

ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS OF WDSS ARE INVITED TO JOIN JACQUI FOR A CATCH UP AT COFFEE VIBES (WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE) ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:



Friday 28th July 9:30am

Friday 18th August 11am

Friday 15th September 10am

These informal catch-ups are a great opportunity to talk and network with parents / carers if they may have recommendations / experience with NDIS services or can just be a someone who understands issues that parents of a child with special needs can face.

You may also see some of our fabulous ex-students in action working at Coffee Vibes!

If you would like any info please contact Angie or Cheryl in the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Tuesday 25th

- Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park - Seniors

Friday 28th

- 9:30am PFA Catch up: Coffee Vibes, West Gippsland Arts Centre

AUGUST

Friday 18th

- 11:00am PFA Catch up: Coffee Vibes, West Gippsland Arts Centre

SEPTEMBER

Friday 15th

- 10:00am PFA Catch up: Coffee Vibes, West Gippsland Arts Centre

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter

Term 3 Issue 17, Tuesday 18th July 2023

Hi everyone, It's nice to see some beautiful sunny weather this week. However, it is still very cold in the mornings. It has been great to see the cool beanies and warm coats keeping most students warm. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

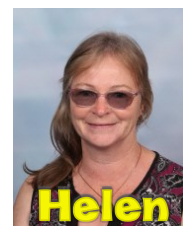
We have had a settled start to the term, with students looking like they are enjoying being back with their friends and classmates. Most people are settling back into class routines.

Junior students are getting used to their new rooms and getting to know their new staff and making new friends.

Middle School Rooms 7, 8 and 21 are starting their swimming program in week 4 this term. They are doing a swim safety program in class for the first weeks of term. The whole of Middle School is very excited to have started our Maths Streaming groups on Tuesdays. The first week was a success with students practicing transitioning to different rooms and joining in with their peers to do targeted maths learning.

Seniors have had a cracking start to the terms with their programs already in full swing with Landcare, Baw Baw Skills, and PGR Industries. They are looking forward to the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park on Tuesday 25th July.

Don't forget the P&F catch up on 28th July at 9:30am at Coffee Vibes where you might be served by some familiar faces!



Helen

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

ROOM 1

There have been some changes to classes this term. Room 1 have welcomed Jake and Connor Mc to our class.

Students were happy to be back at school last week. We have gotten straight back into work and have enjoyed some sunshine at the park.

- Bev



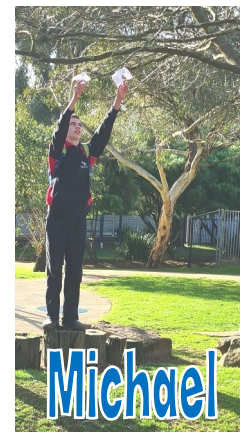
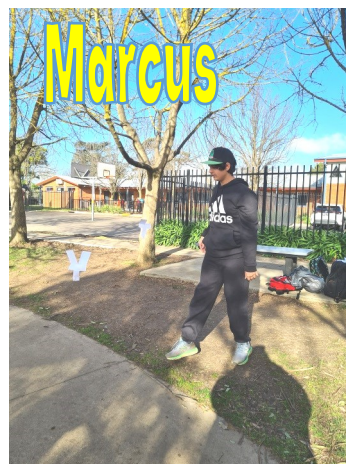
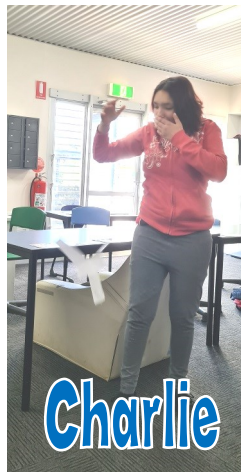
SENIORS

Room 14

Room 14 has had a great start to Term 3. In Science, we started looking at the topic 'flight'. We discussed different types of flight, and the students talked about what they know and what they would like to find out about this topic.

