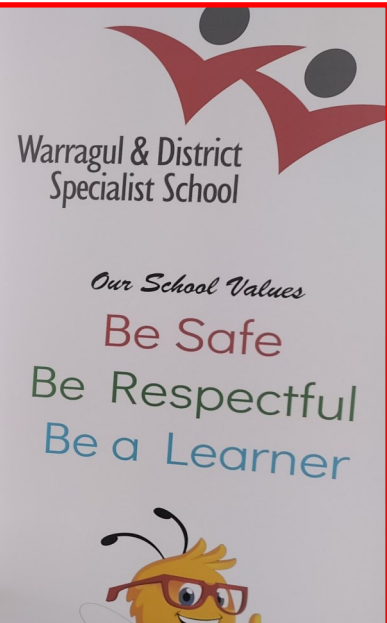


Senior students selling raffle tickets for the **CHARITY GOLF DAY**

2024



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Monday 11th

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 19th

- School Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Wednesday 20th

- Senior Info Night & WDSS Post School Options Expo

Thursday 28th

- End of term 1 2:00pm finish

Parents & Friends Association catchup

Parents & Friends welcome to 2024 coffee catch up this Friday 1st March 9:30am at Knoxbrooke cafe (Arts Centre WARRAGUL) . This is a great opportunity to meet new families.

Warragul & District Specialist School Newsletter Term 1 Issue 3, Tuesday 27th February 2024

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 1.

It is so pleasing to see students engaging in all their classroom programs. The first week of swimming for Middle and senior school starts Wednesday. Junior school are swimming each Tuesday.

Last Wednesday the team from Spargo photography took the whole schools photos. The whole school started with a group photo on a newly painted Basketball court before breaking off and getting individual shots. It was great to see so many students in school uniform on the day.

CANTEEN started last week and there were plenty of Nacho orders. Please look out for the order form being sent home or print the one attached to today's newsletter. There will also be canteen vouchers in the Buzz Bucks shop to the value of \$6.

SSGs are well underway. Please contact your classroom teacher if you are yet to make a time to either come in or catch up over the phone in regard to your child's learning journey for 2024.

The Charity Golf day happened last Friday. \$35, 000 was raised and a record number raised. This money is shared between the hospital and our school. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

Please continue to send your child to school with a hat as the warmer weather continues to join us.

Have a wonderful week,

Loe



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PAST STUDENT - WHERE ARE THEY NOW

My life after school

My name is Jaime Lilleyman and I'm 21 years old.

I graduated from the specialist school in 2020 and since then have done a lot of different things.

1. When I left school I felt sad and unsure on what I wanted to do but the specialist school helped me find a job doing mowing at Waratah. I really enjoyed this job and meeting new people.

2. Then Maxima helped me find another job milking goat's I did this for 3 months. I worked from 4am till whatever time the goats were all milked and the milking shed was clean.

3. My next job I found on Facebook feeding calves. I knew I would really enjoy this job because I love baby animals. This led me to milking cows which I still do out at Nar Nar goon.

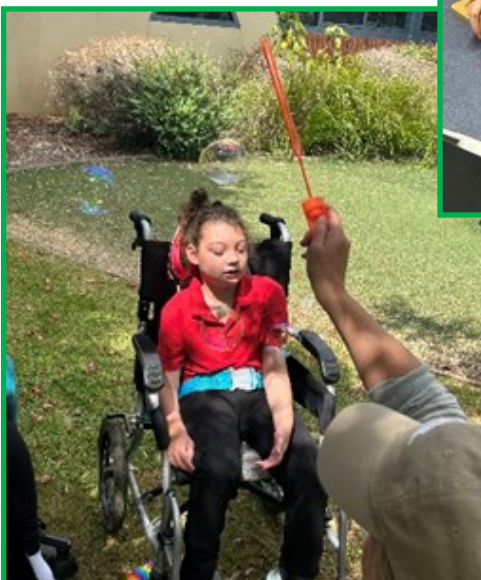
4. Now I'm at the Cassidy Crew where I work in the kitchen 2 days a week and also am a client. When I work in the kitchen I prepare and serve food, do dishes, handle money and clean. When I'm a client I go on outings all around Gipps and Melbourne. I also cook different foods and get out in the community.

