

The last of the autumn leaves have fallen and our trees have shut down for winter . The courtyard is looking beautiful after a good tidy up!

Winter is here! Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing as it's very cold out there!



DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Monday 19th

- Middle School Excursion

Wednesday 21st

- SRC whole school movie character dress-up day (details to come)

Friday 23rd

- Last Day of Term 2 - 2pm finish

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter Term 2 Issue 14, Tuesday 13th June 2023

Welcome to Week 8, we hope everyone is travelling well.

The weekend saw some small glimpses of sunshine, but we are aware of the crisp and chilly change ahead as we move into winter. Please continue to sanitise and use safe practices in relation to COVID, Colds and Flu. We have already seen some nasty colds and flu affecting our school community, with students and staff being required to stay home for days at a time. We encourage families to keep children home who are showing signs of illness as this will restrict the spread of illness and keep students safe and well. If your child is away from school, please remember to contact the office.

Over the past couple of weeks at school we have celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime where many classes participated with the reading of *The Speedy Sloth*, followed by some great activities.

Our Principal class staff attended the PASS (Principals' Association of Specialist Schools) conference in Melbourne where they learnt, celebrated, and shared the great work Leaders do in our specialist settings and how important this is in education, and on Friday the Junior school had a very successful excursion to My Puzzle House in Pakenham (see pictures below).

This week our PBS focus is 'We Follow the Road Rules', all classes across the school will be learning and practising this skill, it would be good to practise outside of school too.

Staff are busily working on finalising your child's mid-year report. The report and Individualised Education Plan (IEP) will be coming home in the last week of term which is quickly approaching. Please take the time to read these documents as they provide great information about your child's progress. Next term you will be invited to a Student Support Group (SSG) meeting to discuss this progress and plan for the rest of the year.

A friendly reminder that the last day of term will be Friday the 23rd of June at 2pm. If your child catches a bus home, then they will arrive home an hour earlier than usual.

Stay Safe, have a Great Week and Keep Smiling



Chris

Our Commitment to Child Safety

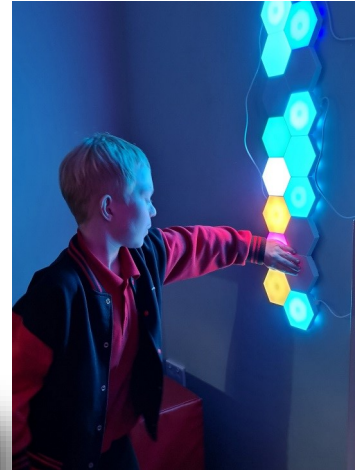
Warragul & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Warragul & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

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.

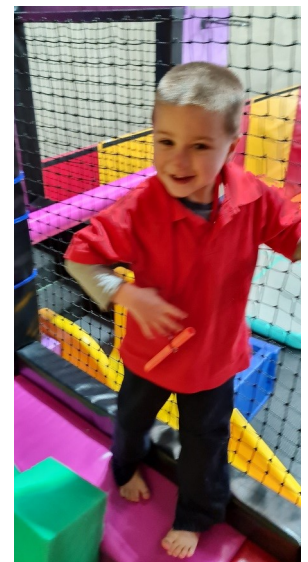
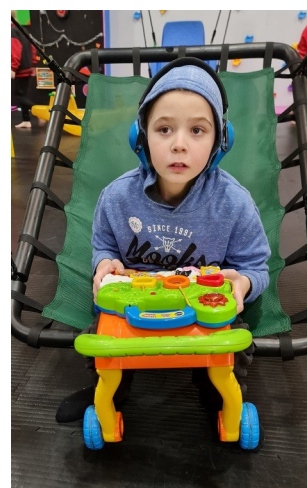
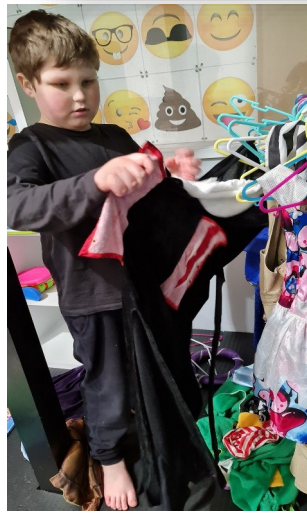
Every person involved in Warragul & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they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

Juniors

Junior students recently travelled to Pakenham to My Puzzle House - for many of the students it was their first excursion with WDSS, so there was lots excitement the air! They all had a fantastic time taking part in lots of fun activities. They were all such fabulous **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** and we were very proud of them all!



My Puzzle House



Juniors



MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOM 9

We have welcomed two new students into Room 9 in the last few weeks - Leah, who has recently moved to the area, and Brayden, who has moved in from room 2. Welcome to both students!

Our favourite activities continue to be going to the Engine Room, cooking, and being outside!

We recently had our special reward for reaching our goal of 150 buzz bucks in the honey jar. We invited friends from other classes to come and watch a movie with us, and enjoy some popcorn. It turns out all those extra friends in the room were a bit of a distraction!

We have been busy working on projects on the computers, learning about Australia, and mixing with some Senior classes for different activities.

- Steph, Kylie, Skye & Andrew



SENIORS

S.R.C. Presentation



At a recent Senior Assembly, our student leaders presented our school nurse, Meredith, with some items the Student Representative Council, had purchased for the First Aid Room.