Students then made paper helicopters and tested them out to see if they flew. They then discussed, if they made a smaller one, would that fly better? So they made a smaller one to compare. There were various wonderings and predictions along the way. They wondered if the wind outside would make the bigger or smaller one fly better. They also wondered if dropping the helicopter from the top of the climbing frame would make a difference as they were higher up. Students really enjoyed testing out their helicopters to discover if their predictions were correct.

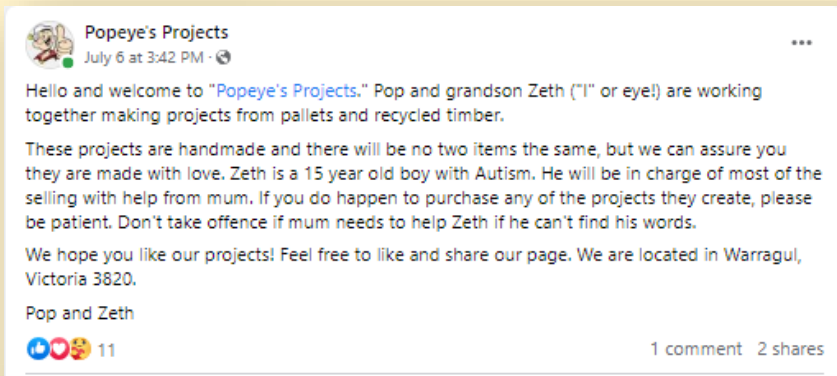
- *Lynette*



Student Achievements



Zeth has started a business with his Pop ('Pop and I' = Popeye!) Check out [Popeye's Projects](#) on Facebook - they are making projects out of recycled timber and pallets. Pop builds, Zeth sands, stains and sells (with mum Stacey's help to advertise and run the Facebook page). He is using all the social and communication skills he's learnt from school and external therapy to meet people when they pick things up. Well done Zeth and Family !



School Garden Program

A lovely sunny day welcomed us back to the school garden after the holidays! It was fantastic to see that all our hard work in the last few weeks is paying off - the raised beds which we filled with mushroom compost now have seedlings coming through – very exciting! We added to them by planting a few more peas and some broad beans which won't take long to come through at all.

As always there was maintenance to do and the students really got down to the task. This week we tackled the two olive trees which needed a good prune. The bigger branches were put in the rubbish bin but some of the smaller twigs were cut into smaller pieces for the compost heap. The olives are looking much better for their haircut!

We also took down the old netting around the edge of the garden which was put in to protect the fruit trees when they were first planted. This type of netting is not allowed to be used anymore as the mesh is too big and birds can get stuck in it.

Talking of birds....our family of friendly magpies were glad to see us back! One was next to me inside the greenhouse looking for worms and then all three of them serenaded me from the greenhouse roof as I had my lunch – what a lovely day!

- Gail





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



JAKE

Being a **LEARNER** by settling well into his new class.



JAI

Being a **LEARNER** and doing his work independently every morning.



ALEX

For joining in class learning activities and being **SAFE** at school.



RYAN

Amazing work during our bike riding session and sitting on the bike for the first time this year!



ABBY

Being a **LEARNER** – returning to school with a positive attitude and having a go at all work tasks.



KIRSTEN

Being a **LEARNER** and practising her cooking skills and trying new food.



MICHAEL

Being a good **LEARNER** and working hard at all of his tasks.



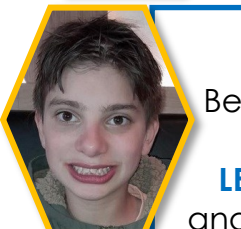
GRACE

For walking across lots of different surfaces in the engine room and yard.



SETH

Being a good **LEARNER** and willingly trying out the magnifying aid in the classroom. Well done Seth on giving it a go and using it successfully.



DEAN

Being **RESPECTFUL** and a good **LEARNER** and being a **LEARNER** during senior sport and passing the ball with staff and peers.



ZETH

For showing all the school values and being a **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER** during Senior Sport.

Well done Zeth!





