

Congratulations to Will on completing his Certificate 2 in Automotive Vocational Preparation !

Will also has a couple of casual jobs and big plans for his post school life. Well done Will!

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
 Term 4 Issue 29, Tuesday 21st November 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER
NOVEMBER

Mon 20th - Fri 24th

- **Scholastic Book Fair**

DECEMBER

Friday 1st

- **WDSS Open Garden Day**

Thursday 7th

- **School Concert - commencing at 11:30am**

Thursday 14th

- **Senior Graduation Night**

Tuesday 19th

- **Pupil Free Day**

Wednesday 20th

- **Last day of Term 4 12:30pm finish**

On November 3rd our school had a school wide pupil free day. During this time our teachers and allied health team undertook student report writing while our education support team participated in a range of professional development across the day. Some of the professional development included learning about our new literacy program which will be rolled out across the school in 2024 and training in mandatory reporting and anaphylaxis. It was a productive day!

A big thank you to the McGillivray family for their wonderful donations they made to our school in the past weeks. We received a large variety of donations including a massive box of Lego which has been a fantastic addition to our Lego Club groups and our Lego programs which run over lunchtimes and in our classrooms. Thanks again .

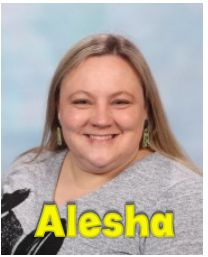
This week at WDSS is Book Fair, students and families have an opportunity to come and check out all the great books available. Next Friday 1st December is our 10 year anniversary of the opening of our school garden, we will be having a range of activities take place between 11am and 1pm we welcome everyone to come along and join in the celebrations. Thursday 7th December is our much-anticipated return of our school concert the first item starts at 11:30am and we anticipate a 1pm finish, we hope to see you there.

End of Term Dates: Our final whole day of school this year will be **Monday 18th December**. On Tuesday 19th December there will be a whole school Curriculum Day which is a Pupil Free Day, followed by a half day on **Wednesday 20th December** where students will have the opportunity to participate in a whole school clean up and classroom relocation day with a 12:30pm finish. Buses will still run on this half day however please plan for your child to arrive home 2 and a half hours earlier than usual.

Start of Term 1, 2024 Dates: With the exception of foundation students, the first day back at WDSS for 2024 will be Wednesday 31st January. Thursday 1st February will be our 2024 Foundation students first day of school.

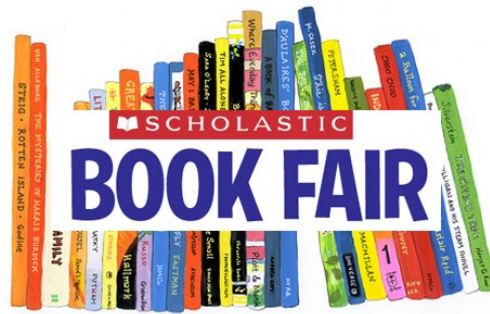
Finally, a reminder that we are a Sun Smart School which means hats are to be worn in Term 1 & 4. Sunscreen is provided by the school and we request that students wear tops that cover shoulders. We have a range of shade sails and undercover areas for students to utilise during hot weather and we also run an inside program during days of extreme heat. Names on all personal belongings is always the best chance for items to be returned to their owners.

Have a great week!



Alesha

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.



Just a reminder that our bookfair opened yesterday and will continue all week through to this Friday 24th November. We really hope we will see you there as there are lots of good books on sale and it is a great chance to get a few stocking fillers without the children around. Books and novelties can be bought with cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia) or we have an EFTPOS machine available.

There is also the opportunity to pay online. The form was on the invitation your student brought home last week. If you need another one please let me know or ask at the office, they will have spares.

My contact number is 0402 684 865. You are welcome to tell all your family, friends and neighbours about it and they are more than welcome to come and browse, just remind them that they need to sign in at the front office.

The bookfair can be visited between 9am and 3.30pm daily or by arrangement.

It is an exciting week, one that many of the children really look forward to and all profits made from any sales gets fed back into the school in the form of books and resources. Come and say Hello and browse through the stock on sale. There is always a fantastic variety to peruse at your leisure.

