

This Wednesday commencing at 5:00pm....

# SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

**ATTENDANCE FOR FAMILIES  
WITH STUDENTS AGED 16 &  
OVER IS STRONGLY  
RECOMMENDED!**



## 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

### DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Tuesday 26th, 11.45am at WDSS

Students performing :

Melvin, Michael, Pippa, Macy, Seth,  
Alex N, Leah, Kayden, Jayden,  
Indianna , Jordan, Layla, Piper, Ben,  
Zoey, Levi, Callum, Seb

### Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter Term 1 Issue 6, Tuesday 19th March 2024

Hello WDSS students and families,

It's Week 8 already and the end of term 1 is fast approaching! It is beginning to feel like autumn and we hope families are looking forward to Easter and the school holidays. Term 1 ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

A group of enthusiastic middle and senior students have been participating in our weekly Drama sessions with Michelle. Next Tuesday will be our mini performance at 11.45 am in the engine room. Families of students involved are welcome to come.

Reminder **SENIOR INFO SESSION & POST SCHOOL EXPO** is being held at the school this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. All families welcome to come and learn more about the senior school program at 5pm and chat to providers about POST SCHOOL OPTIONS from 5.40pm.

**Swimming program** has been enjoyed on Tuesday and Wednesdays by students across the school. Students after their Foundation year at school should complete a term's swimming each year. See your class teacher for more information.

SRC Easter BBQ is on next Tuesday. There may even be a little bit of easter cheer for each student! Classes will also run an easter egg hunt in the last week of Term 1.

Be sure to read the newsletter for a range of fantastic holiday activities supported by NDIS providers.



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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.

# 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

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.







In literacy, Srihas enjoyed reading 'Bertie and the Bear' outside. He copied staff members when they modelled key words and phrases to him. In this picture, he is showing staff his favourite page of the book. He said, "The Bear is chasing the boy" (a phrase we modelled prior). Well done, Srihas! - Maira



Lottie loved acting out our feelings song during Morning Circle. She is showing us "cry."



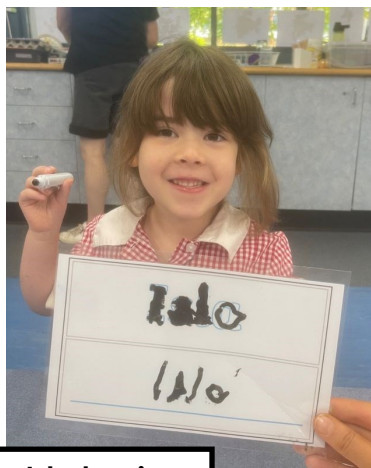
Lizzy helping to cut the burger buns in half



Hollie tracing and sounding out the letter of the week. Well done Hollie!

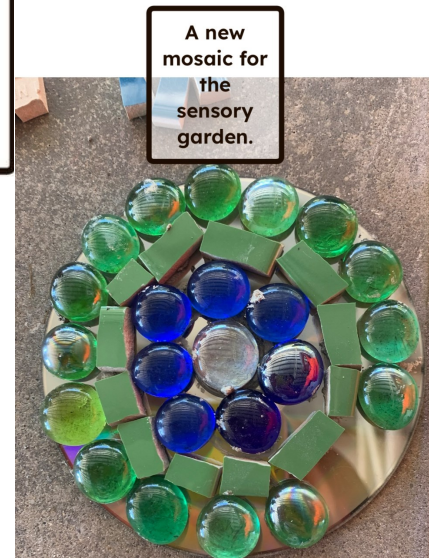


Roy having a taste of the nachos ingredients!



Isla tracing her name and learning about the letter of the week and the sound it makes. Well done Isla!

All the crew hard at work making some new mosaics.



A new mosaic for the sensory garden.



# 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.

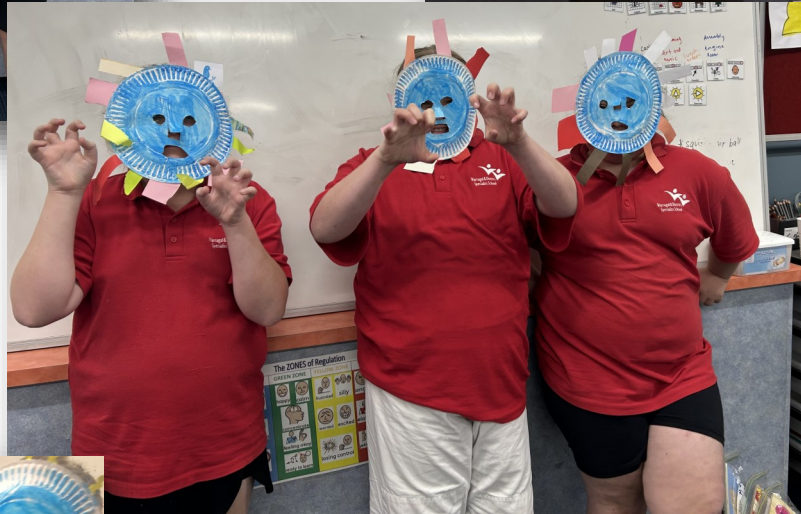
## **What do I do now?**

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.

