



Our School Captains Liam , Georgia, William and Bayden laid a wreath at the Warragul Remembrance Day Service on Saturday on behalf on WDSS. Thank you also to their families for supporting all of the extra-curricular activities they have taken part in this year.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 14th

- School Council Meeting

Mon 20th - Fri 24th

- Scholastic Book Fair

DECEMBER

Friday 1st

- WDSS Open Garden Day

Thursday 7th

- School Concert - commencing at 1pm

Tuesday 19th

- Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 20th

- Last day of Term 4
12:30pm finish

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 28, Tuesday 14th November 2023

Welcome everyone to Week 7.

It's that time of year when your child's teacher and Allied health staff have been very busy with student assessments, updating IEPs and writing the final report comments for 2023. These reports will be finalised in the next week and proofread in readiness for students and families to read in December. It is a huge undertaking twice a year but an important part of your child's schooling as goals are set in SSG meetings, reviewed, reset at least once a year and reported on in IEPs and reports.

The 2024 Foundation students have been attending our school for transition over the past few weeks. Last Thursday students stayed for 2 hours and families spent time in the staff room having a chat with Alesha. By all reports, next year's foundation students are ready to go! Thank you to Sandra, Carol, Carlea, Alice, Heather and Kat who supported the students in this important transition.

At the other end of the school, the Senior students are busy organising the School Garden's 10th birthday celebrations.....more details are in the newsletter this week. Keep Friday 1st Dec free!

The Student Leadership team: Liam, Georgia, William and Bayden have also been busy with Remembrance Day on Saturday and attending a Live4Life celebration with Zoe at The Summit today!

The 2024 School Captain speeches are also taking place this Wednesday so the new Student Leadership team will be announced next week.

It's all happening across the school with excursions planned for Middle and junior students...more details later.

Enjoy the warmer weather...remember it's also sunhat season!



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.

BOOK FAIR 2023

Monday 20th to Friday 24th November 2023

There's two days to go before the big red Clifford bus arrives with this year's Book fair and I can't wait. Every student should have come home with their own personal invite by now. Put it up on the fridge and make sure you save just a few minutes during that week to pop in and have a look and a chat. If you have misplaced it or didn't get one, don't worry just come anyway.

Students will get the opportunity to look at the books and make their own wish list. Please remember that it is a wishlist and no book is guaranteed as a purchase until it is paid for which can be done by cash, eftpos or online.

The book fair is a great time to not only buy some early presents for Christmas but also it is a chance for our students to enjoy new books or old favourites they might not have seen or read for awhile.

Book fair will be held in ROOM 2, hope to see you there.

- **Glenda Gray**





Friday 1st December, 11am to 1pm

Gold Coin Donation

Students, families, friends and community members are invited to come along and celebrate 10 years of our school garden!

Have a look around our productive and colourful garden and join in on some fun activities! We will also be unveiling our new garden sign and will celebrate with cake.....

- 🌻 Sausage sizzle
- 🌻 Slushies & popcorn
- 🌻 Face painting
- 🌻 Ball games on the oval
- 🌻 Potting station
- 🌻 Guess the number in the jar competition
- 🌻 Garden treasure Hunt



Please ring the school on 5623 1385 for further information

2023 School Concert

SUMMER CELEBRATION

After a 3 year hiatus the
School Concert is back!

Families and Friends are
invited to come along
and be entertained by our
very talented students!

Thursday 7th December
commencing at 1:00pm
on the school grounds

✿ BYO camp chairs / picnic rug



Juniors

ROOM 1

On Friday Room 1 went on a travel training excursion on the train to Trafalgar. This was their reward for collecting 100 bees in their honey jar.

We used our MYKI cards and had to top up some of the cards with money at the railway station before tapping on. We had lunch at BK's in Trafalgar before returning to Warragul. It was a great day and Room 1 students are excellent travellers.

- Bev



SENIORS



In recent weeks the students who travel to PGR Industries in Pakenham have been fortunate to have a visit from a representative from Bunnings , (Jo), to instruct on how to make a tray with rope handles. Hammers, nails, glue, rope and paint were the materials and the end results were fantastic. The students listened to the verbal instructions and followed the written instructions.

Thanks for the update Megan!

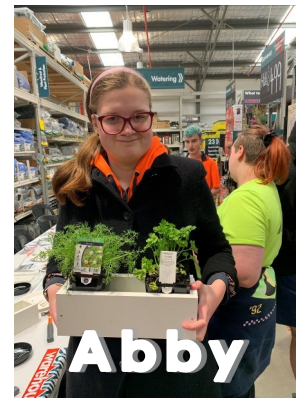
Last week we then went to the actual Bunnings store where Jo gave us a tour including to areas that are usually out of bounds to customers. It was while we were in these areas that we got to see a very large forklift and saw how timber is cut to desired lengths.