- **Glenda Gray**

**WDSS is so lucky to have the best volunteer in Australia, Glenda!
Without her we would not be able to run our Annual Book Fair OR
Book Club throughout the year.**

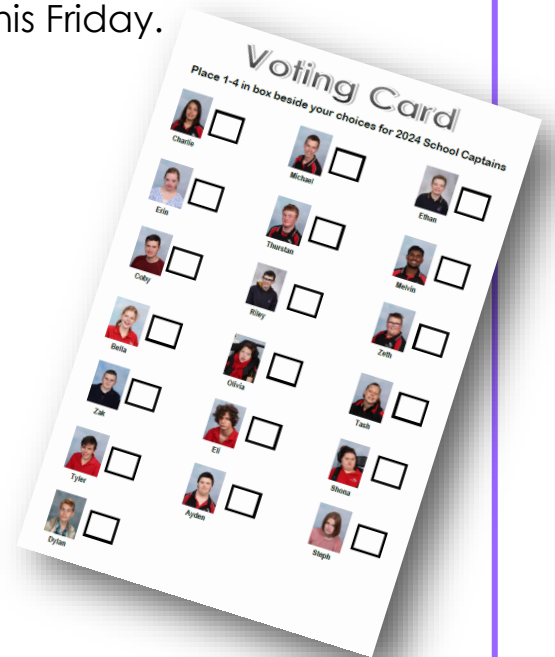


SENIORS

Last Thursday students and staff listened as seniors made their speeches to be a School Captain in 2024. Some students were also assisted by staff, which enable all eligible students to be included. Students and staff then voted on their preferences. Everyone did an amazing job! Well done to everyone who participated - results are being finalised and the announcement will be made this Friday.



Sue with outgoing captains William, Bayden, Georgia and Liam - who have done such a wonderful job representing our school this year.



Eli delivering his speech. In his first year at WDSS, Eli has impressed both Staff and Students with his positive engagement in his programs.

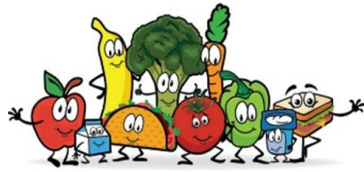


Shona



Charlie

SENIORS



Canteen Update

As we come to the end of the 2023 year, students and staff in the canteen program have had a great year. We have been very busy preparing, cutting, cooking and bagging student and staff lunches on a Thursday, delivering numerous lunches to all areas of the school.

This Thursday the 23rd of November we will have a reduced menu. As most of the senior canteen students are out on another program for this week we will not be selling our baked spuds. But don't worry they will be back on the menu the following Thursday the 30th of November, which will be our last canteen for the year. We are finishing up a week early as the school is holding their concert the following Thursday the 7th of December.

The canteen team Carli, April, Marcus, Melvin, Michael, Zeth, Tyra, Eli, Josiah and Isaac would like to thank the students and staff for their ongoing support over the year.








- Carli

NO baked potato this week due to limited students working in Canteen



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.
<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: \$ _____



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



LUCAS

Being a **LEARNER** by writing his 'I know you' sentences in Literacy.



KYNAN

Working hard at swimming and transitioning to and from the classroom and the bus.



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 11.30am
on the school grounds

☘ BYO camp chairs / picnic rug ☘



THE CASSIDY CREW

CARERS, ADVOCACY, SUPPORT SERVICES,
INDEPENDENCE, DISABILITIES AND YOU!

COME & HAVE FUN

WARRAGUL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL SUPPORT DAYS

Tuesday December 19th

W.D.S.S PUPIL FREE DAY 9AM - 3PM

Home pick ups and drop offs available

Wednesday December 20th

W.D.S.S EARLY BREAK UP DAY 12.30pm - 3pm

School pick up and home drop offs available

ACTIVITIES

Dunk some hoops at our brand new indoor basketball court!

Full sized indoor playground.

Fenced outdoor area with sandpit.

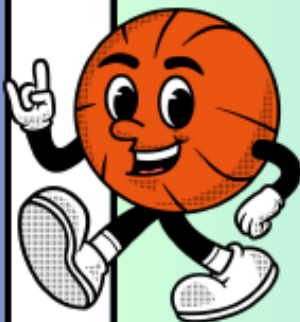
Music and movement on the stage.

Dedicated arts and crafts room.

Games and puzzles.

Baking and more.

Full canteen facilities.



Fun, engaged, caring and qualified support workers.

Book now by phoning **1800 601020**



BEST FIT

DISABILITY GROUP
ACTIVITIES



NOVEMBER 2023

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

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.
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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

EVENTS@CASSIDYCREW.COM.AU 1800 60 10 20

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY NOV 26

11AM ACTIVITIES

12PM SCREENING

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
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VICTORIA ST. WARRAGUL 3820



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