School Canteen Term 3 (Thursdays)

Student Name: _____ Room / Teacher: _____

FOOD - Please tick		DRINKS - Please tick	Other Items - <small>Purchased with cash by students from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time.</small>
<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"/> Macaroni & Cheese - \$5.00 		<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: \$ _____



ROADIES

All sites

Camp Coolamatong Spring Camp

Are you between the ages of 13-17 years old and have an NDIS plan? If so, join us on the Spring ROADIES camp experience! The perfect way to meet new friends, try new things and get a taste of our ROADIES Camps!

DATE

- Wednesday 20th September - Friday 22nd September 2023

LOCATION

- Camp Coolamatong, Banksia Peninsula East Gippsland

OUT OF POCKET COST

- \$100 (covers accommodation, meals and activities)
- NDIS plan charges will be discussed with you to ensure your specific support needs are met

WHAT TO PACK

- Medication and Medication forms
- Packed lunch (all sites) for first day
- Packed Morning tea (Bass) for first day
- Drink bottle
- A CHECKLIST WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE ITINERARY



Camp Coolamatong



Time Table

ICG Office	Drop - off	Pick - up
ICG Latrobe	10:00am	3:30pm
ICG Bass	9:00am	4:45pm
ICG East	12:00pm	2:00pm

NDIS Benefits and Outcomes

- Social participation in the community
- Meet new people and develop friendships
- Increase your capacity to access your local community
- Development of your life and independent living skills
- Improve and develop your communication skills
- Opportunity to access new activities and try new things
- Selfcare for carers and participants

For further information please contact us or scan the QR code to register your interest

1300 736 765

www.icg.asn.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2023

MON 18TH	TUES 19TH	WED 20TH	THURS 21ST	FRI 22ND
HEALSVILLE SANCTUARY	MELBOURNE MUSEUM	WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO	SCIENCE WORKS MELBOURNE	MELBOURNE ZOO
HOURS 9AM TO 5PM	HOURS 9AM TO 5PM	HOURS 9AM TO 5PM	HOURS 9AM TO 5PM	HOURS 9AM TO 5PM
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***NDIS Funded Day Program for participants aged 12+**

Perceus – September 2023 Holiday Program

Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our holiday day program departs and terminates at Perceus Disability Services in Yarragon. Address: 67/69 Princes Highway, Yarragon VIC 3823 Perceus transports do not currently allow for wheelchair access.
Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depart 9:00AM Arrival 5:00PM (traffic dependent)
Lunches & Snacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are to bring a packed lunch and snacks. Bottled water will be provided
Clothing & Supplies (recommended)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosed toe shoes suitable for walking Weatherproof jacket Change of clothes (if needed) Sunscreen, Hat, Eyewear,
Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication needs to be clearly labeled and stored in a zip lock bag with the participant's name. The medication administration form must be completed during registration. Medication is to remain in staff custody.
Inclement Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should inclement weather impede the day program a suitable alternative indoor activity will be substituted.
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Perceus School Holiday Program is for NDIS funded participants. NDIS quotes need to be approved in writing before bookings are confirmed. Support hours, travel and cost of entry are included in quoted prices.
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program aims to support participants aged 12 to 18 .

Contact	<p>Yannick Teijken Business Development & Onboarding Mobile: 0479 101 500 Email: yannick.teijken@perceus.com.au Email: enquiry@perceus.com.au</p> <p>Nadine Auhl Customer Service & Administration Manager Mobile: 0484 824 250 Email: nadine.auhl@perceus.com.au Email: enquiry@perceus.com.au</p>
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Calling on Baw Baw's youth!



Help create Baw Baw's Youth Strategy.

Baw Baw Shire Council invites young people (aged 12–25) to share their aspirations, concerns and ideas about the youth services and programs they would like to see in Baw Baw. Feedback gathered will help shape the Baw Baw Youth Strategy to support the health and wellbeing of young people across the Shire.

Complete the survey and go into the draw to win a variety of prizes worth up to \$1000*! Winner can choose from a Gumbuya World annual membership, Apple Air Pods, gift vouchers, noise-cancelling headphones or a 6 month membership for any local gym.

*T&C's apply.

Visit www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/YouthStrategy for more information.

Complete the survey by
Tuesday
25 July 2023.



For more details and to complete the online survey please visit:
www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/YouthStrategy