Another highlight was when we were given a demonstration on how paint is mixed when customers have the need to purchase their chosen colour.

After our tour it was time for more building of our own and each student was able to make a herb box. Bunnings gave each student two potted herbs to plant in their herb box.

Once again our students represented our school impeccably with the way they conducted themselves.

- Megan



SENIORS

Kitchen Garden

It has been VERY exciting to finally get a few major jobs done in readiness for our 10th birthday celebrations of our WDSS Kitchen Garden. (FRIDAY 1st DEC!) Sproutwell Greenhouses came and replaced the greenhouse door and did a few minor repairs. Josh and his team from Aussie Garden & Home Maintenance Solutions have set up a new watering system, graded and re-gravelled the paths and added a neat steel edging. The Thursday gardening group with help from Room 21 students managed to move 2 cubic metres of mulch for the fruit trees. Wow! It's looking great. So see you all there when we celebrate on Friday 1st December 11am – 1pm. We also have one more surprise for the Garden's 10th anniversary.....all will be revealed on December 1st!

- Sue



SENIORS

Dance & Drama sessions with Michelle from BE Performing Arts

This term Michelle returned to work with a keen group of senior/middle school students in Drama and Dance. What a fantastic bunch of performers too! We headed off to Michelle's studio to sing, dance and act. Last week students performed to an appreciative audience of families, staff and students. Students also received a 'BE Performing Arts' medal from Michelle.

Congratulations to : Liam, Georgia, Pippa, Bayden, William, Melvin, Jack , Charlie and Seth in seniors and Indianna, Alex, Zoey, Layla, Ben, Leah, Jayden, Kayden in middle school.

- Sue





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



XANDER

Being a **LEARNER**: working well on his activity box.



JAI

For persisting at a fine motor activity and being a positive role model to the other students who were finding the task difficult.

and

Being a **LEARNER** and doing great Maths work.



COBY

For writing a great story for his writing assessment on Halloween.



KIRSTEN

For having great questions and engagement in health. Well Done.



ELI

For having great questions and engagement in health. Well Done.



KYE

For being a **LEARNER** and working with me to complete his Literacy and



MITCHELL

Helping staff during Bike Education Training and stacking all the bikes away after every class.

and

For a successful start at WDSS dedicating himself to his literacy and numeracy learning! Well done Mitch!



LIZZY

For showing the WDSS school values after being away and unwell. Well done













COREY

For **RESPECTFUL** and dedicated learning in maths and literacy sessions. Well done Corey!



School Canteen Term 4 (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. |
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| <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"/> 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"/> Baked Potato - \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Coleslaw <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon  | | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Juice \$ 2.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupcake \$1.00  |
|  GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS | <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  | Total: \$ _____ Enclosed: \$ _____ |

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY NOV 26

11AM ACTIVITIES

12PM SCREENING

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
PENINSULACINEMAS.COM.AU



PENINSULA CINEMAS WARRAGUL
 LEVEL 1 WARRAGUL SHOPPING PLAZA
 VICTORIA ST. WARRAGUL 3820



ONLY IN CINEMAS NOVEMBER 30



BEST FIT

DISABILITY GROUP
ACTIVITIES



NOVEMBER 2023

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| Saturday 18th November 10am to 4pm | MELBOURNE OUTING & MYER WINDOWS | Enjoy a magical day out in Melbourne, explore the Myer Windows, enjoy a lunch out and make a start on some Christmas Shopping. Lunch included. |
| Friday 24th November 3pm to 11:00pm | WORLD SUPERCROSS AUSTRALIAN DIRTBIKE GRAND PRIX | Marvel Stadium will be transformed into the ultimate battlefield. An epic night of intense competition racing. 3pm to approx 11pm, depending on traffic – Meal included. Respite available. |

DECEMBER 2023

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| Friday 1st December 3pm to 6pm | BEST FIT DISABILITY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY | Free event for all clients and families - Surprise visit & BBQ meal supplied - RSVP required please. |
| Saturday 9th December 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. |
| Tuesday 19th December 9am to 4pm | PUPIL FREE DAY AT W.D.S.S IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES BYO LUNCH | Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park and outdoor activities. |
| Tuesday 19th December 10am to 4pm | MELBOURNE OUTING & MYER WINDOWS | Enjoy a magical day out in the city of Melbourne, explore the Myer Windows, enjoy lunch out and make a start on some Christmas Shopping. Lunch included. |
| Thursday 21st December 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. |



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

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

THE CASSIDY CREW



Christmas Disco

FRIDAY | 1 | DECEMBER
5:30 - 10:00 PM | 2023

126 North Road Warragul

\$10 Entry

Meals available on the night

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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