and showing good sportsmanship when playing a new game in class.



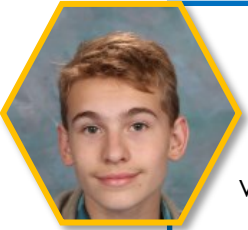
**JAYDEN**

Being a **LEARNER** and working hard and practising his o'clock and half pasts.



**JAI**

For awesome work helping Alesha with the Lego.



**DYLAN**

Being a **LEARNER** - for showing our school values when out in the community



**PIPPA**

Being a **LEARNER** - for participating in Senior Sport.



**WILLIAM**

Being a **LEARNER** - for being flexible when his program changed



**KIRSTEN**

For being a **LEARNER** - participating in Soccer .



**XAVIER**

For displaying WDSS school values and getting straight back into being a **LEARNER** with a positive attitude after being away on the overseas holiday.



**BRENDAN**

For being a **LEARNER** and joining in with the Sensory Stories with the speech therapy staff.



**JOSIAH**

Displaying our school values and excellent sportsmanship at the Soccer



**ZETH**

Being **RESPECTFUL** and helping other students in the classroom



**CHARLIE**

Being a **LEARNER** and completing her work.



**EBONY**

Showing **RESPECT** and kindness in her interactions with peers and teachers.





**BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES**

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**\$12**

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BE Performing Arts class is a fusion of dancing, singing, acting, microphone technique and so much more. We are passionate about teaching life skills through performing arts and providing it in a way that crosses traditional boundaries. We would love you to come along on Saturdays and join us with your support person. They can either join in or relax and have a cuppa! Spaces are limited so please book your spot asap to avoid missing out. Classes are held at 22 Normanby st Warragul (rear entrance).

If you'd like to register for term 4 2023 please contact us. We can't wait to meet you for some fun, laughter friendship and skill development.