

Dress up on 25th August for.....

✿ Book Week ✿



CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK
19 to 25 AUGUST
#CBCA2023



OR

2023
Speech
Pathology
Week

Communicating
FOR LIFE

www.speechpathologyaustralia.com.au/bookweek

Wear Your Words Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Friday 25th

- Book Week Dress up Day/Wear Your Words Day Parade at 9:15 followed by Morning Tea for Parents / Carers

Thursday 31st

- PFA Father's Day Stall 10am to 2pm at the school. ****HELPERS NEEDED!****

SEPTEMBER

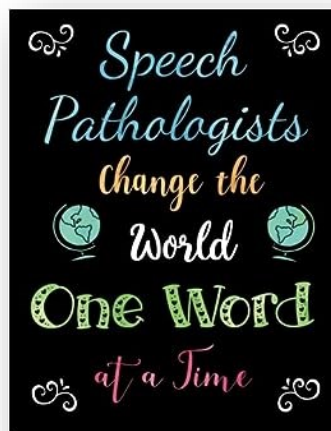
Mon 4th – Fri 8th

- School Dentist Visit
- Friday 8th
- Life4Life RuOK School Disco

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter
Term 3 Issue 22, Tuesday 22nd August 2023

This week we celebrate book week! To celebrate book week, we have pulled out all our favourite books to read in the classroom. Even the front foyer is decorated with bright and colourful book covers. At home, you might want to pull out a couple of loved books to read and enjoy together as a family. If you google a book, you can often find a video of it being read which is another great way to hear and share a book. This Friday we are inviting families into the school to celebrate book week with students and staff dressing up as their favourite character from a cherished book! As part of the celebrations students and staff will participate in a costume parade followed by a parent morning tea in the staffroom. We would love to see you there!

This week we are also celebrating Speech Pathology week. On Friday we are encouraging staff and students to "wear your words". Communication visuals are an important support for many of our students when they communicate in their everyday life. All of our students benefit from visuals when moving through activities and transitioning throughout the day. A very special thank-you to our speech team for the work they do for our school community.



Matt

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.



*** Costume Parade 9:30 ***

Parents/Carers are invited to see all the colour and fun of student and staff costumes at our Costume Parade on Friday 25th August.

Parents/Carers are then invited to morning tea in the staff room - we hope to see you there!



Wear Your Words Day

Come to school wearing some words or your AAC device of choice to help us celebrate Speech Pathology week!



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READ GROW Inspire

Dress up Day - Friday 25th August

Dress up as your favourite Book Character
Prizes for Best Dressed in each class

Father's Day Stall

**PFA are holding a
Fathers Day Stall on
Thursday 31st August
from 10am to 2pm
at the school...**



Gifts will be priced at \$3, \$5 & \$10.

Please send in money in a named envelope



Students will shop with their classes to buy something for their dad, step-dad (or grandad / uncles). We will also have some items for other special people in their lives.

~ PARENTS HELPERS ARE ALSO WELCOME ~
(Prior to & on the day) - please contact the school.

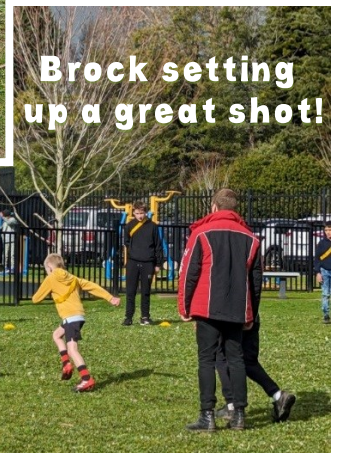
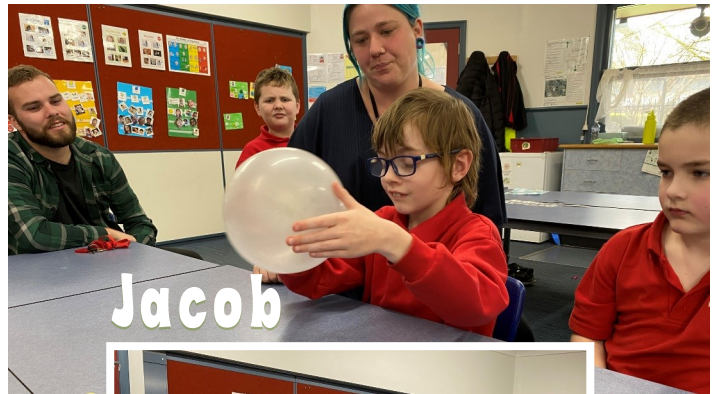
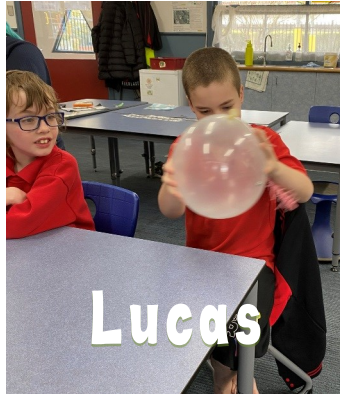
Juniors