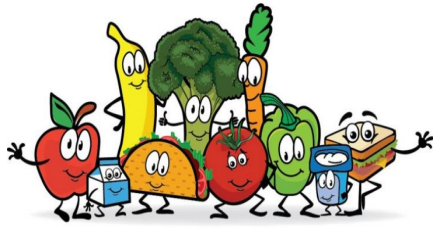
Make sure you're always doing something that you really enjoy doing



ROOM 1

Our room 1 Students are settling in well to Term 1. They have been participating and excelling in various activities such as: working on their literacy and numeracy programs, cooking, swimming, and sensory play. They have been demonstrating our School values: *be safe, be a learner, and be respectful.*





Canteen is now open every Thursday staffed by our amazing senior students and staff. Please complete the attached form with correct money placed in an envelope with students name and room on the front. All money raised above the expenditure will be donated to a charity that the students nominate at the end of the year.

School Canteen





Order forms will also be sent home each week.



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 	Total: \$ _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Container deposit scheme



Here are some pictures from the seniors Gardening and Community Connections program this week. We went to the Container Deposit Scheme depot in Warragul and learned all about how the scheme works. We all so made our first deposit and raised \$1.70!



School Garden Program



We worked with Gail to clear out the greenhouse of weeds and rubbish and lots of watering and harvesting.



Student Bus Travel / Absences

To Parents / Carers:

→ If your student will not be travelling on the school bus in the morning please phone or text the bus to advise them.



→ If your student **will also be absent from school please enter the Absence via the Sentral App or phone the school - 5623 1385**, it is not the role of the bus supervisor to pass on messages relating to student absences.

**** The electronic bus manifest (RollCall) is updated by the school so any regular changes to bus travel also need to be advised TO THE SCHOOL, NOT THE BUS SUPERVISOR ****

BUS PHONE NUMBERS



Bona Vista	0428 235 372
Labertouche	0457 801 462
Nar Nar Goon	0428 235 371
Neerim South	0428 235 370
Trafalgar	0409 525 420
Poowong North	0429 499 557
Warragul	0400 922 051



Student Awards

We are Safe, Respectful Learners!



Maegan —R15

Maegan for persistence in the face of diversity! Well done Maegan for keying in the code at the container depot under pressure.



Brayden — R9

For participating in selling raffle tickets for our charity golf day fundraiser, and staying calm around others.



Altan—R7

For being a good learner and persisting with activities, even when he finds a task challenging



Alex L — R9

For being safe in the yard.
Well done Alex.



Vyas _ R7

For being a good **LEARNER**, working hard each day and completing all of his tasks



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

All Government schools in Victoria have a School council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

There are three categories of membership:

- **A mandated Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be a parent member at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school. However, these parents must be counted as DET members in the Council quorum.
 - **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
 - **An optional Community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences.
- The term of office is 2 years.
- Parent membership on school council can be a very fulfilling personal experience and satisfying and parents may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.



There are 3 Parent School Council Members whose two year terms expire this year and any parent of a student attending WDSS is welcome to nominate for council.

Parent nominations can be made in two ways either by Self Nomination or Nomination by another Parent at Warragul & District Specialist School. Both forms are available at the office or contact the school and a form can be sent home.

~ If you have any further queries, please ring Matt on 5623 1385 ~

The time line for 2024 is as follows:-

Notice of election and call for nominations - Monday 12th February 2024

Closing date for nominations - Monday 19th February 2024

List of candidates and nominators will be posted - Wednesday 21st February 2024

If a ballot is necessary:

Ballot papers prepared and distributed - on or before Monday 26th February 2024

Close of Ballot - Monday 4th March 2024

Vote count - Wednesday 6th March 2024

Declaration of poll - Thursday 7th March 2024

Click here for further info: [School Council Parent Fact Sheet](#)

Warragul and District Specialist School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you that our voluntary contributions (school fees) for 2024 are \$125



We encourage you to read our Parent Payment Policy on our website or via this link:

[Click here for the
WDSS Payment Policy](#)

Payment methods:

- ➔ By cash at the school office.
- ➔ Direct Deposit:
Warragul & District Specialist School Official Account
BSB: 033 262
Account Number: 504226
- ➔ Centrepay payments:
Can be arranged for all school payments (highly encouraged)
Please contact the office.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all of your support. Payment of fees makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. You can read the policy on the school website or by clicking on this link:

If you have any question please contact the school on 5623 1385.

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 return the RSVP slip (sent home with Senior students) by 8th March



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**

For any other queries please contact the school