The money spent by S.R.C. was part of the incentive payment from the Baw Baw Shire - awarded to schools that achieved 100% return of Immunisation consent cards as part of the Shire's secondary school immunisation program.

The S.R.C. spoke to Meredith about the needs of the first aid room, went to K-Mart to look at items and check out prices. They took photos of items they thought would be useful and practical, then Meredith went through and selected some things from their suggestions. The S.R.C then went back to K-Mart and purchased the items.

- Lynette



**L-R Meredith, Bayden (Vice Captain), Georgia (School Captain),
Liam (School Captain), William (Vice Captain)**

Speech Therapy



Bri



Carlea

LEGO CLUB

Students work in groups of three with each participant having a distinct role to build a Lego model collaboratively. The roles are Engineer, Supplier, and Builder. Students swap roles each week, learning to take turns and develop their skills in each role!



This term the Speech and OT team have started Lego Club Therapy with some very special middles students on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times!

Lego-based therapy is an evidence-based approach that aims to develop social communication skills in children.

LEGO therapy can improve:

- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Joint attention
- Task focus
- Sharing and turn-taking
- Collaborative problem-solving

Engineer

My job is...

- to look at the instructions
- tell the Supplier which LEGO bricks we need
- tell the Builder where to put the bricks




Dean, Layla, and Sebastian are very proud of their amazing teamwork!




Levi, Axl, and Michael working their way to being LEGO masters!

Supplier

My job is...

- To find the bricks that the Engineer described
- give the bricks to the Builder




Alex loves the free play build time at the end of LEGO Club!



The boys are doing a great job in their roles to help each other build the LEGO model.

Builder

My job is...

- To listen to the Engineer
- put the bricks together




These visual supports can be used at home to help students describe LEGO bricks. We use these to support the "Engineer" in LEGO club when reading instructions- but they can be used during free play LEGO or if you are trying to break down more complex instructions from a set!

Describing LEGO bricks

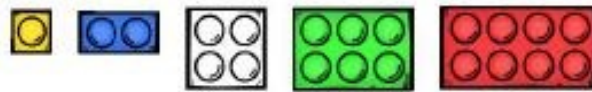
What size is it?



What colour is it?



How many bumps/dots?



What shape is it?

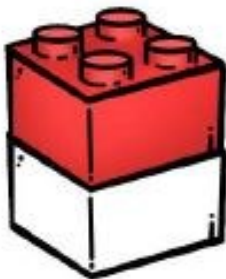


"It looks like a..."



Color Photo for taking up

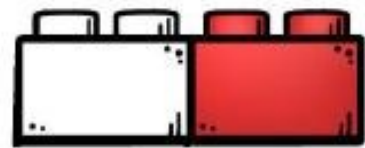
Describing WHERE to put the LEGO



- on
- on top



- under
- on the bottom



- beside
- right/left



- between



- in front



- behind



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



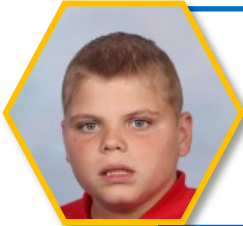
BRAYDEN

For settling into his new classroom, completing his work, and writing out all his spelling words



GRACE

Being a great **LEARNER** while swimming



IKEY

For Being a **LEARNER** and completing table work activities with staff



JACK

Following teachers instructions and working hard all day.



ABBY

For always being willing to clean the dishes in the BER.



ZETH

Being a good **LEARNER** and doing some fantastic work in our guided reading.



CONNOR

For working hard on all his maths tasks He completed 4 pages in one session!



JOSIAH

Following the teacher instructions and asking questions.



ALEX

Being a **LEARNER** and participating in class when joining Room 10.



LIAM

For following school values during senior sport.



KIERAN

For showing school values during senior sport.



BAYDEN

For showing the school values and emptying the bin for staff.



KAYDEN

For working hard on all his maths tasks. He completed addition and subtraction problems and worked hard to understanding trading.



CHARLIE

Fantastic swimming and joining in during therapy sessions



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JULES

Being a responsible **LEARNER** and working hard during our MATH sessions!



CONNOR

Being **RESPECTFUL** and listening to the teacher instructions.



MADDIE

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** in morning routine.



LEAH

For settling into WDSS and her new class and being a **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER**. Well done Leah!



THE CASSIDY CREW
Presents...

GIPPSLAND
Ability Disco
5:30PM - 10:30PM

Saturday 17th June 2023

126 North Road Warragul

Meals available on the night
All ages welcome













Bookings required
1800 60 10 20 or events@cassidycrew.com.au

School Canteen Order

Term 2 2023 (Thursdays)



Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) - \$2.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dim Sims (3) - \$2.50 <input type="checkbox"/> Soy 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"/> Shepherds Pie (topped with potato gems) - \$6.00 	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Milk \$ 2.50 	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice \$ 2.00 
Gluten Free: <input type="checkbox"/> Party Pies (2) - \$2.50 <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: \$ _____



FAMILY FUN DAY

GAMES - ACTIVITIES
FACE PAINTING - PRIZES
CRAZY HAIR - LUCKY DIP

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE
ACTIVITIES 11AM - FILM 12PM

ELEMENTAL

TICKETS ON SALE
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awesome School
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