ROOM 1

Room 1 had a busy week last week. In Science we have been learning about Force and Motion so we experimented with spinning a coin and a hex nut in a balloon. It worked well until the balloon went pop...twice!

We also travelled on the town bus with our Myki cards...and some students participated in a Soccer clinic.

- Bev



MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOM 7

Room 7 students have been very busy, working hard and having fun this term. We have been busy with swimming, cooking, going to the park for community access, and doing sensory stories with Bri, Alice and Carlea Great work room 7!

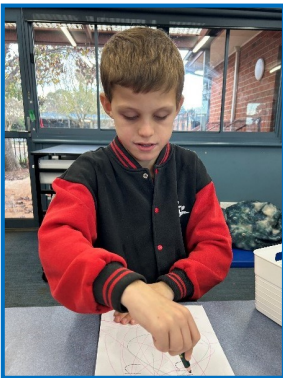
- Champika



Kynan



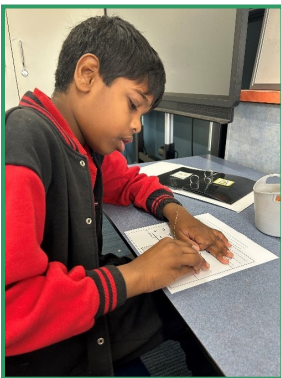
Josh



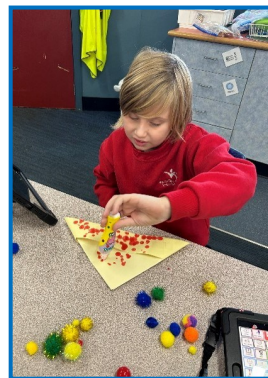
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Jules



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 20

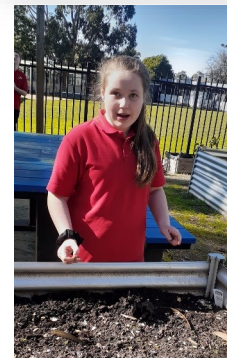
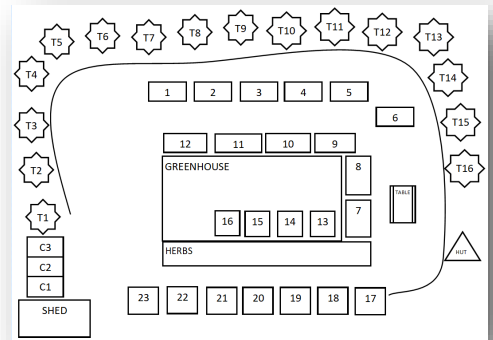
Room 20 has been very busy in the garden this term. We have been weeding and planting, picking and eating.

We had a bit of a drama as the seniors didn't know that we had pulled the green mulch in a bed and they were very upset that the peas had all been pulled out.

Kylie got her husband Matt to come in and take a picture of the garden with his drone. Then Kylie made a map showing all the garden beds. Michael W and Lachy went around the garden and worked out which plants were in which bed so that everyone knows what we are growing.

We picked some spinach and silverbeet from beds 2 and 12. We cooked them up and tasted them. Michael W and Conner ate all theirs. Indianna and Michael S didn't like it.

- Helen



Michael

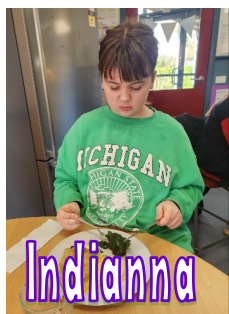


Conner

Michael and Conner clearly loved their lunch, Indianna wasn't so sure but well done for trying it!