# Art with Annie

Students made masks with Annie and loved wearing them!

Can you pick out your student.....







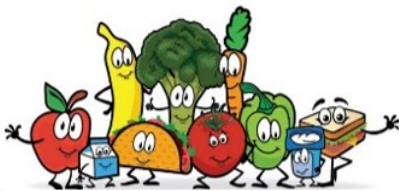
**TERM 1 Event:** SRC Easter BBQ lunch on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Gold coin donation. Easter egg hunt also being planned !






**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 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 
		<b>Total: \$ _____</b>  <b>Enclosed: \$ _____</b>		



# STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



**LOTTIE**

For working hard on her learners love literacy.



**WILLOW**

Being a **LEARNER**: Excellent participation during morning circle.



**HAVEN**

For doing great work in class and being **SAFE** in the yard.



**DEAN**

For working hard on Thursday and making good choices.



**SAVANNAH**

For being a **LEARNER** and using her device to make requests.



**RYAN**

For doing well at swimming.



**ISAAC**

For using a loud and confident voice when working with unfamiliar staff. Great Work!



**ERIN**

Being a **LEARNER** and using her voice to communicate with staff and peers.



**MARCUS**

For being a role model senior student and helping out others when needed.



**ZETH**

Sports Award For being safe – watching out for his peers and for supporting them to access the community safely.







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.*

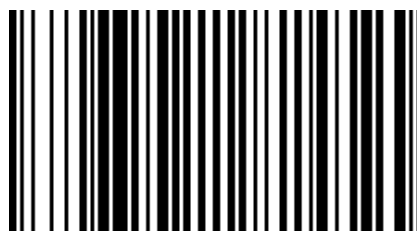
We would love some community support to help raise much-needed funds for our school.

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!**

# Check out the following pages for some awesome School Holiday activities!



## EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

126 NORTH ROAD,  
WARRAGUL  
1800 601020

[events@cassidycrew.com.au](mailto:events@cassidycrew.com.au)

### Week One

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

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

Term 1 School Holiday Program Timetable – 10 days of FUN

*Make new friends & have fun at the LIFE School holidays program.*

WEEK ONE			
Date		Activity	Description
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		MINDFULNESS DAY 9AM – 3PM	A day to relax & create a beautiful scrapbook page, enjoy lunch and a nature walk in the afternoon. TIME TO RESET
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		MASTERCHEF DAY 9AM – 3PM	Bring out your inner MASTERCHEF as you learn skills in the kitchen and then enjoy your food. BON APPETITE
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April		TRARALGON OP SHOP TOUR 9AM – 3PM	There are many treasures to be found in the Traralgon Ops shops. Train travel to and from Traralgon SHOP TIL YOU DROP
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April		MOVIE DAY 9AM – 3PM	We're off to Fountain Gate to the movies and can explore the shops while we're down there. MOVIE TITLE TO COME
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		MELBOURNE ZOO 9AM – 5PM	A Day out exploring the Melbourne Zoo. Train travel to and from the zoo. SEE YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL



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WEEK TWO			
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April		FIT & HEALTHY 9AM – 3PM	Local swimming & healthy eating We're off to the pool and will make ourselves a healthy lunch. STARTING THE WEEK OFF WELL
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April		LIFE OLYMPICS 9AM – 3PM	It's on again... See how you go in our mystery activities to test your skills and patience. It's all a bit of fun READY...SET...GO
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April		BOWLING DAY 9AM – 3PM	Wyncity Bowling & lunch at Midvalley in Morwell. A nice opportunity to visit the shops. LET'S BOWL
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April		PAMPER DAY 9AM – 3PM	Facials, makeup, manicures, hair. This one is always a hit... IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		POTTERY & PAKENHAM 9AM – 3PM	A visit to Robert Gordon Pottery and an afternoon BBQ in the park in Pakenham. TIME TO CREATE A MASTERPIECE

*Supports billed from your NDIS plan, based on the number of people in each activity.  
Transport billed at an additional \$1.00 per km if transport is required.  
Drop off & pick up can be arranged by our friendly staff.*

