

Dear Students and Families It is with much sadness we inform the school community that Senior student Olivia Colbourne passed away last week.

We have many happy memories of Olivia, who had the most beautiful smile and awesome sense of humour. Olivia loved her friends, St Kilda Footy Club, nature, and Zac Efron!



Olivia joined WDSS in 2020 was to graduate this year - her joyful and vibrant personality enriched both staff and students lives and we will always remember her and miss her very much.

Our heartfelt condolences go to her parents Kelly and Nigel and younger sisters Leah and Holly. Kelly and Nigel have been staunch advocates for not only Olivia but all people with disabilities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Thursday 28th

- Last Day of Term 1,
2:30pm finish

APRIL

Monday 15th

- First Day of Term 2

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter Term 1 Issue 7, Tuesday 26th March 2024

Once again Term 1 has flown by, and we suddenly find ourselves days before the term holidays. It's amazing to think that what only feels like a few weeks ago we welcomed students back for the start of the school year.

It has been wonderful seeing the growth of all our students as they have transitioned to new classes with new staff and new play areas and programs. To all our new students well done to you all for transitioning into a new school, this can be daunting and takes a lot of courage to try something new. I would especially like to recognise our new prep students who have settled into their school life era, the next big step for them will be attending 5 days a week in Term 2.

This Friday is Good Friday and therefore a Public Holiday. Term 1 will conclude on Thursday at 2:30pm and school buses will collect your child from school half an hour earlier on Thursday to start the holidays. Expect your child to also arrive home half hour earlier than their normal bus drop off times.

Many families have requested to pick up their child from school on the last day of term and have enquired what time would work best. Anytime is possible however from 2pm often works best for most classes on this day.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone relaxing and restful holidays. I hope that everyone manages to find the time to do something together as a household and enjoy each other's company. We look forward to seeing everyone return to school on Monday 15th of April for what I am sure will be another action-packed term of learning.



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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.

School Activities

This morning we were treated to an awesome performance by our Drama students! We had both individual and group performances - including solo's by Kayden, Seth, Melvin and Michael.

Drama is wonderful for building up confidence which was very evident today. It was wonderful to see the audience of students, staff and family members join in on the fun!

A BIG thank you to Michelle from BE Performing Arts for working with our students and helping them shine !



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Room 8

In Health this week, Room 8 explored and identified food as food to eat "sometimes" and food to eat "often". Some of us practised sorting these foods into their food groups! After that, we practiced following instructions from a recipe to make pizza! Well done, Room 8!

- *Maira*



SENIORS



Our Monday Landcare group received a lovely thank you letter for helping out with some gardening and tidying up. It is fantastic to see this program reaching its intended purpose of Community Connections. Well done Senior Team!



Both Ken and I are so very grateful to you and your staff and children for all the work you have done for us. What you do in a day would take months for us to do and then we probably wouldn't get it done.

Ruth & Ken

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING



The Senior Information Night / Post School Options Expo was held last Wednesday. The night is a big event on the calendar for Seniors and a very important night where parents can discover the many options available to their students when they finish school.

Due to lots of work by Zoe and Sue, the night was another big success!

The big highlight of the night was having former student Jaime give her detailed insight into what she has been up to since leaving school - what an AMAZING young woman she is!

Thank you to Zoe, Sue and Senior Staff for helping to create another great night!

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS Expo

Thank you to the 15 agencies who attended and provided great insight into what they can offer:

Baw Baw LLEN; Best Fit Disability; Cassidy Crew; Interact; Interchange; Knoxbrooke; Latrobe Valley Enterprise; Life Skills Moe; Maxima; Rooster Tours; SASI; SCOPE; That Disability Company; The Bridge; Yooralla





Jolene hard at work, counting her Pom poms during morning routine. Well done Jolene!



Haven is working on her pencil control.



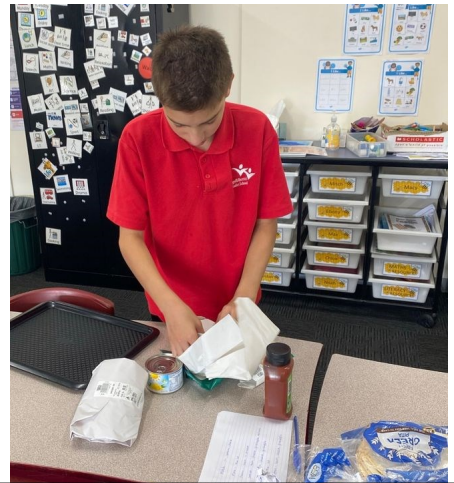
Lottie cooking today



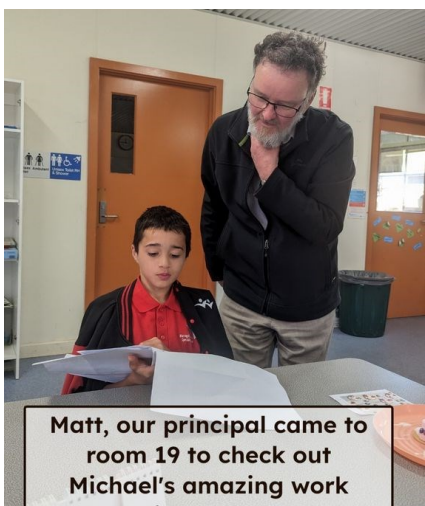
maddy doing some awesome counting and gluing this morning



Erin's finished rainbow is hanging on the class window.