Thanks for all of your hard work Room 20!



Indianna



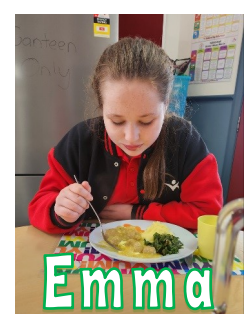
Kayden



Jayden



Zac



Emma

SENIORS



Every week a group of our senior students travel to Pakenham to work at PGR Industries.

It is a warehouse situation where different tasks are required to be performed.

Megan travels down to Pakenham each Thursday with students who attend PGR Industries and has written this great insight into their day. Thanks Megan!

Some of these tasks are preparing e-waste so it can be recycled, sorting and counting pins that are used in remotes and also changing batteries inside garage remotes, so they are compliant with Australian standards.

The students are required to complete formal learning on laptops and iPads in warehouse procedures that will give them Certificate II and Certificate III in

Supply Chain Operations.

The warehouse where the students work has a kitchen where Abby prepares and cooks delicious treats such as biscuits and cakes that have included homemade lamingtons.

Abby also cooks for our 4-legged friends in the form of dog biscuits which the main ingredient is pumpkin.

It is a privilege to accompany these students and our school should be proud of how they conduct themselves in this work environment.

- Megan



Keep up the great work Bayden, Georgia, Abby, William, Liam & Coby!

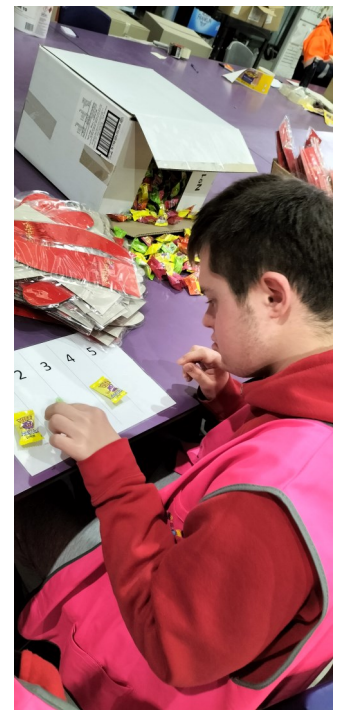
SENIORS



On Thursdays we also have students attending Waverley Industries for work experience in their *Packaging and Assembly Division*. Waverley Gardens currently employs 330+ adults with a disability and over 60 full-time and casual staff across 2 sites located in Notting Hill and Hallam. They are supported by a range of productive partnerships that deliver positive social impact.

With a range of specialty divisions – Packaging, Assembly, Catering, Garden / Maintenance services, manufacturing, Waverley events (catered event space) and outsourced teams (flexible work teams on-site or off-site) - there is something for everyone!

Last week the students worked on Christmas Treat stockings !



Well done Ethan, Kirsten, Tash, Jack, Charlie & Erin !

SENIORS



Last Tuesday our school captains joined the Gippsland Live4life Crew members Term 3 catch up day at the Arts Centre.

Students heard from guest speak 'Kano' from Third Culture Australia who shared some tricks and tips for Public Speaking. Students also shared their schools up and coming Live4life activity to help spread awareness of on helping youth to seek help and improve mental health amongst the school community. Everyone was very impressed with WDSS's Disco day being held on the 9th

of September. **Our 4 school captains William, Liam, Bayden and Georgia had a great day networking with students from the wider community and represented our school proudly.**

- Zoe



SENIORS

On Friday the Graduating students had the opportunity to experience 'Life at TAFE' as a post school option. Students spent the morning listening to current students attending TAFE to what a day in their week looks like, the experiences they have had the opportunity to engage in and the pathway it has supported them to explore. Students were then taken on a tour of the Warragul TAFE campus before having some lunch. In the afternoon, WDSS students joined into this years current Certificate 2 in Work Education class at TAFE to undertake some Science experiments for National Science Week.

- Zoe



It was also great to see former students Ozi and Jayden in their TAFE class!