*Register your interest with us ... 0499440780 OR [cindy.life@outlook.com](mailto:cindy.life@outlook.com)*







# BEST FIT

DISABILITY GROUP

## ACTIVITIES



### March 2024

Friday 22nd March 3pm to 6pm	Easter Eggstravaganza Free Event	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 – Free BBQ meal provided. Friday: 3pm to 6pm
Saturday 23rd March 4:30pm to 9:30pm	Rodeo Evening at Farm World Lardner Park	Enjoy 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: 4:30 to 9:30pm

### April 2024

Tuesday 2nd April to Friday the 5th 9am to 4pm	In-House Activities BYO Lunches	Arts & crafts, puzzles, cooking, in-house movies, park, and outdoor activities. Bring your own lunch daily. Please tick what days you require: TUES <input type="checkbox"/> WED <input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/> FRI <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 2nd April 9am to 4pm	1:1 Activity of your choosing	Have you ever wanted to choose your own supported activity. Well Tuesday is the day we can make this happen, discuss your suggestions with the office and we will provide you with a quote to accommodate this.
Wednesday 3rd April 9am to 4pm	Lake Glenmaggie Day Trip	Come and enjoy a relaxed pace. Enjoy fishing by the lake, swimming, canoeing, stand up paddleboarding & getting back to nature. Bring your own lunch.
Wednesday 3rd April 9am to 4pm Thursday 4th – 2 days / 1night	Lake Glenmaggie Overnighter 2 days / 1night	Come and enjoy getting back to nature and a relaxed pace. Enjoy fishing by the lake, canoeing, stand up paddleboarding, marshmallows by the campfire, and sleep the night in the caravan. All meals provided.
Thursday 4th April 9am to 4pm	Flipout Box Hill	Trampoline arena, foam pits, wall runners, basketball area, ninja course, rock climbing. Something for everyone (Closed toe shoes required for rock climbing) - Lunch Included
Friday 5th April 10am to 4pm	Noojee Trout Farm, Toorongo Falls & Lunch Outing Experience	Explore the stunning countryside of Baw Baw, catch some trout, take in the serenity of Toorongo Falls and enjoy lunch in Noojee. Lunch included.



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

For further information & bookings contact 1300 604 374 or [enquiries@bfordisability.com.au](mailto:enquiries@bfordisability.com.au)



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Monday 8th April to Wednesday 10th 10am to 4pm	Ocean Grove Retreat Stay 3 days / 2 nights	Enjoy a relaxing stay in a home with a large swimming pool & spa, basketball court, huge backyard, and all within a short stroll to the beach. Explore Buckley Falls, MoAP - Museum & Eastern Beach Reserve.
Monday 8th April 10am to 4pm	Cooking Day at Ashdown Homemade Pizza's	Come and try your hand at cooking homemade pizzas in our pizza oven at Ashdown. Delicious is an understatement! – Lunch provided.
Tuesday 9th April 10am to 4pm	Retail Shopping Day Dandenong Market & Fountain Gate	Retail Therapy Day - Dandy Market & Fountain Gate to shop in all your favourite stalls & stores. Please bring spending money for lunch & shopping.
Wednesday 10th April to Friday 12th 10am to 4pm	Ocean Grove Retreat Stay 3 days / 2 nights	Enjoy a relaxing stay in a home with a large swimming pool & spa, basketball court, huge backyard, and all within a short stroll to the beach. Explore Buckley Falls, MoAP - Museum & Eastern Beach Reserve.
Wednesday 10th April 10am to 4pm	Cranbourne Indoor Pool	Enjoy the indoor water play zone, waterslide, quiet time in the therapy pool & spas, or swim some laps. Come and join us! Lunch provided.
Thursday 11th April 10am to 4pm	Movie Day at Village Cinemas Morwell	Enjoy a day at the movies watching a new release and fish and chips in the park (weather permitting). Lunch provided.
Friday 12th April 10am to 4pm	Frozen Youth Production at Warragul Arts Centre & Mermaid Hair Braids	Come and support local and enjoy a Youth Production of Frozen. Enjoy being pampered and having your hair styled with mermaid braids. Bring your own lunch.
Friday 19th April 4pm to 10am Saturday 20th	Harry Potter TM – A Forbidden Forest Experience Mt Martha & Sleepover	Prepare for some of your favorite Wizarding World moments to come to life before your eyes & come face to face with magical creatures. Enjoy a sleepover at the respite house. All meals included.



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# FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 24

11AM ACTIVITIES 12PM SCREENING

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