Today, Dean helped with cooking. We made pizzas. Dean's choice was ham and cheese.

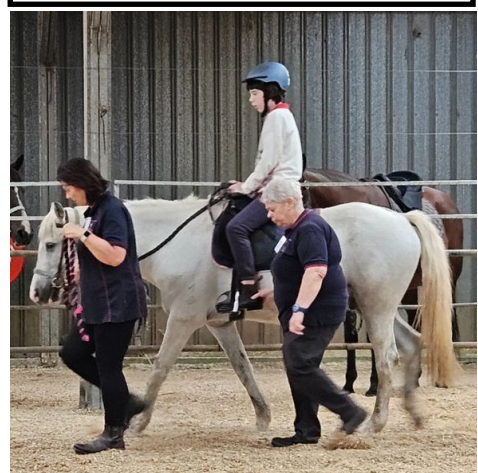


Matt, our principal came to room 19 to check out Michael's amazing work today! Michael went above and beyond with his work today and we are very proud!



Lottie doing her table work. Working on the wow word look.

RDA this week. Savanna enjoyed horse riding.



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.

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!

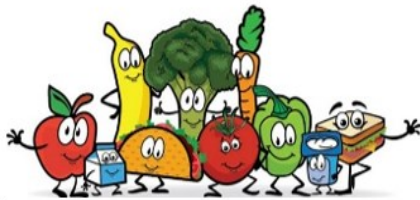
- fishing rod
- reel with fishing line
- tackle box
- hooks, swivels and lure
- carry case.



Beleza

Please note that **all stores will be closed from Friday 28th of March to Sunday 7th of April**. We'll return to our usual trading days and hours across all stores **from Monday 8th of April**, however as our trading days differ from store to store, please check your local store's trading hours.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause, and thank you for your understanding. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!



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"/> 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"/> 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 	Total: \$ _____ Enclosed: \$ _____



STUDENT Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



ELLA

Being a **LEARNER** and completing her literacy and numeracy, and being respectful towards staff and students.



ZOEY

For being a **LEARNER** and setting a new personal record for completing 2 pages of writing without a break!



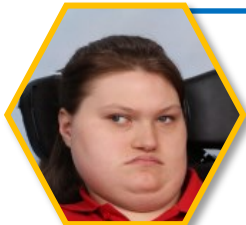
LAYLA

Layla for being **RESPECTFUL** by helping her friends and being a learner by wearing her hearing aide!



ZAK

For being a **LEARNER** and exploring new items in Sensory rice.



SHONA

For exploring her community on Monday Programs.



JAYDEN

For always trying his best at sport.



JOSIAH

For always showing WDSS values and trying his best.



WILL

For his hard work and positive attitude in canteen.



LOCHLAN

For being a **LEARNER** and always looking to challenge himself with his maths work.

Check for the 10c mark



VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

DONATE YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS TO Warragul District Specialist School

We are raising funds for:
New Interactive Whiteboards



WDSS Zone ID Barcode:
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Check out the following pages for some awesome School Holiday activities!



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

126 NORTH ROAD,
WARRAGUL
1800 601020

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Week One

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






<p>Monday APRIL 8TH RYE FORESHORE All Abilities Adventure Playground and sandcastle building on the foreshore. BYO picnic lunch. Weather permitting. 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Tuesday APRIL 9TH IN-CENTRE ACTIVITIES With option to attend Warragul Youth Theatre Groups performance of Frozen Jnr at WGAC \$10 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Wednesday APRIL 10TH SCIENCEWORKS Spotswood Children under 16 free 9am-5pm</p>	<p>Thursday APRIL 11TH AM—In Centre activities PM—Swimming at Warragul Leisure Centre \$6.40 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Friday APRIL 12TH MYUNA FARM BYO lunch or buy it there. \$9.50 9am-3pm</p>	<p>Saturday 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 nd 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 rd 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th April		BOWLING DAY 9AM – 3PM	Wyncity Bowling & lunch at Midvalley in Morwell. A nice opportunity to visit the shops. LET'S BOWL
Thursday 11 th April		PAMPER DAY 9AM – 3PM	Facials, makeup, manicures, hair. This one is always a hit... IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU
Friday 12 th 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.*

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ACTIVITIES



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@bfdisability.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.
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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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