Colouring Competition

To celebrate Speech Pathology Week, Bri and Carlea have organised lots of fun activities, including a Colouring Competition with Prizes for Senior, Middle and Junior Units. Get your entries in - you can pick up colouring sheets from the office!





STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



ALTAN

Being a **RESPECTFUL LEARNER** in our SSS lesson.



JACOB

Being a **LEARNER** by answering his 'What **do** you call a baby ..(animal)?' questions and asking them at assembly.



ZAC

Making good choices in class and being **SAFE**.



THURSTAN

Being a good **LEARNER** and turning the pages in a book.



ELI

Hearing and recording the sounds of the letters in his writing



KIRSTEN

Using her voice and setting clear boundaries with her peers.



STEPH

For following instructions at swimming, during sport.



ETHAN

Being an active participant in soccer, by passing and kicking the ball with peers.



PIPPA

Being an active participant in soccer, by passing and kicking the ball with peers.



TYRA

For drawing on her personal history and understanding the Indigenous culture while reading 'How the animals got their tails'



ALEX

Being a **LEARNER** and showing off his skills with his new Eyegaze to communicate with his peers in class.



COREY

Practising the skills of **RESPECT** and kindness towards his classmates.



DAKOTA

Being a **LEARNER** in class and completing her work.



LACHLAN

For kicking the ball in soccer.



Dear Parents & Carers,

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The Annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from 11th August to Friday 8th September.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Families are randomly selected and will be invited via email to participate in the survey and have been emailed. If you have a new email address, please phone the Office – 5623 1385.

The survey will be conducted online. It only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

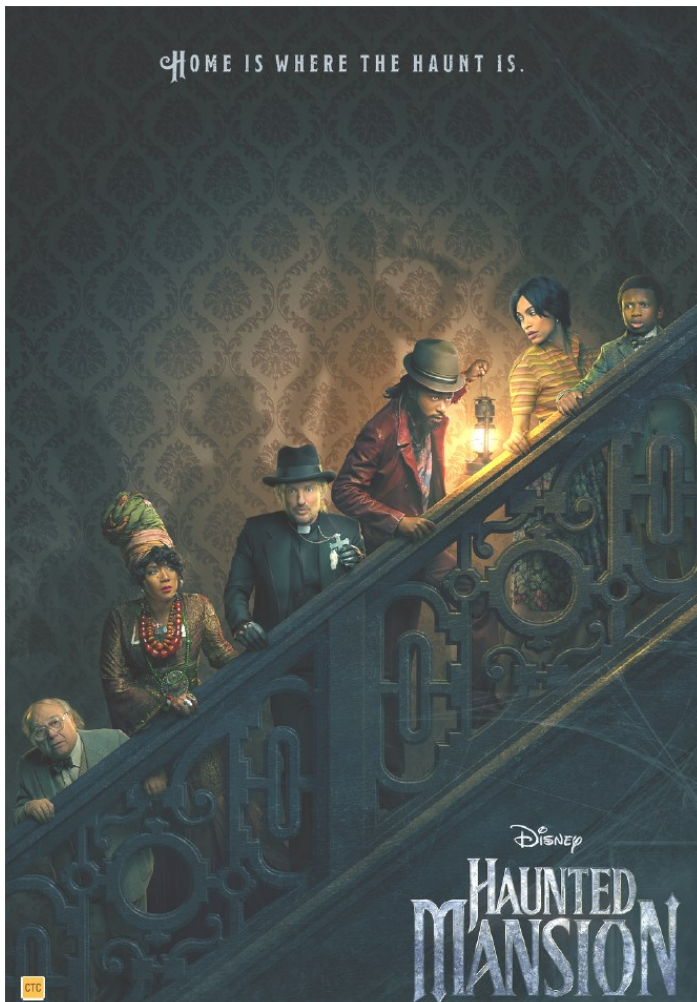
If you would like more information about the survey, please contact Matt for a chat.



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: \$ _____



JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY

FAMILY FUN DAY

Disney

HAUNTED MANSION

A HAUNTINGLY GOOD TIME

AUGUST **27** 12PM ACTIVITIES
1PM FILM

**WIN SPOOKIEST DRESSED!
HOW SCARY CAN YOU BE?**

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

Peninsula Cinemas Warragul
Warragul Shopping Plaza, Victoria Street, Warragul